

Life on board ship

The sailors had to sleep on deck and had only the clothes they wore.

The ships were dirty and were infested with mice.

Ships were large, narrow and carried many guns.



Most ships carried cannons to fight off attack.

Journeys took many months, even years.

Lots of sailors got a disease called scurvy which made their teeth fall out and they got lots of sores.

There was no fresh food. meat went rotten. Ship's biscuits were full of worms.

Water on the ship turned green.

Henry VIII built ships for trade.