

### Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

### During-reading questions

#### HUA MULAN – A STORY FROM CHINA

- 1 Because they have a tree with a beautiful pink flower on it in their garden. The name of this flower in Chinese is Mulan.
- 2 Because he is an old man.
- 3 She puts her hair on top of her head and takes off her make-up. She wears her father's old armour and holds his sword.
- 4 She gives her father's name.
- 5 She wants a good horse, and she wants to go home to her village.
- 6 Some soldiers visit Mulan at her home. They learn her great secret – she is a woman.

#### HANUMAN THE FIGHTER – A STORY FROM INDIA

- 1 He is looking for his wife, Sita.
- 2 He takes her across the sea to Lanka.
- 3 He climbs to the top of a high mountain and jumps across the sea.
- 4 They destroy mountains and push them into the sea. They make a road and walk to Lanka.
- 5 He carries a mountain to Rama because Rama needs some herbs for Lakshmana.
- 6 He kills Ravana.

#### SHAHRAZAD THE STORY-TELLER – A STORY FROM MANY PLACES

- 1 Because one day the king will want to marry Shahrazad. And the next day he will kill her.
- 2 Because she is thinking of a plan to save all the women in the country.

- 3 Dunyazad
- 4 She wants Shahrazad to finish the story of Aladdin.
- 5 She tells the story of Sindbad.
- 6 Because she is tired, and she wants to sleep.
- 7 She asks, "Please don't kill any more women after me."
- 8 He builds a library because stories are for everyone.

#### ANANSI THE SPIDER-MAN – A STORY FROM GHANA

- 1 They are in a box (and Nyame has the key).
- 2 He wants Nyame to open the box.
- 3 He wants the great snake, Onini, the Mmoboro hornets and Osebo the leopard.
- 4 Anansi ties Onini's tail to a long stick and carries him to Nyame.
- 5 They fly into his gourd, and Anansi he closes the gourd with his web. He takes them to Nyame in the gourd.
- 6 They open it (and the stories come out).

### After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 **Example answer:** Because she can fight with only one hand – she is very good at fighting.
- 3 **Example answer:** Monkeys are not as strong or intelligent as people. But Hanuman is different.
- 4 **Example answer:** She marries him because she has a plan to save all the women in the country.
- 5 The stories are Aladdin, Sindbad and Ali Baba. *Reader's own answer.*
- 6 *Reader's own answer.*

## Exercises

INTRODUCTION AND HUA MULAN –  
A STORY FROM CHINA

- 1 power
- 2 brave
- 3 war
- 4 secret
- 5 make-up
- 6 army
- 7 enemy
- 8 general

*Reader's own answer.*

- 2 Hua put a tree in his garden and it <sup>1</sup> **grew** (grow) tall. Mulan <sup>2</sup> **was** (be) wonderful with horses, and she <sup>3</sup> **learned** (learn) to fight with a sword. Mulan <sup>4</sup> **put** (put) her long hair on top of her head and <sup>5</sup> **took** (take) off her make-up. Mulan <sup>6</sup> **rode** (ride) away from the village on her best horse. She <sup>7</sup> **met** (meet) some men from other villages. "I'm a woman, but nobody knows," she <sup>8</sup> **thought** (think).

HANUMAN THE FIGHTER –  
A STORY FROM INDIA

- 3
  - 1 false
  - 2 false
  - 3 true
  - 4 true
  - 5 false
  - 6 false
  - 7 true
  - 8 false
- 4
  - 1 Rama and his brother are **hunting** Ravana.
  - 2 Sita is a **prisoner** in Lanka.
  - 3 Rama and Lakshmana have fine **swords**.
  - 4 Ravana is a **terrible** demon.
  - 5 Sugriva's **army** helps Rama and Lakshmana.
  - 6 Hanuman jumps from a high **mountain**.

- 7 Hanuman **destroys** the trees and buildings of the demon's city.
- 8 Hanuman finds a special **herb** for Lakshmana.

SHAHRAZAD THE STORY-TELLER –  
A STORY FROM MANY PLACES

- 5
  - 1 **Where** did Shahrazad's father sit with a sad face?  
**He sat by the fire with a sad face.**
  - 2 **Who** did not sleep that night?  
**Shahrazad did not sleep that night.**
  - 3 **When** must Duniyazad come to Shahrazad?  
**In the middle of the night, at twelve o'clock.**
  - 4 **What** story did Duniyazad want to hear?  
**She wanted to hear the story of Aladdin.**
  - 5 **When** did the soldiers come to the door?  
**The soldiers came to the door the next morning.**
  - 6 **How many** stories did Shahrazad tell?  
**She told three stories, Aladdin, Sindbad and Ali Baba.**
  - 7 **What** did the king build for all the people in his country?  
**He built a library.**

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1 e	2 c	3 h	4 a
5 f	6 b	7 d	8 g

ANANSI THE SPIDER-MAN –  
A STORY FROM GHANA

- 7
 

1 e	2 g	3 b	4 f
5 c	6 d	7 h	8 a
- 8
  - 1 All the stories were **in** a big box.
  - 2 Anansi changed **into** a spider.
  - 3 Anansi and Aso thought **about** a plan all night, and in the morning they were ready.
  - 4 Onini came down **from** the tree and lay next to the stick.

- 5 Anansi made a big hole in the ground and put some web **over** it.
- 6 Then he put some leaves and sticks **on** the web.
- 7 Anansi let go of the tree and the leopard flew **up** into the sky.
- 8 Anansi went home **with** the box and showed it to Aso.

### ALL STORIES

- 9 1 Mulan's father, Hua
- 2 Mulan
- 3 Hanuman
- 4 Rama
- 5 Shahrazad
- 6 The king
- 7 Nyame
- 8 Anansi

### Project work

*Reader's own answers.*