

Explorers 5

Teacher's notes for the Comprehension Test:

Aladdin

- 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 *Aladdin* 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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The earth opened and a circle of stone appeared. It had a brass ring as a handle. 'It must be a door,' Aladdin thought. Aladdin stared down at the stone door with the brass handle. 'What is behind the door?' he thought.

Suddenly, the old man put his hands on Aladdin's arms and shook him. 'Listen to me, you stupid boy!' he cried. Aladdin looked at his uncle. His face was red and his eyes were narrow and cruel. Aladdin felt very afraid. Why was his kind, friendly uncle so angry?

'You think I'm your uncle,' said the old man. 'But I'm not your uncle at all! I tricked you. I'm really a wizard! When I was in India, I heard about a wonderful magic lamp. I know where the lamp is and I want it! But I can't get it myself. If I do, the magic will not work. I need you to help me. Aladdin, you must get the lamp for me!'

'Wh-what does the lamp do?' asked Aladdin.

'You don't need to know that. When I have got the lamp, you can go home to your mother,' the wizard replied.

'Wh-where is the lamp?' Aladdin asked.

'It's under the ground,' said the wizard. 'Go and get it for me. Pull the brass ring and lift up the stone door.'

Aladdin pulled the brass ring and lifted up the stone door. He saw a hole in the ground and lots and lots of stairs.

'Go down those stairs,' said the wizard. 'At the bottom of the stairs, you will find another door. Open it and go through. Behind the door you will find a large cave. You will see four tall jars, full of gold coins. Don't touch them, Aladdin! If you do, you will die! Then you will find the next cave,' the wizard went on. 'There you will see four more jars, full of silver coins. In the third cave, you will see four more jars. These are full of precious jewels – diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds.'

Poor Aladdin was very frightened now.

'The third cave leads to an orchard,' said the wizard. 'It's full of fruit trees. You can pick some of the fruit. In this orchard, you will find the magic lamp! It is on a little shelf in the wall. Bring the lamp to me. Then I will be the most powerful man in the world!'

Choose and underline the correct answer.

1. What was the circle of stone?
a) a brass ring b) a door c) a cave
2. Why was the old man's face red?
a) He was very hot. b) He was embarrassed. c) He was angry.
3. Why didn't Aladdin know his kind 'uncle' was really a cruel wizard?
a) The old man tricked Aladdin. b) Aladdin was a stupid boy.
c) Aladdin loved his uncle.
4. Why can't the wizard get the magic lamp himself?
a) He was afraid. b) The magic won't work. c) It was in India.
5. Where did the wizard say Aladdin could go after he had got the lamp for him?
a) home to his mother b) under the ground c) to the orchard
6. What did Aladdin see when he lifted the stone door?
a) jewels b) gold coins c) stairs
7. What was at the bottom of the stairs?
a) more stairs b) another door c) more jars with silver coins
8. What was in the first large cave?
a) four jars of silver coins b) four jars of gold coins c) four jars of jewels
9. Where were the precious jewels?
a) in the second cave b) in the first cave c) in the third cave
10. Where was the magic lamp?
a) in the third cave on a shelf b) in the orchard on a little shelf
c) in the fruit trees
11. Why did the wizard want the magic lamp?
a) to become a real man b) to become the world's most powerful man
c) to live in the lamp

Teacher's notes for the Word Recognition Test: *Aladdin*

- 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 *Aladdin* 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. We had a wonderful feast with lots of good food. | feast |
| 2. She closed her eyes and made a wish . | wish |
| 3. When I saw their enormous house, I was excited. | enormous |
| 4. The princess was a beautiful young woman. | princess |
| 5. There was a guard standing by the door. | guard |
| 6. I was very proud . | proud |
| 7. We wanted to invite everyone but we couldn't. | invite |
| 8. Some people say they never dream . | dream |
| 9. He was a terrible man who always frightened me. | terrible |
| 10. She put some poison on his honey cake. | poison |

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Underline the correct word.

1. a) feast b) east c) eats
2. a) wash b) wish c) dish
3. a) mouse b) famous c) enormous
4. a) princess b) prince c) price
5. a) car b) card c) guard
6. a) prove b) proud c) round
7. a) invite b) write c) visit
8. a) drum b) dream c) drink
9. a) tribal b) trouble c) terrible
10. a) poison b) prison c) potion