

ACTIVITIES

BEFORE READING

1 Here are the main characters in *Journey to the West*. Match a sentence with each picture. Use a dictionary to help you.



- a Triptaka is learning to be a monk, and he doesn't like fighting.
- b Sandy lives in a river, and he fights with a spade.
- c Monkey can fly through the sky, and he fights with a staff.
- d Pigsy lives on a farm, likes eating, and fights with a rake.

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2 These characters go on a journey in the story. Where, do you think?

- a ☐ From China to England.
- b ☐ From China to America.
- c ☐ From China to India.

3 What do they do on their journey? Write 'yes' or 'no'. Use a dictionary to help you.



- a They stay in some nice hotels.....
- b They fight angry demons.....
- c They find a lot of treasure.....



- d They eat good food every day.....
- e They bring back holy writings to China.....

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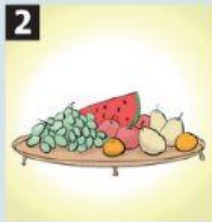
READING CHECK

Match the first and second parts of the sentences.

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| a | Monkey is born from | 1 | a red demon. |
| b | Soon, Monkey is king of all the | 2 | an old rock. |
| c | Monkey learns a lot of things from | 3 | Monkey. |
| d | Hundreds of little monkeys fight | 4 | horses. |
| e | The Dragon King gives Monkey | 5 | monkeys. |
| f | Monkey works with the Emperor's | 6 | a holy man. |
| g | The Moon Goddess feels sorry for | 7 | a mountain. |
| h | Monkey eats all the Emperor's | 8 | a young monk. |
| i | The Emperor puts Monkey under | 9 | a staff. |
| j | Guanyin finds, and speaks to | 10 | peaches. |

WORD WORK

1 Match the words with the pictures.



a fruit ☒

b Earth ☐

c seal ☐

d monkey ☐

e demon ☐

f staff ☐

g writings ☐

h rock ☐

i peach ☐

j monastery ☐

k dragon ☐

l monk ☐



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2 Find new words from Chapter 1 to complete the sentences.

- a When you fight demons, you must wear a _____.
- b An a _____ knows all about ships, and a g _____ knows all about fighting.
- c Be careful! Don't walk in that horse m _____ in front of you.
- d Monkey is s _____. He can run up a tall m _____ very fast.
- e The water in the o _____ is dark today, and there are black c _____ in the sky.
- f A monk is a h _____ man. He usually lives in a monastery.
- g Cook the bread in the o _____ for 50 minutes.
- h The Emperor of Heaven never dies. He's i _____.
- i When the Dragon King says the w _____ 'change', the big staff is suddenly very little. It's m _____!
- j 'Does your country have a k _____?' 'Yes, and his son is a p _____.'

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Read the sentences and tick one box.

Tripitaka...



- a ☐ says, 'No, thank you. I don't want to go to India.'

- b ☐ takes the road to the west, but a demon kills him.



- c ☐ begins to go to India on a beautiful horse, and soon meets Monkey.

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READING CHECK

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

headband

- a Guanyin gives a magic ~~bag~~ to Tripitaka.
- b Tripitaka hears some cries from behind a big black tree.
- c On the road, Tripitaka talks to a very old woman.
- d Monkey ate all the apples in heaven, so he must go with Tripitaka.
- e After nearly four hundred years, Monkey is free.
- f Monkey must wear the headband some of the time.
- g Monkey walks behind Tripitaka on the journey.
- h On the road, Monkey moves his ears from left to right.
- i One day, Monkey and Tripitaka come to a big ocean.
- j A river dragon suddenly eats Tripitaka's dinner.

WORD WORK

Find eight more new words from Chapter 2 in the wordsquare.

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2 Use the words from Activity 1 to complete these sentences.

- a This summer I want to travel to France and visit friends there.
- b We're tired after our long here.
- c That dog's very good. It always listens to its
- d Hey! There's a with two heads and three eyes over there!
- e Let's sit on this of the garden. It's nicer here.
- f She'd like to a doctor when she's older.
- g Don't down from that rock! Come down slowly.
- h I don't like these shoes. They're very on my feet.
- i He always wears a white when he plays tennis.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.

- a Tripitaka begins the journey again on...



1 ☐ Monkey's back.



2 ☐ foot.



3 ☐ a new horse.

- b The travellers go across the river on...



1 ☐ a small ship.



2 ☐ Monkey's staff.



3 ☐ a river dragon's back.

- c Later on the journey, a monster...



1 ☐ fights Monkey.



2 ☐ eats Monkey.



3 ☐ runs away with Tripitaka.

READING CHECK

Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

- a Monkey hits the river dragon with his staff.
- b The river dragon was once the Emperor of Heaven.
- c The river dragon becomes Tripitaka's new horse.
- d The travellers come to a monastery, and meet Kao Tsai there.
- e Kao Tsai tells the travellers about a monster.
- f The monster was once a good farm worker.
- g Kao Tsai's wife, Blue Orchid, is now the monster's prisoner.
- h Monkey wants to help Blue Orchid.
- i The monster has a fight with Tripitaka.
- j The monster wants to kill Monkey with a big staff.

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1 Complete the dialogues on page 19 with the words in the dragon.

