

## Lessons 5–6 The travels of Ibn Jubayr



**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	<b>a</b> Granada. <b>b</b> Morocco. <b>c</b> Ceuta.	5 The Sultan in Alexandria was very
		<b>a</b> cruel. <b>b</b> friendly. <b>c</b> generous.
2 He travelled to Alexandria	<b>a</b> by boat. <b>b</b> on foot. <b>c</b> by camel.	6 To get to Jeddah from Egypt, he sailed
		<b>a</b> across the Mediterranean.
3 In Alexandria, there were many	<b>a</b> lighthouses. <b>b</b> mosques. <b>c</b> streets.	<b>b</b> down the Nile and across the Red Sea.
		<b>c</b> across the Red Sea and down the Nile.
4 He was also impressed by the enormous	<b>a</b> port. <b>b</b> lighthouse. <b>c</b> 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	<b>a</b> were in the Syrian city of Damascus.
2 From Medina,	<b>b</b> was like paradise.
3 Even though the city was beautiful,	<b>c</b> gave Ibn Jubayr the desire to travel in the desert.
4 Damascus	<b>d</b> the people of Baghdad were cold and proud.
5 The friendliest people he met	<b>e</b> the caravan travelled north into Iraq.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 He almost died in a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ at sea.
- 3 In Sicily, he was helped by the \_\_\_\_\_ community there and he wrote about their \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 He was impressed by the terrifying \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 He finally arrived home in Cartagena in Spain in \_\_\_\_\_.