

# Literature spot B

# A Green Cornfield

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1- The earth was green, the sky was blue:	كانت الارض خضراء والسماء زرقاء
2- I saw and heard one sunny morn	ذات صباح مشمس، رايت وسمعت
3- A skylark hang between the two,	ذكر قبرة معلقا بين الاثنين (الارض والسماء)
4- A singing <i>speck</i> above the corn;	مثل بقعة صغيرة تغني فوق الذرة
5- A stage below, in gay <i>accord</i> ,	على مسافة ادنى منه وفي تناغم مرح
6- White butterflies danced on the wing,	رقصت فراشات بيضاء على الجناح
7- And still the singing skylark soared,	فيما لا يزال القبرة المغرد يحلق عاليا
8- And silent sank and soared to sing.	ويهبط صامثا ويحلق عاليا ليغني
9- The cornfield stretched a <i>tender</i> green	امتد حقل الذرة اخضبر يانعا
10- To right and left beside my walks;	الي اليمين و اليسار بجانب خطو اتي
11- I knew he had a <i>nest</i> unseen	کنت اعرف ان له عشا مخفیا
12- Somewhere among the million <i>stalks</i> .	في مكان ما بين ملايين السيقان – الذرة 🔹
13- And as I paused to hear his song	وحين توقفت لاسمع اغنية
14- While <i>swift</i> the sunny moments slid,	كانت اللحظات المشمسة تنزلق بسرعة
15- Perhaps his mate sat listening long,	لعل رفيقته (زوجته) جلست تستمع اليه طويلا
16- And listened longer than I did.	واستمعت له لفترة اطول مما انا استمعت

في صباح مشمس يبدا ذكر القبرة بالغناء و هو يحلق عاليا بين السماء والارض وتحته تتراقص فراشات في حقل الذرة ولكنه يصمت عندما يهوي الى الاسفل . تقول الشاعرة و عرفت ان له عشا مخفيا في مكان ما بين ملايين سيقان الذرة. تقول الشاعرة وانا استمع الى القبرة لم اشعر بالوقت حيث كانت اللحظات تمر بسر عة لاني استمتع بسماع صوته. وتعتقد ان زوجة القبرة تستمع اليه ايضا وكن لفترة اطول مني.

Vocabulary			
1. Answer the questions.			
<b>1.</b> Is a <b>speck</b> something big or small ?	(line 4)		
2. If something is in accord, is it in agreement or disagreement?	(line 5)		
<b>3.</b> Does <b>tender</b> suggest something fresh and young, or old and strong ?	(line 9)		
4. What does a bird do in a <b>nest</b> ?	(line 11)		
5. Which part of a plant is the stalk?	(line 12)		
6. Does swift mean slow or fast ?	(line 14)		

Key Word	Meaning in English	
speck	something small	صغير
in accord	something in agreement	تناغم
tender	fresh and young	يانع
nest	A bird lays eggs in it	عش
stalk	The long, upright part of the plant that support the leaves	
swift	fast	خاطف سريع

The poem is a celebration of life, nature and love

# Comprehension

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### 2. Choose the correct word to complete the summary of the poem.

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The poet describes how (1) (content / sad / lonely) she feels as she walks through a cornfield. As she walks along, she sees a skylark (2) (flying away from the cornfield / flying in the sky / falling towards her). It doesn't sing as it flies (3) (lower / higher). Below it, butterflies (4) (sit quietly / move slowly / move quickly) in the cornfield. The poet knows that the skylark's nest is (5) (visible in / hidden in / far away from ) the cornfield. She (6) (notices / imagines / knows) that its companion is also listening somewhere in the cornfield.

#### Answer :

The poet describes how <u>content</u> she feels as she walks through a cornfield. As she walks along, she sees a skylark <u>flying in the sky</u>. It doesn't sing as it flies <u>lower</u>.Below it, butterflies <u>move quickly</u> in the cornfield .The poet knows that the skylark's nest is <u>hidden in</u> the cornfield. She <u>imagines</u> that its companion is also listening somewhere in the cornfield.

الشاعرة تصف مدى رضاها وهي تمشي من خلال حقل للذرة . وهي تمشي قالت انها ترى القبرة تحلق في السماء . انه لا يغني وهو يهوي الى الاسفل . وتحته ، الفراشات تتحرك بسرعة في حقل ذرة . الشاعرة تعرف أن عش القبرة مخفيا في حقل الذرة . وتتخيل أن صاحبته تستمع اليه أيضا في مكان ما في حقل الذرة .

