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teacher's book

Ali Baba & the 40 Thieves

an Arabian tale

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Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves is available in both American and British English. The Teacher's Book is written in American English. Where appropriate the British English (BE) equivalent of certain words and phrases appears in brackets. e.g. **colored** [^{BE} coloured]

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This story takes place in Persia, a long time ago. It's about two brothers, Cassim and Ali Baba. Cassim is a rich man, but Ali Baba is a poor woodcutter. He has to work very hard to take care of his wife and three children.

Wife: Ali Baba, there isn't any food. What are we going to eat?

Ali Baba: Don't worry. I'm going to the forest to cut some more wood. We're going to sell it at the market.



Ali Baba takes his **ax** [^{BrE} axe] and two big bags and goes to the forest. As he is cutting wood, he sees a cloud of dust far away. It is moving closer.

Ali Baba: What's that cloud? Oh, it isn't a cloud, it's men on horses! I must hide...



Ali climbs a tree, and soon after, forty men appear. They are riding horses and are carrying bags. The bags are full of treasure.

Ali Baba: I hope they don't see me! What are they doing here?



The captain of the thieves now stands in front of a big rock. He raises his arms and says some words.

Captain: Open, Sesame!

The rock suddenly opens. There is a cave behind it. The thieves take their bags into the cave.

Activity Page

1 Look and say.



wood



cloud



market



ax [BrE axe]



horse

2 Look and choose **a** or **b**.



a. woodcutter

☒ b. thief



☒ a. forest

b. tree



☒ a. rock

b. cave



a. rich

☒ b. poor

3 What does the captain of the thieves say?

1=A

2=E

3=M

4=N

5=O

6=P

7=S

O P E N

5 6 2 4

S E S A M E

7 2 7 1 3 2

