

# *Fogg Makes a Bet*

## *PREPARATION*

### *Key Words*

|                |            |  |
|----------------|------------|--|
| <b>bank</b>    | (bangk)    | a business that keeps money safe for people<br><i>Every month the <u>bank</u> will add a few pennies to the money you keep there.</i>  |
| <b>place</b>   | (plās)     | a spot or an area<br><i>If you want to see a frog, the best <u>place</u> to look is near the water.</i>  |
| <b>same</b>    | (sām)      | like another in every way<br><i>I was surprised to find my new friend has the <u>same</u> name as I do!</i><br>being the very one<br><i>I know that is the <u>same</u> pen that I lost!</i>  |
| <b>trouble</b> | (trub'ə l) | a situation that is difficult, dangerous, or unhappy<br><i>My friend got into <u>trouble</u> when he let the pig get into the garden.</i>  |
| <b>watch</b>   | (woch)     | to look at carefully for a long time<br><i>Jill likes to <u>watch</u> the monkeys at the zoo.</i><br>to keep safe<br><i>Please <u>watch</u> the baby so he does not go near the window.</i><br>a small clock that is worn or carried in one's pocket<br><i>Mom gave me a <u>watch</u> so that I will know when to come home.</i> |
| <b>world</b>   | (wèrld)    | the earth<br><i>There are many kinds of animals living in this <u>world</u>.</i>   |

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## *Necessary Words*

|                  |               |  |
|------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>bet</b>       | (bet)         | to agree to give something to another person if he guesses right and you guess wrong<br><i>Steven lost his lucky penny when he <u>bet</u> Theresa he could run faster than she could.</i><br>an agreement to give something to another person if he guesses right and you guess wrong<br><i>We made a <u>bet</u> on who would sell more cookies.</i> |
| <b>honest</b>    | (on´ ist)     | fair, truthful and worthy of trust<br><i>The <u>honest</u> boy gave the money back to the woman who had lost it.</i>   |
| <b>job</b>       | (job)         | work that is done for money<br><i>John got a <u>job</u> so he would have money for books.</i>  |
| <b>list</b>      | (list)        | a paper that has things written in some order<br><i>Mom put eggs and milk at the top of the shopping <u>list</u>.</i>  |
| <b>newspaper</b> | (nüz´ pā pər) | printed sheets of paper that come out every day or week with stories about what is happening<br><i>Nick could not stay for the game, but he read about it the next day in the <u>newspaper</u>.</i>  |
| <b>servant</b>   | (sér´ vənt)   | a person whose job it is to take care of the personal life of another person<br><i>My uncle had so much money he had a <u>servant</u> just for bringing his shoes!</i>   |

## *People, Places, and Things*

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Britain</b>      | was made up of the countries England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland at the time of this story. Britain also had many colonies around the world that it controlled.   |
| <b>France</b>       | is a country just a short way across the water from England.  |
| <b>London</b>       | is the capital city of England.   |
| <b>Passepartout</b> | is a name made up from the French words “passe par tout,” meaning “passes through everything.” A passepartout is a key that can open any door. The man who is nicknamed “Passepartout” finds ways of doing things that most people could not. |
| <b>Pound</b>        | is English money. At the time of this story, a pound was made up of 240 pence (pennies).  |
| <b>Reform Club</b>  | was a group of men who joined together in their special building in London.   |
| <b>Whist</b>        | is a card game. One of the rules is that players can’t talk about the cards they have.  |

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*Phileas Fogg has money and lives in a big house.*

- Preview**
1. Read the name of the story.
  2. Look at the picture.
  3. Read the sentence under the picture.
  4. Read the first ( ) paragraphs of the story.
  5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that Phileas Fogg

- a. does not have much money.
- b. tries new things every day.
- c. does not talk very much.
- d. lives in a big house with his friends.

*Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.*

**Now read the story.**

*Read to find out what new things Fogg does this day.*

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Phileas Fogg did not talk much. He lived in a house on one of the best streets of London. But where did he come from? He had so much money that he did not have to work. But how did he make his money? All that people could tell was that Phileas Fogg did the same things at the same times every day.

One morning, Fogg fired his servant for not bringing the newspaper at the right time. That same day another man came asking for the job. He had come from France a long time before.

"My name is Jean," he said. "But people have called me Passepartout. I am good at finding my way out of trouble. I have had too much trouble! I want to live in a place where there are no surprises. I never want to be called Passepartout again!"

Fogg did not hear him. He was looking at his watch. "Passepartout, what time do you have?"

Passepartout took his watch from his pocket and read the time. "My watch is never off," he said.

Fogg put on his hat. "You have the job. Here is a list. It shows what I will be doing at each time every day. It shows what you must do and when." Fogg looked at his watch again. "Now is the time I walk to

the Reform Club."

At the Reform Club, Fogg went to the room where he played whist with the same men every day.

"Did you hear about the bank?" asked Flanagan.

"They will never see that money again," said Stuart.

