



The Desert Dig



Read Level 6, Week 10 Minibook, 'The Desert Dig', and use your knowledge to answer these questions about the story. Remember, you can check back through the text to help with your answers.



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2. Where did Kit and Sam ask the magic map to take them?

3. Kit and Sam arrived in the desert, can you write three words to describe what it was like?

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How do you think Kit and Sam felt when they arrived in the desert? Tell the person sitting next to you.



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5. Kit, Sam, Abdul and Aziza rang the triple bell. What happened next?

6. Why do you think Kit and Sam decided not to take the bowl home with them?



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Adult Guidance

Please find below the reading comprehension questions and some handy talking points for your class after the children have read the minibook. These are designed to be adult-led and encourage discussion either one-to-one, in a small group or with the whole class.

1. Kit was digging in the sandpit. Can you name three objects that he had pretended to dig up?

Answers could include any of the following: camel, funnel, squirrel, towel, tinsel, chisel.

Follow-up questions:

- What game was Kit playing in the sandpit?
- What are 'historical artefacts'?
- On page 1, can you find where commas have been used to list objects?

2. Where did Kit and Sam ask the magic map to take them?

Answer: The desert

Follow-up questions:

- Why do you think Kit and Sam wanted to go to the desert?
- Kit and Sam dressed up as explorers, can you describe their outfits?
- Would you like to visit the desert? Why? Why not?

3. Kit and Sam arrived in the desert, can you write three words to describe what it is like?

Answer: Hot, dry, sandy

Follow-up questions:

- Who did Kit and Sam spot in the distance?
- Why were they pleased to see them?
- What were the people in the desert riding on?



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4. What did the engraving on the wall tell the friends?

Answer: That there was an old bowl hidden somewhere inside the tunnels.

Follow-up questions:

- Why do you think Petra is known as the Rose City?
- Why did Abdul and Aziza take Kit and Sam to Petra?
- Where was the engraving found?

5. Kit, Sam, Abdul and Aziza rang the triple bell. What happened next?

Answer: The door to the secret room opened. They had to find the chisel and shovel which were hidden inside of some barrels.

Follow-up questions:

- What was inside the secret room?
- How do you think the friends felt when they found the secret room?
- If you found a secret room, would you go inside? Why? Why not?

6. Why do you think Kit and Sam decided not to take the bowl home with them?

Answers might include: It doesn't belong to them. It was really old and needed to stay in the past. They knew the bowl belonged in the desert.

Discussion points:

- Do you think they made the right decision not to take the bowl?
- Have you ever found anything old and interesting?
- What was your favourite part of the story?