

## CHAPTER IV.

*Phileas Fogg has made a bet at the Reform Club in London. He will attempt to travel around the world in eighty days:*

After winning twenty guineas and Phileas Fogg left the Reform Club. It was twenty-five minutes past seven.

Passepartout, was very surprised to see his master. He was not due to arrive at his Saville Row home until precisely midnight.

Mr Fogg went to his bedroom, and called out, "Passepartout!"

Passepartout did not reply.

"Passepartout!" repeated Mr. Fogg, without raising his voice.

Passepartout made his appearance.

"I've called you twice," observed his master.

"But it is not midnight," responded the other, showing his watch.

"I know it; I don't blame you. We start for Dover and Calais in ten minutes."

A puzzled grin overspread Passepartout's round face.

"Monsieur is going to leave home?"

"Yes," returned Phileas Fogg. "We are going around the world."

Passepartout opened wide his eyes, raised his eyebrows and held up his hands. He seemed about to faint. "Round the world!" he murmured.

"In eighty days," responded Mr. Fogg. "So, we haven't a moment to lose."

"But our luggage?" gasped Passepartout, swaying his head from right to left.

"We'll only need a **carpet-bag**, with two shirts and three pairs of stockings for me, and the same for you. We'll buy our clothes on the way. Bring down my mackintosh and traveling-cloak, and some stout shoes. Make haste!"

Passepartout tried to reply, but could not. He went to his own room, fell into a chair. and muttered: "Around the world in eighty days!" Is this a joke?

### Quick Check: True or False?

1. Fogg leaves the club just before seven-thirty.
2. Passepartout is Fogg's servant
3. Passepartout wants to leave at midnight.
4. Fogg says they only need a small carpet bag.



## Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne **Worksheet 1: Setting off**

By eight o'clock Passepartout had packed a carpet-bag, containing the wardrobes of his master and himself. Still troubled, he went downstairs to Mr. Fogg.

Mr. Fogg was quite ready. Under his arm was a red-bound copy of Bradshaw's *Continental Railway Guide*. The book contained timetables showing the arrival and departure of steamers and railways.

Fogg opened the carpet-bag. He slipped into it a roll of Bank of England notes.

"You have forgotten nothing?"

"Nothing, monsieur."

"My mackintosh and cloak?"

"Here they are."

"Good!" he said, handing the carpet-bag to Passepartout. "Take good care of it. There's twenty thousand pounds in there."

Passepartout nearly dropped the bag. It was as if the twenty thousand pounds were in gold, and weighed him down.

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### Quick Check True or False?

5. Passepartout is anxious about the travel plan.
6. Fogg has a train timetable
7. The notes Passepartout carries are very heavy.

### Comprehension/Writing

1. Describe the bet Fogg has made with his friends at the Reform Club
2. Complete this schedule for Phileas Fogg:

(Weds) 19 October: 19:24	Leave Reform Club
	Leave home for Dover & Calais
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December: 20.45	

3. What do we learn about the following in these extracts (100-200 words)  
a) Phileas Fogg b) Passepartout c) their relationship.
4. What are the eight items of clothing Fogg asks Passepartout to pack?
5. How does Passepartout react to the 'roll of banknotes'? Why?