"We will catch him," said Ralph. Ralph helped run the bank.

"How could a man just walk in and take 55,000 pounds?" asked Stuart.

"Our workers can't watch all that money all the time!" said Ralph. "The worker who saw the man said he looked honest."

"I bet he gets away with it!" said Stuart.

"All of Britain is looking for him," said Ralph.

"Can Britain watch all the world?" asked Stuart. "The world is very big!"

Fogg looked up from the game. "Not anymore."

"People can go around the world faster every day," said Ralph.

"How long would it take?" asked Stuart.

"It would take 80 days," said Fogg.

"You read that in the newspaper," said Flanagan. "The newspaper had a list of how long it would take to get from one place to another. But that is just a list. No one can go around the world in 80 days."

"I could," said Fogg.

"I bet 4,000 pounds that you can't!" laughed Stuart.

"I bet 20,000 pounds that I can," said Fogg.

"If you want to give away your money, we will take your bet," the men said.

Fogg walked home.

"Your list does not have you coming home this soon!" said Passepartout.

"We are going around the world," said Fogg.

"Around the world?" asked Passepartout. He wanted to stay in his new home!

"Watch over this bag," Fogg said. "I have 20,000 pounds in the bank. I have another 20,000 pounds in this bag. This is all the money I have."

As Fogg was getting onto the train, he saw the whist players. "Did you think I would try to trick you?" asked Fogg.

"You could stay in your house for 80 days and just say you have gone around the world," said Ralph. "But we know you are honest."

Fogg sat down next to his servant. Passepartout was holding the bag of money. He did not look happy as the train pulled away from London.

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## COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

**Preview Answer:**  
c. does not talk very much.

1. Fogg fires his servant
  - a. for not bringing something to him at the right time.
  - b. after he read about the servant in the newspaper.
  - c. so he could give Passepartout the job.
  - d. for never doing his job the right way.
  
2. Passepartout does not want to be called "Passepartout" anymore
  - a. so people will not know he is from France.
  - b. now that he can't get out of trouble.
  - c. now that he wants to live without surprises or trouble.
  - d. so that Fogg can give him a new name.
  
3. Fogg gives a list to Passepartout that shows
  - a. what he and Passepartout will be doing every part of the day.
  - b. all the things Fogg has done in the past.
  - c. what streets one goes down to get to the Reform Club.
  - d. what Fogg likes to eat.
  
4. Every morning at the same time, Fogg
  - a. goes to the bank.
  - b. fires a servant.
  - c. gives a list to Passepartout.
  - d. walks to the Reform Club.
  
5. At the Reform Club, the whist players
  - a. are playing without Fogg.
  - b. talk about a man who took money from a bank.
  - c. read newspapers in another room.
  - d. guess what the man who took the money looks like.
  
6. Fogg says he can go around the world in 80 days
  - a. just to make Stuart mad.
  - b. so that the players will get back to their game.
  - c. to catch the man who took the bank's money.
  - d. because the ways of getting around are faster than before.
  
7. When the whist players come to the train they
  - a. have come to say good-by.
  - b. want to meet Passepartout.
  - c. make sure Fogg doesn't stay home and come out in 80 days.
  - d. want to play one last game.
  
8. As the train pulls away, Passepartout
  - a. is glad to be riding on a train.
  - b. thinks Fogg should watch his own bag of money.
  - c. is happy that he works for a man with so much money.
  - d. is not happy; he knows there is trouble ahead.
  
9. Another name for this story could be
  - a. "Fogg Does Something New."
  - b. "Passepartout's New Home."
  - c. "The Whist Game."
  - d. "Fogg and His Friends."
  
10. This story is mainly about how
  - a. Fogg takes on Passepartout as his servant.
  - b. Fogg is willing to lose everything for what he thinks is true.
  - c. the whist players trick Fogg.
  - d. the bank does not watch its money.

Check your answers with the keys on page 67.

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## **VOCABULARY CHECK**

|      |       |      |         |       |       |
|------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|
| bank | place | same | trouble | watch | world |
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### ***I. Sentences to Finish***

***Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.***

1. My best friend and I like the \_\_\_\_\_ things.
2. Airplanes can fly almost anywhere in the \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. After lunch, Samuel goes out to \_\_\_\_\_ for the ice cream truck.
4. Susan put all her money into the \_\_\_\_\_ down the street.
5. If you don't come home on time, you will be in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Bill wants to live in some far away \_\_\_\_\_ .

### ***II. Matching***

***Write the letter of the correct meaning from Column B next to the key word in Column A.***

| <b><i>Column A</i></b> | <b><i>Column B</i></b>                    |
|------------------------|---|
| _____ 1. bank          | a. not different                          |
| _____ 2. place         | b. where you keep money                   |
| _____ 3. same          | c. this tells the time                    |
| _____ 4. trouble       | d. a spot where you can go                |
| _____ 5. watch         | e. where you, animals and plants all live |
| _____ 6. world         | f. you don't want to be in this           |

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