## Analysis

### 3. Answer the questions about the poem.

1. The poet uses many examples of <u>alliteration</u>. Find one example. الجناس

Alliteration : The use of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words in a sentence. (poetry)

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listened – longer

- singing speck / listening long
- And still the singing skylark soared
- And silent sank and soared to sing
- While swift the sunny moments slid

What effect is the poet trying to achieve with this technique? (alliteration) Alliteration : 1. adds to the rhythm of the poem <u>and</u> also 2. links dissimilar words together. (soard and sink - silent and singing)

- 2. Find two references to another listener, apart from the poet herself, in lines 10 to 16 of the poem. Who or what is this listener?
- a. I knew he had a nest unseen. Means : ( The female bird is sitting unseen )
- b. perhaps his mate sat listening long Means : (The listener is the female skylark)
- **3.** How do we know that the poet leaves the cornfield before the skylark has stopped singing? She says : Perhaps his mate sat listening long, And listened longer than I did.

This shows that the poet leaves the cornfield but speculates that the bird's mate might still be litening to the song : therefore, the bird must still have been singing.

4. Rhyming words occur at the end of lines and in a pattern. The pattern is called a rhyme scheme . Describe the rhyme scheme in this poem.

#### The rhyme scheme is <u>abab</u>.

In other words the first line and third lines rhyme, as do the second and fourth.

- **5.** List the colours that have been used in the poem. What do you think they symbolise? TB I think that <u>green</u> symbolises <u>the freshness of nature</u>;
- it is used in conjunction with <u>blue</u> to emphasise <u>how bright and vivid nature can be</u>. - White is used to symbolise <u>the purity and elegance of the butterfly</u>.

# Around the World in Eighty Days

by Jules Verne

The story, set in 1873 CE, is about an Englishman, Mr Phileas Fogg, who is trying to complete a journey around the world in eighty days. At this point in the story, he and his travelling companion, the Frenchman Mr Passepartout, are travelling through India by train. They have befriended another traveller, Sir Francis Cromarty.

هذه القصة التي وقعت عام1873 عن رجل انجليزي السيد (فيليس فوغ) الذي يحاول ان يكمل رحلة حول العالم في ثمانين يوما. عند هذا الحد من القصة، هو رفيق سفره الفرنسي السيد(باسيبارتوت) يسافران عبر الهند بالقطار. صادقا رحالة آخر وهو السيد (فرانسيس كرومارتي.)

The train stopped at eight o'clock, in the midst of a glade some fifteen miles beyond Rothal, where there were several **bungalows** and workmen's cabins.

The conductor, passing along the carriages, shouted, 'Passengers will get out here!'

(conductor)

وقف القطار في الساعة الثامنة في وسط غابة على بعد خمس عشرة ميلا بعد (روثال) حيث كان هناك عدة اكواخ ومساكن لعمال. الكنترول صاح وهو يمر عبر العربات " المسافرون سينزلون هنا"!

"Where are we?" asked Sir Francis. "At the **hamlet** of Kholby." *(conductor)* "Do we stop here?" *(Sir Francis)* "Certainly. The railway isn't finished." "What! Not finished?" *(Sir Francis)* 

"No. There's still a matter of fifty miles to be laid from here to Allahabad, where the line begins again." (Sir) لا. بقي ما مسافته خمسون ميلا من هنا الى (الله اباد) حيث يبدا الخط ثانية .

"Yet you sell tickets from Bombay to Calcutta,' <u>*retorted Sir Francis*</u>, who was growing warm. "No doubt," *replied the conductor*, "but the passengers know that they must provide means of transportation for themselves from Kholby to Allahabad."

> وتبيع تذاكر من (بومباي) الى(كلكتا) اجاب السيد (فرانسيس) الذي كانت ترتفع حرارته لا شك، اجاب الكنترول، لكن المسافرون يعرفون انه يجب عليهم ان يجدوا وسيلة مواصلات لتاخذهم من (خولبي) الى (الله اباد)

"Sir Francis,' *said Mr Fogg* quietly, 'we will, if you please, look about for some means of conveyance to Allahabad."

ا سيد فرانسيس، قال فوغ بهدوء، سنفعل ، اذا سمحت، ابحث عن وسيلة مريحة الى الله اباد.

