

6 Captain's Challenge: Build the Right Crew for the Job

Marine Month
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Teacher Answer Key

Role	What they do	Why it matters
Chief engineer	Keeps the engines and systems running. Fixes issues quickly to keep the ship moving.	If something breaks, the ship could stall and delay the grain or put the voyage at risk.
First mate	Manages loading/unloading, supervises deck crew, and helps navigate.	Poorly secured grain can shift and damage the ship or cargo. Less leadership also slows the trip.
Chief cook	Feeds the crew and keeps the kitchen running.	A hungry or sick crew is less alert and effective, which can put the whole operation at risk.
Ordinary / Able seamen	Tie up the ship, help load cargo, stand watch, assist navigation.	Without them, key hands-on tasks go undone, making the trip unsafe or impossible.