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Story Characters

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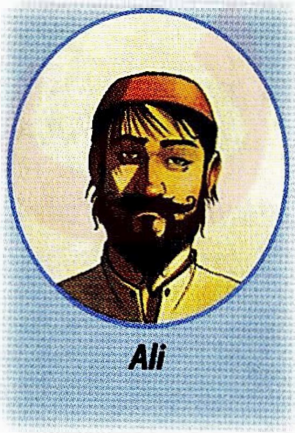
Mehmet



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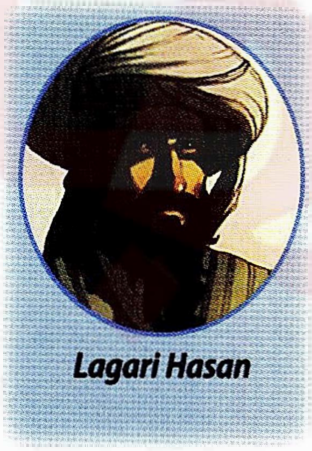

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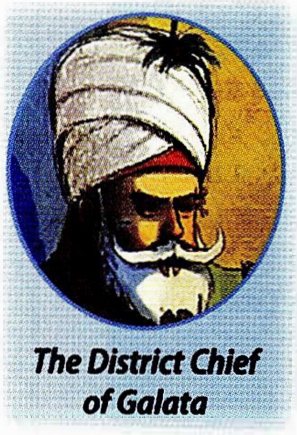

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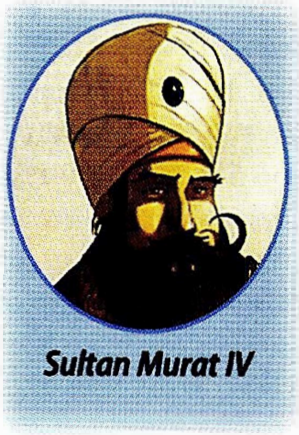

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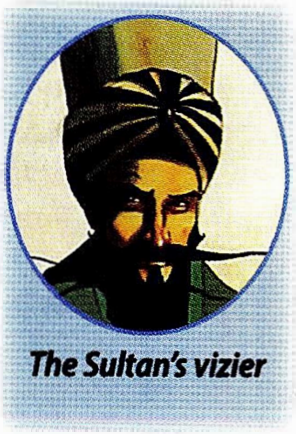

The Sultan's vizier

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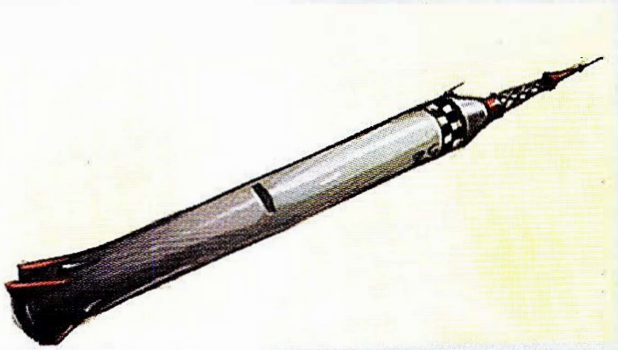
BEFORE READING

1 This story happens in Istanbul in the 1630s. Which things do you read about in it? What do you think? Tick the boxes.



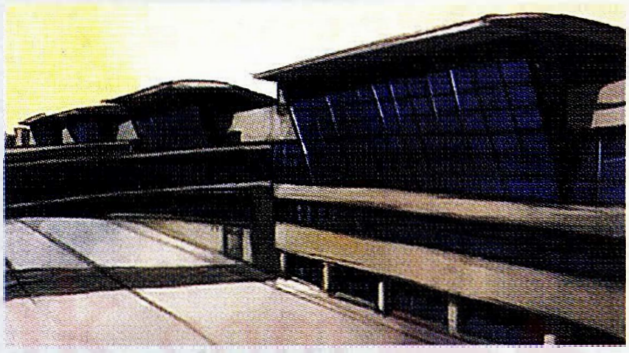
a one of the earliest rockets ☐

b a Turkish plane ☐

c Ottoman Sultan Murat IV ☐

d the Galata Tower ☐

e a Galatasaray footballer ☐



f the airport in Istanbul ☐

2 Which things happen in the story? What do you think? Tick the boxes.

a ☐ Hezarfen gets a broken leg when he is learning to fly.
b ☐ Hezarfen meets and talks with Leonardo da Vinci.
c ☐ Hezarfen flies across the Bosphorus.
d ☐ The Sultan is happy and gives money to Hezarfen.
e ☐ The Sultan is afraid and wants to kill Hezarfen.
f ☐ Hezarfen must leave Istanbul in the end.

