

Level 4-4
Gulliver's Travels

Workbook

Teacher's Guide & Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

My name is Lemuel Gulliver. For six years, I was a doctor on a ship. One day, we sailed into a big storm. Worried that the ship would sink, six of us got in a small boat, which later sank. I swam to some land that I saw. The place was called Lilliput. I fell asleep on the beach, and when I woke up I was tied down to the ground. There were many small people around me. They took me to a city, where I met their friendly king. Some of the soldiers shot at me with arrows, and the king became angry. He gave the soldiers to me to kill, but I freed them. Everyone thought I was a good giant.

I helped the Lilliputians in their fight against the little people of an island called Blefuscu. Later, I wanted to go visit Blefuscu, but some people did not want me to. They said I should be killed or have my eyes put out. So I escaped to Blefuscu. There, I found a boat, and I sailed for home. I took with me some small sheep and cows and some gold the king of Blefuscu gave me. Along the way, I met a British ship that took me to England. Back home in England, I made money from my tiny animals, but I was not happy. I got on another ship and started my next adventure.

2. Chapter Summary

► Chapter 1

My name is Lemuel Gulliver. For six years, I traveled around as a doctor on a ship. One day we ran into a big storm, and we were afraid that the ship would sink. Six of us got into a boat, but that soon sank. I swam to some land that I saw. It was called Lilliput. I went to sleep on the beach. When I woke up, I couldn't move. I was tied to the ground by something. I saw some little men about six inches tall. I shouted, and they ran away.

► Chapter 2

Soon the little men came back. I pulled my left hand free and then my head. The little people had used strings to tie me down. They began to shoot arrows at me. Then they used ladders to climb up on me. They gave me food and drink, but the drink had something in it to make me sleep. While I was asleep, they took me to a city. There, they locked me with a chain so I could not run away.

► Chapter 3

The king of Lilliput came to see me. He was very nice, and he had his people bring me some food and drink. After the king left, some of his soldiers tried to shoot me with arrows. That made the king angry, and he gave them to me to kill. But I freed them all, and everyone liked me for my kindness. I learned the language of the Lilliputians, and then I asked the king to give me my freedom. Some soldiers also asked him to let me go free. They said I was a good giant.

► Chapter 4

Finally, the king gave me my freedom. But he made me promise not to hurt the Lilliputians and also to help them. One way I was to help them was to fight other little people on an island called Blefuscu. I didn't want to fight, but I agreed to help him. I did that by taking many of the ships of Blefuscu back to Lilliput. I became very important in Lilliput. Some of the leaders from Blefuscu came and wanted to surrender to the king of Lilliput. And they wanted me to visit their island.

► Chapter 5

After the people of Blefuscu surrendered, everything was fine. I was planning to visit Blefuscu, but some people in Lilliput didn't like that. They thought I was going to help the Blefuscuns. They said I should be killed, but one man said my eyes should be put out instead and I shouldn't be given any food. So I ran away to Blefuscu.

► Chapter 6

The people of Blefuscu were very happy to see me. On the island, there was no large building for me to sleep in, so I had to sleep on the ground. I found a boat that was big enough for me, and I asked the king for help to fix it. When the boat was ready to sail, I put some small sheep and cows in my pockets, and the king gave me some gold. Then I said goodbye and sailed for home.

► Chapter 7

After two days at sea, I met a British ship. On the ship was an old friend named Peter Williams. When I told him about Lilliput and Blefuscu, he thought I was crazy. But he believed me after I showed him the tiny cows and sheep. In England, I made a lot of money from my animals, but I was not happy. I wanted to travel, so I got on a ship for my next adventure.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Adventure:** In living the ordinary life of a doctor on a ship, Gulliver experienced many strange things.

★ **Forgiveness:** Gulliver could have killed the soldiers who tried to kill him, but he let them go free.

★ **Kindness:** Though Gulliver could be a threat because of his size, the king freed him.

★ **First impressions:** Gulliver found that the Lilliputians were not the friends they seemed to be at first, and the Blefuscuns were not the enemies they seemed to be at first.

Answer Key

Part A Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. It was a satire.
2. Jonathan Swift wrote the book, and he was also a pastor.
3. A satire is supposed to make people laugh and also think about the way they act.

