The Voyages of Sindbad the Sailor

**Book key**

1. a Iraq
   b Alexandria and Cairo: Egypt
   Basra: Iraq
   Canton (now Guanzhou): China
2. a elephant, monkey, snake
   b captain, (giant,) king, merchant, pirate
   c cave, island, valley
3. Open answers
4. a 5 b 8 c 1 d 4 e 9 f 3
g 2 h 7 i 6
5. a He hasn't got much money.
   b He is on an 'island', but the island is really a fish.
   He goes under the water and the ship sails away with his goods.
   c He meets the captain of the ship again. The captain has his goods.
   d He buys a beautiful house.
6–8. Open answers
9. a and from island to island.
   b I was suddenly afraid.
   c big and white and round.
   d and fell asleep there.
   e then round the bird's leg.
   f and ran behind a great stone.
   g big and beautiful.
   h with the meat on top of me.
   i and took the meat.
   j and with it I bought goods.
10. a They throw dead animals into the valley, onto the diamonds.
   Then they pull the meat up again, with the diamonds on it.
   b He puts diamonds in his bag. Then he puts clothes round his arms and legs and round some meat. A bird carries the meat - and Sindbad - out of the valley.
11–12. Open answers
13. a the people of Zughb
   b the monkey-men
   c the giant
   d the giant
   e the three giants
   f the snake
   g the snake
   h the captain
14–15. Open answers
16. a Sindbad  b the king  c Sindbad's friend
   d the king  e Sindbad  f Sindbad
17–18. Open answers
19. a egg  b stones  c baby/young  d dark  e birds
   f ship  g island  h kicks  i throws  j coconuts
20–21. Open answers
22. a cities  b cave  c some wood  d kind
   e horse  f kind
23–25. Open answers
26. a  ✓  b ✗  c ✓  d ✓  e ✗  f ✗  g ✓
27–35. Open answers

**Discussion activities key**

1–6. Open answers
7. Possible answers to the first question: because he is bored; because he wants to have another adventure; because he wants to make more money.
8. Possible answers: Sindbad is unlocking the meat from his clothes. The merchants are curious/surprised. They don't know what to do.
9. Possible answers: The giant is holding a merchant in his right hand. The other merchants are on the ground. They are very scared. Some of them are hiding their eyes or crying. The giant is very angry. He is shouting.
10–12. Open answers
13. All the statements are correct except Sindbad finds gold in the cavern; he finds diamonds.
14–24. Open answers

**Activity worksheets**

1. a ✗  b ✓  c ✗  d ✓  e ✗  f ✗  g ✓
   h ✓  i ✓
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<td>Why did Sindbad go on his second voyage?</td>
<td>In what way was Sindbad very stupid?</td>
<td>Why did the sky go dark?</td>
<td>How did Sindbad get off the island?</td>
<td>Where did the bird land?</td>
<td>Why didn’t Sindbad leave the valley of the snakes?</td>
<td>What did he see on the valley floor?</td>
<td>How did he get out of the Valley of Diamonds?</td>
<td>Who did he meet at the top of the mountain?</td>
<td>How did he get money from this voyage?</td>
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<td>Because he was bored and wanted to see other countries and cities again.</td>
<td>He went to sleep on the island and his boat went away.</td>
<td>Because a giant bird flew over Sindbad’s head.</td>
<td>He put clothes round his arms and legs and then round the bird’s legs.</td>
<td>On a big snake.</td>
<td>Because he couldn’t climb out.</td>
<td>Diamonds.</td>
<td>He put some of his clothes around his arms and legs then round some meat to attract the birds</td>
<td>Some merchants.</td>
<td>He took diamonds from the valley.</td>
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<td>SARMTENCH ………. merchants</td>
<td>SMITE ………. times</td>
<td>GENTISTRINE ………. interesting</td>
<td>WERTH ………. threw</td>
<td>NUDFO ………. found</td>
<td>KEMA ………. make</td>
<td>DEMOV ………. moved</td>
<td>SLEDAD ………. saddle</td>
<td>PHYPA ………. happy</td>
<td>TAUMONIN ………. mountain</td>
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<td>One day we came to a big island.</td>
<td>The merchants went for a walk.</td>
<td>The merchants found a giant bird’s egg.</td>
<td>The merchants broke the giant bird’s egg with big stones.</td>
<td>Two great birds dropped stones as big as a house.</td>
<td>The wind and the sea took Sindbad to an island.</td>
<td>On the island, Sindbad met an old man.</td>
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Sindbad wanted to travel to India by road because the sea was too dangerous. But the road came to an end and he found a ship at the mouth of the river Ganges. The voyage was very dangerous and the sea carried the ship into a cave. The ship hit the walls and broke. Everyone/everybody died except Sindbad. He was carried through the cave. On the other side of the cave, the people of Serendip found him and helped him. Only one man spoke Arabic and Sindbad told him his story. The people took Sindbad to their king and the king listened to Sindbad’s story. The king was very interested in Baghdad. He asked Sindbad to return to Baghdad and gave him a letter and gifts for the Khalif.

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<td>merchant.</td>
<td>500 elephants (because each elephant has two tusks. and Sindbad gets one tusk in ten.)</td>
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8–9 Open answers

10 Possible answers: most of the voyages begin with Sindbad being bored with life in Baghdad; all the voyages were dangerous; he meets different types of giant on many of the voyages (birds, snakes, a man); Sindbad buys and sells goods; he always returns to Baghdad a rich man.

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<td>The merchants broke the giant bird’s egg. …5</td>
<td>Sindbad married a rich and beautiful woman. …4</td>
<td>Sindbad learnt how to kill elephants. …7</td>
<td>Sindbad found diamonds. …2 and 4</td>
<td>Sindbad walked on the island-fish. …1</td>
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**g** Sindbad was captured by the Old Man of the Sea. ...5

**h** Sindbad went to India for the first time. ...6

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3 In the first voyage, Sindbad goes to sea because he wants **money**. The ship sailed from Basra and sailed to the **east**. Sindbad traded goods. They came to an island and the captain took the ship near the island to find **water**. The **merchants** made a fire and the island began to move. It was not a real island, it was a huge **fish**. The ship **leaves** and Sindbad is alone. He is saved when he climbs into a **wooden box**. Later, Sindbad works for a **kind** King. At the end of the story Sindbad returns to Baghdad a **rich** man.

4 **a** island  **b** ship  **c** egg  **d** stones  **e** bird  **f** mother  **g** house  **h** sea  **i** wind  **j** man  **k** river  **l** legs  **m** drink  **n** back  **o** sailors  **p** trees  **q** monkeys  **r** coconuts

5 **1** c  **2** b  **3** a  **4** b

6 **a** ✓  **b** ✗  **c** ✗  **d** ✗  **e** ✓  **f** ✗  **g** ✗  **h** ✓  **i** ✗  **j** ✓  **k** ✗