

The world's largest cruise ship

An American company has just ordered the building of the world's largest cruise ship.

- 1 Have you ever been on a cruise? If so, where?
If not, would you like to go on a cruise? Where?
Discuss your answer with a partner.

Cruise noun [C]: a journey on a ship for pleasure, often visiting a series of places. Definition from: *Macmillan Essential Dictionary* Text © Bloomsbury Publishing Plc 2003.

- 2 Study the Fact Box and complete the missing figures. The information is in the presentation below.

| FACT BOX: Project Genesis | | | |
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| Height: | | Number of passengers: | |
| Length: | | Cost: | |
| Weight: | | Completion date: | |

Project Genesis

"Ladies and gentleman, I am here today to tell you about our latest project. It is a very exciting project. Royal Caribbean, the American company, has just placed an order for the world's largest cruise ship. It will be built here at the Aker shipyard in Finland. At \$900 million, it is the most expensive ship ever built in a commercial dockyard.

I would like to present some interesting statistics. You will find the details in the Fact Box on your handout. The ship will be 73 metres high and 360 metres long. Can you imagine this? Imagine this boat standing upright. Well, it would be taller than the Eiffel Tower,

which is 300 metres high, and almost as tall as the Empire State Building – 381 metres high. It will weigh 220 tonnes – that's almost five times as heavy as the Titanic!

We plan to install ice rinks, gyms, climbing walls, theatres and luxury restaurants. The ship will take 5,400 guests. Up to 1,500 workers will be involved in the construction of the ship, and as many as 2,000 contractors. The deadline? We aim to complete the project on schedule, so this amazing new ship will be in the water and ready for her first cruise by autumn 2009. Now, please look at the following slide ... "

- 3 Read the whole presentation. What other facts do you learn about Project Genesis?

- 4 Complete the tables with the missing adjectives, comparative and superlative forms. Mark the word stress.

| ADJECTIVE | COMPARATIVE | SUPERLATIVE |
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| | higher than | |
| long | | |
| heavy | | |
| | | the largest |

| ADJECTIVE | COMPARATIVE | SUPERLATIVE |
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| tall | | |
| | more expensive than | |
| exciting | | |
| | | the most interesting |

- 5 Make notes about a current project you or your company are involved in, or choose a past project. Be ready to give a short presentation to the class about this project. Use the note cards below to help you prepare.

Project:
Client:
Start date:
Deadline:

Details:
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