

CROSSING THE WORLD

ON A RICKSHAW TO SEE THE OLYMPICS



When Chen Guan Ming was a young man, he never travelled far from his farm in a small village in China. But now he is famous for following the Olympic Games around the world in his three-wheeled rickshaw. The story **began** in 2001, when he **heard** that the games were coming to Beijing. He **left** his village and cycled 90,000 km all over China, visiting 1,764 cities before finally arriving at the famous Bird's Nest Stadium.

Then, he decided to travel to London for the 2012 Olympics. In 2010, he packed his things into his rickshaw and began his journey. He **slept** in his rickshaw and sometimes worked for food and money. Finally, he got to France, and **caught** a ferry to Britain. He only travels by boat or plane when there's no other choice.

When he arrived in London, he **met** lots of tourists and **told** them his story. Some people didn't believe him. Then he showed them the stamps in his passport, and the photos of himself at places like the Eiffel Tower in Paris and Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

After the London Olympics, Chen left his rickshaw in the UK and caught a flight home to plan his next trip – to the Rio Olympics. In 2013, he **flew** back to London. He **put** his rickshaw on a ship to Canada, and he **took** a plane there.

A friend **paid** for his flight ticket. Then, he **got on** his rickshaw and **rode** to Brazil through the US, Mexico and Central America. The journey took three years. He **had** an amazing time in Rio and **made** lots more friends.



READING

- 1 Look at the title of the article and the photos. Which countries do you think the man visited? Read the article quickly and check your ideas.
- 2 Read the article about Chen Guan Ming and answer the questions.
 - 1 What was Chen's job when he was young?
 - 2 How far did he cycle to get to Beijing?
 - 3 When did Chen leave home to go to London?
 - 4 Did Chen go sightseeing during his journey?
 - 5 Where did Chen go after the London Olympics?
 - 6 Did Chen travel with his rickshaw to Canada?

3 Look at the irregular past tenses in **purple** in the article. Write the infinitives.

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4 Do you know about any other long journeys? Would you like to do a journey like this?

PREPARE SECOND EDITION LEVEL 2

UNIT 7 VOCABULARY: PLUS

1 Complete the holiday activity words with the missing letters.

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| 1 take | p h o t o s |
| 2 buy | p _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3 go | c _ _ _ _ _ |
| 4 go | s _ _ _ _ _ |
| 5 do | w _ _ _ _ s _ _ _ _ |
| 6 stay at a | h _ _ _ _ |
| 7 lie on a | b _ _ _ _ |
| 8 ride a | b _ _ _ |