



## Lesson 2.1

# Setting sail



Fort Rammekens, located by the entrance to the Western Scheldt, was built between 1547–1552. Fort Rammekens is the oldest Western European sea fortress that is still standing. The most important function of the fort, for much of its history, was to guard the shipping route to the harbors of Middelburg and Antwerp.

### ① Pilot

Ships sailing from the North Sea onto the Scheldt or from the Scheldt onto the North Sea, need a pilot. They cannot do this on their own. This is the case then and now. The Unity welcomed sea pilot Jan Mulder on board on October 1, 1761.

He piloted the ship onto the North Sea in a day and a half. Why do you think ships need a pilot – then and now – for the Scheldt entrance?

(more information: [http://eenigheid.slavenhandelmcc.nl/trajecten-van-de-reis-en/uitreis-en/navigatie-uitreis/?lang=en /](http://eenigheid.slavenhandelmcc.nl/trajecten-van-de-reis-en/uitreis-en/navigatie-uitreis/?lang=en/))

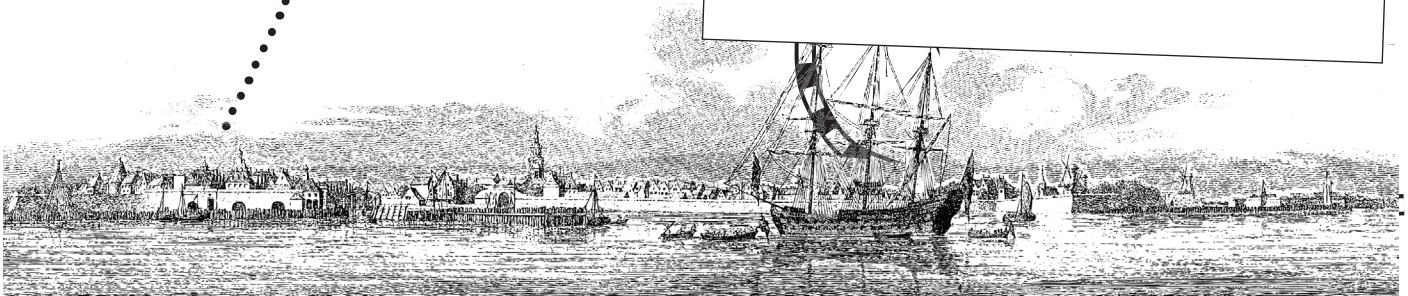
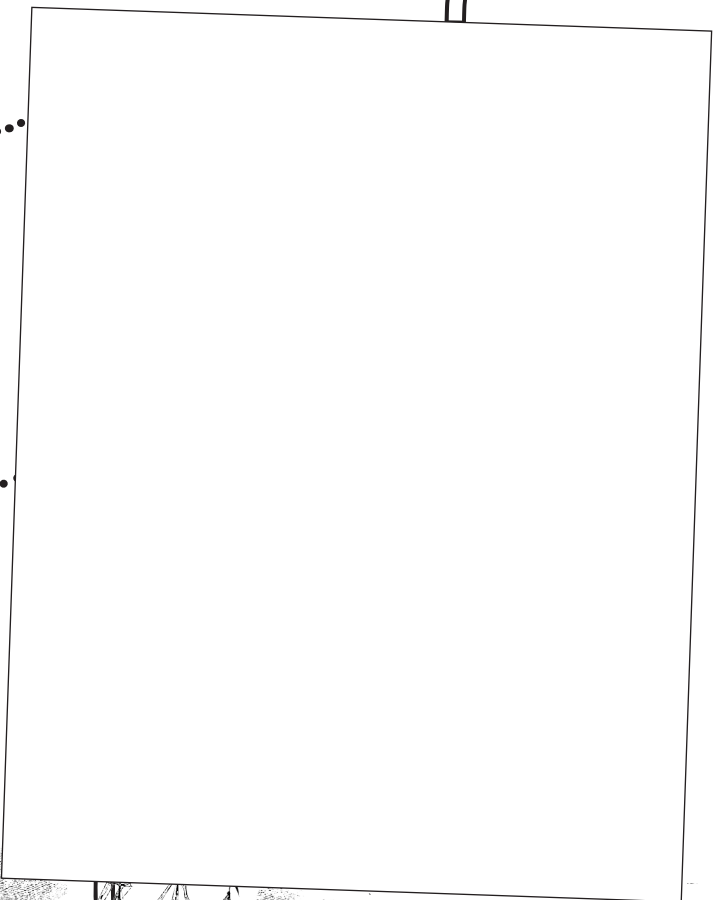
### ② Multiplications

