

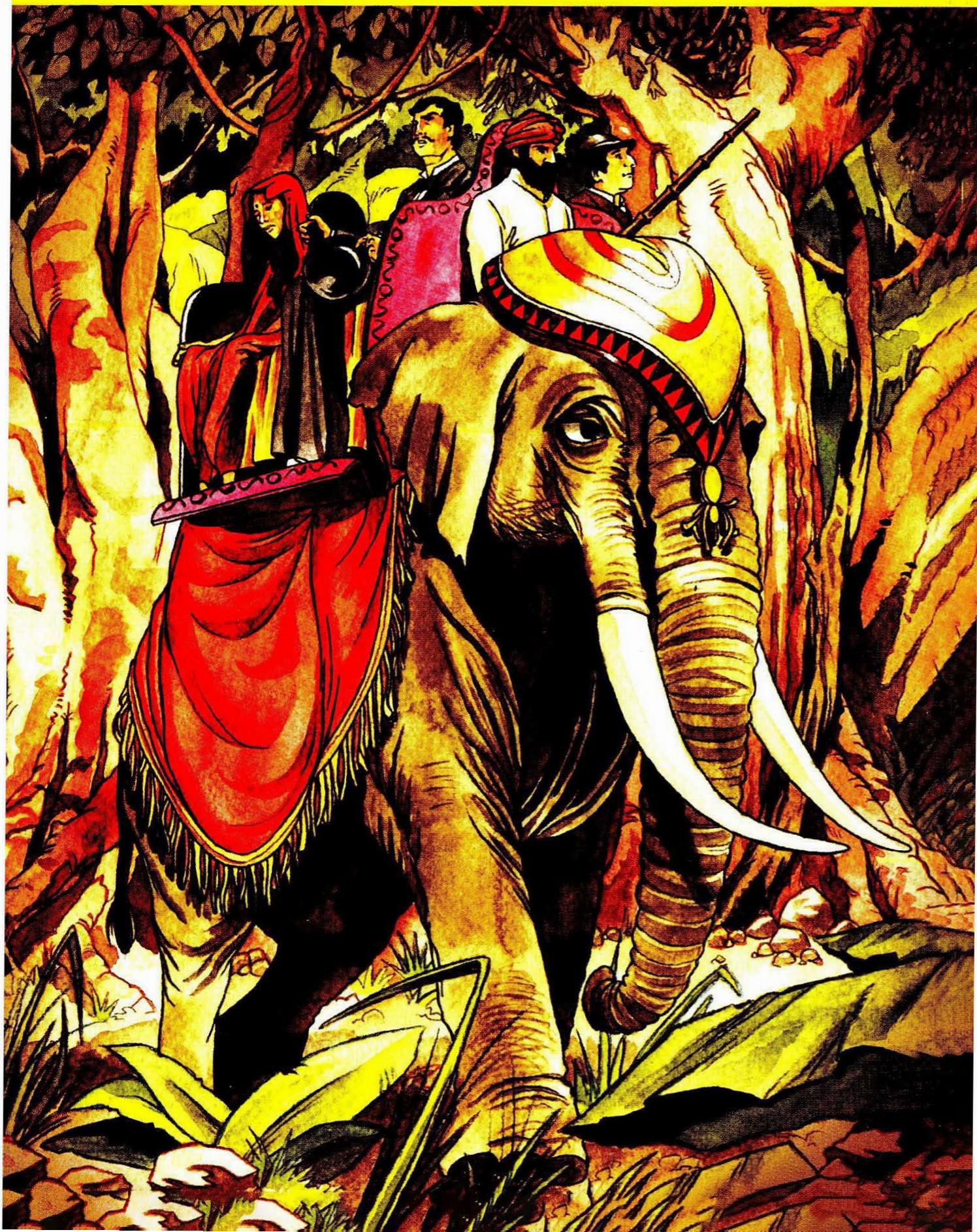
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1.1 What's the book about?

Look at the front of the book and at the pictures in the book. Then circle the right answers. Sometimes, there is more than one right answer.

