

Explorers 6

Teacher's notes for the Comprehension Test: *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that this is part of the *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* story.
- Ask them to read the text silently.
- If there are any words they have forgotten, tell them not to worry. Tell them to read everything they can.
- When they have finished reading the text, ask them to read each question one at a time.
- Do not give any help.
- Then ask them to read the three possible answers that are given.
- Ask them to underline which answer they think is correct.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

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'*Open Sesame!*' Kasim cried. The door in the rock opened! Kasim was very excited. He ran through the door and into the cave. When he was inside, he cried, '*Close, Sesame!*' and the stone door closed behind him.

There was so much treasure! Kasim gasped as he looked at the gold bars, the shiny coins and the beautiful jewels. Everything sparkled in the light that came in through the hole in the roof. Kasim picked up great armfuls of treasure. He laid it all by the door so it was ready for him to take out and put into the ten chests on the backs of his ten donkeys outside. It was very hard work.

'I'll go now,' Kasim said to himself at last. 'I don't want to be here when the thieves come back! I've got enough treasure to fill my ten chests. I will come back tomorrow and the next day, and the next. All this treasure will soon be mine! But now it's time to go home.'

Kasim started to say the password, '*Open...*' But he forgot what came next! He tried again, '*Open ... er, barley!* No, that's not right. *Open ... um, wheat!* Oh, no! I've forgotten the password!' And the door stayed shut.

Kasim began to shake with fear. He began to sweat. He had the treasure but it was no good if he couldn't get out of the cave! Kasim was angry with himself. 'I forgot the password. Now I am trapped in this cave.' He threw down the bag of gold coins he was holding and kicked it. 'I will die here,' he thought. 'I will be a rich man, but a dead one!'

Then Kasim heard a sound that turned his blood to ice. He could hear horses' hooves. 'Come on, men! We'll leave the treasure in the cave, and then we'll find another rich man to rob!' the leader of the forty thieves cried. The men laughed. When the forty thieves arrived at the grey rock, the leader saw ten donkeys outside the cave with ten chests on their backs. He was angry. 'Someone is trying to steal our treasure!' the leader cried. 'We must stop them!' He said the password and the heavy stone door began to open.

Suddenly Kasim ran out with a loud cry. His eyes were wide with fear. The leader and Kasim began to fight. One of the thieves stabbed him with his long sharp sword and Kasim fell down dead.

Choose and underline the correct answer.

1. How did Kasim feel when the door in the rock opened?
a) surprised b) excited c) trapped
2. Where was Kasim when the stone door closed?
a) in front of the cave b) behind the cave c) inside the cave
3. What made Kasim gasp?
a) the hole in the roof b) the great amount of treasure c) the shiny coins
4. Where did Kasim put the armfuls of treasure he picked up?
a) by the door b) in the ten chests c) outside the door
5. What did Kasim plan to do?
a) leave before the thieves came back b) take only ten chests full of treasure
c) come back later that night
6. Which word couldn't Kasim remember?
a) barley b) wheat c) sesame
7. Why did Kasim begin to shake and sweat?
a) He heard the horses' hooves. b) He was afraid. c) He was very hot.
8. Why was Kasim trapped?
a) He forgot the password. b) The door was heavy.
c) There was too much gold in front of the door.
9. What did the leader see that made him angry?
a) treasure in ten chests b) ten donkeys with chests c) the unopened door
10. How was Kasim killed?
a) by the leader's sword b) Kasim fell on his sword. c) He was stabbed.

Teacher's notes for the Word Recognition Test: *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that the words all come from the *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* book.
- Tell the children to listen to each sentence that you read. Read the first sentence to the class and stress the word in bold print. Say the word in bold print again, on its own, when you have finished the sentence.
- Ask the children to choose which word they think it is from the three possible words they are given for that sentence.
- Ask them to underline the word of their choice. (If they make a mistake and want to change their mind, tell them to cross out the wrong answer and underline the correct answer.)
- Repeat this procedure with each sentence.
- Make sure the children know which number sentence you are reading each time.
- Do not give any help.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

Test sentences and words

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| 1. I don't believe he is telling the truth. | believe |
| 2. He was excited when he saw his present. | excited |
| 3. I will wrap the box with coloured paper. | wrap |
| 4. The traveller needed a place to sleep for the night. | traveller |
| 5. The teacher will punish the naughty children. | punish |
| 6. We had to wait for our guest to arrive. | guest |
| 7. The thief crept into the bedroom. | crept |
| 8. If the prisoners escape , we may never find them. | escape |
| 9. Ann wore a silver belt round her waist . | waist |
| 10. Mother gave me some of her beautiful jewellery . | jewellery |

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Underline the correct word.

1. a) believe b) leave c) breathe
2. a) exciting b) excitement c) excited
3. a) rip b) wrap c) rob
4. a) travel b) traveller c) travelling
5. a) push b) punch c) punish
6. a) guest b) guess c) gust
7. a) rest b) crept c) slept
8. a) cape b) excite c) escape
9. a) waist b) worst c) ways
10. a) jewels b) jewellery c) jury