

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.

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

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

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| 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. |

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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 _____.