- 1 The story is about ...
 - a a journey.
 - b two friends.
 - c a killer.
- 2 At the time of the story it is ...
 - a 1773.
 - b 1873.
 - c 1973.
- 3 In the story, people go on journeys by ...
 - a train.
 - b boat.
 - c bicycle.
- 4 The people in the story go to ...
 - a India.
 - b Russia.
 - c the United States.
- 5 The people in the story have ...
 - a no problems.
 - b some problems.
 - c a lot of problems.

1.2 What happens first?

Look at the names of Chapters 1 and 2, and at the words in *italics* below them. Then look at this picture. Answer the questions.



- 1 In the picture, which man is Phileas Fogg?
- 2 Is Phileas Fogg rich?
- 3 Is Passepartout a friend of Phileas Fogg?

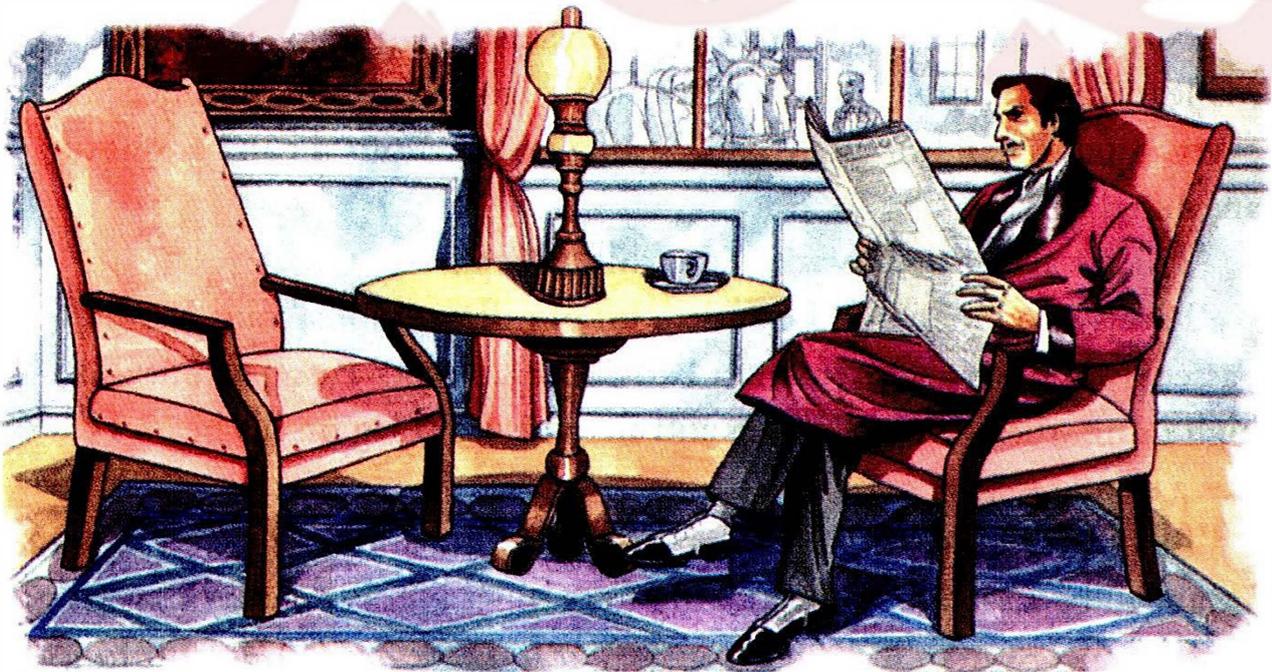
Phileas Fogg and Passepartout

*'I want to forget the name "Passepartout".'
'I'll call you Passepartout,' said Phileas Fogg.*

In 1872, the Reform **Club** in London's Pall Mall was a club for men only. Phileas Fogg went to the Reform Club every day. He left his house at 7 Savile Row at 11.30 in the morning and walked to the club. He had his lunch and his dinner there. He read the papers at the club, and he played chess. He left late in the evening and walked back to Savile Row. He went to bed at midnight.

Phileas Fogg was a cold man. He didn't talk much, and nobody knew much about him. But everything in his life had to be right. His washing water had to be at 31°C – not 30°C and not 32°C.

At 9.37 on the morning of 2nd October 1872 his **servant**, James Forster, brought him water at 30°C, not 31°C. So this servant had to go. Phileas Fogg sat at home in his Savile Row house. He waited for his new servant.



club /klʌb/ (n) A *club* is a building or a number of people. The people in a *club* are interested in the same things.

servant /'sɜ:vənt/ (n) A *servant* lives and works for you in your house.



