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6

teacher's book

Gulliver in Lilliput

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Gulliver in Lilliput is available in both American and British English. The Teacher's Book is written in American English. Where appropriate, the British English (**BrE**) equivalent of certain words and phrases appears in brackets.

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Gulliver was born in a village in England. His family was neither rich nor poor. When Gulliver was fourteen years old, he went to Oxford to study. After three years, Gulliver became an apprentice to Dr. James Bates, a famous doctor in London. Four years later, he went to the Netherlands to study medicine. When he finished his studies, he became a ship's doctor and **traveled** [^{or} travelled] for three and a half years. Then he returned to England and married Mary Burton. Gulliver and his wife lived in London. Dr. Bates helped him find patients.



For some years Gulliver earned a lot of money. But then Dr. Bates died. There was nobody to help Gulliver find patients, so he earned less money. Gulliver decided to become a ship's doctor again. He went to the London docks and met Captain William Pritchard.

Captain Pritchard: I am looking for a doctor to work on my ship. We are going to travel to the East Indies.

Gulliver: I will be happy to work for you.

Captain Pritchard: Ok, then. We are going to leave from Bristol on May 4 ^{BrE} 4 May .



It was a long journey. The ship arrived in the East Indies in November. It was the beginning of the wet season in the southern hemisphere. One day the ship ran into a terrible storm.

Sailor: Look out! There's a big rock ahead of us!

The sea was very rough and the ship sank. Everybody drowned, except for Gulliver. When the storm passed, Gulliver saw that the sea wasn't very deep and that he could touch the bottom. He walked a long way until he got to the shore. When he came out of the water, he lay down and fell asleep immediately.



Gulliver slept for a long time. When he woke up, he was lying on his back and couldn't move. He was tied to the ground. Even his hair was tied down! Then, he felt something moving on his body. He looked down and saw some very small men, about **5 inches** [^{BrE} twelve centimetres] tall. Gulliver was surprised and shouted.

Gulliver: Oh my goodness, what are these strange little creatures?

The little men got a terrible shock. Some fell off Gulliver's body and hurt themselves.

Activity Page

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Then put the pictures in order.

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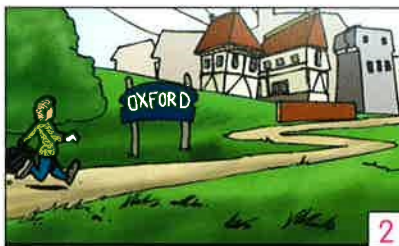
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study



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The ship sank when it arrived in the southern hemisphere.



2

Gulliver went to Oxford to study.



5

When Dr. Bates died, Gulliver became a ship's doctor.



3

Gulliver became an apprentice to Dr. James Bates.



1

Gulliver was born in a village in England.



4

Gulliver married Mary Burton.

2 Answer these questions.

1. Who was Dr. James Bates?

He was a famous doctor in London.

2. How did Dr. Bates help Gulliver?

Dr. Bates helped Gulliver find patients.

3. Where did Gulliver and his wife live?

They lived in London.

4. Why did Gulliver decide to become a ship's doctor again?

When Dr. Bates died, Gulliver earned less money because there was nobody to help him find patients.

5. Where was Gulliver's ship going?

It was going to the East Indies.