

Aim High 4 Listening Test 2

[2.18] Listen to two talks about famous explorers.

1 Write IB (Ibn Battuta) or MP (Marco Polo) for each sentence.

- 1 He was born in Morocco. _____
- 2 He was born in Venice. _____
- 3 He travelled with members of his family. _____
- 4 His book describes a journey across the desert. _____
- 5 He wrote about his travels in China. _____

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Ibn Battuta's family were ...
 - a) travellers.
 - b) scholars.
 - c) merchants.
- 2 In the Sahara Desert, someone was sent ahead of the travellers ...
 - a) to arrange for water to be brought to them.
 - b) to look for another oasis.
 - c) to find water in the middle of the desert.
- 3 Marco Polo's father ...
 - a) was from the Middle East.
 - b) wanted to explore the Middle East.
 - c) often travelled to the Middle East.
- 4 When Marco Polo returned, ...
 - a) he was put in prison.
 - b) he fought in a war.
 - c) his father was arrested.
- 5 Marco Polo's book ...
 - a) taught people in Europe about China.
 - b) made it more difficult to trade.
 - c) introduced European ideas into China.

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 When was Ibn Battuta born?
- 2 How long was Ibn Battuta away from home?
- 3 How many miles did Ibn Battuta travel?
- 4 How old was Marco Polo when he set out on his travels?
- 5 How long was Marco Polo away from Venice?

4 Answer the questions. Use full sentences.

- 1 Which journey was meant to take only 16 months?

- 2 What does the *Rihla* describe in great detail?
- 3 Why was Ibn Battuta stranded on the coast of Asia?
- 4 Why didn't Marco Polo sail from Hormuz to China?
- 5 How did Marco Polo's book help future travellers?