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The race is on! Travel around the world in 80 days-impossible? It is in 1872- long before the airplane and the supersonic trains. But Phileas Fogg bets half of his fortune that it can be done. With his servant, Passapartout, Phileas Fogg sets off on a race against time to do what no one else has done before.

Source: Book cover Apple Classic Scholastic

What places do you think he visits?
What means of transport does he use?
What problems do you think he can face?
Do you think the story has a happy ending?
In pairs, read the newspaper extract and the text below and find out when, where and how everything starts

**WHEN:**

**WHERE:**

**HOW:**

At the Reform Club, everybody is speaking about the news appeared on the newspaper.

“Well, but where can he fly to?” Ralph asks. “No country is safe for him!”

“Pschaw!” Stuart says.

“Where can he go, then?” Ralph asks.

“Oh, I don’t know that. The world is really big”. Stuart says.

“It was big in the past” Phileas Fogg says.

“What do you mean by “in the past”? Is the world smaller now?” Stuart asks. “Certainly,” answers Ralph, “I agree with Mr Fogg. The world is smaller now. A man can go round the world ten times more quickly than a hundred years ago. So, now you can go round it in 3 months.”

“In eighty days,” says Phileas Fogg.

“That is true, gentlemen”, adds John Sullivan. “Only 80 days, now that the section between Rothal and Allahabad, on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, is open. Here is the estimate made by the Daily Telegraph:

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“"Yes, in eighty days!”, exclaims Stuart. "But it doesn't take into account bad weather, contrary winds, shipwrecks, railway accidents, and so on.”

“All included,” Phileas Fogg replies

“But imagine the Hindoos or Indians pull up the rails”, Stuart says; “imagine that they stop the trains.”

“All included”, Phileas Fogg replies again

“You are right, theoretically, Mr Fogg, but practically-”

“Practically also, Mr Stuart”,

“I’d like to see you do in 80 days"

“It depends on you. Shall we go?”

“For Goodness sake, not me! But I will bet four thousand pounds that this journey is impossible. I don’t agree with you. It is indeed quite possible, Fogg answers. Well, make it, then! The journey round the world in 80 days?

Yes

Great!

When?

Immediately!

I will bet twenty thousand pounds against anyone who wishes that I will make the tour of the world in eighty days or less; in nineteen hundred and twenty hours, Or a hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred minutes.
COMPREHENSION

Read again and answer the questions below

a) What news is everybody speaking about? Give at least 2 details.
b) Someone says “Where can he fly to?”, Who is he talking about?
c) Why do they say that the world is smaller now?
d) Does everybody agree with the Daily Telegraph estimate? Why?
e) What kind of bet do they make?
g) Do you know who wins the bet? Read the final extract and check if your guess is correct (next page)

MAKE CONNECTIONS

On his journey around the world, Phileas Fogg follows the itinerary mentioned by the Daily Telegraph.
In pairs, locate these places and label the world map below.

Extra: Copy and complete the following table:

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You can’t marry Aouda tomorrow! Passepartout says. Impossible tomorrow!
“Why?”, Fogg asks.
Because tomorrow is Sunday!
“Monday”, Fogg replies.
No, today is Saturday!
Saturday? impossible!
Yes, yes! you’ve made a mistake of one day! We arrived twenty-four hours ahead of time; but now there are only ten minutes left! So, let’s rush to the Reform Club. There is no much time!
The clock indicated a quarter before nine when he entered the great saloon.
Phileas Fogg is here! one of his friends says, “He is the winner!”
“Why is he the winner? one of the members of the Reform Club asks,
“Because he completed his journey around the world in just 80 days”, Ralph answers.
“Well, in just 79 days”, Fogg replies.
“You’ve won the bet of twenty thousand pounds!” They all tell Phileas.
But the truth is that he has spent almost nineteen thousand on the way.

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

5 Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text above
a) What mistake does Fogg make?
b) How does he find out about this error?
c) What was the cause of his error? Can you explain what happened?

EXTRA: It’s the way you say it!
Work with two or three friends. Decide which character each person will be. Rehearse together and present your dramatised reading of the text above to the rest of the class

DISCUSSION

6 The cause of his error was simple. Look at the map below, which shows time zones and try to give an explanation.

Any idea about Aouda? Read the complete book and you will find out about this Indian.
Phileas Fogg gains one day on his journey, because he has travelled constantly eastward; on the contrary, you lose one day, if you travel constantly in the opposite direction, that is westward. When travelling eastward, he goes towards the sun, and the days therefore diminish for him as many times four minutes as he crosses degrees in this direction. There are three hundred and sixty degrees on the circumference of the earth: and these three hundred and sixty degrees, multiplied by four minutes, gives precisely twenty-four hours—that is the day he gains unconsciously. In other words, while Phileas Fogg, going eastward, sees the sun pass the meridian eighty times, his friends in London see it past the meridian seventy-nine times. This is why they wait for him at the Reform Club on Saturday, and not Sunday, as Mr Fogg thinks.

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8. Think of a catchy headline for the newspaper announcing the end of the journey around the world. Write a brief description of the events. Don’t forget to calculate the date of the newspaper.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

Saturday, _____________, 1872

headline

Brief news report

9. Would you like to travel around the world? Choose a place visited by Phileas Fogg, and try to complete the following CUE card.

PLACE:
Location:
Language:
Time Difference:
Currency:
How to get there:
Interesting facts:
A day-dreaming inventor and a Chinese bank robber race to circle the globe in Around The World In 80 Days. Find out if this high-flying adventure sinks or swims!

**Around The World In 80 Days - Global Adventure**

Around The World In 80 days is based on the classic novel by Jules Verne. The movie tells the story of the day-dreaming English inventor, Phileas Fogg, played by Steve Coogan, who accepts a challenge to circle the planet in just eighty days. Keep in mind that this story takes place long before the days of airplanes, rocket ships, cars or high-speed trains - when a trip around the earth was thought to take months, not days. To help him on his global adventure, Phileas Fogg recruits the help of Passepartout, a Chinese thief, played by martial arts action master, Jackie Chan. As this worldly adventure rolls along, Fogg and Passepartout take a train, stagecoach, hot air balloon, boat and even an elephant, while trying to avoid an English police officer and a Chinese warlord, who are determined to put an end to this worldwide journey.

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**Overall:** B  
**Violence:** C  
**Sexual Content:** B  
**Language:** B  
**Drugs/Alcohol:** C+  
**Run Time:** 120 min  
**Theater Release:** 15 Jun 2004  
**Video Release:** 01 Nov 2004  
**MPAA Rating:** PG  
**Around the World in 80 Days (original title)**  
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**In your opinion, what would be your final decision about watching the film?**