

Traveling on the Silk Road

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Summary

This book is about how goods and ideas passed from country to country along the Silk Road.

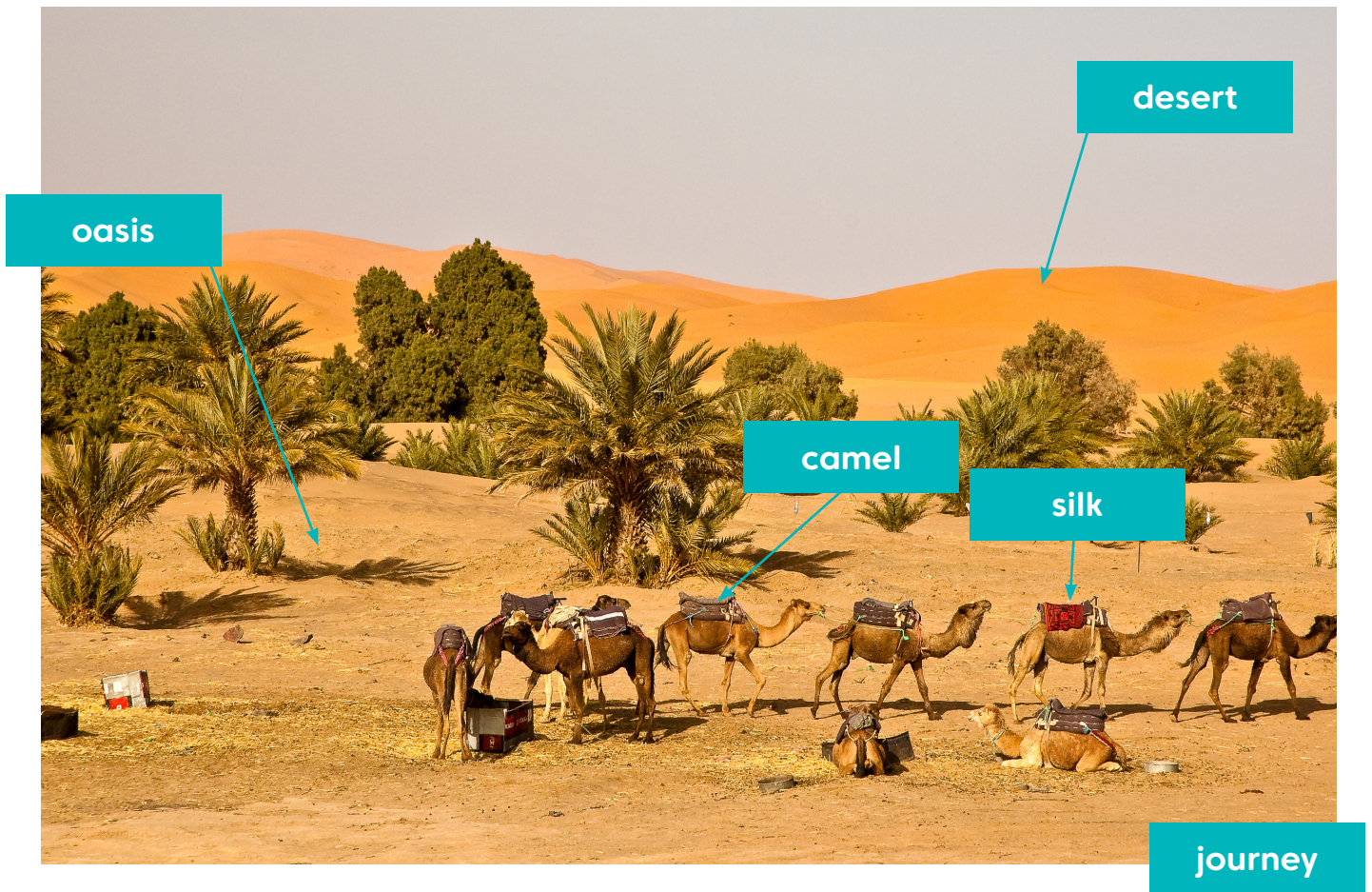
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.

