



## Lesson 6.2

# At sea and settlement



Persons aboard The Unity were given free medical care. The surgeon brought medicine and instruments from Zeeland. Amongst other things the trunk contained medicine against many of the most common ailments, such as diarrhea (the runs), dysentery (bloody flux), scurvy and malaria (fever). Prior to departure the trunk was inspected and carefully sealed. The surgeon was given the key and was responsible for the content of the trunk during the voyage.

### ① Health

What would you have given persons who fell ill on board to get better?

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What do we have nowadays to prevent diseases?

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### ② Crew

The Unity began her voyage with 36 crewmembers. Not all crew survived the journey. What did they die from?

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### ③ Fire hazard

Smoking on board was allowed but due to the fire hazard it was strictly regulated. Mostly the crew smoked a pipe. But they also used tobacco in an other way. Which way?

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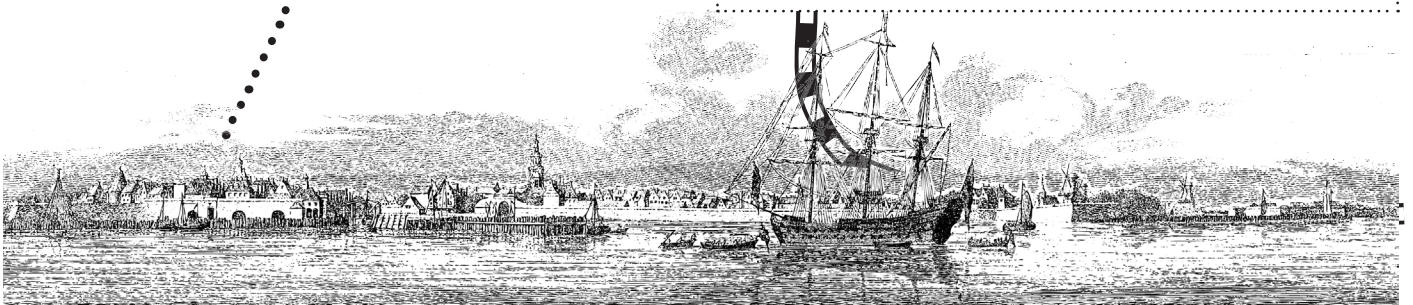
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### ④ Exotic animals

How was it possible that exotic animals, such as a monkey or a parrot, sometimes went along aboard a ship?

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### Always something to do

On a sailing ship there was always work. Navigation, prepare meals, treat the sick, maintenance of the ship, the ropes, sails, tons and barrels, weapons, and keeping watch. Naturally the ship must be kept clean also. There was never a dull moment for the crew.

### ⑤ From past to present

Think of as many tasks as possible that need to be done nowadays on a ship that is on a long voyage.

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If you had been a member of the crew of The Unity, what would you like to have done during the voyage?

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### ⑥ Who did what?

Repair clothing .....

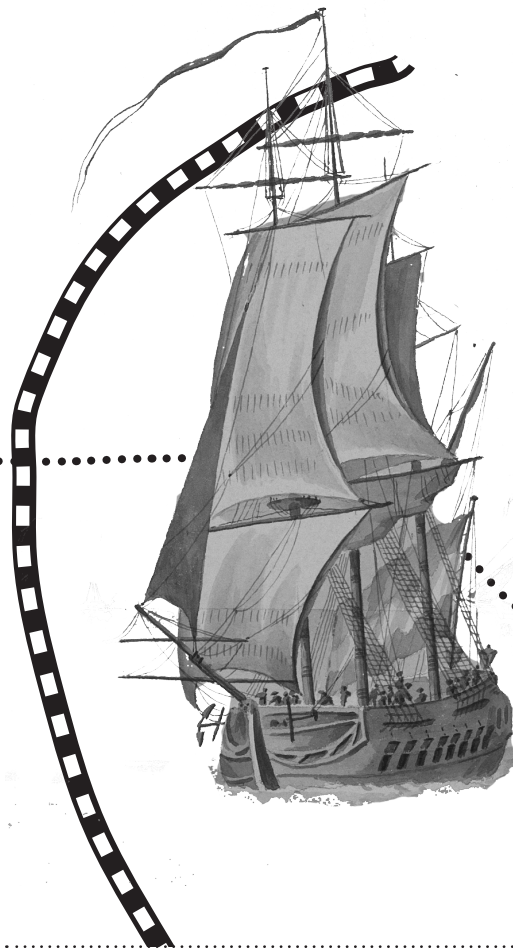
Repair the sail .....

Raising the anchor .....

Prepare the food .....

Treat the sick .....

Scrubbing the deck .....



### ⑦ Free time

What do you think the crew on board The Unity would have done to pass the time, when they weren't working?

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