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CHAPTER 1

Phileas Fogg And Passepartout Accept Each Other As Master And Servant

Mr. Phileas Fogg lived, in 1872, at No. 7, Saville Row, Burlington Gardens, London. He was a man of few words and little was known about him, apart from the fact that he was a thorough gentleman. People often said that he resembled the poet Lord Byron—his head was like Byron's. He resembled a bearded and composed Byron.

Everyone doubted whether Phileas Fogg belonged to London; as he was never seen at the Bank nor at the Stock Exchange of the city. His acquaintance would often claim to have never seen him anywhere. He had no public employment. Fogg was neither a manufacturer nor a merchant or farmer, nor was he a member of the numerous societies that formed part of the English capital, be it the Harmonica Society or the Scientific Society.

Phileas Fogg was one of the most prominent members of the Reform Club and that was all. He had got admission into this exclusive club with the recommendation of Barings Brothers, where he kept his money. His cheques were regularly paid from his account, which always had plenty of money.

Questions and Exercises

Chapter 1

Phileas Fogg And Passepartout Accept Each Other As Master And Servant

I. Answer the following questions:

1. What do you know about Phileas Fogg as a person?
2. Why had Phileas Fogg dismissed James Forster?
3. Which of the following adjectives describe Mr. Fogg correctly? Give reasons for your choice.
polished, vulgar, well-informed, ignorant, impulsive, orderly, verbose, precise.
4. What did Mr. Fogg do at his Club?
5. What do you learn about Passepartout? And what were his observations about his master?
6. Passepartout had done many things to earn his living. Which one of them would you prefer?

II. Look up the meanings of the following words in the dictionary and then use any five of them in sentences of your own:

doubted manufacturer pastime charity sumptuous
bowed mention whist

III. Add the missing words in the following lines taken from the first chapter:

1. His pastimes were reading papers and playing in the Club, which he often won.
2. On this very 2nd of October, Phileas Fogg had James Forster for having brought water at 84 degrees Fahrenheit instead of

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3. During his brief with Mr. Fogg, Passepartout had his master carefully. Phileas Fogg appeared to him a man of forty years of age, with fine and features and a tall figure.

IV. Match the following words in list 'A' with their synonyms (same meanings) in list 'B':

List A	List B
1. thorough	lavish display
2. resemble	occupation
3. composed	many
4. employment	civilization
5. numerous	formed of
6. society	complete
7. ostentatious	take after

V. Match the following words in list 'A' with their antonyms (opposite meanings) in list 'B':

List A	List B
1. gentleman	nowhere
2. everyone	private
3. anywhere	scarcity
4. public	ignoble
5. plenty	rough
6. noble	nobody

VI. Put these words into the correct order to make sentences:

1. employment/he/no/public/had.
2. nor/he/ostentatious/stingy/was/neither.
3. Club/lunch/and/he/at/the/dinner/had.
4. Phileas Fogg/in/Saville Row/lived/his/in/house/alone.
5. Wanderer/youth/had/in/been/a/Passepartout.

PASSEPARTOUT TALKS IN AN IMPRUDENT MANNER

“I plan to send a telegram to the commissioner of London to send an arrest warrant to Bombay. In the meantime, I will accompany my thief to India on board the *Mongolia*. Then as soon as we reach India, I will arrest him with a warrant in my hand,” said Fix.

Saying this, the detective left the Consul and went to the telegraph office.



Fifteen minutes later, Fix boarded the *Mongolia* and soon the steamer sailed at full steam over the waters of the Red Sea.