Rudyard Kipling: the Poet of the Empire

Chapter One

Before you read

Page 7 – exercise 1
1 T
2 F – He is generally considered one of England’s greatest writers.
3 T
4 F – Many Anglo-Indian families sent their children back to England.
5 F – He did very well at the United Services College.
6 T
7 T
8 F – He wrote for the rest of his life.

Page 9 – exercise 1
1 F
2 E
3 H
4 B
5 A
6 G
7 I
8 C

Page 10 – exercise 2
Open answers.

Page 10 – exercise 3
1 A
2 A
3 B
4 B
5 B
6 A

The text and beyond

Page 16 – exercise 1
1 Kim’s father had given them to him.
2 The god of 900 devils.
3 He would make Kim a better man than his father was.
4 He delivered letters or spied for different people.
5 He was tall and dressed in red. He was kind and simple.
6 Tibet
7 Buddhism
8 The museum
9 How people begged: talking or silent.

Page 16 – exercise 2
1 E – Although the lama looked like an old Chinese man, he was really from Tibet.
2 C – Although he often wore Hindu or Muslim clothing, Kim was actually English.
3 F – Although the Wonderhouse is a wonderful place, you do not have to pay to go in.
4 B – Although Kim was just a little boy, adults often trusted him with secret missions.
5 D – Although Kim has seen many different kinds of people, he has never seen anyone like the lama.

Page 17 – exercise 3
Possible answer:
Dear Son,

Today I met a most extraordinary man, a Tibetan lama. A lama in Tibet had given him my name. Think of that! He came all the way from Tibet to meet me! Anyway, he was accompanied by a little boy that I often see playing in front of the museum — a clever little boy! The lama was happy and surprised and thrilled, just like a small child when he saw the sculptures of the Lord Buddha in the museum. He told me that he is looking for a kind of sacred river — the River of the Arrow. In this river, he says, he will be able to wash away all his sins. I felt very close to this old man — so wise and yet so simple. I would like to go with him on his pilgrimage! I hope everything goes well for him.

What an incredible story!
Your father

Page 25 – exercise 1
1 B – He was born in a period of change — economic, social and religious.
2 B – Many of them are probably legends.
3 A
4 B – He reached enlightenment after 49 days of relaxed meditation.
5 B – He thought people should try his teachings and ideas for themselves before accepting them.
6 A
7 B – The Buddha’s teachings arrived in other parts of Asia after his death.
8 B – Europeans started studying Buddhism in the early 1800s.

Chapter 2

Before you read

Page 30 – exercise 1
1 F
2 H
3 G
4 L
5 B
6 N
7 E
8 C
9 J

Page 31 – exercise 2
1 think 2 consider 3 used 4 most 5 speakers 6 which 7 all 8 than 9 that 10 however 11 very

Page 32 – exercise 3A
1 D
2 F
3 A
4 B
5 C
6 G
7 H
8 E

Page 33 – exercise 3B
1 veranda 2 guru 3 loot 4 thugs 5 caravan 6 curry 7 bungalow 8 tank
Chapter Three

Before you read

Page 33 – exercise 1
1 dark
2 frightened/scared
3 the 3.25 am train arrived
4 afraid
5 room
6 was for Amritzar
7 offered to pay for Kim’s ticket
8 from the hills too, like the lama

The text and beyond

Page 41 – exercise 1
1 A
2 B
3 B
4 A
5 A
6 B
7 B
8 A

Page 41 – exercise 2
1 K – Kim and his friends were playing on the Zam-Zammah cannon when they saw a strange man.
2 G – He told them that he was a lama from Tibet.
3 D – Kim took him into the museum.
4 J – Kim realised that the lama was special: he told the truth.
5 L – He decided to go with him to Benares.
6 B – Kim took the lama to sleep at the Kashmir Serai.
7 E – Mahbub Ali offered Kim money to take a message to Umballa.
8 F – Kim and the lama took the train to Umballa.
9 I – Kim delivered the message to the colonel.
10 H – Kim and the lama started walking to Benares.
11 M – They stopped and checked each river on the way.
12 A – They spent their first evening in a small village.
13 C – Kim told everybody about the great war that was coming.