Chapter 1 – A young man's dream

My story begins in the 1630s. It is the time of the Ottoman **Empire**. **Hezarfen Ahmet Çelebi** is a **clever** young man of those days. He lives in the **district** of Üsküdar, in Istanbul.

Every morning, Hezarfen sits near the Bosphorus **strait**. He looks at the tall **tower** in the district of Galata across the water. The Galata Tower is taller than all the buildings near it.

empire a number of countries that one country controls

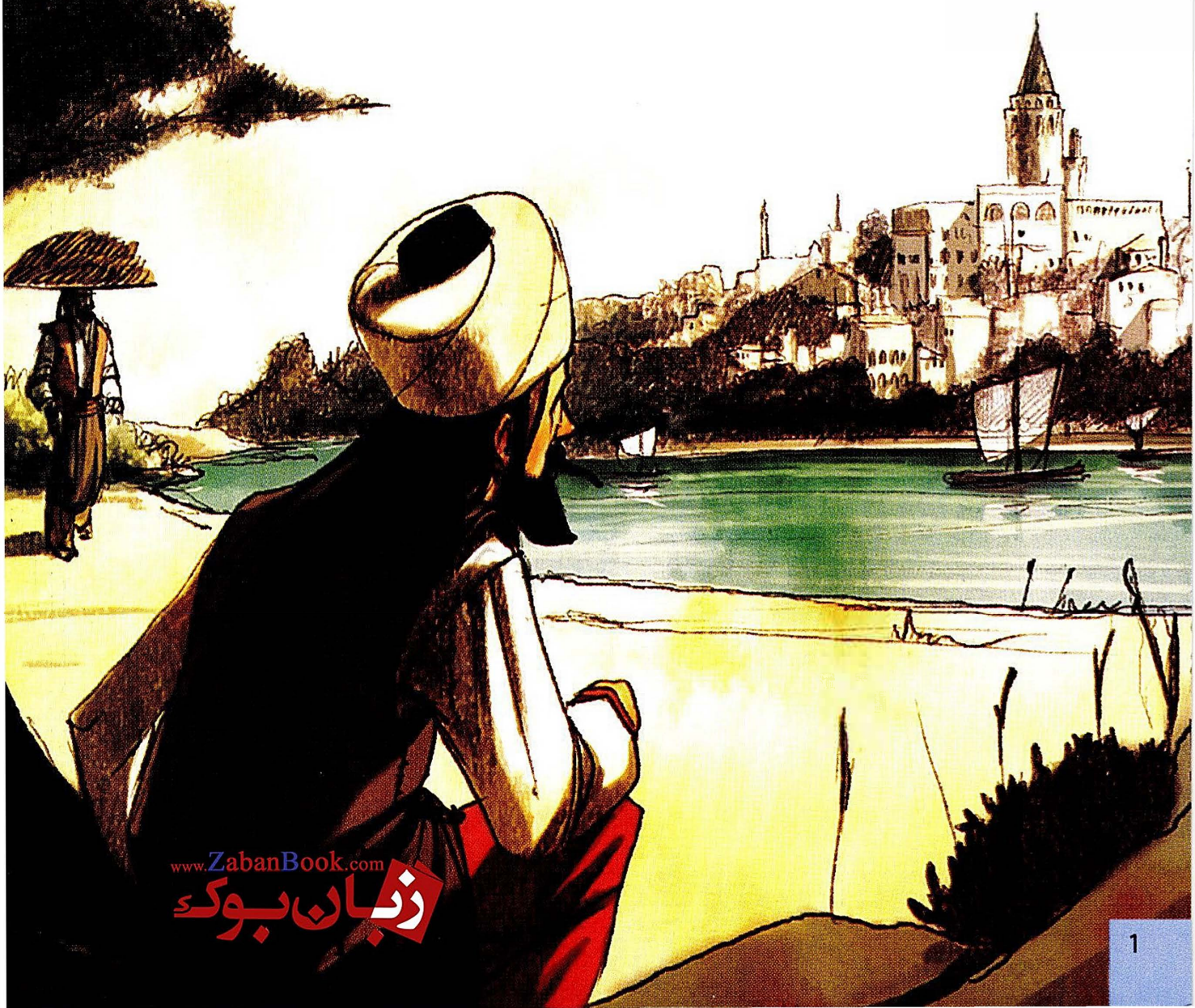
Hezarfen Ahmet Çelebi /ˈhezarfen ˌʌhmet ˌtʃelebi/

