

The Voyages of Sindbad the Sailor

Book key

- 1 a Iraq
b Alexandria and Cairo: Egypt
Basra: Iraq
Canton (now Guanzhou): China
- 2 a elephant, monkey, snake
b captain, (giant,) king, merchant, pirate
c cave, island, valley
- 3 Open answers
- 4 a 5 b 8 c 1 d 4 e 9 f 3
g 2 h 7 i 6
- 5 a He hasn't got much money.
b He is on an 'island', but the island is really a fish. He goes under the water and the ship sails away with his goods.
c He meets the captain of the ship again. The captain has his goods.
d He buys a beautiful house.
- 6–8 Open answers
- 9 a and from island to island.
b I was suddenly afraid.
c big and white and round.
d and fell asleep there.
e then round the bird's leg.
f and ran behind a great stone.
g big and beautiful.
h with the meat on top of me.
i and took the meat.
j and with it I bought goods.
- 10 a They throw dead animals into the valley, onto the diamonds.
Then they pull the meat up again, with the diamonds on it.
b He puts diamonds in his bag. Then he puts clothes round his arms and legs and round some meat. A bird carries the meat – and Sindbad – out of the valley.
- 11–12 Open answers

- 13 a the people of Zughb
b the monkey-men
c the giant
d the giant
e the three giants
f the snake
g the snake
h the captain
- 14–15 Open answers
- 16 a Sindbad b the king c Sindbad's friend
d the king e Sindbad f Sindbad
- 17–18 Open answers
- 19 a egg b stones c baby/young d dark e birds
f ship g island h kicks i throws j coconuts
- 20–21 Open answers
- 22 a cities b cave c some wood d kind
e horse f kind
- 23–25 Open answers
- 26 a ✓ b ✗ c ✓ d ✓ e ✗ f ✗ g ✓
- 27–35 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1–6 Open answers
- 7 Possible answers to the first question: because he is bored; because he wants to have another adventure; because he wants to make more money.
- 8 Possible answers: Sindbad is untying the meat from his clothes. The merchants are curious/surprised. They don't know what to do.
- 9 Possible answers: The giant is holding a merchant in his right hand. The other merchants are on the ground. They are very scared. Some of them are hiding their eyes or crying. The giant is very angry. He is shouting.
- 10–12 Open answers
- 13 All the statements are correct except *Sindbad finds gold in the cavern*; he finds diamonds.
- 14–24 Open answers

Activity worksheets

- 1 a ✗ b ✓ c ✗ d ✓ e ✗ f ✗ g ✓
h ✓ i ✓

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2	a Why did Sindbad go on his second voyage?	3 Because he was bored and wanted to see other countries and cities again.
	b In what way was Sindbad very stupid?	8 He went to sleep on the island and his boat went away.
	c Why did the sky go dark?	1 Because a giant bird flew over Sindbad's head.
	d How did Sindbad get off the island?	5 He put clothes round his arms and legs and then round the bird's legs.
	e Where did the bird land?	9 On a big snake.
	f Why didn't Sindbad leave the valley of the snakes?	2 Because he couldn't climb out.
	g What did he see on the valley floor?	4 Diamonds.
	h How did he get out of the Valley of Diamonds?	6 He put some of his clothes around his arms and legs then round some meat to attract the birds
	i Who did he meet at the top of the mountain?	10 Some merchants.
	j How did he get money from this voyage?	7 He took diamonds from the valley.

3 a 9 b 7 c 3 d 12 e 1 f 6 g 8 h 4
i 10 j 5 k 13 l 2 m 11 n 14

- 4 a SARMTENCH merchants
b SMITE times
c GENTISTRINE interesting
d WERTH threw
e NUDFO found
f KEMA make
g DEMOV moved
h SLEDAD saddle
i PHYPA happy

- j TAUMONIN mountain
k MAINDODS diamonds
l PHIS ship

- 5 a One day we came to a *big* island.
b The merchants *went for a walk*.
c The merchants found a giant *bird's* egg.
d *The merchants* broke the giant egg with big stones.
e *Two* great birds dropped stones as big as a house.
f *The wind and the sea* took Sindbad to an island.
g On the island, Sindbad met an *old man*.
h *The old man* drank a very strong drink.
- 6 Sindbad wanted to travel to India by road because the sea was too **dangerous**. But the road came to an end and he found a **ship** at the mouth of the river Ganges. The voyage was very dangerous and the sea **carried** the ship into a cave. The ship hit the **walls** and broke. **everyone/everybody** died except Sindbad. He was carried **through** the cave. On the other side of the cave, the **people** of Serendip found him and helped him. Only one man **spoke** Arabic and Sindbad **told** him his story. The people **took** Sindbad to their king and the king **listened** to Sindbad's story. The king was very **interested** in Baghdad. He **asked** Sindbad to return to Baghdad and gave him a **letter** and gifts for the Khalif.
- 7 a *Baghdad*.
b *merchant*.
c 500 elephants (because each elephant has two tusks and Sindbad gets one tusk in ten.)
d *help*
e *stopped*
f *money*

8–9 Open answers

- 10 Possible answers: most of the voyages begin with Sindbad being bored with life in Baghdad; all the voyages were dangerous; he meets different types of giant on many of the voyages (birds, snakes, a man); Sindbad buys and sells goods; he always returns to Baghdad a rich man.

11 Open answers

Progress test

- 1 a Sindbad met the monkey-men. ...3
b The merchants broke the giant bird's egg. ...5
c Sindbad married a rich and beautiful woman. ...4
d Sindbad learnt how to kill elephants. ...7
e Sindbad found diamonds. ... 2 and 4
f Sindbad walked on the island-fish. ... 1

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- g Sindbad was captured by the Old Man of the Sea.
...5
- h Sindbad went to India for the first time. ...6

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

- 3 In the first voyage, Sindbad goes to sea because he wants **money**. The ship sailed from Basra and sailed to the **east**. Sindbad traded goods. They came to an island and the captain took the ship near the island to find **water**. **The merchants** made a fire and the island began to move. It was not a real island, it was a huge **fish**. The ship **leaves** and Sindbad is alone. He is saved when he climbs into a **wooden box**. Later, Sindbad works for a **kind** King. At the end of the story Sindbad returns to Baghdad a **rich** man.

- 4 a island b ship c egg d stones e bird
f mother g house h sea i wind j man
k river l legs m drink n back o sailors
p trees q monkeys r coconuts

5 1 c 2 b 3 a 4 b

- 6 a ✓ b ✗ c ✗ d ✗ e ✓ f ✗ g ✗
h ✓ i ✗ j ✓ k ✗