Page 42 – exercise 3
1 D
2 G
3 C
4 A
5 E
6 B
7 B
8 A

Extra – F

Chapter Four

Before you read

Page 45 – exercise 1
A B C D E F

Page 45 – exercise 2
1 The old man.
2 Many hours.
3 He liked it very much.
4 When the sun went down — at sunset.
5 Tobacco, firewood, food.

The text and beyond

Page 52 – exercise 1
A O M 8  B K 2  C K 4  D L 5  E S S 3  F K 7  G L 1  H S 6  I S 9

Page 53 – exercise 2
1 2 3
D I S G U I S E
O U T
5 5 5
R R R
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K
B U N G A L O W
E A N T
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B E G A N
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B E F O R E
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Chapter Five

Before you read

Page 54 – exercise 1
1 B 2 C 3 4 8

The text and beyond

Page 61 – exercise 1
1 A 2 A 3 D 4 5 C 6 A 7 B 8 C

Page 62 – exercise 2
Possible answer:
I am a lama and I am the head of an important monastery in Tibet. I am an artist and a scholar. However, one day I decided to leave my wealthy monastery and search for the River of the Arrow. I want to free myself of sins before I die. Well, I came to the city of Lahore to talk with a Sahib in the House of Wonders. A young boy directed me there, and then later he decided to come with me and be my chela, my disciple. I think this is a kind of miracle. This boy’s name is Kim and he too has a search: a Red Bull on a Green Field. Today we found it and we also discovered that Kim is actually a Sahib. The Sahibs told him that he could go to school. I know how important knowledge is. So, I am going to help him study. The Sahibs told me that their school costs
money. I will send Kim money for his school then. After he has studied we can continue my search for the River of the Arrow and be free of sin together.

Page 63 — exercise 3
1 the symbol of the regiment
2 a god
3 the background of the flag
4 an area of grass
5 the Mavericks’ commanding officer
6 the colonel Mahbub knows
7 his father’s friends in the regiment
8 evil spirits
9 men drinking to their regiment
10 Sahibs praying to a bull

Chapter 6

The text and beyond

Page 61 — exercise 1
A B C C H I J K

Page 62 — exercise 2
A B C D E F

Page 63 — exercise 3
A B C D E F G H I

Page 64 — exercise 4
A B C D E F

Chapter Seven

Before you read
Page 77 — exercise 1
A B C D E F G H I J K

The text and beyond

Page 78 — exercise 1
A B C D E F G H I J K

Page 79 — exercise 2
A B C D E F G H I J K

Page 80 — exercise 3
A B C D E F G H I J K

Page 81 — exercise 4
A B C D E F G H I J K

Money
rupee cheque expensive

Army
officers regiment soldiers wars guns

School
holiday mathematics study

Varanasi — The City of Temples, the City of Light

Page 75 — exercise 1
A B C D E F G H I J

Page 76 — exercise 2
A B C D E F G H I J

Page 77 — exercise 3
A B C D E F G H I J

Page 78 — exercise 4
A B C D E F G H I J

Chapter Eight

Before you read
Page 95 — exercise 1
A B C D E F G H I J K

The text and beyond

Page 96 — exercise 1
A B C D E F G H I J K

Page 97 — exercise 2
A B C D E F G H I J K

Page 98 — exercise 3
A B C D E F G H I J K

Chapter Nine

Before you read
Page 103 — exercise 1
A B C D E F G H I J K

The text and beyond

Page 104 — exercise 1
A B C D E F G H I J K

Page 105 — exercise 2
A B C D E F G H I J K

Religion
temple lama reverend father hell paradise

Military
rupee cheque expensive

Army
officers regiment soldiers wars guns

School
holiday mathematics study
Kim, Kipling and Mookerjee

Chapter Eleven

Page 115 – exercise 1
A K, 7  B O, 5  C L, 8  D K, 6  E K, 1
F O, 2  G L, 3  H K, 4

Page 121 – exercise 1
1 in the fourteenth century.
2 The Mughal Empire.
3 Around 1750.
4 The First Indian War of Independence.
5 1947.
6 He said that it was caused by a kind of madness.
7 To help the Indians by building roads and schools, and by providing modern government and medicine.
8 They were not happy with British rule.
9 He didn’t like those Britons who tried to govern India without knowing very much about the country.