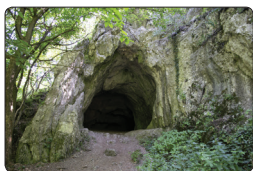


1. What difficult environment was crossed along the Silk Road? _____
2. What animals are often used to cross the desert? _____
3. What did camels often carry for trade along the Silk Road? _____
4. Where was a good place to take a break while crossing the desert? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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• a. pray

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• b. bandit

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• c. oasis

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• d. handicrafts

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• e. camel

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• f. cave

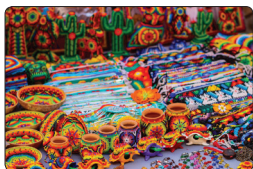
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• g. silk

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• h. Buddha

B Write the word for each definition.

desert

Xian

Marco Polo

amazing

sacred

1. _____ dedicated to a religious purpose and deserving great respect
2. _____ the capital city of China during the Han Dynasty
3. _____ surprising or wonderful
4. _____ a famous Italian traveler
5. _____ a landscape that is very dry

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. The Silk Road was sometimes dangerous because people would hide and wait to steal from other people.
 a. hurt b. trick c. murder d. rob
2. Many people started their trip in Xian, China.
 a. camel b. journey c. philosophy d. week
3. The most well-known thing for sale along the Silk Road was silk.
 a. rich b. handsome c. famous d. intelligent
4. The Silk Road was used to travel between many countries.
 a. crossed b. between c. connected d. divided

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. Silk is a soft material used to make clothes.
- b. Bandits along the Silk Road sometimes tried to rob or kill travelers.
- c. Samarkand had a lot of water and was a great place to stop after crossing the desert.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

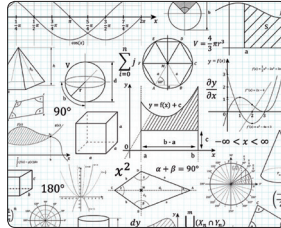
1. Why did most people travel the Silk Road?
 - a. To study foreign languages
 - b. To escape hardship
 - c. To carry things for sale
 - d. To visit new places
2. Which was not a way people traveled the Silk Road?
 - a. Ship
 - b. Horse
 - c. On foot
 - d. Camel
3. Why was an oasis such a good place to stop and rest?
 - a. Travelers could buy silk there.
 - b. There was plenty of food.
 - c. An oasis was a sacred site.
 - d. Water was found at an oasis.

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. Dangers along the Silk Road
- b. The most popular item for sale on the Silk Road
- c. The Silk Road's most famous traveler
- d. Ideas carried along the Silk Road
- e. The best way to travel the Silk Road



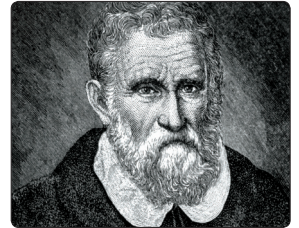
1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

1. _____ Cars, trains, and planes were used to travel the Silk Road.
2. _____ People carried many things for sale along the Silk Road.
3. _____ Xian was once the capital of China.
4. _____ Samarkand was famous for its wonderful food.
5. _____ The Silk Road is still a major trade route today.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. _____ is a soft material used to make clothes.
Handicrafts Silk
2. The Silk Road could be dangerous because in some places _____ waited to rob people.
Marco Polo bandits
3. The _____ of the Thousand Buddhas was one of the Silk Road's most sacred sites.
Caves Prayers
4. _____ was in the middle of the journey between China and Europe.
Xian Samarkand
5. Some countries are planning to _____ the Silk Road.
rebuild cross

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Marco Polo wrote a book about his travels along the Silk Road.
- b. _____ The Silk Road dates from about 100 BC.
- c. _____ Ships became a safer and quicker way to travel than the Silk Road.
- d. _____ Some countries want to rebuild the Silk Road.
- e. _____ Many people used camels and horses to travel the Silk Road.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ carried many things such as items to sell or ideas to share.	The _____ was the greatest road in the world and connected many different countries.	The Silk Road dates back from about _____ and lasted until ships became safer and faster after the tenth century.	At the eastern end of the Silk Road was Xian, China, and the road stretched west into _____.	Most people traveling on the Silk Road were bringing _____ most famously silk.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.