clever quick-thinking

district part of a big town or city

strait a long thin line of sea water between two pieces of land

tower a very tall thin building



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tasty good to eat

ring something round with nothing in the middle

dream to think about something that you want to happen; when you think about something that you want to happen

fly to move through the air

bird an animal that can fly through the sky

'Simit! Would you like a simit?' a man near Hezarfen calls. He has some **tasty** Turkish bread **rings** on his head. But Hezarfen doesn't answer.

Every morning the man cries, 'Would you like a simit?' But Hezarfen never answers.

He doesn't hear or see the man. He is **dreaming**. In his dream, he is **flying** over the Bosphorus with the sea **birds**.

'One day I want to look down from the sky on Istanbul,' he thinks. 'I want to fly across the strait with you birds. But how?'

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READING CHECK

These sentences are all false. Correct them.

a The story happens in the ~~1830s.~~ 1630s

b It is the time of the British Empire.

c Hezarfen is a clever old man.

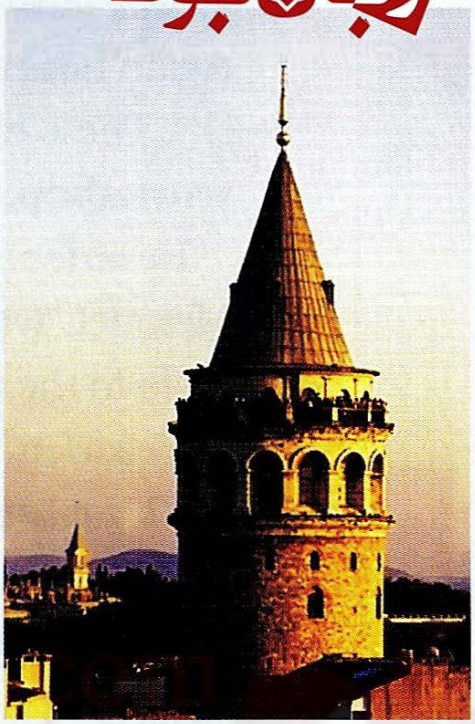
d The Galata Tower is across the road from his house.

e Every morning, Hezarfen watches the sun in the sky.

f Every night, the simit man comes with some simits.

g Hezarfen always speaks to the man.

h Hezarfen wants to fly over the Galata Tower.



GUESS WHAT

What does Hezarfen do in the next chapter? Tick two boxes.

