Cold Below Deck

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. The Dunedin's most _____ cargo was not its frozen mutton, but the machine that kept it frozen.
2. In eighteen eighty one, the Dunedin left Port Chalmers, reaching London with its cargo the _____ year.
3. A steam engine drove its air _____ plant, which compressed air, cooled it with seawater, and then expanded it.
4. _____ chilled the hold, turning a physical principle into a demanding operation far from any repair yard.
5. The equipment was bulky and _____, so the crew could not set a temperature and leave the machinery unattended.
6. A stalled cycle threatened the cargo, making pressure checks part of the voyage's ordinary _____.
7. Thousands of carcasses arrived fit for sale, a result that answered skeptics more decisively than a technical _____.
8. The success helped make New Zealand mutton a regular presence in British markets, not merely a _____ of one voyage.
9. But the new supply depended on an unseen chain of engines, coal, shipping _____, and careful handling at both ends.
10. The butcher's counter now carried a quiet _____: customers could eat food whose season and landscape belonged elsewhere.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

2. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. consequential 2. following 3. refrigeration 4. Expansion 5. temperamental 6. watchkeeping 7. demonstration 8. curiosity 9. schedules 10. consequence

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. The Dunedin's most consequential cargo was not its frozen mutton, but the machine that kept it frozen.
2. In eighteen eighty one, the Dunedin left Port Chalmers, reaching London with its cargo the following year.
3. A steam engine drove its air refrigeration plant, which compressed air, cooled it with seawater, and then expanded it.
4. Expansion chilled the hold, turning a physical principle into a demanding operation far from any repair yard.
5. The equipment was bulky and temperamental, so the crew could not set a temperature and leave the machinery unattended.
6. A stalled cycle threatened the cargo, making pressure checks part of the voyage's ordinary watchkeeping.
7. Thousands of carcasses arrived fit for sale, a result that answered skeptics more decisively than a technical demonstration.
8. The success helped make New Zealand mutton a regular presence in British markets, not merely a curiosity of one voyage.
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