"Mr Fogg, this is a delay greatly to your disadvantage'. *(Sir Francis)* "No, Sir Francis; it was foreseen. *(Mr Fogg)* "What! You knew that the way..... *(Sir Francis)* "What! You knew that the way..... *(Sir Francis)* 

"Not at all, but I knew that some *obstacle* or other would sooner or later arise on my route. 2018 Nothing, therefore, is lost. (Mr Fogg)

I have two gained days to sacrifice. A steamer leaves Calcutta for Hong Kong at noon, on the 25th.This is the 22nd, and we shall reach Calcutta in time.'What form of transport is a steamer ?2018There was nothing to say to so confident a response.Write down the two cities which are mentioned)2018

اطلاقا، لكني عرفت ان بعض المعوقات ستظهر آجلا ام 'اجلا في طريقي. لا شيء، على اي حال، تمت خسارته. لدي يومان لاضحي بهما. سفينة بخارية تغادر (كلكتا) الى (هونغ كونغ) ظهرا في25 الشهر. هذا اليوم الثاني والعشرون، وسنصل (كلكتا) في الوقت. لم يكن هناك ما يقال على هذا الرد الواثق

Mr Fogg and Sir Francis Cromarty, after searching the village from end to end, came back without having found anything.

"I shall go afoot," said Phileas Fogg.

السيدان فوغ وفر انسيس كرومارتي، بعدما فتشا القرية من اقصاها الى اقصاها، عادا دون ان يجدا شيئا

ساذهب مشيا، قال السيد فيليس فوغ

این نحن؟ سأل السید فر انسیس

ماذا لم ينته

يى في قرية خولبي هل نقف هن بالتاكيد، الخط الحديدي لم ينته بعد' Passepartout, who had now rejoined his master, made a *wry grimace*, as he thought of his magnificent, but too frail Indian shoes.

After a moment's hesitation, he said, "Monsieur, I think I have found a means of conveyance." 'What?

باسيبارتوت الذي انضم الآن الى سيده، اظهر تكشيرة ملتوية عندما فكر بحذائه الجميل الهندى غير القوى بعد لحظة تردد، قال "يا سيدي، اعتقد باني وجدت وسيلة مريحة". ماذا ؟

"An elephant! An elephant that belongs to an Indian who lives but a hundred steps from here." "Let's go and see the elephant," *replied Mr Fogg*.

فيل! فيل يخص احد الهنود يعيش على بعد مئة خطوة من هذا. دعنا نذهب ونرى الفيل، اجاب السيد فوغ.

They soon reached a small hut. **Enclosed** within some high **palings**, was the animal in question. An Indian came out of the hut, and, at their request, conducted them within the enclosure. The elephant, which was reared, not to be an animal that merely carried things around, but for warlike purposes, was half-domesticated.

> سر عان ما وصلا الى كوخ صغير . الحيوان المطلوب كان محاطا بسياج خشبي عالي. هندي خرج من الكوخ وبناءا على طلبهم قادهم الى الحظيرة. الفيل الذي تمت تربيته ليس لحمل الاثقال، لكن لاغراض القتال، كان نصف اليف.

Happily, however, for Mr Fogg, the animal's instruction in this direction had not gone far, and the elephant still preserved its natural gentleness. *Kiouni* – this was the name of the elephant – could doubtless travel rapidly for a long time, and, in default of any other means of conveyance, Mr Fogg resolved to hire him. However, elephants are far from being cheap in India as they are becoming scarce. ( رغم سعادة السيد فرغ الا ان تعليمات التوجيه للحيوان لم تنفع طويلا، فالفيل حافظ على وداعته الطبيعية. (كيوني،) هذا كان اسم الفيل، كان لا يسير بسر عة

لوقت طويل على عكس اي وسيلة نقل مريحة اخرى. السيد قوغ قرر ان يستاجره. على اي حال، الفيلة ليست رخيصة في الهند لانها اصبحت نادرة. Male elephants, as they are only suitable for circus shows, are much sought after especially as the majority are domesticated. When therefore Mr Fogg proposed to the Indian to hire Kiouni, he refused point-blank.

الفيلة الذكور مناسبة فقط لعروض السيرك ومطلوبة جدا بعدما اصبحت غالبيتها مدجنة. عندما اظهر السيد فوغ نيته للهندي باستئجار الفيل (كيوني) رفض الفكرة. Mr Fogg persisted, offering the excessive sum of ten pounds an hour for the loan of the elephant to Allahabad. Refused. Twenty pounds? Refused also. Forty pounds? Still refused.

السيد فوغ اصر وعرض عشر جنيهات زيادة للساعة لاستعارة الفيل الى (الله اباد) . الهندي رفض. عشرون جنيها؟ رفض ايضا. اربعون جنيها؟ ما زال رافضا. Phileas Fogg, without getting in the least flurried, then proposed to purchase the animal outright, and at fi rst offered a thousand pounds for him. The Indian, perhaps thinking he was going to make a great bargain, still refused. At two thousand pounds the Indian yielded.