a He makes one of the earliest planes. ☐

b He looks at some pictures of birds by Leonardo. ☐

c He meets his brother, Lagari Hasan. ☐

d He meets his friends, Mehmet and Ali. ☐

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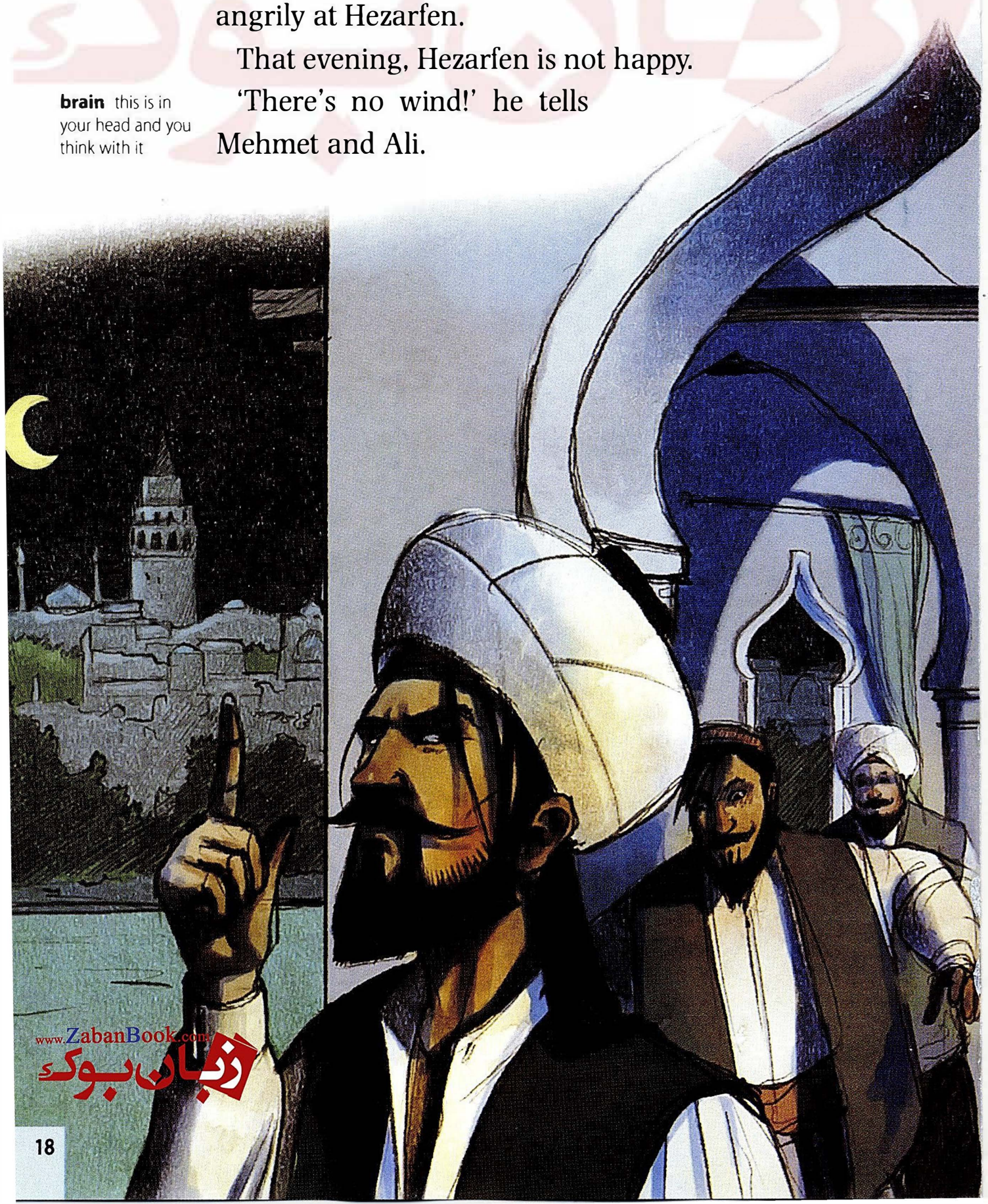
'Listen,' the Sultan answers. 'We can think of new things with our **brains**. And our brains come from God. The first flying man must be an Ottoman, I say.'

'Yes, Your Highness,' the vizier says. But he looks angrily at Hezarfen.

That evening, Hezarfen is not happy.

'There's no wind!' he tells Mehmet and Ali.

