

Titanic Survivors – Surviving the Unthinkable

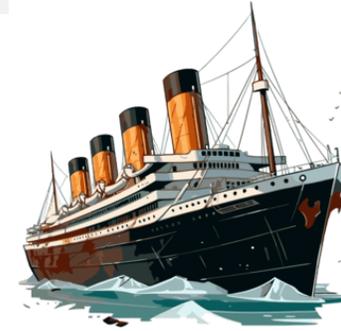
In 1912, the **Titanic** sank after hitting an iceberg during its first voyage. Over **1,500 people died**, but some survived by escaping in lifeboats or clinging to debris in the freezing Atlantic Ocean. Survivors faced **extreme cold, fear and chaos** and had to make quick decisions to stay alive.

Titanic Survival Vocabulary

- **Maiden Voyage:** The very first journey of a ship.
- **Collision:** The moment the ship struck the iceberg.
- **Distress Signal:** A radio message or flare sent to ask for urgent help.
- **Carpathia:** The name of the ship that eventually rescued the survivors.
- **Hypothermia:** A dangerous drop in body temperature caused by the freezing Atlantic waters.
- **Perished:** To die, especially in a violent or sudden way.
- **Wreckage:** The remains of the ship found on the ocean floor

Grammar Feature	What is it? (Definition)	Survival Example (Titanic / Amazon)
Modal Verbs	Words that show how certain, possible, or necessary something is.	"To survive the Amazon, you must find moving water, as it might be safer to drink."
Relative Clauses	A clause starting with <i>who, which, where, when, or that</i> to add extra detail about a noun.	"The iceberg, which was hidden by the darkness, tore a hole in the ship's hull."
Dialogue for Action	Using speech to show what is happening instead of just telling.	"'Lower the boats!' the Captain roared as the deck began to tilt."
Dialogue for Character	Using speech to show a character's personality or feelings .	"'I'm not leaving without my mother,' Juliane whispered, her voice trembling."

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Juliane Koepcke – Lost in the Amazon

Juliane Koepcke was the **sole survivor** of a plane crash in the Amazon rainforest in 1971. After falling thousands of feet, she survived **alone for 11 days**, injured and surrounded by dangerous wildlife.

Amazon Survival Vocabulary

- **Canopy:** The thick, uppermost layer of the rainforest trees.
- **Undergrowth:** The dense growth of shrubs and plants on the forest floor.
- **Laceration:** A deep, jagged cut to the skin.
- **Tributary:** A smaller river or stream that flows into a larger one.
- **Disoriented:** Feeling confused and lost in your surroundings.
- **Stagnant:** Water that is still and often smells unpleasant or contains bacteria.
- **Solitude:** The state of being completely alone (often in a difficult situation).
- **Maggots:** Larvae that Juliane famously had to remove from her wounds using petrol.
- **Resilience:** The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.