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Teatime on the *Titanic*

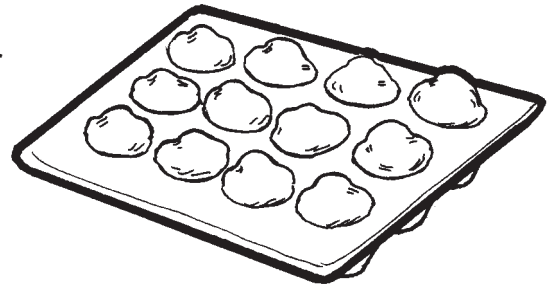
Regardless of which class passengers were in on the *Titanic*, there was a point in the mid-morning and mid-afternoon when guests stopped what they were doing and enjoyed a cup of tea or hot lemonade and nibbled on freshly baked scones. A scone is a bread-like pastry which has a slightly sweet taste. It is often served with a plump mound of butter and some marmalade or jam. It was customary to converse with other passengers on the ship about various polite topics during teatime.

Directions: Prepare for your “*Titanic* Tea” by researching a topic that would have been of interest in the year 1912. Investigate information about the *Titanic*, political events of the time, popular music or art, roles of women and men, cultural interests, or historical news of the day. Use books, encyclopedias, computers, and *Titanic* materials to help you. Make the scones, tea, and/or lemonade, and be prepared for your polite conversations. Be sure to use your best manners and etiquette.

Scones

Ingredients

- 2 cups (480 mL) of flour
- 2 teaspoons (10 mL) of baking powder
- 1 tablespoon (15 mL) of sugar
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 mL) of salt
- raisins (optional)
- 4 tablespoons (60 mL) of butter
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- ½ cup (120 mL) of cream



Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit (220° degrees Celsius). Lightly butter a cookie sheet. Mix the flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Work in the butter with your fingers or a pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Add the eggs and cream, and stir until blended. Turn out the dough onto a lightly floured board and knead for about a minute. Pat or roll the dough about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (1.9 cm) thick and cut it into wedges. Place the wedges on the cookie sheet, and bake for about 15 minutes.

Scones are often accompanied with marmalade, butter, and jam.

Titanic Facts and Figures

Directions: Carefully read each word problem below and then answer it in the provided space.

1. The *Titanic* had the strength of 50,000 horses in her engine. If a problem occurred which caused the engine to decrease by $\frac{1}{3}$ in power, how fast would she be capable of traveling in horsepower?

2. The *Titanic*'s normal speed was 21 knots. If she cut her speed by 20%, how fast would she be traveling in knots?

3. The *Titanic* consumed 825 tons of coal per day. If a crossing took seven days, what was the minimum amount of coal she would have had to store?

4. The *Titanic* had 16 standard lifeboats and 4 canvas collapsible boats stored on her decks. If the number of standard boats had been tripled, how many would there have been?

5. The *Titanic* hit the iceberg at 11:40 P.M. and sank at 2:20 A.M. Express her short lifetime, in decimal form, from the time she had the accident to the time she foundered.

6. The survivors of that fateful night in April of 1912 totaled 705 out of an approximate 2,200. Express that number as a percent.

7. The *Titanic* was a majestic 882 feet long. How many inches would that be?

8. The *Titanic*'s distress call was received by the *Carpathia* at 12:45 A.M. She responded that she would proceed full steam ahead until she reached the drowning ship. The *Carpathia* was 58 miles away and arrived at the scene at 4:00 A.M.

Round 12:45 A.M. to the nearest hour and give an estimate of how many miles per hour the *Carpathia* traveled to save the victims of the *Titanic*.

