While reading

Chapter 1

1 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

a The men and the camels were going on a long rjeuyon …………………….

b veyodebrv …………………… listened to Yazid’s uncle because he was important.

c The two boys had mslefiai …………………… in Qana.

d It was very fciudfli …………………… to travel to the Mediterranean Sea.

e The camels were very maptnoi …………………… to the caravan.

f The traders had to pay when they travelled through a ncytoru …………………….

2 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

a The people were waiting waited for something.

b The camels started to getting get up.

c Hassan was a little older oldest than Yazid.

d Myrrh resin comes to from trees in South Arabia.

e The caravan couldn’t do nothing anything without the camels.

f The journey was easier with many much people.

3 Finish the sentences.

a There was colour on people’s clothes and on the …………………….

b Yazid’s uncle knew the best ways through the mountains and across …………………….

c Qana was a large city by …………………….

d Marib was a rich city because it was one of the centres of …………………….

f Frankincense and myrrh were more expensive …………………….

Chapter 2

4 Find the right words in Chapter 2.

a A place where you can see plants and sometimes animals. (p. 10) ……………………

b Boats can travel on this and you can swim in it. (p. 11) ……………………

c It is yellow and very hot. You can see it in the sky. (p. 12) ……………………

d People drive or walk along this. (p. 13) ……………………

e People read these in newspapers and books. (p. 13) ……………………

f It is yellow and very expensive. (p. 13) ……………………

5 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

a stopped The cities caravan some at famous.

b the water shining The was sun on …………………….

c knows dam built Nobody big who the …………………….

d high caravan The mountains travelled the in …………………….

f countries The other queen kings met of …………………….

Chapter 3

6 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.

shout the floor

bury help

sleep on bed

want bags

feel people

sit down

make your loudly

carry heavy better
Journey Through Arabia

7 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a All camels can carry 500 kilos on their backs. [   ]
   b Camels feet are very big and they can walk on sand very well. [   ]
   c Camels can do something unusual with their noses. [   ]
   d A camel has less than thirty-six teeth. [   ]
   e When it is born, a baby camel cannot do anything. [   ]
   f People do not eat the meat of a camel because it is bad. [   ]

8 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.
   a The men on horses were shouting loud loudly.
   b Some men tried to go to the back of the caravan as fast that as possible.
   c The traders had to bury buried their dead brothers.
   d The camels didn’t drink the day before because they were very thirsty.
   e The men couldn’t forgetting forget their dead friends.
   f The man in the shop had fruit and any some vegetables.

Chapter 4

9 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.
   a The Rub Al–Khali is the hottest desert in Saudi Arabia. ……………………..
   b The sandstorm arrived in the early evening. ……………………..
   c Yazid’s uncle looked excited, but he also looked ill. ……………………..
   d The caravan took a small road between two towns. ……………………..
   e Yazid saw people working on the top of a beautiful building. ……………………..
   f The streets of Petra were very dirty. ……………………..

10 Finish the sentences with the right words.
   fell understood knew saw made felt
   a Hassan …………………….. that a sandstorm was coming.
   b The camels were unhappy and …………………….. a lot of noise.
   c The Nabateans …………………….. water and could always find it.
   d The traders …………………….. fields of plants near the city.
   e Yazid …………………….. the rock walls with his hand.
   f Yazid’s mouth …………………….. open when he saw the city of Petra.

Chapter 5

11 Answer the questions.
   a What part of Yazid’s body hurt? ……………………..
   b Where did the traders put their bags? ……………………..
   c What colour was Yazid’s uncle’s face? ……………………..
   d What were the people carrying onto the ships? ……………………..
   e What did Hassan want to do? ……………………..
   f Where did they bury Yazid’s uncle? ……………………..

