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GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Read the excerpt and then do the activities below.

Let me introduce myself. I am Lemuel Gulliver and this is the story of my voyages. I was born in England in 1666. After I had finished my studies in medicine, I worked in London. However, it was difficult to make money there. I liked traveling and I wanted to have an interesting life, so I decided to become a ship's doctor.

One ship I worked on was called the *Antelope*. Our voyage went very well at first, but one day there was a great storm. The ship hit a rock in the sea, and began to sink. I managed to jump into the ship's lifeboats with some sailors, and we thought we were safe. Then there was a big wave, and the little boat turned over in the water. We all began to swim. I soon lost sight of the other sailors, and I never saw them again. I think they all drowned. I swam for many hours in the water, and I was very tired. Suddenly I realized that the water was not deep any more--my feet touched the ground! I walked a long time, and then I came to the beach. It was evening, and I was exhausted. I fell asleep on the sand.

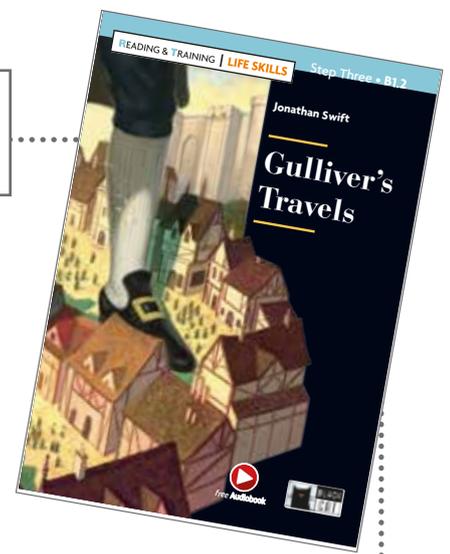
When I woke up it was morning. I tried to stand up, but I could not move at all. I raised my head a little, and I could see ropes around my body. They were tied very tightly. I did not know what had happened to me.

Then I saw a very small creature walking along my body. I looked again, and I was very surprised to see that this creature was really a tiny man! Soon there were more of these little men walking on me. There were hundreds of them on the ground near me. They were talking to each other, but I could not understand their language.

I shouted very loudly and the little men were afraid. They ran away quickly. Then I tried to free myself, and I managed to break the ropes around one of my hands. As soon as I did this, I felt a sharp pain. The little men were shooting arrows at me! The arrows were very small, but they were also very sharp, and I decided to lie still.

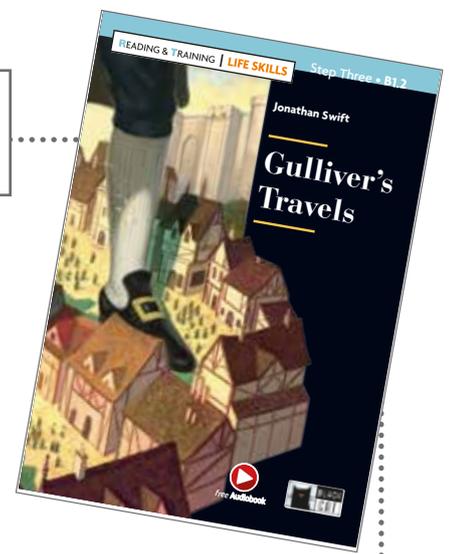
Now the little men constructed a platform near my head. One of them climbed up to the top of the platform. He was standing very close to my ear. He began to shout into my ear. I could hear what he said, but I did not understand the language he was using. He used signs to communicate with me. He told me that the country was called Lilliput, and that he worked for the Emperor. Then he explained that I was their prisoner. He told me not to be frightened, because they only wanted to take me to see the Emperor.

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1 Choose the correct answer-- a, b, or c.

1. What was Gulliver's job on the ship?

- a. He was a sailor.
- b. He was the captain.
- c. He was the ship's doctor.

2. What happened when the *Antelope* hit a rock during a sea storm?

- a. Gulliver jumped into the sea and swam to a beach.
- b. Gulliver got into a lifeboat with other sailors.
- c. Gulliver stayed on the ship until it sank.

3. Why couldn't Gulliver stand up the next morning?

- a. He wasn't feeling well.
- b. There were ropes around his body.
- c. He had hurt his legs when the ship sank.

4. Why did the little men construct a platform near Gulliver's head?

- a. because they wanted to shoot sharp arrows at him
- b. because they wanted to look at his face
- c. because one of them wanted to get to his ear and talk to him

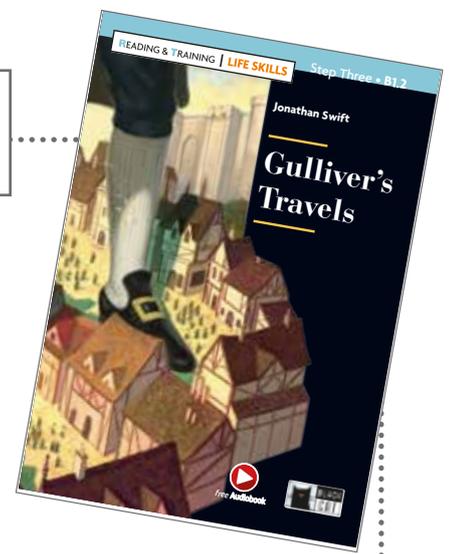
5. Where did the little men want to take him?

- a. to the Emperor
- b. to the sea
- c. to prison



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2. Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1. After his studies, Gulliver went to work on a ship. T F
2. The ship *Antelope* hit another ship at sea because it was foggy. T F
3. A big wave turned over the lifeboat with Gulliver and the sailors. T F
4. When Gulliver woke up he saw hundreds of sailors on the beach. T F
5. Gulliver managed to break the ropes around one of his hands. T F
6. A little man shouted in Gulliver's ear but he couldn't understand the language. T F

