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# Sinbad the Sailor



an Arabic tale

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A long time ago, Sinbad the Sailor lived in a beautiful big house in Baghdad. One day, a man called Hinbad stopped outside. His job was to carry heavy things for rich people and he was tired all the time.

**Sinbad:** Come inside and rest. You must be thirsty – have some water.

**Hinbad:** Thank you, kind sir. Can I ask you how you became so rich?

**Sinbad:** Certainly! Come here every morning, and I will tell you about my adventures. You will get 100 gold coins for every visit.

**Hinbad:** I can't believe my luck!





The next morning, Sinbad started his story.

**Sinbad:** After my parents died, I spent all the money they left me. Then I decided to see the world.

**Hinbad:** Did you miss your friends and family?

**Sinbad:** Only at first. I loved ships and we visited lots of exotic places.



On his first voyage, there was very little wind so they decided to stop at a small island. It was a strange island because there were no tall trees or mountains.

**One of the men:** This is a great place for a picnic. Bring the food, and let's sit down. But soon the island began to shake and suddenly it sank into the sea. It was a whale!



The men fell into the sea, and all of them swam back to the ship. All except Sinbad! The ship then left without him.... Luckily, he found a piece of wood. He held onto it for many days. He was hungry and thirsty... he thought it was the end for him.



# Activity Page

**1** Match the words with the pictures.

1. island

2. tired

3. coin

4. whale

5. wind



**2** Complete the sentences with words from the text. Then transfer the letters in the boxes to the spaces below the sentences and spell out the name of the place where Sinbad lived.

- Hinbad's \_\_\_ \_\_\_ ☐ made him very tired.
- Sinbad's ship stopped at a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ island to have a picnic.
- On Sinbad's first \_\_\_ \_\_\_ ☐ , the ship left him in the sea.
- Hinbad had to carry ☐ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ things for rich people.
- Sinbad told Hinbad about his \_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ .
- Sinbad's \_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ left him some money when they died.
- Sinbad decided to go and see the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ ☐ .

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# Activity Page

- 3** Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs in the box.

shake      carry      spend      sink      hold      miss      rest

1. Hinbad \_\_\_\_\_ heavy things for people every day.
2. Hinbad \_\_\_\_\_ and drank water in Sinbad's house.
3. When Sinbad went away from home, he only \_\_\_\_\_ his friends in the beginning.
4. Sinbad \_\_\_\_\_ all his money and then travelled to exotic places.
5. First the island \_\_\_\_\_ and then it \_\_\_\_\_ under the sea.
6. After falling into the sea, Sinbad \_\_\_\_\_ onto a piece of wood for a long time.



- 4** What will happen next? Answer these questions and discuss.

1. What do you think will happen to Sinbad?
2. Will Sinbad ever see the ship again?



## Sinbad the Sailor

He sailed the oceans and the seven seas  
He flew in the clouds, he climbed up tall trees.

Oh, Sinbad, Sinbad,  
The adventures that he had.  
Oh, Sinbad, Sinbad,  
He really was a fine, fine lad.

He met with giants and he met with kings  
He found pearls and rubies  
and diamonds and things.

Oh, Sinbad, Sinbad,  
The adventures that he had.  
Oh, Sinbad, Sinbad,  
He really was a fine, fine lad.

He fought with the waves,  
with monsters and snakes  
He couldn't help making the same mistakes.

Oh, Sinbad, Sinbad,  
He never asked for what he had.  
Oh, Sinbad, Sinbad,  
He really was a fine, fine lad.

