

Classic Readers

# AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

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Now the others began to laugh, too. Fogg was a proud man and their laughter made him angry. He stood up and looked at them.

“I’ll bet you I can do it.”

“I’d like to see you! And I’ll bet you four thousand pounds that you can’t!”

“And I’ll bet you twenty thousand that I can!”

Fogg’s friends looked at each other. It was a lot of money. They went and talked about it in a corner of the room. When they agreed that Fogg could not win, Stuart turned to him.

“We accept!”

Fogg looked at them calmly.

“Excellent! Today is Wednesday, 2nd October, 1872. The train to Dover leaves at 8:45 pm. I’ll be on it and I’ll be back in this room on Saturday 21st December at 8:45 pm—after a trip around the world. Goodnight, gentlemen!”

Fogg marched out of the room and left the Reform Club for his home.



Fogg’s valet was shocked to see his master arrive home so early. Jean Passepartout was a pleasant young Frenchman with curly brown hair and a moustache. Although he was rather new in his position with Mr Fogg, he knew that if his master said he would be home at midnight—as he was every night of his life—he meant exactly at midnight and not a minute before or after.

“Passepartout! We are catching the 8:45 to Dover! Don’t pack any bags. We’re travelling light.”

“What do you mean, sir?”

“We’re going around the world in eighty days! Bring my travelling coat.”

Passepartout was too shocked to speak; he simply did as his master told him. He rushed upstairs thinking about the many kinds of jobs he had in the past, when he was still in France—a singer, a fire fighter, a teacher of gymnastics, even a circus acrobat—he was so tired of travelling from place to place! He took the job with Fogg hoping to work in a normal, stable home where life was as regular as clockwork. Until now, he thought he had.

With a long face, Passepartout carried out the order, while his master prepared for the journey. Fogg took twenty thousand pounds from his safe and put the money in a small travelling bag. He also packed The *Daily Telegraph*, which showed their route, and a guidebook with the timetables they would need for the trains and ships. When Passepartout returned, Fogg gave him the bag.

“This is everything we need, including twenty thousand pounds. Take care of it!”

Passepartout nervously took the bag and followed his master into a cab for Charing Cross railway station.









# The Trial

## Comprehension

Read or listen to Chapter 5 and correct the mistakes.

- 1 When they reached Allahabad, Fogg thanked their conductor.
- 2 Aouda decided to go to her uncle in Calcutta.
- 3 A policeman took Fogg and Passepartout to a temple.
- 4 In the courtroom, the judge raised Passepartout's shoes.
- 5 The judge decided Fogg and Passepartout would go to prison for one year.

## What do you think?

- 1 Why do you think Aouda felt it was her fault Fogg and Passepartout were in prison?
- 2 Do you think it was right that Fogg was arrested too? Why/Why not?
- 3 What do you do when you think someone has done something wrong? Discuss.

## Language Practice

1 Look at the pictures below. Find phrases in Chapter 5 to match these pictures. Then discuss their meanings with your partners.



a .....



b .....



c .....



d .....

*II Use the words and phrases below to complete the following courtroom dialogue.*

lock bench responsible case  
trial court villain fault

**Officer:** “All rise! The (1) ..... is about to begin!”

**Judge:** “Silence in the (2) .....! Who’s Alison Sinclair?”

**Alison:** “That’s me, sir.”

**Judge:** “Please approach the (3) ..... . How old are you?”

**Alison:** “I’m 92 years old”.

**Judge:** “92 ... Tell us how you met Mr Spencer.”

**Alison:** “Well, I was out for a walk with my dogs a week ago and as I was crossing the street I saw this man in his car coming very quickly towards me ...”

**Prisoner:** “I did not! Your dog jumped in front of my car! It’s not my (4) .....!”

**Alison:** “You are an evil man, a (5) .....! You tried to kill me and when you saw you didn’t you even tried to steal my dog!”

**Prisoner:** “I did what? I cannot believe this! I picked it up just to see if it was ok.”

**Alison:** “You are (6) ..... for what happened. My doggy is too scared to even go out of the house!”

**Judge:** “Silence, both of you! I think I’ve heard enough for one day! Go home and from now on stay away from each other or I’ll have to (7) ..... both of you up—and the dog! Next (8) .....!”

## On the Move!

I Match the words in the box to the means of transport shown in the pictures below.

hot air balloon  
helicopter

rickshaw  
aeroplane

steamboat  
train

bus  
car



II Which of these means of transport are used in your country?  
Which are not?

III What other kinds of vehicles do you have in your country?  
What are they used for? Draw a picture of your favourite one.



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*A daring bet takes Phileas Fogg on the adventure of a lifetime. But why is he being chased by Police Detective Fix? There's more than money at stake in Jules Verne's remarkable tale!*



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