

Are You Listening Carefully?

Announcements are important - but what we can learn about them?

Student Introduction

- ▶ Can you recognise the purpose of spoken announcements?
- ▶ Can you work out why they are structured in a certain way?



Time	Terminal	Destination	Sch Time
12:45	T2	West Cowes	12:45
13:00	T1	East Cowes	13:00
13:45	T2	West Cowes	13:45
14:00	T1	East Cowes	14:00
14:45	T2	West Cowes	14:45
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15:45	T2	West Cowes	15:45
16:00	T1	East Cowes	16:00
16:15	T2	West Cowes	16:15

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You will need to think about the purpose of the announcements and then record any key words which are specific to maritime travel.

Use the table on page 2 to record your information.

» Note down the following:

1. Reason for the announcement
2. The audience (who is it meant for?)
3. Key words / 1st, 2nd or 3rd person
4. The stage of the journey when you heard the announcement.

» You will get a transcript back at school, so don't worry about writing the whole announcement down.



Announcement Purpose	Audience	Key Words/ Verbs/1st,2nd,3rd person etc.	Timing of Announcement
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TASK 2

Back at school!

You are going to carry out a study of a spoken announcement from your journey and generate a 'features of spoken announcements' check-list.

You will need to consider:

- whether it is written in first, second or third person
- which type of verbs are used

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The fun part!



TASK 3

- ✓ Your task will be to re-write this announcement, using non-standard English and an informal tone.
- ✓ The re-writes which use dialect and informal terms are bound to be the most amusing! You could write it in the style of a pirate, for example!
- ✓ Compare your version with the original.
- ✓ How might the passengers respond if they heard your announcement (instead of the formal one) over the public address system?
- ✓ Work in pairs!



Raptor Class Ferry - Passenger Safety Announcement

"Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome aboard the 'Red Eagle'. Please listen very carefully to the following safety announcement.

In the unlikely event of an emergency you will hear a continuous ringing of the ship's alarm bells.

Additionally the Master may make an announcement over this Public Address System.

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I say again, the crew will direct you to the nearest Assembly Stations which are located on 'B' deck in the main passenger lounges and on 'A' deck.

Should it become necessary, the ship's crew will issue life jackets located at the Assembly Station and evacuate the vessel down the stairways marked by the flashing exit signs.

This vessel is equipped with life rafts and buoyant apparatus which in the event of abandonment, will be boarded from the bottom of the stairwells at 'E' deck level.

Lifebuoys are also available.

May we remind you that passengers are not permitted onto the car deck during the voyage.