► Characters

1. Lemuel Gulliver: brave, kind, smart,
2. King of Lilliput: wise, good, friendly
3. Lilliputians: tiny, bad, mean

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Chapter 1

A. Preview Questions

1. He is on a beach.
2. He has just come from the sea.
3. I think his clothes are from the 17th century.

B. Review Questions

1. He was a ship's doctor.
2. He swam to Lilliput.
3. The people were very small and unfriendly.

► Chapter 2

A. Preview Questions

1. He is sleeping.
2. They tied him down.
3. They are shooting at Gulliver.

B. Review Questions

1. They shot arrows at him.
2. They carried food and drink.
3. They put him in a cart and took him to a city.

► Chapter 3

A. Preview Questions

1. He is a man from Lilliput.
2. Gulliver is putting him in his mouth.
3. I think he is very scared.

B. Review Questions

1. They tried to shoot Gulliver with arrows.
2. He gave the men to Gulliver to kill.
3. They had seen what Gulliver did to the six soldiers.

► **Chapter 4**

A. Preview Questions

1. Gulliver is in the sea.
2. He has some ropes in his hands.
3. I think he is taking the ships to Lilliput.

B. Review Questions

1. He made Gulliver promise not to hurt the Lilliputians.
2. Its name was Blefuscu.
3. He was to bring the king the ships of Blefuscu.

► **Chapter 5**

A. Preview Questions

1. It is in Lilliput.
2. It is the king of Lilliput.
3. I think he is telling Gulliver that there is some trouble in Lilliput.

B. Review Questions

1. They were afraid that he was going to help the people of Blefuscu.
2. They wanted to kill him.
3. He ran away to the island of Blefuscu.

► **Chapter 6**

A. Preview Questions

1. They are cows and sheep.
2. They are in Gulliver's pocket.
3. I think Gulliver is going to take them with him.

B. Review Questions

1. They were happy to see him.
2. He found a boat.
3. He took some cows, sheep, and gold.

► **Chapter 7**

A. Preview Questions

1. He is on the boat he repaired.
2. He is waving to the people of Blefuscu.

3. I think he is going to England.

B. Review Questions

1. He met a British ship.
2. He found an old friend named Peter Williams.
3. He wanted to see many other places.

Mini Quiz

- a. A fish rots from the head down.
→ If a company or country fails, it is because the leadership has failed.
- b. Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.
→ It doesn't matter what happens to us in this life because we will all die someday.
- c. All is well that ends well.
→ A risky venture is good if it ends up OK.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: I can't make it to the top of this mountain.

B: OK. You'll make it.

5. A: Do you think I can make it through the exam?

B: Sure!

► Challenge

1. They used strings to tie him down.
2. They tried to shoot Gulliver with arrows.
3. He pulled many of Blefuscu's ships back to Lilliput.
4. He took some tiny cows, sheep, and gold.

Part B Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

Across

1. sink 2. promise 3. rope 5. ladder 6. tiny

Down

1. surrender 4. ground 5. learn

B.

1. ship would sink
2. bow and arrow
3. put the ladders
4. just big enough
5. learn the language
6. surrender to the king
7. planning to visit

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Chapters 1–2

A.

1. T 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. T

B.

1. He is Gulliver.
2. He is a doctor.
3. It sank.
4. He is in Lilliput.

C.

1. d 2. c 3. b 4. c 5. d 6. a

► Middle: Chapters 3–5

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

1. Lilliputian
2. Gulliver
3. The king
4. Gulliver

C.

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. a

► End: Chapters 6–7

A.

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. F

B.

b → d → a → c

C.

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. a 6. c

Think and Write

Main Idea: meet little people

Event 1: in Lilliput

Detail 1: tie him up

Detail 2: shoot at him with arrows

Detail 3: want to kill him

Event 2: in Blefuscu

Detail 1: happy to see him

Detail 2: help him fix a boat

Detail 3: give him animals and gold

Extra: try to cook him

Vocabulary Review

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| 1. strange | 2. storm | 3. learned | 4. inches | 5. freedom |
| 6. ground | 7. upside down | 8. island | 9. pockets | 10. surprised |

Summary

A.

a → c → b → d → f → e

B.

1. It took a long time, but I made it to the land.
2. I pulled many of Blefuscu's ships back to Lilliput.
3. I fixed a boat with the Blefuscu people's help and sailed for home.

Book Report

Story 1. strange 2. sank 3. strings 4. freedom 5. crazy