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How were sea journeys different in 1492 to sea journeys today? Write your ideas in the right section.

Sea journeys in 1492

Sea journeys today

How were sea voyages different when Columbus sailed the seas in 1492?

Food

1492	Today
Food couldn't be stored so they ate dried meat, biscuits and gruel. Sailors cannot eat a healthy diet.	Food can be stored in fridges so fresh food can be taken to sea. Sailors can eat most of the things people eat on land.



ship's biscuits

Sleep

1492	Today
The captain had his own cabin with a bed and a desk. The other sailors had to sleep on deck. They didn't have beds but slept on sacks filled with straw.	Sailors usually have beds or hammocks to sleep on. Sometimes they have their own cabins but sometimes they have to share.



dried meat

Work

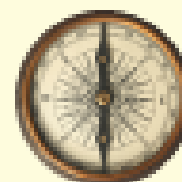
1492	Today
Being a sailor is hard work. It can be difficult and dangerous. There have to be people working at all hours. The jobs all have to be done by men. Women are not allowed on boats because it is thought to be bad luck!	Being a sailor is hard work. It can be difficult and dangerous. There have to be people working at all hours. A lot of the jobs are now done by computers or machines but a lot of the work is still done by men or women.



hammock

Direction

1492	Today
The captain uses maps and compasses to work out which way they should be going. They also used hour glasses to tell the time. It is not always easy to work out where you are.	The captain uses maps, satellites, sonars and other modern technology to help them work out where they are and where they are going. It means they always know where they are.



compass

Communication

1492	Today
There was no way to contact people on land or on other boats. Once you were on a ship you had no contact with anyone else until you reached land again.	Sailors can use radios to contact people on land or in other boats. You can use the internet and phones on some ships too.



hourglass