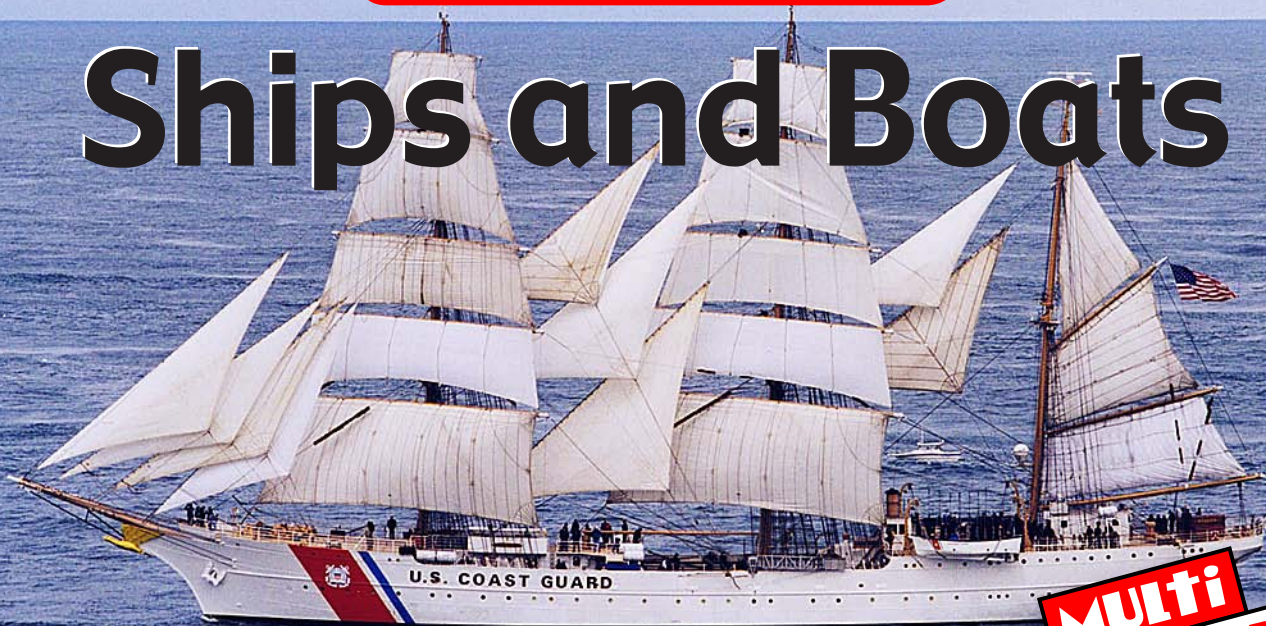


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## Introduction

Ships and boats carry people and **goods** over water.

Before cars, trains, or airplanes, boats were the fastest way to move things.

Boats continue to get bigger and faster.



## Early Ships and Boats

The first boats were carved from single logs.

People used poles to push the boats.



Other boats used paddles or oars.

Paddles and oars are long pieces of wood with broad, flat ends.

They push against the water, moving the boat forward.





Later, people made boats with wooden **frames**.

They covered the frames with bark or animal skins.

Viking ship



Greek trireme



Frame boats were larger than log boats.

Many people could row at the same time.

Some frame boats carried hundreds of rowers.





Chinese junk

Sails made from strong cloth were also used to move boats.

The sails caught the wind, and the wind pushed the boat.



clipper ship



As ships became bigger, they needed more sails.

Sailing ships carried **explorers** all around the world.



## Modern Ships and Boats

Today, many boats are made of metal and plastic.

Many ships and boats use engines to turn **propellers**.

The propellers push the boat through the water.



People still use smaller boats for fishing, fun, and sport.

Many boats that carry one or two people still use paddles or oars.

cruise ship



## Special Ships and Boats

Cruise ships are like floating hotels. They can carry thousands of people. Huge tankers carry oil and gas over the ocean.



Tugboats push and pull larger ships.

Ferryboats carry cars and people short distances.

Fireboats put out fires on other ships.



aircraft carrier



submarine



The navy uses many ships and boats, large and small.  
Submarines move under the water.

Planes and helicopters take off and land  
on aircraft carriers.

## Conclusion

Ships and boats have changed a lot over the years. But they are still an important way to move people and things quickly over the water.

## Glossary

<b>explorers</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	people who visit and learn about new places (p. 10)
<b>frames</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	structures that give shape and strength to objects (p. 7)
<b>goods</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	things that can be bought and sold (p. 4)
<b>propellers</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	rotating blades connected to an engine that push a boat through the water (p. 11)

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