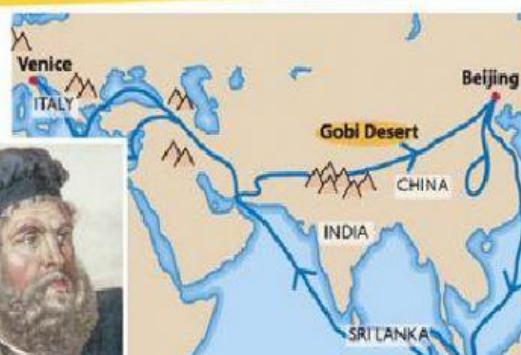


READ THE TEXT. Answer the questions.

## EXPLORES



### Marco Polo

Marco Polo was not the first European to travel east to China, but he is the most famous because of his books. Lots of people have read these, including the explorer Christopher Columbus. Marco left Italy in 1271 with his father and uncle, who were making their second journey to China. He went with them and only came back 24 years later. When they went to China they travelled mostly over land, going through mountains and across the Gobi Desert. When he came west, back to Europe, he travelled more by sea. He visited India and Sri Lanka before he got back home. He brought back lots of stories and the idea of paper money, which people later copied.



### Ranulph Fiennes

Guinness World Records described Fiennes as 'the world's greatest living explorer.' He has been on more than 30 expeditions. In 1979 he started an expedition around the world which took three years to finish. He and his team went to both the North and South Poles - an adventure of more than 83,000 km. Another difficult expedition was when he walked across Antarctica in 1993 with Dr Stroud. On this expedition, they didn't carry rucksacks on their backs. They pulled sledges which weighed 225 kg because they were carrying all the things which they needed to camp. They had special clothes, tents, sleeping bags and torches (or flashlights) to see in the dark.

- 1 Marco Polo travelled east to Australia.
- 2 He wrote books about his journey.
- 3 Fiennes is the world's greatest living explorer.
- 4 A rucksack is a bag you can sleep in.
- 5 Fiennes went to India with Dr Stroud.
- 6 Their sledges weighed 225 kilos.

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