

# GULLIVER'S TRAVEL

## JONATHAN SWIFT

STAGE 1  
A1  
YOUNG ADULT READERS

### ACTIVITIES

#### 1 Rewrite the sentences using the comparative.

When I got to Lilliput the people were very small. I looked like a giant.

*When I got to Lilliput the people were (much) smaller than me.*

1 In Brobdingnag the wasps were big. This was not like England!

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2 After I left the giants in Brobdingnag I found a ship. The carpenter and the sailors seemed small, but they were like me.

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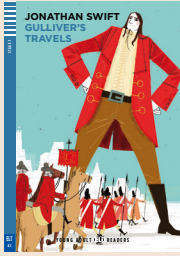
3 Life in England was too quiet. I wanted an exciting life so I travelled again.

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4 On Laputa, the men were boring, so I talked to the women, children and servants.

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1 In Brobdingnag, the wasps were (much) bigger than in England;  
2 The carpenter and sailors were the same size as me; 3 I wanted a more  
exciting life so I left England and travelled again; 4 On Laputa, the women,  
children and servants were more interesting than the men.



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### 2 Make these sentences into the imperative!

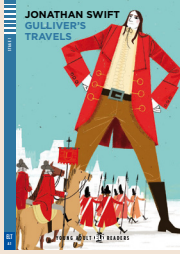
angry - careful - clever - curious - disgusting - fine - generous  
greedy - horrible - interesting - jealous - kind - miserable  
peaceful - strange - talkative - vicious

GOOD	GOOD/BAD	BAD

Good person \_\_\_\_\_

Bad person \_\_\_\_\_

(generally negative words): angry, disgusting, greedy, horrible, jealous, vicious: (can be good or bad depending on your ideas): curious, talkative, miserable, strange: (generally positive) careful, clever, fine, generous, interesting, kind, peaceful.



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## TEST YOURSELF

What is your favourite place that Gulliver visited?  
Write a short letter home describing this place and what happens.  
Use the words in the box to help you.

First - After that - Nex - Then - Finally

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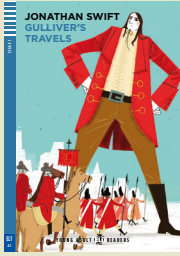
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# FIVE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JONATHAN SWIFT

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- 1 Jonathan Swift described the two moons of Mars, Phobos and Deimos, more than 100 years before either moon was discovered!
  - 2 “Swift crater”, a crater on Mars’s moon Deimos, is named after Jonathan Swift.
  - 3 Jonathan Swift invented the girls’ name Vanessa. The name originated as Swift’s pet name for his friend Esther Vanhomrigh.
  - 4 Swift coined the phrase ‘sweetness and light’. This phrase was first used by Swift when he was defending the classics against the moderns.
  - 5 Gulliver’s Travels was a huge bestseller in its day: 10,000 copies were sold in the first three weeks.
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