The outward-bound voyage from Middelburg began with a cargohold filled with goods, such as weapons, textiles, etc. Using the multiplications below, calculate what the value of the goods was:

300	150	250	60
3,14X	3,60X	3,80X	0,10X
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20	15	30	40
1,40X	1,20X	8,10X	6,20
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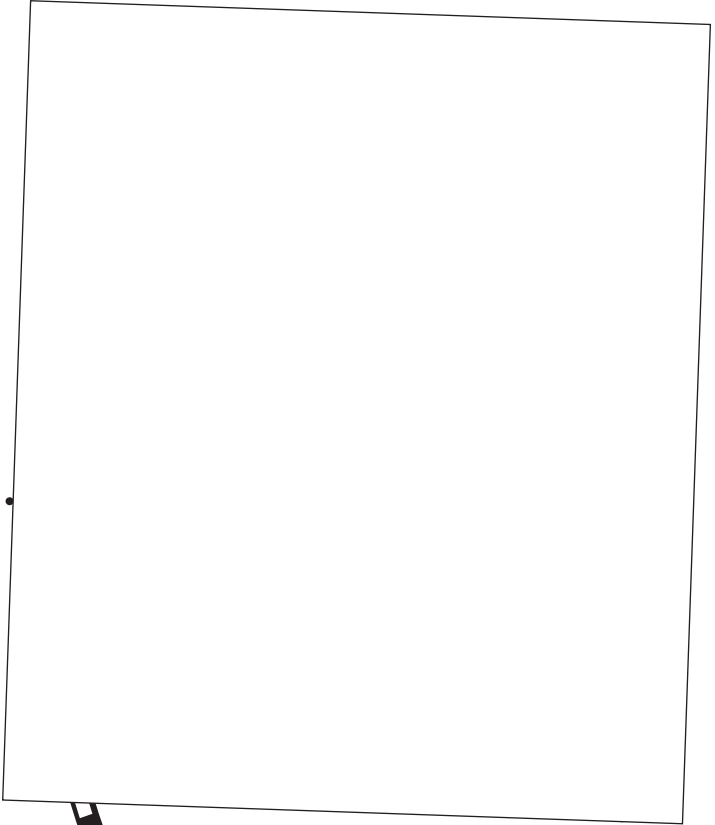


**③ Monthly wages**

The monthly wages for the crew were determined in advance. Below you can read who earned what each month. Calculate what each person was paid after 18 months.

Captain 60 guilders (fl.)	fl	.....
First Mate 36 guilders	fl	.....
Master Carpenter 38 guilders	fl	.....
Boatswain 24 guilders	fl	.....
Cook 23 guilders	fl	.....
Corporal 22 guilders	fl	.....
Sailor 15 guilders	fl	.....
Sailors mate 10 guilders	fl	.....

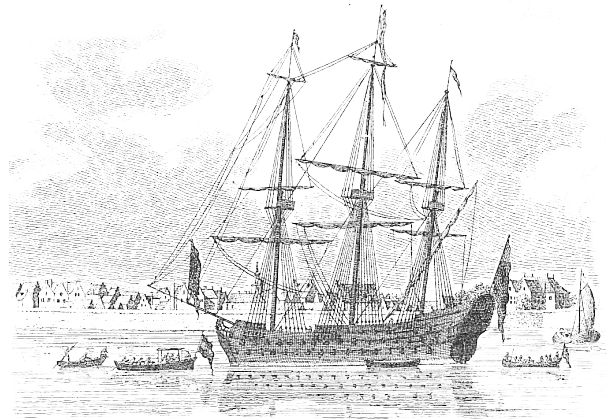
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**④ What is the correct order?**

Place the following events in the correct order:

- ..... Departure from Fort Rammekens
- ..... Appoint captain Jan Menkenveld.
- ..... Porters begin loading the ship.
- ..... Muster crew to get ship ready for departure.
- ..... Inspection of the ship.



**⑤ Sailor's wages**

Here you see a sailor. A sailor earned between 14 and 17 guilders. Why this difference?

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