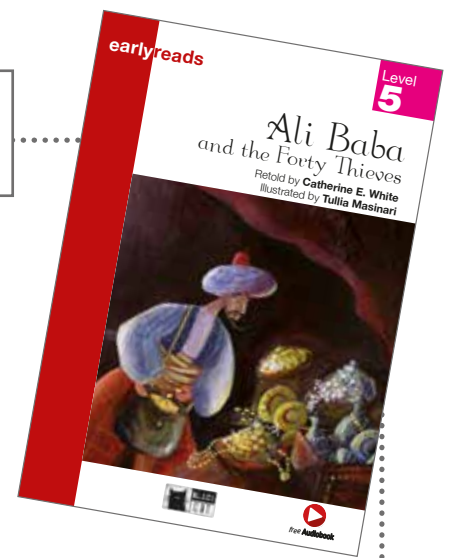



LISTENING ACTIVITY

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ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES

1  Listen to the audio and complete the text.
Choose the word/s from the basket below.

- Boxes • rock • dangerous • horses • kitchen • beautiful • thieves • work • news • men

Ali Baba was a woodcutter. He was from Persia, in the Middle East.

One day he was at **1** in the woods when he saw forty **2** on forty black horses. They stopped near a huge rock. They had forty big, heavy, brown sacks on their backs. Ali Baba watched the men as they got off their horses.

A tall man walked to the rock and said 'Open Sesame.' Ali Baba looked and looked again...Something amazing happened... the **3** opened! Behind the rock was a cave. The forty men went into the cave with their sacks. Later, when the men came out of the cave, they didn't have their sacks. 'Close Sesame,' said the tall man, and the rock closed! The forty men got on their **4** and went away. Ali Baba went to the rock. 'Open Sesame,' he said.

The rock opened... and inside the cave there were hundreds of sacks and wooden **5** Ali Baba opened a sack and...it was full of diamonds! He opened another sack and...it will full of gold coins! He opened a box and...it was full of silver! He opened another box and... it was full of **6** jewels!

'These forty men are **7**,' thought Ali. 'I'm going to take some of these coins home to my wife!' He put some gold coins into his bag and went out of the cave. 'Close Sesame,' he said.

The rock closed and he went home.

Ali Baba's wife, Nasreen, was in the **8** Ali Baba told her about the forty thieves and the treasure in the cave.

'This is wonderful **9**,' said Nasreen. 'Can we take more money and buy a new house and new clothes?'

'Yes, but we mustn't tell anyone,' said Ali. 'The forty thieves are very **10** men.'

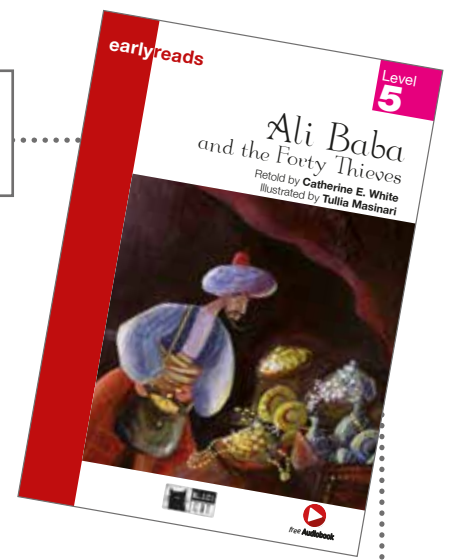
Ali's brother, Cassim, was outside the kitchen. He opened the door.

'Tell me where the cave is!' he shouted. 'You must tell me or I'm going to go and look for it myself!'



LISTENING ACTIVITY

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- 2 Choose the correct answer—a, b. or c.**
- 1. Who was Ali Baba?**
 - a. He was a thief.
 - b. He was a woodcutter.
 - c. He was a black horse.
 - 2. What did the forty men have on their backs?**
 - a. They had beautiful jewels.
 - b. They had boxes.
 - c. They had brown sacks.
 - 3. What was behind the rock?**
 - a. There was a cave.
 - b. There were trees.
 - c. There was Ali Baba's home.
 - 4. Who were the forty men?**
 - a. They were thieves.
 - b. They were friends of Ali Baba.
 - c. They were friends of Cassim.
 - 5. What did Nasreen want to do with more money?**
 - a. She wanted to give some money to Cassim.
 - b. She wanted to buy a black horse.
 - c. She wanted to buy a new house and new clothes.

