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Klassiker in Englisch Niveau A1. Die Bücher dieser Reihe eignen sich für Jugendliche und Erwachsene, die mit klassischen Werken ihre Lesefähigkeit verbessern wollen. Englisch Niveau A1, durchgehend in englischer Sprache.

Chapter 1

Phileas Fogg lives in London. He is an important member of the Reform Club. Fogg is a quiet and elegant man. Many people know him. But no one knows much about him.

He is English. But he is not from London. He is never seen in shops or banks.

Fogg is rich. Nevertheless, he does not spend too much money. But he is not stingy either; he often secretly donates to good causes.

Fogg doesn't talk much. He does the same thing every day. He knows a lot about the world. At the club, he often listens to reports about travels. Then he says only a few words. Sometimes he corrects the others. In his mind, he has already traveled around the world.

Fogg has lived in London for years. He only goes from his house to the Reform Club. At the club, he reads the newspaper and plays whist. He often wins. He donates the money. He enjoys the game. Winning is not important to him.

He has no family. Only a servant lives in his house. Fogg stays at the club almost all day. He eats there. He spends his time there.

He always goes home at the same time. He sleeps there. His house is comfortable. But it is not luxurious.

He has fixed habits. His servant must be punctual and reliable. On October 2, he dismisses his servant. The aftershave was not the right temperature.

Now he is waiting for a new servant. The new servant is supposed to arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. Fogg sits in his armchair. He looks at his watch. At 11:30 a.m., he wants to go to the Reform Club.

Then there is a knock at the door. The old servant comes in and says, "The new servant is here."

A man enters. He is about 30 years old.

Fogg asks him, "Are you French?"

The man introduces himself. "My name is Jean Passepartout. I have had many jobs. I have been living in England for five years. I am looking for a quiet job. You are very punctual. I like that."

Fogg says, "The name Passepartout suits you well."

He has already heard good things about him.

Then he asks, "What time is it?"

Passepartout looks at his watch. "My watch is four minutes slow."

Fogg hires him anyway. It is 11:29 a.m. on October 2, 1872.

Fogg stands up. Then the old servant leaves the house.

Now Passepartout is alone.

Chapter 2

Passepartout thinks about his new boss.

Fogg is calm. He is a handsome man. He is about forty years old. He has blond hair and a beard. Phileas Fogg is very neat. He always takes the shortest route. He makes no unnecessary movements. He is always punctual.

Passepartout comes from Paris. He has been searching for the right employer for a long time. Passepartout is friendly. He has blue eyes. He has strong arms. His hair is brown.

Passepartout wonders, is Fogg a good boss for him? He wants a quiet life. He has had many employers. But none of them suited him. Then he heard about Fogg. Fogg's quiet life suits him well.

Passepartout looks around. The house is tidy. It is well furnished, with gas lighting and heating. Passepartout goes to his room. He likes it very much.

In his room, he discovers a daily schedule. Every day is planned out in detail. Fogg always goes to bed at midnight. Fogg's clothes are well organized. Each item of clothing has a number. Even the shoes are organized.

The house is comfortable and cozy. There are no books. Fogg uses the library at the Reform Club.

There is a safe in Fogg's bedroom. Passepartout is happy with the house. It suits Fogg well. Passepartout is looking

forward to his work.

Chapter 3

Phileas Fogg leaves his house at 11:30 a.m. He goes to the Reform Club. The club is large and expensive. Fogg has breakfast there. He eats various dishes. After breakfast, he reads the newspapers. Lunch consists of similar dishes. In the afternoon, he sits in the club's large salon.

Half an hour later, other members arrive. They are passionate whist players.

Andrew Stuart is an engineer. John Sullivan and Samuel Fallentin are bankers. Thomas Flanagan is a brewer. Walther Ralph works for the Bank of England.

These men are rich and well-known. They talk about a theft. Someone has stolen money from the Bank of England.

Walther Ralph says, "The perpetrator is no ordinary thief. He is a gentleman. It's in the newspaper." The theft happened three days ago. Someone stole £55,000.

Walther Ralph explains. "The cashier was busy. He didn't notice anything. The Bank of England has no bars and no guards. It respects the dignity of its customers. Money is left lying around openly."

The bank has sent detectives to the major ports. It is offering a reward of £2,000 and 5 percent of the amount found.

Someone saw a gentleman in the bank. He was well dressed. He had good manners. The police have created an accurate picture of him. This picture is being distributed everywhere.

All of England is talking about the theft. The members of the Reform Club are also discussing it.

Walther Ralph says, "The reward will motivate the investigators."

But Andrew Stuart is skeptical.

They talk at the gaming table. They remain silent during the game. They continue their discussion during the breaks.

Andrew Stuart says, "The thief will escape. He can hide somewhere."

Phileas Fogg says calmly, "The earth used to be bigger."

Andrew Stuart looks at him. "What do you mean? Has the earth become smaller?"

Walther Ralph nods. "Yes, the earth has become smaller. You can travel much faster now. That's why the police can find the thief faster."

Andrew Stuart is not convinced. "Traveling isn't that easy. There is bad weather. There are accidents."

Phileas Fogg says calmly, "You can travel around the world in 80 days."

John Sullivan starts to calculate. He counts up the days of travel.

In the end, he says, "Yes, it's exactly 80 days."

Andrew Stuart shakes his head. "I don't believe that. There can always be problems."

Fogg remains calm. "Nevertheless, it is possible." Then he suggests, "We can make the journey together."

Andrew Stuart is surprised. "That's impossible. You can't possibly do it. I will bet £4,000 against it."

Fogg raises his eyebrows slightly. "It is possible." He leans back. "I'm ready. I can start right away."

Andrew Stuart wants to continue playing.

But Fogg insists.

Suddenly, Stuart takes the bet seriously. He offers £4,000.

The others try to calm him down. "It was just for fun."

But Stuart says, "I am serious."

Fogg remains calm. "I'll bet £20,000. The money is in the bank."

Sullivan is shocked. "That's a lot of money. What about delays?"

Fogg replies calmly, "I'll plan everything carefully. I'll make it." Then he says clearly, "I'm serious. I'll bet £20,000. I'll travel around the world in 80 days."

The other club members accept the bet.

Fogg wants to leave today. "I'll take the train to Dover. I will be back on December 21 at 8:45 p.m."