

## The Salcombe Shipwreck

A very long time ago — about 3,000 years ago — a wooden boat sank in the sea near a place called Salcombe, in Devon, England. The people on board were traders. They were carrying special lumps of metal called ingots. Some ingots were made of copper and some were made of tin. People used copper and tin to make bronze, which was used to make swords, axes and other tools.

The wreck was found by divers in 1977. They spotted an old sword lying on the seabed! Later, more divers found hundreds of objects, including gold bracelets. The objects are now looked after by the British Museum in London.

This shipwreck helps us learn about how people lived a very, very long time ago.

### Questions

1. Where did the ship sink?
2. How long ago did the ship sink?
3. What were the people on the boat doing?
4. What are ingots?
5. Name the two metals that the ingots were made from.
6. What can you make when you mix copper and tin?
7. What did the divers find on the seabed in 1977?
8. Name one thing found later by more divers.
9. Where are the objects kept now?
10. Why do you think it is important for us to find and keep old objects like these?



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