

Who sailed on the Mayflower?

A doctor, a soldier, a shoemaker, and a blacksmith were on board. There was a cooper too. His job was to look after the barrels of beer and water and to make sure they did not leak.

Most of the passengers were farmers or weavers or shopkeepers. And there were some servants on board the *Mayflower*. They were hired to do the hardest work in the New World.

Some men brought their wives and children along. Some men sailed without their families.

About thirty-five of the passengers were going to the New World because they could not worship God in their own way in England. They were the Pilgrims.

Other passengers were going because they could not find work in England.

Others were going to the New World for adventure.