

How many people sailed on the Mayflower?

Too many people!

The *Mayflower* carried about thirty sailors and one hundred and two passengers. Thirty-four of them were children.

There were not supposed to be that many people on the *Mayflower*. Some passengers were supposed to sail to the New World on the smaller ship, the *Speedwell*, but something went wrong.

The two ships had begun their voyage from England together on August 5, 1620. But the *Speedwell* was leaky and had to go back to shore.

Some of the passengers from the *Speedwell* stayed behind in England. Others crowded onto the *Mayflower*.

Before the ship reached the New World there was a new passenger on board!

A baby boy was born as the *Mayflower* sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. Guess what his parents named him. *Oceanus!*

