

Sco 9: Reading for Interest

Key Words and Concepts:

Foolish: silly; stupid

Hobby: pleasant activity for one's free time

Mention: tell of or about something or someone

Waste: use wrongly or not at all

well-known: known by many people; famous

P1. Instructional Objectives:

1. Applying what you have learned so far.
2. Learning some new words such as foolish, hobby, mention, waste, well-known etc.

P2: Reading for Interest

[Instruction: Read the following passage, using the skills you have practiced so far.]

In the year 1872, Phileas Fogg lived at Number 7 Saville Row, Burlington Gardens. Phileas Fogg was a well-known member of a famous London club called the Reform Club.

No one knew very much about this Phileas Fogg, except that he was a very polite man and a perfect gentleman. He was an Englishman, but probably did not come from London.

Was this Phileas Fogg rich? Yes, but no one could say how he had made his money. Certainly it did not seem quite right to ask Mr. Fogg how he had made it. He did not waste his money on foolish things, but he was not mean with it either. If money was needed for poor people or something like that, he gave it. He gave it quietly and often no one knew where the money had come from.

Had he traveled? It was probable, for no one knew the world better than he. Whenever a place was mentioned he seemed to know something about it.

One thing was certain, that for many years, Phileas Fogg had not left London. Those who knew him best said that he always went to his club every day and that he always arrived there by the same route. His only hobbies were reading the newspaper and playing chess.

P3. Comprehension Check:

[Instruction: Answer the following questions by choosing the best choice.]

1. How many people knew Mr. Fogg in the Reform Club?
 - a. Very few people
 - b. No one
 - c. A lot of people
 - d. Only one person
2. How had he made his money?
 - a. By traveling
 - b. By working hard

c. From his family

d. No one knew how

3. Had he gone to many places in the world?

a. Probably

b. No one knew

c. Just a couple of places

d. No, but he was going to

4. What did Phileas Fogg do when he was free?

a. He traveled.

b. He played chess.

c. He went to the club.

d. He helped others.