The new servant came. He was about thirty years old.

‘You are French,’ said Phileas Fogg, ‘and your name is John?’

‘No,’ said the new servant. ‘My name is Jean, Mr Fogg. They call me Jean Passepartout, because in French a “passepartout” can open every door. When things are bad, I can always get out. I can get out of anything!’

‘Tell me about your work,’ said Phileas Fogg.

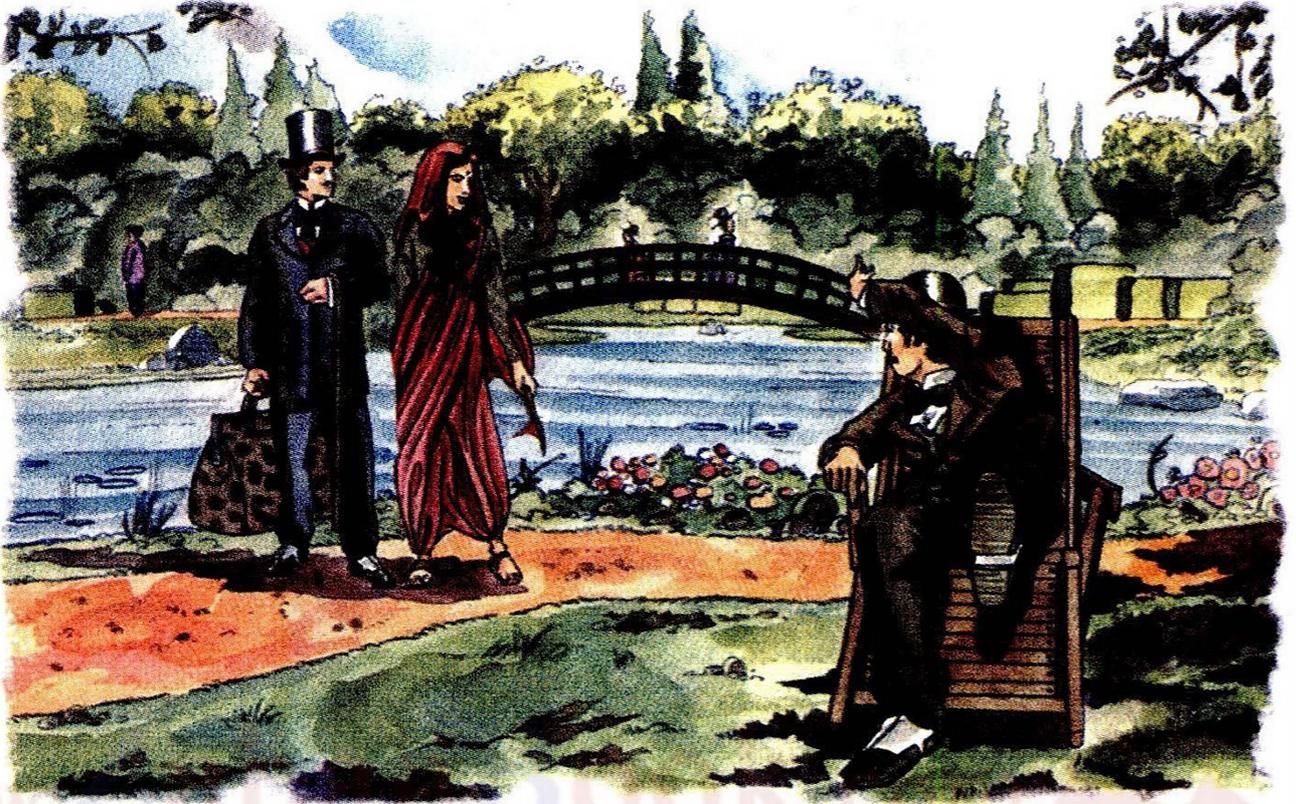
‘I am a good man and I can do a lot of different jobs,’ said Jean Passepartout. ‘I was a fireman in Paris. And ... look!’ Passepartout did a high jump, then put his left leg and then his right leg on his head. He was a strong man.

