

Lessons 5–6 The travels of Ibn Jubayr

Write "yes" in the box beside the correct answer; write "No" beside the wrong answer:

1 Listen to the first part of the story of Ibn Jubayr's travels and choose the correct answers.

1 After he left home, Ibn Jubayr travelled first to	5 The Sultan in Alexandria was very
a Granada. b Morocco. c Ceuta.	a cruel. b friendly. c generous.
2 He travelled to Alexandria	6 To get to Jeddah from Egypt, he sailed
a by boat. b on foot. c by camel.	a across the Mediterranean.
3 In Alexandria, there were many	b down the Nile and across the Red Sea.
a lighthouses. b mosques. c streets.	c across the Red Sea and down the Nile.
4 He was also impressed by the enormous	
a port. b lighthouse. c gardens.	

2 Listen to the second part of the story and match the beginnings of the sentences 1–5 with the endings a–e.

1 The Arab poetry he learned as a boy	a were in the Syrian city of Damascus.
2 From Medina,	b was like paradise.
3 Even though the city was beautiful,	c gave Ibn Jubayr the desire to travel in the desert.
4 Damascus	d the people of Baghdad were cold and proud.
5 The friendliest people he met	e the caravan travelled north into Iraq.

3 Listen to the final part of the story and complete each gap with ONE word.

1 The final part of Ibn Jubayr's journey was the most _____.	Storm
2 He almost died in a terrible _____ at sea.	Muslim
3 In Sicily, he was helped by the _____ community there and he wrote about their _____.	Dangerous
4 He was impressed by the terrifying _____.	dirty
5 He finally arrived home in Cartagena in Spain in _____.	cruel