Developing

Story Quest Graded Readers

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A1 to A1+

Around the World in 8 Posts

The world is waiting.
Where will the next post take you?

Let's Explore

- ★ Exploring the world
- ★ Trying new things
- ★ Different cultures

Adventure

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About this Series

This graded reader is part of Story Quest, a series that supports Moroccan students in building their English language skills. Its stories encourage curiosity, build confidence, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

The Story Quest series was developed through collaboration between the Ministry of National Education, Preschool and Sports, Curriculum Directorate, and Amideast. Together, we help students strengthen their English while opening doors to new ideas, cultures, and opportunities.

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Welcome to Story Quest!

Every story is an ADVENTURE.

- Open the book.
- Discover new words.
- Meet interesting characters.
- Explore new ideas.

And most of all... enjoy the story!



Your Reading Journey



Story Snapshot

Genre	
Adventure	In these stories, characters face challenges, solve problems, and discover new things.

Reader Level	
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Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

1. Look at the title and pictures on the cover. What do you think the story is about? Select all that apply.

- ❑ Big cities around the world
- ❑ Cultures around the world
- ❑ Traveling around the world
- ❑ Other ideas? _____

2. Write one thing you already know about each city.

London	Cairo	Sydney	Another city: _____

Words and Phrases to Know

Match each word to its meaning. Write the letter.

____ 1. challenge
____ 2. relief
____ 3. barefoot
____ 4. guide
____ 5. cable car
____ 6. time zone

a) without shoes
b) an area where the same time is used
c) something difficult to try
d) a small car that travels on a cable
e) a happy feeling when a worry is over
f) a person who shows people around a place

Ready? Your **Story Quest** begins now!
Listen as you read. Enjoy the journey!

Enjoy the Story!

Around the World in 8 Posts

Maya and her brother Sami loved travel videos. One afternoon, their uncle gave them a challenge.

“Travel around the world and return home in eight days,” he said. “Share one post from every stop.”

Maya checked the calendar. “Eight days? We can do it!”



London

Post 1

They ran through the airport and caught a plane to Egypt.



Cairo

Post 2

Next, they traveled to India.

maya_and_sami

The pyramids are enormous! We rode camels and ate warm bread with cheese. Our guide is wearing a long robe called a "galabeya". We've learned one Egyptian Arabic word: "gāmed," which means "Awesome" or "So cool!" We used it a lot. The people here are so gāmed!



maya_and_sami

Bright clothes, busy streets, and delicious food. Sami tried spicy curry. Whoa – he had to drink three glasses of water… then a cup of yogurt. Women here wear colorful saris. The streets smell like fresh bread and spices. Maya got henna painted on her hand.



Delhi

Post 3

They almost missed their flight to Japan!

Tokyo

Post 4

After Japan, they flew across the ocean.

maya_and_sami

Fast trains, tall buildings, and beautiful gardens. Everything moves quickly here! We've tried noodles with chopsticks and we ate octopus. Pink flowers cover the trees. Our train went so fast, Sami could barely feel it moving. The people here are so kind to visitors!



maya_and_sami

We've seen the Opera House and a kangaroo. The kangaroo did not want a photo with Sami! We watched surfers ride big waves. A funny bird called a kookaburra laughed in a tree. We tried a sweet snack called a Tim Tam. We love Australia!



Sydney

Post 5

They continued to Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro

Post 6

Their seventh stop was New York.

maya_and_sami

Music, football, and a wonderful beach. We've learned a few Portuguese words. Drums play down the street. Kids play football barefoot on the sand. We rode a cable car up Sugarloaf Mountain and saw a giant statue in the distance.



maya_and_sami

Yellow taxis, huge buildings, and lights everywhere. We ate a giant slice of pizza. A dancer performed in Times Square under bright lights. Everyone here is walking so fast. Where are they going? Life seems really busy in New York. Do New Yorkers ever rest?



New York

Post 7

Time to head home. They went to the airport.



At the airport, Maya checked the world clock on her phone and gasped.

"We are late!" she cried. "It is already Day Nine in Sydney!"

They hurried onto the plane. Neither of them spoke during the flight home.

When they arrived, their uncle was waiting with a cake.



"You did it in eight days!" he announced.

"That is impossible," said Sami. "It is already Day Nine in Sydney."

Their uncle smiled.

"You crossed many time zones. It is Day Nine in Sydney, but here, it is still Day Eight."

Maya sighed with relief. She shared the final message.

Home

Post 8

Their biggest adventure was learning how big and surprising the world really is. Oh, what a wonderful world!



Keep Exploring!



Check your Comprehension

Choose the best answer. Circle a, b, or c.

1 What challenge does Maya and Sami's uncle give them?

a. To visit eight famous cities in different countries.

b. To travel around the world and return home in eight days.

c. To make a video about traveling around the world.

2 What do Maya and Sami share from every stop?

a. A social media post b. A special video c. A long letter

3 What do they see in Cairo?

a. The pyramids b. The Opera House c. Yellow taxis

4 Why do Maya and Sami think they are late?

a. Their plane is canceled.

b. They forget their bags.

c. Maya's phone says it is Day Nine in Sydney.

5 Why are they not really late?

a. Their uncle changed the challenge.

b. It is still Day Eight at home.

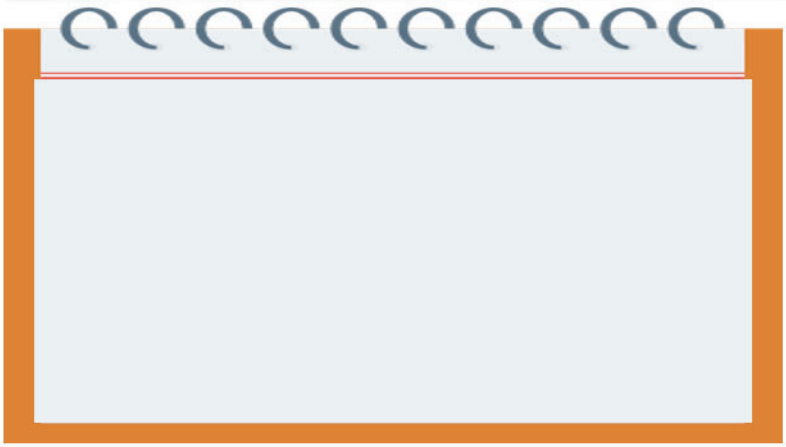
c. They traveled by a fast train.

Make Connections

Choose one activity and complete it.

Option 1: Maya and Sami's Cities

Choose one of the posts from Maya and Sami's adventure. Draw the city. Write a caption for your drawing.



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Option 2: My Cities

Imagine you are traveling around the world. Write two Instagram posts about two places you have visited.

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Answer Key

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

1. Answers will vary.
2. Examples:

   London: Red buses, big clock

   Cairo: Pyramids

   Sydney: Opera House, beaches

   A city you know: Any city and anything you know about it!

Words and Phrases to Know

1. c
2. e
3. a
4. f
5. d
6. b

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

1. b
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. b

Make Connections

Sample answer Option 1:
London – Rain, red buses, and a big clock!



Sample answer Option 2:
Meknes – The olives here are famous. I love them!

