

QUEEN MARY 2



New York, April 27, 2004.

5... For 35 years the Queen Elizabeth 2 has been the grandest lady of the luxury cruise world. On her final visit to New York, she was lined up alongside the Queen Mary 2 in New York harbour. She looked like a dwarf compared to her sister ship, the Queen Mary 2.

10... With her 150,000 tons and her 1,132 ft long, the Queen Mary 2, - the largest cruise liner in the world – is nearly double the size of her 70,000 tons, 963ft sister.

15... The QE 2, which made her first voyage in 1969, has been the flagship of the Cunard line for over three decades. From next month, she will head into semi-retirement and take only brief cruises around the North Sea. The QM 2 will take over the lucrative New York- Southampton route.

25... The Queen Mary 2 was built at a cost of £475 million by the French in Saint-Nazaire. The liner promises her 2,600 passengers unparalleled luxury.

30... They will pay up to £15,000 a trip to enjoy facilities including golf simulators, theatres, concerts, a beauty salon and an 8,000-book library.

For those with their heads in the clouds, there is even a planetarium on board.

35... Passengers can go bathing in the ship's five pools or go for a little retail therapy. Boutiques sell designer labels including Chanel, Escada and Hermès without mentioning other world stylish brands.

45... When the sun goes down there are 13 bars and six restaurants as well as nightclubs and a cigar lounge. There is a sports centre on board as well.

50... Such luxury comes at a price. Yet, according to a recent survey there are people who are putting money by with a view to taking a cruise aboard the luxury liner. They are people who want to celebrate their retirement or recently married couples who can afford spending their honeymoon on an idyllic cruise.

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I. Présentation du document:

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The text is the launching of the cruiser in the world.

II.Compréhension

1. When was the article written?
2. How long has the QE2 been the grandest lady in the luxury cruise world?
3. When did she start her first voyage?
4. Which other ship is she next to?
5. Which one is bigger? Why?
6. How heavy is The QM2?
7. How long is it? In metres?
8. What is the French for flagship?
9. How long has the QE2 been the best ship of the Cunard line?
10. What is the flagship of the Cunard line now?
11. What is the future of the QE2?
12. What was her usual route?
13. Did she bring a lot of money on that route?
14. Why?
15. How much did the QM2 cost?
16. Who built it?
17. Where was it built?
18. Where is that?
19. What will the liner offer?
20. How many passengers can she hold?
21. How much is the trip in euros?(approximately)

22. Can you describe what passengers can do on board?
23. What sort of people will go on a cruise on the QM2?
24. Do you find it surprising that ordinary people spend a lot of money on such a luxury?

III. Questions plus personnelles

25. Would you like to go on the QM2?
26. Do you save money? What for?
27. Have you ever bought something not really useful?
28. What do you think of this text?
29. What sort of newspaper is the Daily Mail?
30. Can you give its equivalent in France?
31. Do you read such newspapers or magazines? What for?
32. Do you remember an article you have read, and that interested you?

IV. Work experience

33. When did you do your work experience?
34. Where did you do it?
35. What did you have to do?
36. Did you enjoy it? Why?
37. What job would you like to find?
38. Have you got any plans for the summer, for the future?