



## Lesson 4.2: The Middle Passage – language

### Answers

#### Question 1

A stern chase is a long chase = it takes time to catch up when equally matched

Answer: A *stern chase* is a chase at sea in which one vessel follows in the wake of another.

Batten down the hatches = prepare for disaster

Answer: *Batten down the hatches* was originally a nautical term meaning ‘make a ship’s hatches secure with gratings and tarpaulins’ in expectation of stormy weather.

Between the devil and the deep blue sea = a choice between two unattractive alternatives

Answer: Although it is uncertain if this phrase does in fact have a nautical origin, if nautical, a possible origin could be in reference to a seam between the deck planking and top most plank of the ship, running along the outside of a ship. This seam was watertight and would need caulking from time to time. While at sea, a sailor might need to be suspended overboard to caulk, which would leave him suspended between *the devil and the deep blue sea*.

#### Question 2

Apologize for

Ask about

Bring up

Care for

Grow up

Look for

Make up

Work for

Other options include: Belong to, Find out, Give up, Look up, Pay for, Prepare for, Study for, Talk about, Study for, Talk about, Think about, Trust in, Worry about

#### Question 3

Own answers

#### Question 4

A puzzle, find the answers by circling the correct letters

#### Question 5

Own interpretation