

Read the texts about explorers and choose the best title: 1, 2, or 3.

- 1 A trip to Africa
- 2 A long journey to Bulgaria
- 3 A new and safer journey



Vasco da Gama - _____

Vasco da Gama was an explorer from Portugal. He **sailed** from Europe to India in 1497. He found a way by sea that was safer than travelling on land. He travelled to India again, in 1502 and 1524.

Ibn Fadlan - _____

In 921, Ibn Fadlan **travelled** from Baghdad to Bulgaria. He wanted to tell people about Islam and Islamic law. He travelled more than 4000 kms! He also wrote **a diary** about the people he met.



Richard Burton and John Speke - _____

Richard Burton and John Speke were British explorers. In 1857 they travelled to Africa. It was a **difficult** and **dangerous** journey. They found the start of the River Nile.



Look at the words in red in the texts. Match them to their meanings below.

- a) to go on a boat
- b) not easy
- c) not safe; you can get hurt
- d) where you write what you do and see
- e) to go from one place to another

Read the texts again. Answer the questions.

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| 1 Did Vasco de Gama go to India by train? | Yes / No |
| 2 Did Ibn Fadlan travel to Bulgaria? | Yes / No |
| 3 Did Richard Burton and John Speke travel to Africa in 1957? | Yes / No |
| 4 Did Ibn Fadlan write a diary? | Yes / No |

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

dangerous / travelled/ diary/ sailed / difficult

1. The ship _____ to china.
2. Last year, we _____ to Turkey.
3. The Math exam was really _____.
4. It is very _____ to play with fire.
5. That's my private _____ - you shouldn't be reading it.

