



Around the World in Eighty Days



Learning Objectives



To learn to travel across the world.



To understand the diversity of life.

Warm-up

Given below is a Vacation Planner. Think about a destination where you wish to go and plan a trip.

VACATION PLANNER

Things to do

- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

Interesting Facts

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**Why I
want
to go**

Restaurants

- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐





Jules Verne (8 February, 1828–24 March, 1905) was a prolific French novelist, poet and playwright best known for his adventure novels and his profound influence on the literary genre of science fiction. The scientific author is still remembered for his much celebrated works such as 'Around the World in Eighty Days (1873), Journey to the Center of the Earth (1864), and Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea (1869). A true inventor and visionary, Jules Verne set ideas and wrote about many important inventions, conveniences and explorations we experience today. He predicted the use of hydrogen as an energy source as well as future technologies such as submarines, airplanes, helicopters and skyscrapers. He also wrote about the ways of travelling to and exploring the north, south poles and the Moon.

In a club, in England, there was a heated discussion. Phileaus Fogg had taken a bet with certain members of the club that he could travel around the world in eighty days.

"Impossible," said Joseph Cain, one of the members, "You cannot travel to every continent in eighty days." "It's a bet, gentlemen. Twenty thousand pounds," said Phileaus confidently. "That is a bet," said the members.

Phileaus Fogg had not made an empty boast. He was very correct gentleman and had made precise calculations with a world map. He had decided that eighty days were enough to travel round the world.

Phileaus Fogg's bet was well published in all newspapers in and around England. It so happened that a big diamond burglary had taken place a few days earlier. Phileaus's face fitted the description of the man who was wanted for the burglary. Scotland Yard appointed a man, Fix, to follow Phileaus.

Phileaus Fogg along with his personal assistant, Passepartout, packed their bags to start their journey. Phileaus had a chart. First stop was from London to Suez, seven days by rail and steamer.

Phileaus Fogg and Passepartout reached Suez and from there set sail to Bombay by steamer, a thirteen day journey. Fix came face to face with Fogg on this journey, "Were you not on the steamer to Suez?" asked Fogg. "Yes," replied Fix uneasily.

Once they reached Bombay, Phileaus and Passepartout checked into a Hotel., with Fix right behind them. In Bombay, Phileaus was informed that the king had died and the queen was to commit **sati**, that is, jump into the funeral pyre of her husband.



Phileas Fogg was not a man to sit down and do nothing about it. He and Passepartout went to rescue the queen on elephant back. They were just in time. The queen had been **drugged** and was about to be thrown into the fire, when Phileas **intervened**. He carried the queen back to the Hotel.

Phileas Fogg realised that the queen was very beautiful. He fell in love with her and proposed to marry her. She agreed. They were married immediately. Phileas Fogg told his new bride of his bet, "We will have to leave Bombay and move on the Calcutta and from there on to Hong Kong. A sixteen day journey."

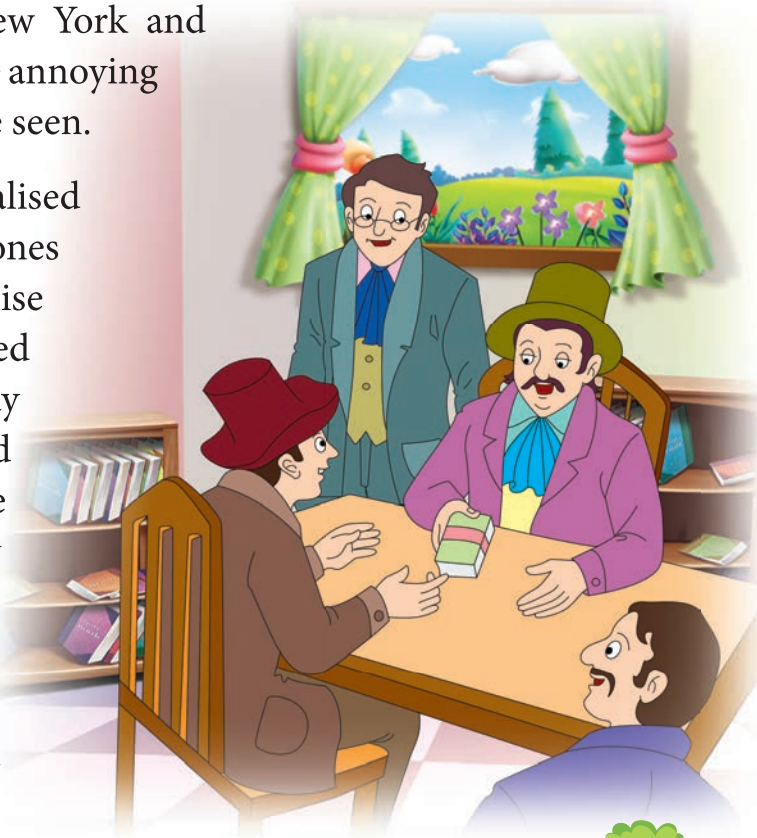
They reached Hong Kong, Mr. and Mrs. Fogg and Passepartout followed closely by Fix. Fogg had noticed that Fix seemed to be everywhere they went. He ignored Fix.

They left Hong Kong and headed to Japan and from Japan to San Francisco. A twenty eight day journey. Fix was getting really tired following Phileas Fogg. Here was a man who never rested. He had found a bride and got married in a single day; kept on the move jumping from Rail to Road to Sea. All this seemed to be taking a **toll** on Fix.