‘But I left France in 1867,’ said Passepartout, ‘and I came to England. I want to be a servant. I am looking for a quiet life. People say that you are the quietest man in Britain. So I want to work for you. I want to live quietly now. I want to forget the name “Passepartout”.’

‘I’ll call you Passepartout,’ said Phileas Fogg. ‘What time is it?’

To San Francisco

*The warrant was there from Hong Kong but it was too late.
Fix couldn't use the warrant in Japan or America.*



Near Shanghai, the captain of the *General Grant* listened to the radio. A smaller boat, *Tankedere*, wanted his help. The American ship stopped next to the *Tankedere*. Phileas Fogg gave Bunsby five hundred and fifty pounds and climbed onto the *General Grant*. He paid for three tickets to San Francisco, and then Aouda and Fix got onto the American ship too.

The first stop was Yokohama. When the *General Grant* arrived there on the morning of 14th November, Fogg and Aouda went to the *Carnatic*. But Passepartout was not there. Phileas Fogg and Aouda looked for Passepartout in the town. They asked questions everywhere. They only had one day before the *General Grant* left for San Francisco. Phileas Fogg and Aouda walked through the streets of Yokohama – north, south, east and west. But they couldn't find Passepartout.

On their way back to the port, they looked in the gardens. There were a lot of gardens in Yokohama. And in the last garden before the port, they saw Passepartout on a chair in the sun. The servant was very happy, and they all went quickly to the *General Grant*.

In Yokohama, Fix went to the police. The warrant was there from Hong Kong but it was too late. Fix couldn't use the warrant in Japan or America.

Passepartout saw Fix on the ship the next day, and the Frenchman hit the detective. Fix fell down on his back.

'Do you feel better?' asked Fix. He got up slowly.

'Yes, for now.'

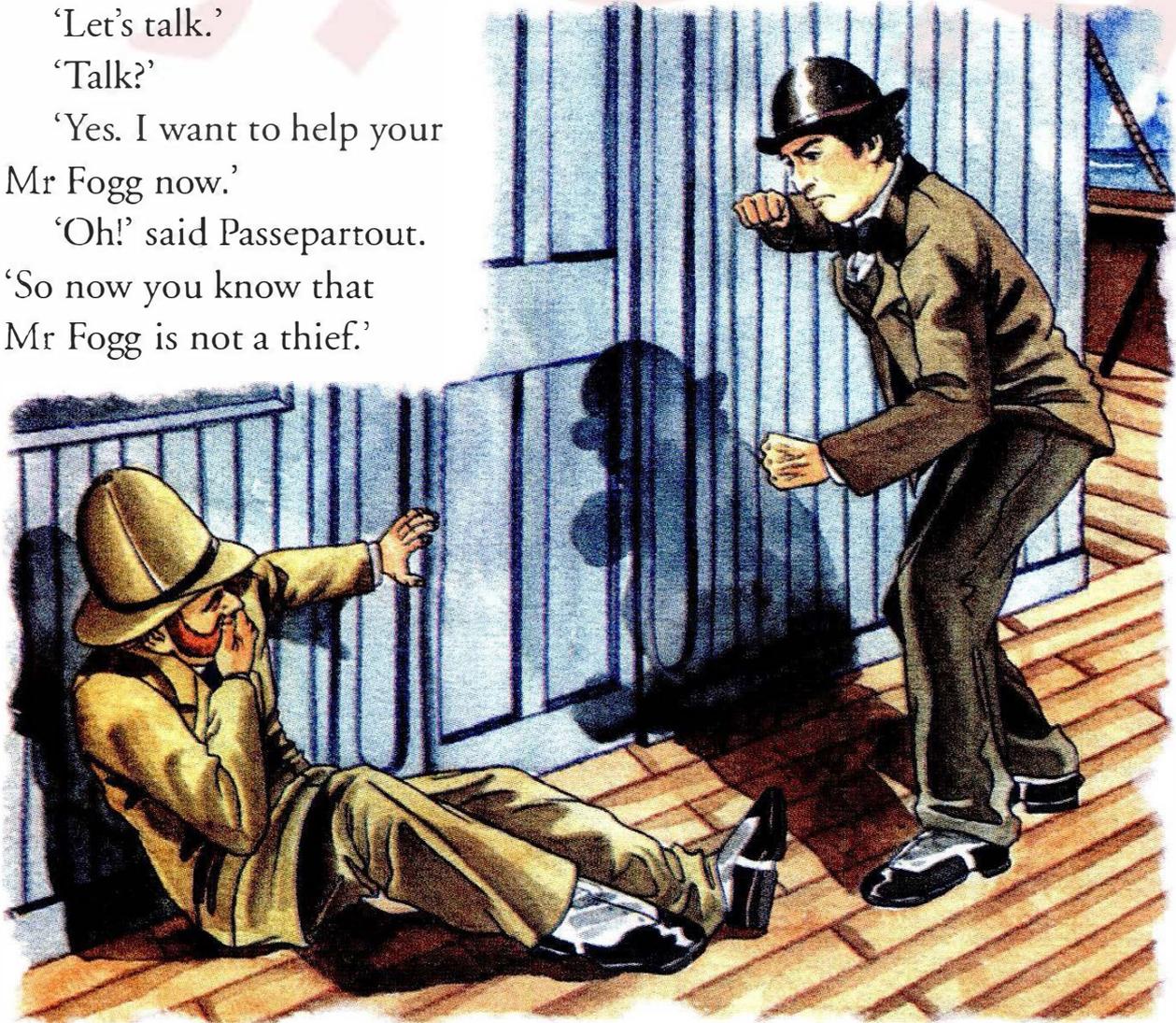
'Let's talk.'

