

# The Voyages of Sindbad the Sailor

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## The First Voyage, pages 1–7

### While reading

#### 1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Sindbad was the only merchant on the ship.
- b Sindbad gave the captain money to sail on his ship.
- c The captain knew the island.
- d The island was really a fish.
- e When the fish-island went down, everybody went down with it.
- f Sindbad was in the water for two nights.
- g King Mihraj was kind to Sindbad.
- h Sindbad can speak many languages.
- i The King did not want Sindbad to go back to Baghdad.

## The Second Voyage, pages 7–13

### While reading

#### 2 Match the questions (a–j) and answers (1–10)

a Why did Sindbad go on his second voyage?	1 Because a giant bird flew over Sindbad's head.
b In what way was Sindbad very stupid?	2 Because he couldn't climb out.
c Why did the sky go dark?	3 Because he was bored and wanted to see other countries and cities again.
d How did Sindbad get off the island?	4 Diamonds.
e Where did the bird land?	5 He put clothes round his arms and legs and then round the bird's legs.
f Why didn't Sindbad leave the valley of the snakes?	6 He put some of his clothes around his arms and legs then round some meat to attract the birds.
g What did he see on the valley floor?	7 He took diamonds from the valley.
h How did he get out of the Valley of Diamonds?	8 He went to sleep on the island and his boat went away.

i Who did he meet at the top of the mountain?	9 On a big snake.
j How did he get money from this voyage?	10 Some merchants.

## The Third Voyage, pages 13–19

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#### 3 Put these sentences in the correct order (1–14).

- a A giant snake eats Sindbad's friends.
- b Sindbad and his friends blind the giant with red-hot wood.
- c The monkey-men come onto Sindbad's ship.
- d Sailors see Sindbad's boat and rescue him.
- e Sindbad sails from Basra in a very good ship.
- f The giant cooks the fattest man over the fire.
- g Sindbad and his friends are attacked by a giant snake.
- h The sailors and merchants see a big stone house.
- i Sindbad makes a box to hide from the snake.
- j A giant comes into the house.
- k Sindbad gets his goods back and sells them.
- l Sindbad's ship arrives at the island of Zughb.
- m Sindbad makes a boat and leaves the dangerous island.
- n Sindbad arrives back in Basra.

## The Fourth Voyage, pages 20–25

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#### 4 Complete the sentences. Put the letters in the right place.

- a One day some SARMTENCH ..... came to my house.
- b We remembered only the good SMITE .....
- c 'It will be GENTISTRINE ..... to sail to the east again,' we said.
- d The sea WERTH ..... us onto an island.

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- e In the morning some animal-men NUDFO ..... us.
- f These men gave us food to KEMA ..... us fat.
- g One day I DEMOV ..... away into the trees.
- h I made a SLEDAD ..... for the king's horse.
- i I married and I was PHYPA .....
- j But my wife died and they took me to a cave in the TAUMONIN .....
- k I brought thousands of MAINDODS ..... out of the cave.
- l When a PHIS ..... came, I went back to Basra and Baghdad.

## The Fifth Voyage, pages 25–30

### While reading

- 5 **These sentences are wrong. Make them right.**
- a One day we came to a small island.  
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  - b The merchants stayed on the ship.  
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  - c The merchants found a giant snake's egg.  
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  - d Sindbad broke the giant egg with big stones.  
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  - e Three great birds dropped stones as big as a house.  
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  - f The great birds took Sindbad to an island.  
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  - g On the island, Sindbad met an old woman.  
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  - h Sindbad drank a very strong drink.  
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## The Sixth Voyage, pages 30–33

### While reading

- 6 **Fill the gaps in the following summary.**  
Sindbad wanted to travel to India by road because the sea was too d..... . But the road came to an end and he found a s..... at the mouth of the river Ganges. The voyage was very dangerous and the sea c..... the ship into a cave. The ship hit the w..... and broke. E..... died except Sindbad. He was carried t..... the cave. On the other side of the cave, the p..... of Serendip found him and helped him. Only one man s..... Arabic and Sindbad t..... him his story. The people t.....

Sindbad to their king and the king l..... to Sindbad's story. The king was very i..... in Baghdad. He a..... Sindbad to return to Baghdad and gave him a l..... and gifts for the Khalif.

