

Why Do Ships Have an Anchor?

Ships have anchors just like how you might have a favorite toy that keeps you safe while you play. When a ship is in the water and needs to stay in one place, it uses an anchor!

Think of an anchor as a big, heavy weight. Here's how it works:

1. **Staying in One Place:** When the ship is stopped and needs to keep still, the crew drops the anchor into the water. It sinks down to the bottom.
2. **Holding Tight:** Once the anchor is on the bottom, it grabs onto the ground. This is like when you hold onto your friend's hand so you don't get lost!
3. **Stability:** Now, even if the wind blows or the water gets bumpy, the ship won't move around too much because it's holding onto the anchor.

So, ships have anchors to help them stay safe and in one place when they need to. Isn't that cool?