'Talk?'

'Yes. I want to help your Mr Fogg now.'

'Oh!' said Passepartout.

'So now you know that Mr Fogg is not a thief.'



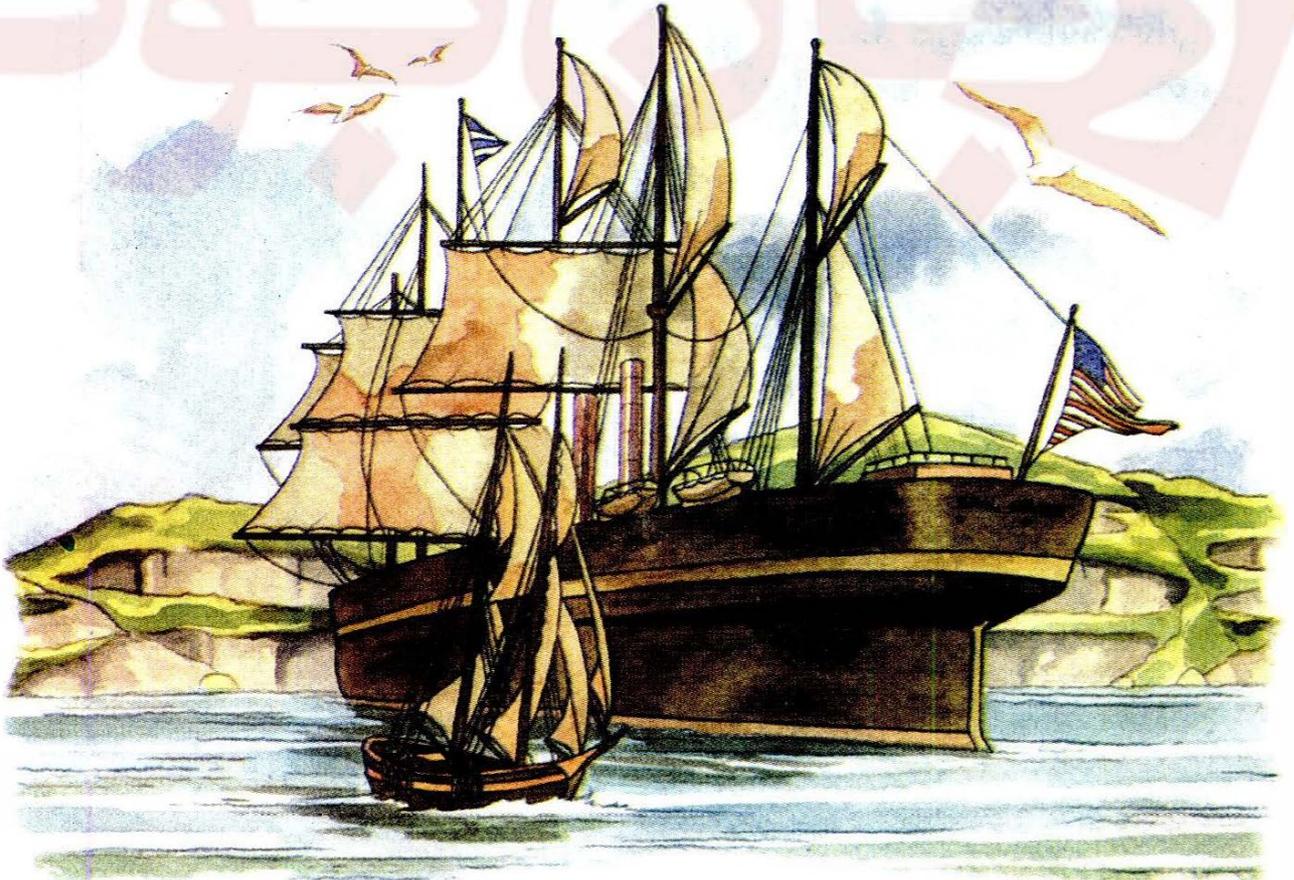
‘No. He’s a thief and I have a warrant for him.’ Passepartout started to hit him again, so Fix said quickly, ‘Wait! I can’t use the warrant here. But Mr Fogg is going to England. I can use the warrant there. So I want to help him. He wants to get to England quickly, and I want him to get there too. So I can help you now, and you can help me. We can be friends.’