In San Francisco, Phileas Fogg again saw Fix **lurking** somewhere behind him. He waited until Fix was alongside him and asked, "What is your game, Sir? You have been following me from London all the way to the Suez to Bombay and now here." Fix was **speechless**. He said, "I..I..It's just a **coincidence**."

Phileas Fogg was now on his way to New York and then to his final destination London, another sixteen days. The journey to New York and London went without a hitch, except for the annoying presence of Fix who tried his best not to be seen.

Everything was fine until Phileas Fogg realised that he had not taken the different time zones into consideration, he was shocked to realise that he would be a day late. He was supposed to reach London on the morning of Sunday and win his bet. Phileas Fogg would now reach on Monday. He walked home dejected. He lay in bed, when suddenly his eye caught the calendar. He called Passepartout, "Is it you who has changed the calendar? What day is it today?" He had told nobody that his calculations had



Phileas Fogg rejoiced. He ran to the club to tell the members that, “He had indeed won.” The members of the club gladly paid Phileas Fogg his twenty thousand pounds. As for Fix he came to know that the thief had been caught the same day he had started on the trail of Phileas Fogg.

A cartoon character of a notepad with a face, arms, and legs, holding a pencil. It is set against a circular background with a green top half and an orange bottom half.

Coincidence: *chance of occurrence of events at the same time*

CROSS-CURRICULAR CONNECT

Learning by doing

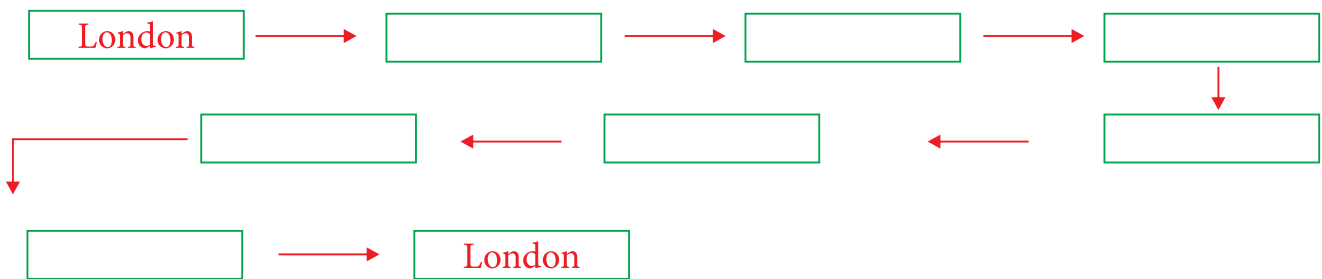
Look at the Travel Infographic given here and discuss with your friends the steps to plan a trip and important points to remember when you travel.



Critical Thinking

Let's Play a Game!

Trace the journey of Mr. Phileas Fogg starting from Suez in the following flow diagram.



Logical Thinking

Well-known and short-tempered are compound adjectives. A compound adjective is a combination of two words expressing a single idea.

Form compound adjectives using the words given in the two columns. You can use a word more than once. One has been done for you.

	legged	long-legged
Long	known	
Well	tempered	
Broad	haired	
Short	minded	
Large	hearted	
Mouth	sighted	
	watering	
	shouldered	



Exercise Time

A. Answer the following questions.

1. What bet did Mr. Fogg place with his friends?
2. Why was Fix following Mr. Fogg everywhere?
3. What did Mr. Fogg do when he learnt that a queen was about to commit Sati in Bombay?
4. Why was Fix getting tired of following Mr. Fogg?
5. Why did Mr. Fogg think that he would be late by a day?
6. Did Mr. Fogg win the bet in the end?

B. Find their meanings.

1. Destination
2. Description
3. Funeral
4. Annoying



C. Fill in the blanks.

1. Phileaus Fogg had taken a bet with certain members of the club that he could travel around the world in days.
2. Phileaus Fogg and reached Suez and from there set sail to by steamer, a thirteen-day journey.
3. They reached Hong Kong, Mr. and Mrs. Fogg and Passepartout followed closely by
4. Phileaus Fogg was now on his way to New York and then to his final destination London, another days.
5. He was supposed to reach London on and win his bet.

D. Match the following.

Column A

1. Phileaus Fogg
2. Joseph Cain
3. Precise calculations
4. Diamond burglary
5. Fix Fogg's

Column B

- (a) Fogg's careful planning for the trip.
- (b) A gentleman who takes a bet to travel the world in 80 days.
- (c) The amount wagered on Fogg's ability to complete journey.
- (d) One of the club member who doubts the feasibility of Fogg's journey.
- (e) The detective hired to follow and investigate Fogg.

E. Tick (✓) the right options.

1. The bet amount was fixed at
(i) twenty thousand pounds. ☐ (ii) twenty thousand dollars.
(iii) twenty thousand rupees.
2. Phileaus's face fitted the description of the man wanted for the
(i) statue burglary. ☐ (ii) diamond burglary. ☐
(iii) gold burglary. ☐



3. Phileas started his journey from
- (i) London ☐ (ii) Suez ☐ (iii) Bombay ☐
4. The total journey time from Hong Kong to San Francisco was calculated to be
- (i) 6 days ☐ (ii) 22 days ☐ (iii) 28 days ☐
5. The thief of the diamond burglary was caught on
- (i) the day Phileas Fogg started his journey ☐
- (ii) the day Phileas Fogg completed his journey ☐
- (iii) the tenth day of having committed robbery ☐

Communication

Writing Skills

Your teacher will tell the names of some countries. You have to write in which direction of India these countries are situated.



Reading Skills

Do a quick research and read about the top five countries which are best to travel. How would you plan your trip to such countries?

