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Task C – Taking off

You bought the boat! You convinced your friend to follow you on a journey around the world! You have prepared and started packing the boat. You have told your friends and family you are leaving. Some got really worried and tried to talk you out of going. Others cheered you on and seemed envious of your great adventure. Now you need to plan a route.

Finally the day is come, it's time to "set sails"! Time to leave good old Stockholm behind. It's one of those beautiful autumn mornings when the air is crisp and smell of apples. As you push away from the quay you realize it's going to be a very long time before you set foot on Swedish ground again... A thought strikes you; what if you never return..?

You see you friends and family becoming smaller and smaller as you leave them behind. They are still waving, and then at last they take their hands down. A poem by Swedish author Karin Boye springs to mind:

"The contented day, it is never the finest.

The finest day is a day of desire.

*There is a purpose to our travels,
but it is the travel itself that makes it worthwhile.*

*The greatest of goals is a night-long rest
when a fire is lit and you eat in a haste.
In places you sleep only once
your sleep will be peaceful and your dreams full of songs.*

*Away, take leave! The new day awaits.
Infinity, it is our great quest!"*

This is truly the beginning of your infinite adventure.

Extra exercise – if there's time

Write a short text describing your feelings about leaving Remember the story is going to be connected so all the extra information you want to add about getting on board the boat saying goodbye to people is more than welcome! If you like you could write a poem of your own.

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You are out at sea, headed towards your first destination, where?

In the beginning of your trip you are very motivated and keep a detailed diary. Write a DIARY about the first two days during the first week. Everything is so new and you are still very excited about what you see and experience. Use as many senses (*sinnen*) as you can when you describe things. Could be;

What do you see? What do you hear? What does it smell like? What do you get to eat? What's the weather like? What's it like sleeping on a boat? No TV, no computer no videogames, what do you do in the evenings? What are you thinking? What are you feeling? Use your imagination! Remember, pictures always add to the story, improve it!