‘Friends? Never!’ said Passepartout. ‘But you can help Mr Fogg. That’s fine.’

‘I’ll help him. A Scotland Yard detective can do a lot of things. But don’t tell him about the restaurant in Hong Kong. And don’t say I’m a detective. Then I’ll help him.’

Passepartout thought hard but said nothing.

The *General Grant* had the wind behind her and a good engine too. On 3rd December, she went through the Golden Gate and into San Francisco.



Across America

*They heard guns and shouts. Passepartout looked out of the window.
The Indians were on fast horses.*

They had to wait for the train from San Francisco to New York. It left at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Phileas Fogg went with Aouda and got a stamp in his passport. Passepartout bought guns for the railway journey. The Sioux Indians were dangerous.

At 5.45, Phileas Fogg, Aouda and Passepartout were at the station. The train was ready. And there was Fix again! Phileas Fogg couldn't understand it.

They all got on the train. The journey time was seven days. Phileas Fogg wanted to catch a ship from New York to Liverpool on 11th December.

On the first day, at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Passepartout looked out of the window and saw some **buffaloes**. He saw hundreds of the big animals, and then thousands of them. They walked in front of the train and the train had to stop.

Some people on the train were angry because the train had to stop on a hot day. They had to sit there and wait. But Phileas Fogg wasn't angry. He didn't look at his watch. He sat quietly and waited. In three hours, the thousands of buffaloes moved slowly across the railway, and then the train could start again.



buffalo /'bʌfələʊ/ (n) *Buffaloes* are North American, Asian or African animals. When they work for people, they usually pull things.