Page 122 – exercise 2
1 Flynn’s character looks very different, On the poster Mahbub Ali is a young man while in the novel he is old. (He dyed his beard red to look younger.)
2 You can see Indians attacking a building, Mahbub Ali holding a rifle and a woman in Indian clothes.
3 The Mutiny and fighting seem to be emphasised.
4 The new element is the young woman, who does not appear in the novel.
5 Open answer.
6 Open answer.

Page 123 – exercise 3
1 a poor village
2 1893
3 land
4 music film
5 strange
6 sophisticated
7 your money

Page 124 – exercise 4
Open answers.

Page 124 – exercise 5
A 10 – 1 Soul 2 stream 3 sin
B 6 – 4 Buddhists 5 holy 6 Wheel
7 Rajah
C 4 – 8 praying 9 servants
D 7 – 10 grabbed
E 9 – 11 meditated 12 fell
F 1 – 13 spy 14 devil
G 8 – 15 message
H 2 – 16 museum 17 disguises
I 3 – 18 mapmaking 19 road
J 5 – 20 mission 21 maps

After Reading

Page 126 – exercise 1
A L 8  B L 5  C K 7  D L 2  E K 1
F M 4  G O 6  H H 1  O 1  K 3  J L 9

Page 127 – exercise 2
A 7  B 9  C 8  D 1  E 5  F 2  G 9
H J 6  I 4

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1 Answer the following questions.

1. What did the people of Lahore call Kim?
2. Why did the lama come to Lahore?
3. Why did Mahbub Ali pay Kim?
4. Why did the old lady have such great respect for the lama?
5. How did the old lady feel about Kim?
6. How did the old lady use the lama’s knowledge for her everyday life?
7. What did Kim think when he saw the army officers standing around a table with a gold bull in the middle?
8. How did Kim fight Lurgan Sahib’s influence and not see the illusion?
9. What was the most important thing that Kim had to study in order to become a spy?
10. Why did Mookerjee have to go into the hills?
11. How did the lama become spiritually sick?
12. Where was the River of the Arrow?

2 Say whether the following questions are true (T) or false (F), and then correct the false ones.

1. When Kim first saw the lama, he thought he was Chinese.  
2. Kim was very surprised that the lama told him the truth.  
3. Kim was afraid when he learned that Mahbub’s message signalled the beginning of a war.  
4. The River of the Arrow was where the Buddha died.  
5. Kim did not tell anybody the war he heard about in Umballa.  
6. The lama agreed to take the Grand Trunk Road because it was the quickest road to Benares.  
7. Father Victor was amazed that Kim was the son of a man who had been a member of the Mavericks.  
8. Kim liked his school and the other students.  
9. Mookerjee liked to tell people that he was courageous.  
10. The hillmen treated the lama well because he looked rich.  
11. The lama thought it was strange that a Sahib was his chela.  
12. The lama did not think it was wrong to become angry with the Russian.
Activity 1
1 Little Friend of the World
2 He wanted to talk with the director of the museum about his search for the River of the Arrow.
3 He paid him to take a message to Umballa about a rebellion against the British.
4 Because she came from the same hills where the lama came from.
5 She liked him because he was amusing, intelligent and very handsome.
6 She used his charms as medicine to cure her grandchild who ate too many mangoes.
7 He thought the gold bull was some kind of a god and they were praying to it.
8 He said the multiplication table in English.
9 Mapmaking.
10 He had to see what a Russian spy and a French spy were planning with two northern kings against the British.
11 He became angry at the Russian who ripped his drawing.
12 Near the old lady’s house.

Activity 2
1 T
2 T
3 F — He was very proud to be part of such important things.
4 F — It was a river that washed away all sins, and was created when the Buddha’s arrow hit the ground.
5 F — He told people in the village, and he told Father Victor — he liked feeling important.
6 F — He wanted to take it because it crossed all the rivers in northern India, and he wanted to check each one to see if it was his holy river.
7 T
8 T
9 F — He told people that he was always afraid.
10 F — They treated him well because they too were Buddhists.
11 T
12 F - He thought he had become spiritually ill because he had become angry.