

Abandon Ship!

Glossary

Word	Definition
wrath	extreme anger
transfixed	motionless or fixed in place

Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
drill	
blaze	
concur	

1 Find and copy one word that means “started”.

2 Where is this part of the story set? Circle the correct answer.

- a) on Earth
- b) on board Jupiter station
- c) on board The Excelsior

3 Find the word “scurried”. Do you think it is a fast or a slow word? Was the crew’s running to the escape pods orderly or chaotic?

4 Are the following statements true or false?

	True	False
The Excelsior is a science vessel.		
It has just encountered another alien race called the Potox.		
The Patax are very friendly.		
The Excelsior was made for heavy battles.		

5 Why do you think Captain Holt decides to blow up The Excelsior rather than try and save it?

6 What impressions do you get about Captain Holt's character from the text?

Give two impressions using evidence from the text to support your

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Impression	Evidence
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Find and copy one phrase that suggests that the ship isn't young anymore:

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What genre of text is this? Why do you think so? Give three reasons for your answer.

Extension activity

Ensign Keller's rank is lower than the captain's because _____

Science fiction texts appeal more to older children but _____

The ship went to Jupiter station so _____