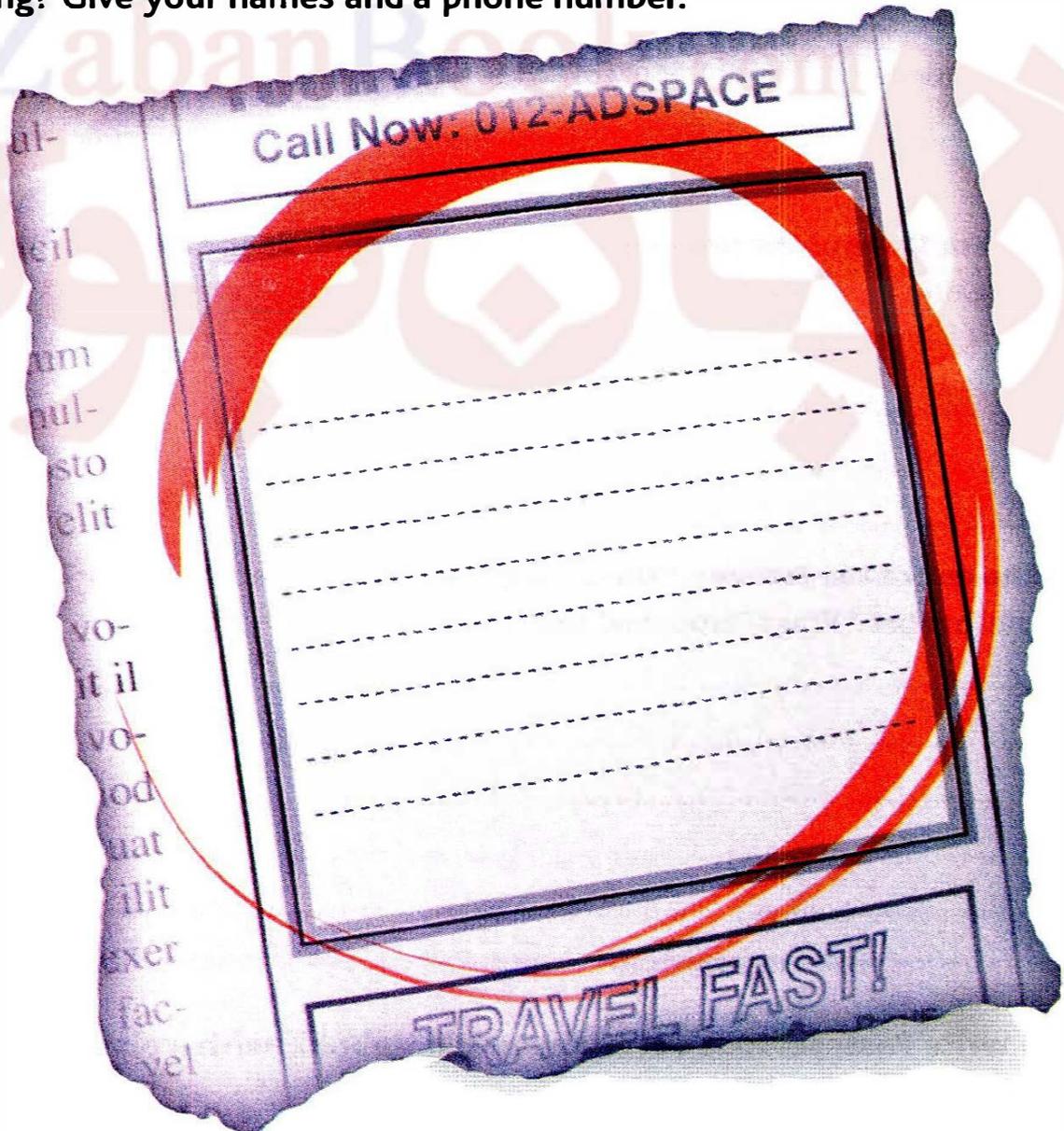
1 Work with another student. You are going to go away for six months in a small bus. You have £2,500 each. Talk about your journey.

- Which country/countries will you visit?
- Which cities will you visit?
- What do you want to see or do there?
- Will you go across the sea?
- How long will you stay in each place?



2 Draw a map of your journey.

3 You want two more people to go with you. Write an advertisement for a student magazine about your journey. Where and when are you going? Give your names and a phone number.



- 4 Work with four other students. They answered your advertisement and now you are going to talk to them.**

Students A and B Ask the other four people questions. Which two do you want to go with?

Student C You are quiet and friendly. You are young for your age. You are at university and you are very clever.

Student D You like talking. You laugh and tell funny stories. You are very friendly. You left school when you were sixteen. Now you are a cook in a restaurant.

Student E You are nice and you love visiting other countries. You went to some interesting places last year. You finished university, but you haven't got a job.

