

Gulliver's Travels

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Part I

1 Look at the underlined words. Who, whose or what are they?

- a Six of us got a boat into the sea.
.....
- b They were everywhere – round my arms, my feet and through my long hair.
.....
- c Some were hurt, they told me later.
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- d I drank it and called for another cup.
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- e I don't want to feel them again. They can carry me.
.....
- f He was kind to them. He did not hurt them.
.....
- g I won't help you with that.
.....
- h That ended the war between their two countries.
.....
- i Everybody looked at them with wide eyes.
.....

2 Complete with one word.

The little men looked inside Gulliver's (a) They made notes of everything, his notebook, the (b) for his weak eyes, his money and his (c)-bag. Then the king brought more men and Gulliver pulled out his (d) The sun shone on it and hurt everybody's eyes. He also gave them his (e)

3 Match A and B.

A	B
The little men watched Gulliver with wide eyes because his body was too big.
They cut the strings round his head because he ate very quickly.
They put a string round one of Gulliver's feet and they thought his story was true.
They didn't want to kill him and he could turn and see the people on the table better.

Some men didn't want to open their eggs at the little end so they left Lilliput and started new lives at Blefuscu.
Gulliver showed the little animals to the men on the English ship and he could only walk about a metre away from the outside of his door.

4 Write why.

- a Gulliver slept the best sleep of his life when he came to the island.
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- b When Gulliver cried loudly, the little men ran away and jumped onto the ground.
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- c Gulliver slept for nine hours.
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- d Big-enders left the island and started a new life in Blefuscu.
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- e The king of Blefuscu sent Gulliver a letter.
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Part II

5 Answer these questions about Gulliver in Brobdingnag.

- a Why did Gulliver leave the ship and go to the strange country in a boat?
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- b What did Gulliver see in the sea near the boat?
.....
- c Why did he run away to the mountains?
.....
- d What were the trees really?
.....
- e Who did the man in the corn field take Gulliver to?
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- f What did the baby do to Gulliver?
.....
- g How big was the bed?
.....
- h What did the farmer's daughter call Gulliver?
.....
- i What was the farmer's plan?
.....

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6 What happened first? Put the sentences in order, number them 1–12.

- a A boy carried Gulliver's box to the sea.
- b A great seabird picked up Gulliver's box and carried it away.
- c Glumdalclinch shut the windows and door of Gulliver's box.
- d Gulliver heard a loud noise and someone pulled his box out of the water.
- e Gulliver showed the men the things in his box.
- f Gulliver travelled home to his family.
- g Gulliver travelled with the king and queen to the towns and cities in the south.
- h Gulliver went to sleep.
- i Gulliver, the king and the queen arrived near the sea.
- j Gulliver's box fell into the sea.
- k Someone opened the box.
- l The bird fought with another bird over Gulliver's box.

7 Who is who? Choose the right words and complete.

- The farmer The farmer's daughter
 The farmer's wife The queen of Brobdingnag
 The king of Brobdingnag The king's men
- a was Gulliver's teacher.
 - b made a lot of money showing Gulliver around the country.
 - c thought Gulliver was a Mistake.
 - d bought Gulliver from the farmer for a lot of money.
 - e asked Gulliver questions about Europe and its people, its laws and ideas, and its rulers.
 - f gave Gulliver something to eat and somewhere to sleep.

Part III

8 Which sentences are wrong about the Yahoos? Correct the wrong ones.

- a They have long hair on their heads and bodies. Their hair was different colours.
- b They live in groups and don't live very near the Houyhnhnms.
- c Their front feet are like the hands of a man.
- d They are not afraid of the Houyhnhnms.
- e They can climb trees.

- f They love to wash their hair and to be clean.
- g The Houyhnhnms keep the Yahoos because they can work very well on the farms.
- h Gulliver is better than a Yahoo because he can think and learn.
- i Gulliver likes the Yahoos and is happy when the Houyhnhnms call him a Yahoo.
- j When Yahoos fight, they hurt other Yahoos with their teeth.

9 Complete these sentences.

- a Finding new men in Barbados was a mistake for Gulliver because
- b When Gulliver met the first horse, he put his hand on its back but
- c The grey horse's wife looked at Gulliver in an unfriendly way because
- d They grey horse, his family and his servants wanted Gulliver to learn their language because.....
- e The Houyhnhnms use the word *Yahoo* when
- f Gulliver has to leave. He can no longer live in the grey horse's house so

10 Who says this? Who to?

- a 'Don't come out or we'll kill you.'
- b 'Your nose is too big.'
- c 'How can you use them in that way?'
- d 'The young red-brown horse likes me. He and I can build the boat.'
- e 'Why do you have wars?'
- f 'I cannot live with Yahoos!'

After reading

11 A time line: Draw a time line. Show ten important things that happened in Gulliver's travels.

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1 Are these sentences right or wrong? Change the wrong sentences.

- a The Lilliputians were a little bigger than Gulliver's hands.
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- b The little men were afraid because Gulliver cried loudly.
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- c The little men built a wooden table near Gulliver because they wanted to see Gulliver better.
.....
- d The Lilliputians were kind to Gulliver. With 600 small beds they made a big bed for him.
.....
- e The King of Blefuscu sent Gulliver a letter: he wanted to end war with the Lilliputians.
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2 Answer the questions.

- a What did the little men teach Gulliver? Why?
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- b What would the king do if Gulliver followed his rules?
.....
- c What was the war between Lilliput and Blefuscu about?
.....
- d What did Gulliver do to help the Lilliputians in their fight against the people from Blefuscu?
.....
- e How did the king from Blefuscu help Gulliver come back home?
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Part II

3 Which one is right?

- a Gulliver was looking for clean water. When he went back to the boat
 - 1) it was on the sea, but there was no one in it.
 - 2) it was on the sea, but it moved very fast through the water.
 - 3) it was on the sea and the men moved it slowly away from the land.
- b When the big man looked down at Gulliver in the corn field
 - 1) Gulliver thought the man would hurt him.
 - 2) Gulliver remembered how he looked at small animals.
 - 3) Gulliver was afraid the man would kill him.

- c When the head man of a village visited the farmer, the farmer's daughter felt very unhappy because
 - 1) the farmer had a plan: he was going to show Gulliver around the country and make a lot of money.
 - 2) the head man had a plan: he was going to show Gulliver around the country and make a lot of money.
 - 3) the farmer and the head man had a plan: the farmer was going to show Gulliver and make a lot of money.
- d The king's men thought Gulliver was a thing because
 - 1) Gulliver was very small.
 - 2) Gulliver was smaller than the smallest person in the world.
 - 3) Gulliver did not speak their language.

4 Five things are wrong. Find them and write the right sentences.

The queen was interested in Europe, so Gulliver spoke about England's wars, its poor families, the fights between their churchmen, their rulers and Parliament. Gulliver also said that his country was really four great countries under one great ruler. The king was also interested in the people who made houses. He did not understand how the men in the House of Lords did their work for no money.

Part III

5 What happened first? Put the sentences in order, 1-5.

- a The horse didn't want Gulliver to leave but did as the Houyhnhnms at the Meeting said.
- b So Gulliver asks a servant to help him build a boat from wood. After two months he was ready to go home.
- c Gulliver had to leave their land because the Houyhnhnms were afraid. Gulliver was strong and they thought 'He will help the Yahoos when they fight us.'
- d The grey horse went to the meeting with the heads of the other families but when he came back, he was not very happy.
- e The Houyhnhnms have a very important meeting every four years to talk about the countries' important problems. There is a meeting soon.