12 Circle the right word or words.
   a Yazid thought about the months / weeks he travelled with the caravan.
   b The traders got up when the sun came up / went down.
   c A lot of people were wearing expensive / strange clothes.
   d Some of the men were talking and drinking / laughing.
   e Hassan looked afraid / excited when he thought about the ships.
   f Yazid’s uncle got ill after / before he started the journey.
Chapter 6

13 Are these sentences right (√) or wrong (✗)?

a When the Romans took Nabatea, they changed its name. [   ]
b The city of Alexandria is not on the Mediterranean Sea. [   ]
c Between 363 and 551 CE, earthquakes hit many parts of Arabia. [   ]
d The old buildings of the Nabateans are not standing today. [   ]
e Incense and spices were more expensive when the Romans were in Europe. [   ]
f The Europeans didn’t know anything about Africa. [   ]

14 Finish the sentences with the right words.

to by about through in from

a The Romans brought spices .............. river to Alexandria.
b Later, the incense road .............. the desert was not so important.
c Ships followed the light .............. a tall lighthouse.
d At one time, only the desert people knew .............. the Nabatean buildings.
e The Marib Dam broke .............. an earthquake in 597 CE.
f Many of the fields changed .............. sand again.

15 Find the right words in Chapter 6.

a A word that means to buy and sell something. (p. 36) ..........................
b People do this at school, university or at home. (p. 37) ..........................
c Another way to say you like doing something. (p. 37) ..........................
d These people buy something from someone and sell it another person. (p. 37) ..........................
e This happens when two or more people hit each other. (p. 37) ..........................
f You can fly in one of these. (p. 37) ..........................
Journey Through Arabia

1 What’s first? Number the sentences 1–10.

a [   ] The caravan arrives at the city of Petra.
b [   ] Yazid hears many people speaking many different languages.
c [   ] A big sandstorm hits the caravan.
d [   ] A man tells Yazid and Hassan that the future for traders will be by sea.
e [   ] Yazid meets Hassan.
f [   ] Yazid’s uncle dies.
g [   ] Yazid’s uncle wants him to take the money and camels back to his father.
h [   ] Yazid sees people carrying big bags onto ships.
i [   ] Bandits kill three of the traders from the caravan.
j [   ] The caravan arrives at a caravanserai near the sea.

2 Finish the sentences with the right words.
made took heard came began climbed
got slept washed built

a Slowly, the caravan ............... to move.
b The traders ............... incense and spices to the north.
c Every night, the caravan ............... higher into the mountains.
d In Marib, rainwater ............... down the mountain and went into a river bed.
e The caravans didn’t travel in the wet months because the rain ............... away roads.
f Not all the traders ............... at the same time in the caravanserai.
g The sky ............... darker and darker before the sandstorm arrived.
h Yazid ............... many different languages in the caravanserai near the sea.
i The Nabateans ............... ships and carried spices to their cities.
j The spice trade ............... Venice a very rich city.

3 Are these sentences right (√) or wrong (✗)?

a Yazid was afraid because it was his first journey. [   ]
b The caravan never stopped in the desert to sleep. [   ]
c There were many tall houses inside the city of Marib. [   ]
d The bandits in the mountains travelled on camels. [   ]
e Yazid’s uncle wanted to follow the bandits into the mountains. [   ]
f The traders could pay for the caravanserai with spices. [   ]
g The camels knew that the sandstorm was coming. [   ]
h Hassan told Yazid that his uncle was ill. [   ]
i Yazid’s uncle died when he was travelling on his camel. [   ]
j Yazid went back across the desert to his family. [   ]

4 Answer these questions.
a What were the camels carrying on their backs? ..................................
b Who did the traders sell the spices and incense to? ..................................
c Why was it better to travel with a lot of people? ..................................
d What colour was the Queen of Sheeba’s camel? ..................................
e What were the Nabateans very good at doing? ..................................
f How many people lived in the city of Petra? ..................................
g What did Yazid’s uncle want to do before he died? ..................................
h Where could you see a famous lighthouse? ..................................
i Which country made a lot of money from spices that came from India? ..................................
j Where did Christopher Columbus travel from to the Americas? ..................................
5 Circle the right word or words.

a Yazid’s uncle shouted from the front / back of the caravan, and it started to move.
b Yazid saw a river / water from a dam near Marib.
c Marib sat at the top / foot of high mountains.
d Yazid’s uncle knew the way because he understood the sky / had a map.
e Yazid’s uncle thought the Nabateans were very clever / dangerous people.
f A man from Yazid’s caravan / a ship arrived with bad news about his uncle.
g The caravan began the journey home one week / a day after Yazid’s uncle died.
h The Moluccas or Maluku are in Arabia / Indonesia.
i One caravan to Mecca had 6,000 camels / people in it.
j The caravans stopped in the 1800s / 1900s.