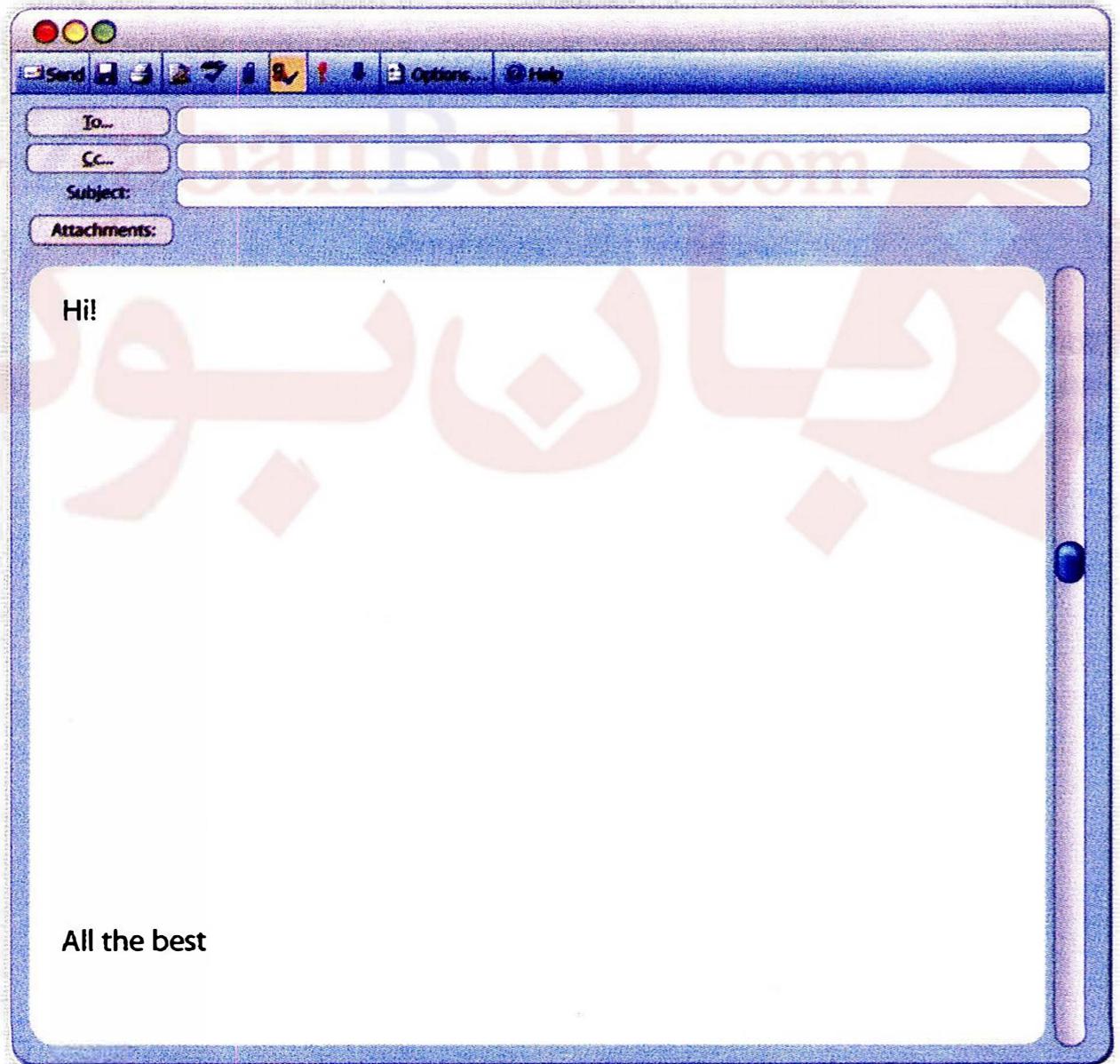
Student F You are Student E's friend. You aren't very friendly, but you really want to get away from your home town. You haven't got much money.

- 5 You can only take one bag, and some things for the back of the bus. What will you take with you on your journey? Why? Make notes. Then tell the class. Are you taking different things? Why?**

Notes

6 Write an email to a friend. Tell your friend about your journey. Answer these questions in your email:

- When are you going?
- Where are you going?
- What interesting places are you going to visit?
- How are you going to go?
- How long are you going to stay in each place?
- Who are you going to go with?
- How did you find them?
- What are you going to take?
- How do you feel about the journey?
- How does your family feel?
- When will you write again?



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He doesn't know that somebody wants to stop him.
Then Fogg will lose his bet – twenty thousand pounds!

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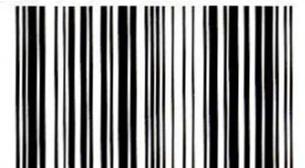
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