

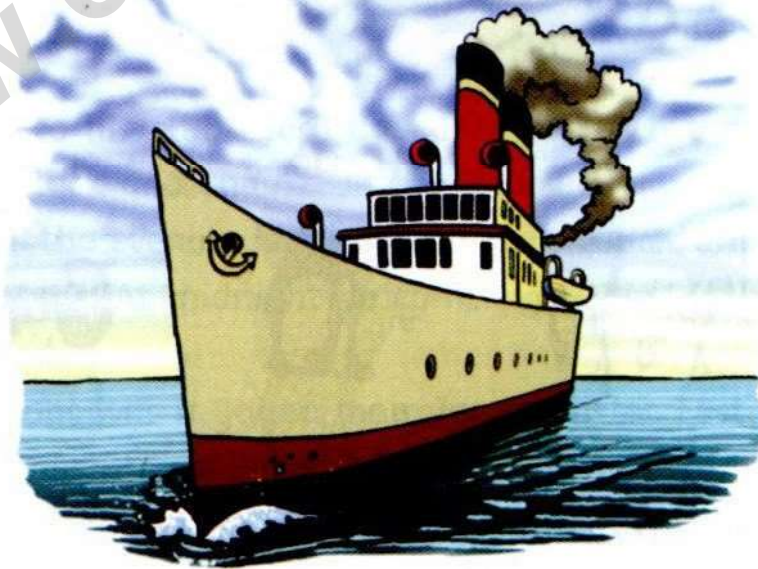


Around the World in Eighty Days

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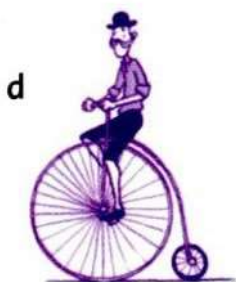
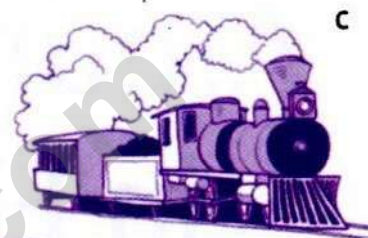
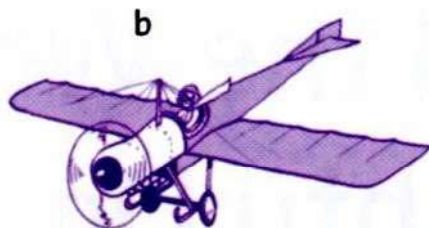
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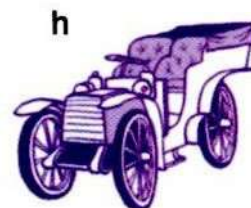
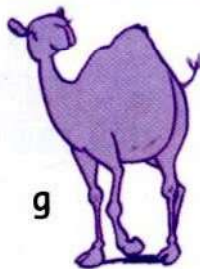
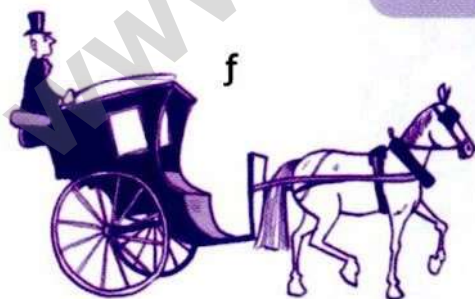
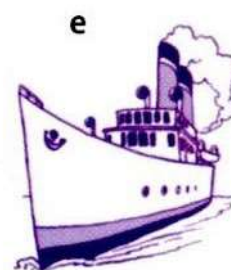
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Before reading

1 Match the pictures with the words. Use a dictionary to help you.



- 1 bicycle
- 2 camel
- 3 car
- 4 elephant
- 5 horse and carriage
- 6 plane
- 7 ship
- 8 train



2 The story happens in 1872. How did people travel then?

1 People travelled by bicycle, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, and
 _____.

2 They didn't travel by _____ or _____.

CHAPTER 1 Mr Fogg Leaves London

Our story starts in 1872. Mr Phileas Fogg was a tall, handsome English gentleman. He lived in London in a comfortable house in Burlington Gardens. He didn't work, but he had lots of money. He wasn't married so he didn't have a wife or children, but he had a servant who did the housework for him.



Fogg went to his club every day. He ate lunch there at twelve o'clock and then read the newspaper in the afternoon. In the evening he had dinner and talked with his friends there. At midnight he came home and went straight to bed.

Fogg's servant was a young man, James Foster. Foster didn't have much to do because Fogg spent most of his time at the club. But Fogg was very particular in the morning. He always wanted his breakfast on time and he wanted the water for his bath to be not too hot and not too cold. On the morning of 2nd October 1872 Foster brought Fogg some water for his bath, but the water wasn't hot enough, so Foster lost his job.

gentleman a rich man from a good family

married with a wife or a husband

club gentlemen meet in this building

particular wanting things to be just right

lose (past lost) not to have something suddenly

sir you say this when you talk to an important man

exactly not earlier or later

steal (*past stole, stolen*) to take something without asking

Fogg had to find a new servant, and later that morning a young man looking for work arrived at Fogg's house.

'You're French, I think,' said Fogg when the young man sat down in front of him. 'What's your name?'

'Jean Passepartout, sir,' answered the young man. 'Passepartout is "go everywhere" in French. I've got this name because I've worked in many exciting jobs in lots of different places. Five years ago I came to England to work, and now I'm looking for a quiet job. Mr Fogg, I've heard that you're the quietest of Englishmen. You're looking for a servant, and I want to work for you.'

'Good,' said Mr Fogg. 'You can start at once. What's the time?'

Passepartout looked at his watch. 'Twenty-two minutes past eleven,' he said.

'Your watch is slow,' answered Fogg. 'It's half past eleven exactly. That's when I always go to my club. Goodbye. I'll be home at midnight.'

Then Fogg left the house, and Passepartout found a feather duster and started cleaning. 'Mr Fogg's a very quiet gentleman,' he thought. 'I'm going to be happy here.'

That afternoon Fogg read an unusual article in *The Times* newspaper.

The Times

2nd October 1872

GENTLEMAN THIEF TAKES £50,000 FROM BANK

£50,000 was stolen today from the Bank of England. A tall, handsome gentleman was seen in the bank at

the time when the money disappeared. The police are looking for the gentleman thief everywhere.