



## Worksheet 1

# Capsize!

## Abbreviations

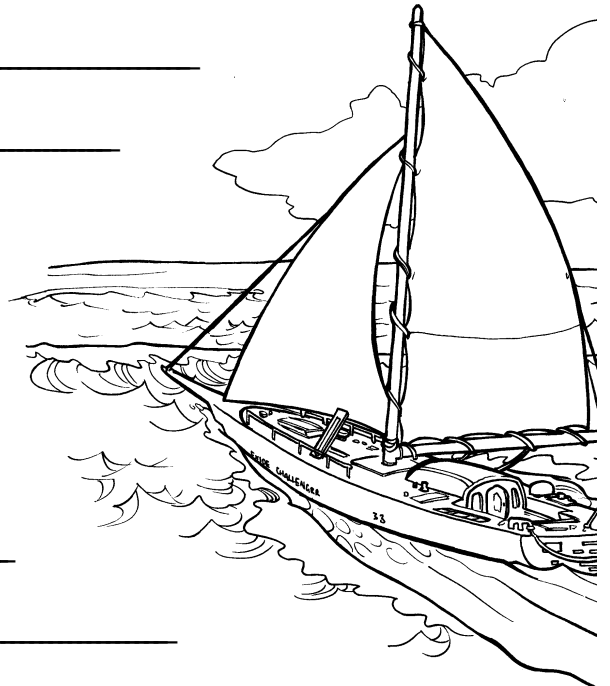
Whilst you were reading the story, you may have noticed that some of the distances were written as abbreviations.

An **abbreviation** is what you get when a long word or a group of words is shortened. An abbreviation is usually represented by the first letter of each word (but not always!)

**For example:** The yacht was flying through the water – at speeds of up to 40 **kph!** (kilometres per hour)

1. Can you **work out** what the following abbreviations represent?

- a. km \_\_\_\_\_
- b. cm \_\_\_\_\_
- c. St \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Rd \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Mr \_\_\_\_\_
- f. BC \_\_\_\_\_
- g. TV \_\_\_\_\_
- h. PO \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Dr \_\_\_\_\_
- j. vs \_\_\_\_\_



2. Brainstorm **five** or more abbreviations that you know of.

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