brain this is in your head and you think with it



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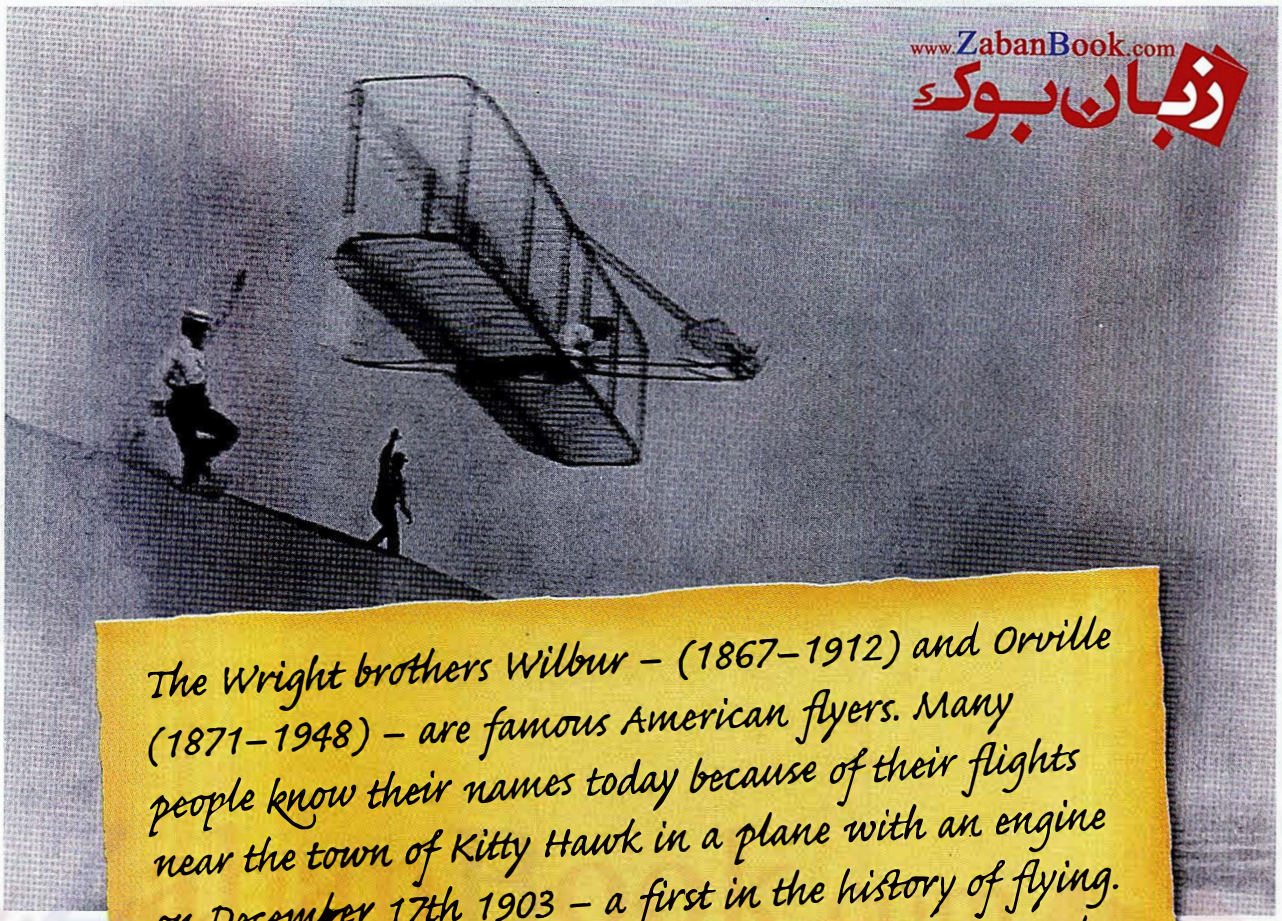
Project A *Famous flyers of the past*

1 Read the text about the Wright brothers and complete the table.



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The Wright brothers Wilbur – (1867–1912) and Orville (1871–1948) – are famous American flyers. Many people know their names today because of their flights near the town of Kitty Hawk in a plane with an engine on December 17th 1903 – a first in the history of flying. These days you can visit the Wright Brothers National Memorial in North Carolina, USA and see models of their old planes.

Names and dates of flyers	
Nationality	
Famous for which 'flying first'	
Place of this 'flying first'	
Date of this 'flying first'	
Things to do these days connected with the brothers	

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GRAMMAR CHECK

Articles: a/an, the

We use a/an when we talk about a singular noun and it is not clear which of many things we mean. We use a before a word beginning with a consonant sound, and an before a word beginning with a vowel sound.

There is a man near Hezarfen. *It's an interesting story.*

We use the when we talk about singular and plural nouns and it is clear which of many things we mean.

The man cries, 'Simit!' *Some people know the story.*

6 Complete the sentences with *a/an* or *the*.

a The Galata Tower stands on a hill in ..the.. Galata district of Istanbul.

b Hezarfen has ..... old workshop not far from his house. He makes interesting new things in ..... workshop.

c Istanbul is on ..... strait and near ..... sea, too. ..... name of ..... strait in Istanbul is ..... Bosphorus.

d Hezarfen has ..... interesting dream. He wants to fly through ..... sky.

e Hezarfen looks up carefully at ..... birds over his head. Perhaps he can learn something from ..... design of their wings.

f ..... vizier is standing next to Sultan Murat IV. ..... vizier says some bad things about Hezarfen.

g The Sultan gives ..... reward to Hezarfen soon after he flies across the strait. Some of ..... reward is good – ..... money. But some of it is bad – ..... exile to Algeria.

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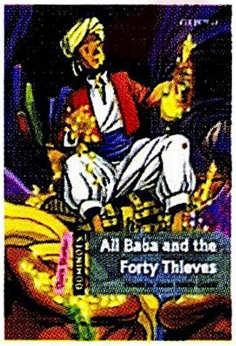

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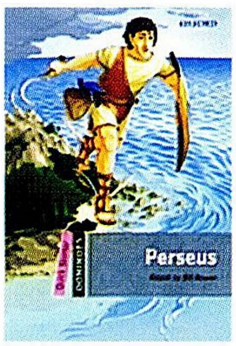

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