

# LESSON PLAN

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### AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

#### Worksheet

##### Chapter 2 – When Phileas Fogg makes a bet

At the Reform Club all the men are talking about a big bank robbery at the Bank of England, and Phileas Fogg is very interested and joins the discussion. England's best detectives are looking for the thief because there is a two thousand pound reward for the person who catches him. It seems that the thief is an elegant, good-looking gentleman.

##### 1. Before you read – Match these words from the text to their meaning.

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| 1. shipwrecks             | a. a man-made river, built in Suez, Egypt. It was used by ships to go from Europe to Asia, via Africa. |
| 2. respectable            | b. a legal document that gives the detective the permission to arrest someone                          |
| 3. Suez Canal             | c. these happen when a bad storm destroys a ship at sea  |
| 4. whispered              | d. well-liked because of his/her high position in society or at a club.                                |
| 5. warrant for his arrest | e. spoke in a quiet voice  |

##### 2. Read the first part of the extract.

While the other members of the club sat at the table, ready to play their game of cards, Andrew Stuart continued to talk about the robbery.

'Where do you think the thief is hiding? He could be anywhere. The world is so big!'

'It isn't so big any more,' replied Phileas Fogg.

'What do you mean?' said Andrew Stuart with a laugh. 'The earth doesn't get any smaller!'

'Ah! But the earth is smaller,' said Sir Ralph Gautier. 'If you think that we can now go around it ten times quicker than we could one hundred years ago. Do you know that today a man can travel around the world in only three months?'

'Eighty days to be exact,' Phileas Fogg corrected him.

'Eighty days?' asked a surprised man at the table.

'Well, maybe that's true, but only if you don't consider bad weather, storms, shipwrecks, and other things,' said another.

'In eighty days, considering all possible events,' continued Phileas Fogg.

'Ah! You think so, do you, Mr Fogg?'" laughed Sir Ralph 'Well, I'll bet four thousand pounds that a journey like that is impossible in such a short time.'

'I repeat that it is possible to do the journey in that time,' said Phileas Fogg, his eyes fixed on Sir Ralph's smile.

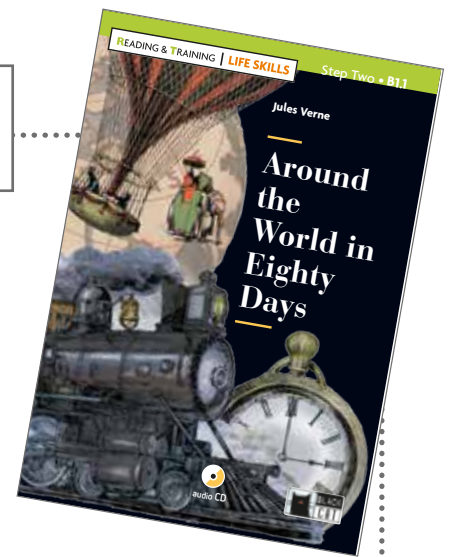
'Well, if you are so certain, then do it yourself!'

'I will,' replied Phileas Fogg.

'When?'

'Immediately. And I'll bet not four, but twenty thousand pounds that I can go around the world in eighty days; I will return here in 1,920 hours, or, if you prefer, 115,200 minutes. Do you agree to the bet?'

They all looked at one another. They could not decide if he was serious. 'We agree,' they said.



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### 3. Chapter Three – When gentlemen are thieves

Read the second part of the text.

**Phileas Fogg doesn't waste one minute! He goes home, tells Passepartout to pack their bags and at eight o'clock in the evening they leave the house. They catch the train to Dover forty-five minutes later. The London newspapers talk about Fogg's journey with great interest.**

Inspector Fix was one of the detectives investigating the robbery at the Bank of England. In his years as a detective he knew only one thing for certain: all the biggest criminals looked like respectable gentlemen. The money, the quick departure. It all made sense. Phileas Fogg was a respectable gentleman, and he, Inspector Fix, wanted to get the reward for catching him. He soon discovered that Phileas Fogg was on the *Mongolia*, a ship that sailed from Brindisi, in Italy, to Bombay, in India. Our detective decided to look carefully at all the people getting on and off the *Mongolia*. On Wednesday, 9 October, Inspector Fix saw Phileas Fogg and his manservant as they arrived in the Suez Canal. 'So there's our thief!' he whispered. 'All I need to do now is to tell Scotland Yard and wait for a warrant for his arrest, and the reward is mine.' Fix decided to speak to Fogg's manservant. 'Egypt is a beautiful country,' began the inspector. 'Yes, that's true, but we are travelling so quickly,' replied Passepartout. 'Why are you travelling so quickly? Surely you can't see Egypt in only a few days.' 'My master wants to travel around the world in eighty days...' he said, looking at the detective's confused face. 'I know, it's complete madness.' 'Well, your master is... an unusual man, but I imagine he must be very rich to try to do a journey like that in such a short time.'

### 4. Look at the last four sentences of the text.

In pairs or small groups, comment on them.

- Inspector Fix wants to get information from Passepartout, but how will Passepartout answer?
- Will he tell the inspector that his master is very rich?
- Or is Passepartout clever enough to get around the inspector?

### 5. What do you think will happen next? Will Phileas Fogg and Passepartout be able to continue their journey, or will Inspector Fix make it difficult for them? Which other problems do you suspect?

