

Gulliver's Travels

Chapter 1: The Ship

My name is Dr Lemuel Gulliver. I live in London with my wife, Mary, and our two children. Many of my patients are poor and can't pay me, so I don't have a lot of money.

One day, a friend comes to my house.



Come and work on my ship, Lemuel.
You can get a lot of money.

That's a good idea. I need
money for my family.



This is the story of my strange adventures at sea.

Our ship leaves England on May 4, 1699. We travel to the East Indies. The East Indies are islands in the Indian Ocean. After a few months at sea, there's a terrible storm. We're very scared.

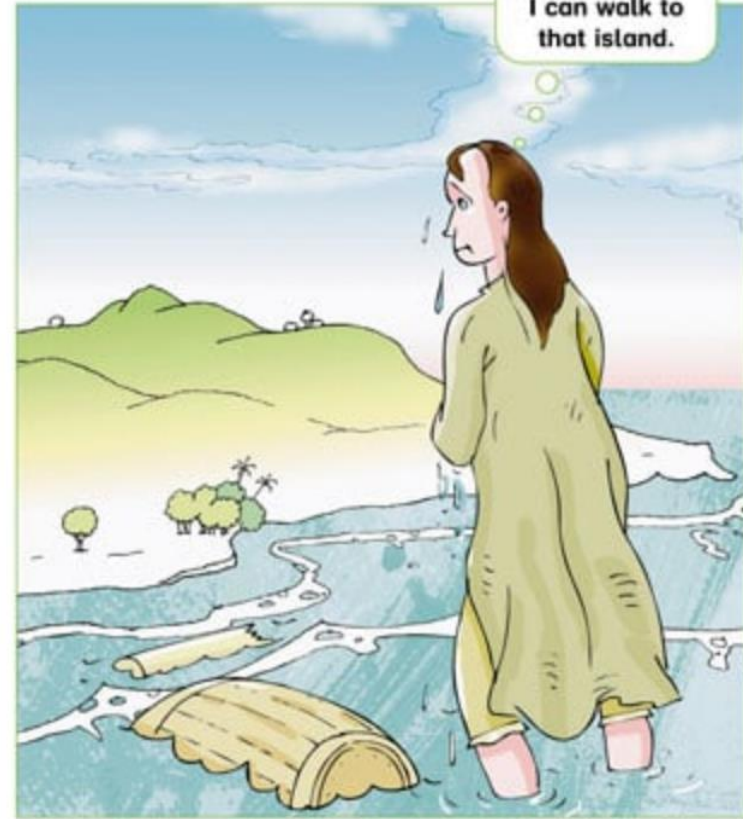


THE SHIP

We get into the boat. We're in the boat for an hour. Suddenly, our boat hits a rock and we fall into the sea. I try to swim but the storm is very bad and it's difficult. I can't see the other sailors. I never see them again.

I'm very tired and it's difficult to swim. Suddenly, I see an island. "Am I imagining this?" I think. I look again. Yes, the island is there. I swim to the island. Soon my feet are on the ground.

I can stand!
I can walk to
that island.



I walk slowly. Finally, I get to the island. I'm tired and weak. I fall on the ground and sleep.

Chapter 2: The Small Men

Something is walking on my leg. I open my eyes and try to move my head. I can't move. Ropes tie me to the ground. I see a very small man next to my face. He's about six inches tall.

The small man has a bow and arrow in his hand. I shout and he's scared.



The small man runs along my arm and jumps onto the ground. I break the ropes on my arm and hair. Then I move my head. Small arrows hit my face and body. There are hundreds of small men near me. They're shooting arrows at me.



I'm very surprised. I put my arm over my face to protect my eyes. The small men are speaking in a strange language. I can't speak to them because they don't understand me. Finally, they stop shooting the arrows.

One of the men climbs on me again. I don't move because I don't want to scare him. Other men climb on me, too. When they get to my face, I point to my mouth. "I'm hungry," I say.

The men are scared but they don't move. One of the men understands and shouts to the people on the ground and they run in different directions. Soon they return with a lot of food and drink.



There is a lot of bread, meat and vegetables. I eat everything. The men watch me, surprised.

There's a sleeping potion in the food and soon I go to sleep again. When I open my eyes, hundreds of men are carrying me on a big piece of wood.



We stop at an ancient temple. The men tie me to the door of the temple.

What are you doing?
Why are you tying me to the door?

Now I can't leave. I'm a prisoner! I can't walk far but I can get to the temple and go inside.

Chapter 3: The King of Lilliput

I can see a city near the temple. The trees and houses are very small.

Some people are coming from the city. There's a man on a small white horse. He's wearing a crown. A woman and a boy are with the man. They're on small horses, too. The horses are scared of me because I'm big.

The man with the crown speaks to me in a strange language. He has a quiet voice. I lie on the ground to hear him and see his face.



I try to speak to the King in many different languages, but he doesn't understand me.



