

Unit 2 It's Show Time!



Lesson 8 Marco Polo and the Silk Road

New words

Italy	<i>n.</i> 意大利
age	<i>n.</i> 年龄
goods	<i>n.</i> 商品； 物品
Europe	<i>n.</i> 欧洲
Asia	<i>n.</i> 亚洲
journey	<i>n.</i> 旅行； 旅程
king	<i>n.</i> 国王
coal	<i>n.</i> 煤
discover	<i>v.</i> 发现； 了解
invent	<i>v.</i> 发明； 创造
other	<i>adj.</i> 别的； 其他的

Listen to the text and finish Exercise 1 in Let's Do It.



(1) At the age of _____, Marco Polo went to China.

☐ twenty ☐ seventeen ☒ sixteen

(2) Marco Polo and his father moved goods between _____ on the Silk Road.

☐ America and Asia ☒ Europe and Asia ☐ Europe and America

(3) Marco Polo learned about _____ in China.

☐ tea and paper ☐ coal and silk ☒ coal and paper



Read the lesson and finish Exercise 2 in Let's Do It.

(1) What country did Marco Polo come from?

Italy.

(2) How did he and his brother travel?

They travelled on boats, horses and camels.

(3) How long did his journey last?

His journey lasted about twenty years.

(4) When did he travel to Beijing?

In 1275.

(5) What did he bring back to his home country?

He brought back some coal, paper, silk, tea and other things.

2. Read the text and fill in the blanks.

Jenny's project is about Marco Polo and the Silk Road. He travelled along the Silk Road with his father and uncle. Later, he travelled with his brother. They travelled on boats, horses and camels. The journey lasted about twenty years. In 1275, he travelled to Beijing. He met the king and worked for him for 17 years. Marco Polo learned about coal and paper in China. He brought back a lot of silk and tea other goods.

☆教材解读☆

1. At the age of 17, he went to China.

at the age of意为“在……岁时”，
后加基数词表示年龄。

At the age of twenty, his uncle had a big farm. 二十岁时,他叔叔就拥有一个
大农场。

【拓展】 **at the age of**可以和**when**
引导的时间状语相互转换。

He learned to swim at the age of seven.

= *He learned to swim when he was seven years old.* 当他七岁的时候,他学会了游泳。



2.Together they moved goods
between Europe and Asia on the Silk
Road.

between...and...意为“在.....和
.....之间”。

*The shop is between the bank and
the library.*商店在银行和图书馆之间。



3.Their journey lasted about
twenty years!

last用作动词,意为“持续”。

The festival lasted two days.

节日持续了两天。

【拓展】 **last**可以和表示时间的名词连用。**last night**意为“昨天晚上”；**last week**意为“上周”；**last month**意为“上个月”；**last year**意为“去年”。

Where did you go last night?

你昨天晚上去哪了?



4.The Chinese discovered coal and invented paper.

【辨析】 discover,invent

(1)**discover**为及物动词,意为“发现”,表示发现以前存在的事物或现象,后加名词或代词作宾语或加复合宾语或宾语从句。

She discovered her mistake too late.

她发现自己的错误太晚了。

We discover her to be a good singer.

我们发现她是一位出色的歌唱家。

We discovered that it was too late to catch the train. 我们觉察到已经太晚了,赶不上火车了。



(2)**invent**也是及物动词,意为“发明,创造”。表示发明或创造以前没有的东西,后加名词或代词作宾语。

Who invented the telephone?

谁发明了电话?

*Li Ming invented a small machine and it is very wonderful.*李明发明了一个小机器并且它很精美。



5. These things were new to Marco Polo.

be new to...表示“对.....陌生、不熟悉,没做(听)过”。

This kind of work is new to me.

这种工作对我来说很陌生。

As a beginner, everything is very new to him. 他刚起步,对一切都很生疏。



6.I hope to write a book like that
someday.

hope to do something 意为“希望
做某事”,动词**hope**后加动词不定式
(**to + 动词原形**)作宾语。

*We hope to visit the Great Wall this
weekend.* 我们希望这个周末能参观长
城。

【拓展】 **hope**后也可以接宾语从句。

I hope I can be a writer.

我希望我能成为一名作家。



Practise the Simple Past Tense.

am/is—was

cut—cut

fall—fell

give—gave

keep—kept

ride—rode

buy—bought

drink—drank

feel—felt

go—went

make—made

begin—began

eat—ate

forget—forgot

hear—heard

pay—paid



3

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words in the box.

hope coal journey discover goods

1. People sell their goods at the market.
2. It's cold in the house. Put some coal on the fire.
3. After the long journey, Marco Polo arrived in Beijing at last.
4. He didn't do well this time. But he hopes to do better next time.
5. I walked around my city and I discovered some beautiful places.

4

Work in groups. What do you know about Marco Polo?

- *Task tips:*

- *1. Where was he from?*
- *2. How old was he when he came to China?*
- *3. What did he do in China?*
- *4. What amazing things did he learn about in China?*
- *5. How long did he stay in China?*



Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the given words and expressions.

ago, invent, journey, work for, be new to

1.—Who invented the sofa?

—Let me guess. Was it Edison?

2. New York is new to me. I came here just now.

3. People lived a hard life a long time ago.

4. My brother works for this store.

5. We saw a lot of interesting things on the journey to Hainan.



Homework

- 1. Review and recite the important points of Lesson 8.**
- 2. Find and write down interesting facts about a famous character.**
- 3. Preview Lesson 9.**