## The Seventh Voyage, pages 34–38

### While reading

- 7 **Choose the right answer.**
- a Pirates attacked Sindbad on his way to Baghdad/Serendip/Cairo.
  - b The pirates sell Sindbad to a king/merchant/sailor.
  - c Sindbad can go home when he has killed 50/100/500 elephants.
  - d In the elephants' graveyard, the elephants wanted to kill/hurt/help Sindbad.
  - e The merchants stopped/continued killing the elephants.
  - f Sindbad returned to Basra with tusks/money.

### After reading

- 8 **Work with another student.**  
Student A: Find a picture in the book and talk about what is in the picture. Do not show the picture to your friend.  
Student B: Do not look at the picture. Try to say which voyage the picture comes from. Say what happens before and after the picture. Then find the picture in the book.
- 9 **Answer the following questions. Then compare you answers with another student.**
- a In which story did Sindbad do the cleverest thing?
  - b In which story did Sindbad do the stupidest thing?
- 10 **There are many similarities between the seven voyages.**
- a Find as many similarities as you can.
  - b Make a list, and then compare your list with the list of another student.
- 11 **Imagine that Sindbad goes on an eighth voyage. Write the story. Make sure your story includes answers to the following questions.**  
Why did Sindbad go on the voyage?  
How was he shipwrecked?  
Where did he go?  
Who did he meet?  
What did he do?

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1 In which story or stories do the following things happen? Write the numbers.

- a Sindbad met the monkey-men.
- b The merchants broke the giant bird's egg.
- c Sindbad married a rich and beautiful woman.
- d Sindbad learnt how to kill elephants.
- e Sindbad found diamonds.
- f Sindbad walked on the island-fish.
- g Sindbad was captured by the Old Man of the Sea.
- h Sindbad went to India for the first time.

2 Where do they live? Match A and B.

A	B
Harun al-Rashid	
Sindbad	The Valley of Diamonds
The man-eating giants	Baghdad
The giant snakes	The island of Zughb
The monkey-men	

3 Nine things are wrong in the following summary of the first voyage. Make them right.

In the first voyage, Sindbad goes to sea because he wants adventure. The ship sailed from Basra and sailed to the west. Sindbad traded goods. They came to an island and the captain took the ship near the island to find food. Sindbad made a fire and the island began to move. It was not a real island, it was a huge bird. The ship sinks and Sindbad is alone. He is saved when he climbs into a small boat. Later, Sindbad works for a cruel King. At the end of the story Sindbad returns to Baghdad a poor man.

4 These sentences come from the fifth voyage.

Complete each sentence with one word from the box.

back bird coconuts drink egg house  
island legs man monkeys mother river  
sailors sea ship stones trees wind

- a One day we came to a big .....
- b The merchants went for a walk but I stayed on the .....
- c They found a giant bird's .....
- d They took big ..... and broke it.
- e They ate the young .....
- f Two great birds, the father and the ....., flew over us.

- g The birds dropped stones as big as a .....
- h One stone fell on us and I fell into the .....
- i The ..... and the sea took me to an island.
- j I met an old .....
- k I wanted to help him across the .....
- l He put his ..... round me and kept me for many weeks.
- m I made a very strong ..... from a fruit.
- n The old man drank and he fell off my .....
- o I ran away and met some .....
- p They said they came to the island for the .....
- q They threw stones at the .....
- r The monkeys got angry and threw ..... at the men.

5 Choose the best description for what is happening in each picture.

- 1 page 3 ...
  - a The merchants planted trees on the fish-island.
  - b The gigantic fish tried to eat the ship.
  - c The fire woke the gigantic fish.
- 2 page 11 ...
  - a Sindbad wants to give the meat to the merchants.
  - b Sindbad used the meat to escape from the valley.
  - c The merchants want Sindbad to carry the meat.
- 3 page 16 ...
  - a The giant is hungry.
  - b The giant is angry.
  - c The giant is scared.
- 4 page 27 ...
  - a The baby bird eats the men.
  - b The men eat the baby bird.
  - c The men put the baby bird in a cage.

6 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Sindbad speaks Arabic.
- b Sindbad's wife divorces him.
- c The king of Serendip is angry with Sindbad.
- d Sindbad kills the giant birds.
- e Sindbad makes the Old Man of the Sea drunk.
- f Sindbad wants to take his wife to Baghdad.
- g Sindbad returns to Baghdad six times.
- h Sindbad sells goods on all his voyages.
- i Sindbad liked killing the elephants.
- j Sindbad enjoys his adventures.
- k Sindbad is a bad businessman.