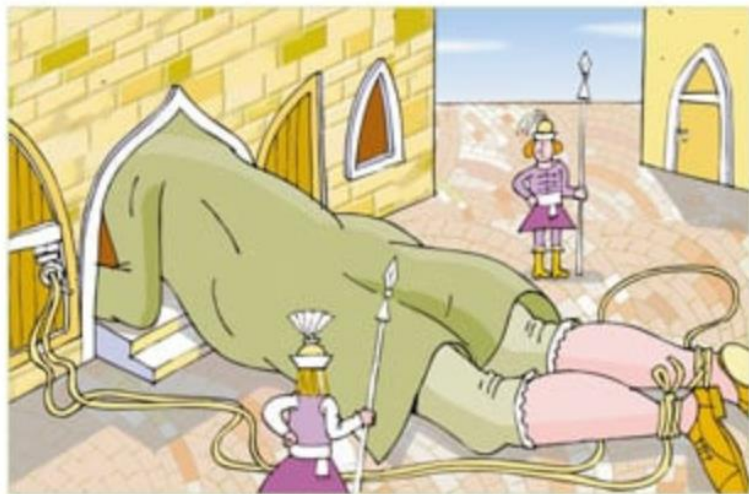
Good afternoon.
Bonjour. Guten
Nachmittag.

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The King speaks to a guard at the door of the temple. Then he leaves with his family.

The ropes on my leg aren't very strong. I think I can escape, but I don't want to make the King angry. I need his help to return home. I go into the temple and look in my pockets. I find my binoculars.



In the evening, servants come with food and drink. After a good meal, I try to sleep. The floor of the temple isn't comfortable, but I'm tired. Soon, I go to sleep.

The next day, hundreds of servants come to clean the temple. Then they bring 500 mattresses and make a comfortable bed for me.

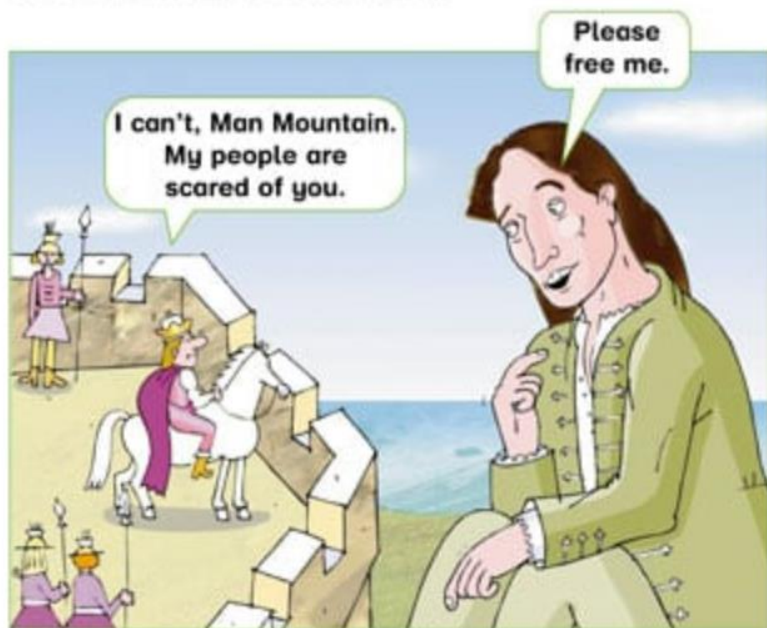


Soon, tailors come to measure me. They make me new clothes with a lot of small pieces of cloth.

Every afternoon, teachers come to the temple to teach me their language. They call me "Man Mountain". The teachers tell me about the island.

The name of the island is Lilliput. There's one city. It's called Mildendo. The King lives in a palace in Mildendo. There's another island near Lilliput, called Blefuscu. The people of Lilliput and the people of Blefuscu are enemies.

A month passes and now I can speak the language of Lilliput. I ask to speak to the King. He comes to the temple on his small white horse.



After that, people come to see me every day. They climb onto my hand and I talk to them quietly. Boys and girls climb on me and play in my hair. Soon, everyone on the island likes me.

Three weeks pass and the guard removes the ropes on my legs. I can now walk around the island.

I visit the city of Mildendo and the King's palace. The people are happy to see me, but they're scared of my big feet. They run into their houses and watch from the windows.

The King's palace is in the middle of the city. It isn't very high and there's a wall around it. I can look inside the palace. I can see the Queen and the Prince through the small windows.



1. Gulliver is a sailor.

true

false

2. On the island, Gulliver has ropes on his body.

true

false

3. The small men speak English.

true

false

4. Gulliver gets a lot of food from the small men.

true

false

5. The King of Lilliput has a white horse.

true

false

6. There are a lot of cities on Lilliput.

true

false

7. The people of Lilliput and Blefuscu are friends.

true

false

8. The people of Mildendo are scared of Gulliver's big feet.

true

false