



Lesson 6.1

New cargo



The delivery of the return cargo was awaited in the Demerary river. During the six-week stay in Demerary the crew had little to do. Most of the necessary repairs had been made to The Unity while in the Essequibo colony. The sails were aired regularly, the anchor ropes were mended and firewood was chopped. In November barrels and bags of sugar, coffee and other products from the plantations were brought on board. A bag of letters was also taken along, with letters from the colonists to their families in the Netherlands. Lastly water barrels were brought on board and the ship was ready for departure.

① Read the text below

“On the 25th of March 1763 Marinus Smijtegelt, public solicitor admitted to the Edelen Hove of Holland, Zeeland and West-Vriesland and residing in Middelburg in Zeeland, had captain Jan Minkenfelt, recently repatriated with the ship The Unity in service of the Honorable Gentlemen Directors of the Commerce Company appear before me here in the presence of the witnesses named below. He let us know that the deponent departed from Rio Demerary on the 18th of December seventeen sixty-two and arrived this morning by the roadstead of Rammekens. Throughout the journey home, the deponent experienced heavy weather several times, has taken on water, lost anchors, a boat and rowboat and even the rudder was knocked off.

This is apparent from the declaration passed today by the appearing party and other ship's officers who appeared before me, the solicitor, and the witnesses, to which this one is referenced; that the appearing party wishes to declare that the previously described disasters may have damaged ship or goods, why the appearing party, before opening his hatchways or unloading cargo, hereby declares a protest against the damage which the injuries of the sea may have causes, requesting that an document be made by me, the solicitor, which is this one, to serve there where it is considered necessary.

Thus protested at the roadstead of Rammekens, in the presence of Pieter Both & Marinus Smijtegelt Jr. as witnesses.”

Write down as many names of places you can find.

② Rough seas

What was damaged by the rough seas?

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

③ Storage

Where were the goods stored upon arrival home?

④ Sold

Where were the goods sold?



⑤ Weighed

Before the goods were stored and sold, they were first weighed. How?

- a. In a crate
- b. In a measuring cup
- c. By guessing
- d. On the weighing scales

Who handled the sale of the goods?

⑥ Hyphens

Some words in the English language require a hyphen, as do some of the words below. Write the words correctly with or without hyphen:

Seventeen sixtytwo, crossreference, underestimated, selfevident, firstclass, sendout, nonEnglish, anticolonial, coworker, Dutch WestIndies, recreate.

⑧ Synonyms

Synonyms are words with (more-or-less) the same meaning.

Match the synonyms below. Fill in the right numbers.

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| 1. sanction | ... physician |
| 2. frisk | ... jail |
| 3. explosion | ... extortion |
| 4. sentencing | ... expectation |
| 5. liar | ... verdict |
| 6. prediction | ... search |
| 7. jailer | ... punishment |
| 8. blackmail | ... detonation |
| 9. angry | ... pretender |
| 10. prison | ... warden |
| 11. contract | ... furious |
| 12. doctor | ... agreement |

⑦ Placard

To the right you can see a placard of goods for sale by auction. What was being sold?