(فيليس فوغ) دون ان يغضب قرر ان يشتري الحيوان، وفي البداية عرض عليه الف جنيه. الهندي، ربما ظن انه كان يعقد صفقة كبيرة، ظل ر افضا بسعر الفا جنيه، وافق الهندي.

"What a price, good heavens!" cried Passepartout, "for an elephant." It only remained now to find a guide, which was comparatively easy. A young Parsee\*, with an intelligent face, offered his services, which Mr Fogg accepted, promising so generous a reward as to materially stimulate his zeal.

يا له من سعر ، بحق السماء! صاح باسيبارتوت، من اجل فيل بقي الآن فقط ان نجد دليلا، و هو امر سهل مقارنة مع الفيل شاب من اصل فارسي ذو وجه ذكي عرض خدماته التي قبلها السيد فوغ واعدا بمكافاة كريمة ليثير طمعه المادي

The elephant was led out and equipped. Provisions were purchased at Kholby, and, while Sir Francis and Mr Fogg took the howdahs\* on either side, Passepartout got astride the saddle-cloth between them.

تم اقتياد الفيل وتزويده بمعدات الركوب. المئونة تم شراؤها من خولبي وبينما قام السيدان فرانسيس وفوغ بوضع المقعد على ظهر الفيل وارخاء طرفيه على جانبي الفيل، قام باسيبارتوت بربط السرج بين الطرفين

The Parsee perched himself on the elephant's neck, and at nine o'clock they set out from the village, the animal marching off through the dense forest of palms by the shortest cut.

الفارسي جلس على رقبة الفيل، وفي الساعة التاسعة انطلقوا من القرية، والحيوان كان يسير عبر غابة كثيفة من النخيل على اقصر الطرق \* Parsee – a person living in South Asia but descended from Persia.

\* *howdah* – a seat for riding an elephant

## Vocabulary

#### **<u>1. Answer the questions :</u>**

- 1. What kind of house is a *bungalow* (line 6)?
- 2. How does the word <u>hamlet</u> (line 9) suggest that there aren't many houses or people in the area where the train has stopped?
- A hamlet is <u>a very small village</u>, which suggests that <u>there are very few people and houses</u>.
- **3.** What form of transport is a <u>*steamer*</u> (line 24)?
- **4.** What kind of facial expression is a *wry grimace* (line 30), and why did Passepartout's face show this expression?

It's an expression that shows *pain or unhappiness*. Passepartout wasn't happy *because* he didn't want to walk far, as he didn't think his shoes would be sturdy enough.

5. Read line 36 again. Which words tell us that the elephant was kept safely away from direct contact with humans?

سياج مغلق

*Enclosed*, *palings*: The elephant was in a compound surrounded by high palings. In other words, the animal was fenced in an area.

Key Word	Meaning in English	Arabic
bungalow	a house with one floor	طابق واحد
hamlet	a very small village, which suggests that there are very few people and houses.	قرية
steamer	a ship powered by steam	سفينة بخارية
wry grimace	an expression that shows pain or unhappiness	لوى قسمات وجهه بامتعاض
growing warm	an expression that that means getting annoyed	لوى قسمات وجهه بامتعاض

# Comprehension

The **theme** of the novel is : *perseverance is the best motivation towards success*. Phileas Fogg succeeds in his quest and he also finds his best companion, Aouda.

المثابرة هي أفضل دافع نحو النجاح .

# 2. Answer the questions :

- Why can't the train continue its journey from Kholby to Allahabad?
   The train cannot continue its journey <u>because</u> the railway line hasn't actually been completed.
- 2. Why is Sir Francis <u>annoyed</u> during his conversation with the conductor? What expression is used to mean he is getting annoyed? (line 15)

-He is annoyed *because* he feels cheated by being sold a ticket to somewhere the train doesn't go. - <u>'Growing warm'</u> means <u>getting annoyed</u>. 2016

3. How does Mr Fogg deal with the situation when he discovers that his train journey cannot continue? How does his attitude differ from that of Sir Francis? Look at lines 23 to 26.

Fogg says that he suspected that this might happen <u>and</u> suggests that they find another means of transport.

Compared to Sir Francis, he is very *calm* and *confident* and *doesn't show any anger*.

