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# INTERACTIVE WORKSHEET

# READING COMPREHENSION

**GRADE : 5C High School** **AREA : ENGLISH**

## Ferdinand Magellan



Ferdinand Magellan was a famous Portuguese explorer who gave the Pacific Ocean its name. The name means that it is a calm and peaceful ocean. He also led the first expedition that sailed around the world from 1519 to 1522, although he himself did not finish the journey.

At first he sailed for his native country, Portugal. But when the Portuguese King Manuel II refused to let him lead an expedition to the Spice Islands in Indonesia, he decided to leave Portugal and go to Spain. The Spice Islands were very rich in spices which people could trade around Europe and which provide them with important financial benefits. At that time, Spain was in competition with Portugal for business and was looking for new routes to get to the Far East in order to trade. Portugal controlled the route that went around the South of Africa and then East towards India, so Spain needed to find a new route. Magellan planned an expedition that would reach the Spice Islands by crossing west over the Atlantic and then go around the southern part of Chile.

He presented his plan to King Charles V of Spain, who immediately agreed to it. It was a great solution for Spain to continue trading without upsetting their neighbor, Portugal.

The voyage began in September 1519, and lasted until September 1522. Magellan sailed from Seville, Spain, with five ships, the *Trinidad*, *San Antonio*, *Concepción*, *Victoria* and *Santiago*. Three years later, only one ship, the *Victoria*, made it back to Seville, carrying only 18 of the original 270 crew members. Magellan was killed towards the end of the voyage, on the Island of Mactan in the Philippines, during a battle with the natives. The navigator Juan Sebastián Elcano completed the trip. It was the first expedition to sail across the Atlantic and into the Pacific Ocean. It was also the first to sail around the world, even though this had not been Magellan's plan. His goal was just to reach the Spice Islands and then to return the way he had arrived. However, after his death Elcano made the decision to continue the expedition Westwards around the south of Africa.



Even if it was not Magellan's plan to sail around the world, there is no doubt that he led one of the most important naval expeditions in history and will always be remembered as a great world explorer.

**1.** What was Magellan the first to do?
- **a.** Give a name to the Pacific Ocean.
- **b.** Sail around the world.
- **c.** Trade spices from the Far East.
- **d.** Sail for Portugal.

**2.** Why did Magellan leave Portugal for Spain?
- **a.** The Portuguese king told him to.
- **b.** The Spanish king invited him.
- **c.** The Portuguese king did not agree to his planned expedition.
- **d.** The Portuguese ships could not sail East to the Spice Islands.

**3.** What was Spain trying to find?
- **a.** A new business plan with Portugal.
- **b.** A new way to get to the Far East for trade.
- **c.** A way to sail to Chile.
- **d.** A way to build a larger ship.

**4.** Why did the King think the expedition was a good idea?
- **a.** It was a safe and easy journey.
- **b.** It would not cost a lot.
- **c.** It would avoid problems with Portugal.
- **d.** It would be an interesting exploration.

**5.** Magellan's expedition returned after 3 years with
- **a.** half the number of ships it had left with.
- **b.** five ships but with half the crew.
- **c.** only 18 men including Magellan.
- **d.** 18 men but without Magellan.

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# GRAMMAR :

## REPORTED SPEECH (STATEMENTS)

**I. Change to reported speech :**

**1) She said, "I can get home on my own".**

She said that she _____ on her own.

**2) They said, "We haven't been to an art gallery for ages".**

They said that they _____ to an art gallery for ages.

**3) Jack said, "We must leave soon".**

Jack said that they _____ soon.

**4) The guide said, "The weather may get much worse".**

The guide said that the weather _____ much worse.

**5) He said, "I'll think about it".**

He said that he _____ about it.



**II. Change the direct speech into reported speech.**

**1) "I don't like mushrooms".**

She said (that) she _____.

**2) "I've never been to Wales".**

Andrew said he _____.

**3) "Diego will get married very soon".**

Peter said (that) Diego_____.

**4) "Alexandra is playing computer games in her bedroom".**

Helen said Alexandra _____.

**5) "I'm having a good time".**

Hector said that he _____.




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