**4. Why did the Indian man decide to rear an elephant?** He wanted it for fighting. *(warlike)*  A house with one floor

It's a ship powered by steam

5. How do we know that the elephant is not aggressive?"It still preserved its natural gentleness ", <u>meaning that</u> it doesn't want to fight (lines 40-41).			
6. How many people travel on the elephant? <u>Four people</u> : the guide, passepartout, Sir Francis and Mr Fogg.			
<b>3.</b> Complete the sentences with the correct word.			
قلق غیرنادم متحمس واثق هادئ calm confident enthusiastic unapologetic worried			
1. The conductor is about having sold a ticket to Allahabad to the travellers, even though the train will not take them there.			
2. Mr Fogg is that he will still complete his journey in eighty days.			
<b>3.</b> Passepartout feels about the prospect of walking the rest of the way to Allahabad.			
4. Mr Fogg remains while he negotiates the sale of the elephant.			
5. The guide is very about making the journey by elephant. Answers : unapologetic - confident - worried - calm - enthusiastic			
<b><u>4. Complete the sentences 1–3 with the names of the characters.</u></b>			
Sir Francis - Passepartout - Phileas Fogg			
<ol> <li>is prepared to walk the rest of the way to Allahabad.</li> <li>thinks that two thousand pounds is too much to pay for an elephant.</li> <li>does not know where they are when the train stops.</li> <li>Phileas Fogg</li> <li>Phileas Fogg</li> <li>Francis</li> </ol>			
Ideas			
<b>5.</b> Find a line in the story that represents the following ideas.			
<b>1. Time :</b> (Line 20 – 21) - "Mr Fogg, this is a delay greatly to your disadvantage." "No, Sir Francis; it was foreseen."			
<ul> <li>2. Money: (Lines 49 51)</li> <li>Phileas Fogg, without getting in the least flurried, then proposed to purchase the animal outright, and at first offered a thousand pounds for him. The Indian, perhaps thinking he was going to make a great bargain, still refused.</li> </ul>			
3. Transport : (Lines 41-43)			
<ul> <li>Happily, however, for Mr Fogg, the animal's instruction in this direction had not gone far, and the elephant still preserved its natural gentleness. <u>Kiouni</u> – this was the name of the elephant – could doubtless travel rapidly for a long time, and, in default of any other means of conveyance, Mr Fogg resolved to hire him.</li> </ul>			
6.Consider the <i>idea of transport</i> . Compare <i>the train</i> (lines 6–15) and <i>the elephant</i> (lines 38–45). What are <i>the advantages and disadvantages</i> of each mode of transport mentioned, and how does this relate to the rest of the extract?			
<i>Transport</i> is an important <i>theme</i> in this story. These two passages describe a train's unfinished route and an elephant's limited potential to be a good mode of transport. The elephant surpasses man-made transport and remains the best choice.			

Elephant Train	- More positive investment.	<ul> <li>A good mode of transport. (limited potential)</li> <li>The elephant surpasses man-made transport – The best</li> <li>Travel slowly and for a short time fails</li> </ul>		
I think that this - When Phileas - Where the ele - However, I th hurry; he is in 8. Read lines characters Remember	story shows the importance of time Fogg is <u>so precise about the numbe</u> phant is described(' <u>rapidly</u> ', line 41 ink that more importance is given to stead very well prepared. 8–22. Making specific reference t of Sir Francis and Phileas Fogg. ( to quote from the text.	er of days they have to spare in line 24. 1). b efficiency, because Phileas Fogg is not in a o these lines, compare and contrast the Comment on the things they say and do.		
•	f two different personalities. Sir Fra 12, Sir Francis speaks in exclamati	ancis gets easily angry, Phileas Fogg is calm and on and short sentences.		
Plileas Fogg Sir Francies	<i>calm and assured</i> – intelligent – j courageous generous and self-con Gets easily angry – speak in excla			
<ul> <li>9. Read the following extract from the story. Find two examples of <u>literary devices</u>. TB</li> <li>" The Parsee perched himself on the elephant's neck, and at nine o'clock they set out from the village, the animal marching off through the dense forest of palns by the shortest cut. " <ol> <li>Alliteration : Parsee perched;</li> <li>Personification : the animal marching</li> </ol> </li> </ul>				
Read the following lines from <i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> carefully, then (3 points) answer the questions that follow :				
<ul> <li>"Not at all, but I knew that some obstacle or other would sooner or later arise on my route. 2018 Nothing, therefore, is lost. (Mr Fogg)</li> <li>I have two gained days to sacrifice. A steamer leaves Calcutta for Hong Kong at noon, on the 25th. 1. What form of transport is a steamer ?</li> <li>2. Write down the two cities which are mentioned )</li> </ul>				
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<ol> <li>How was the elephant reared ?</li> <li>Which words tell us that the elephant was kept safely away from direct contact with humans ?</li> </ol>				

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