

The Black Cat by John Milne

- 1 (a) Egypt. *Possible reasons:* Cairo is in Egypt./There are many antiquities and ancient buildings and ruins in Egypt so many archeologists work there./The picture shows pyramids which are found in Egypt./The patterns and the cat in the picture look Egyptian./The ancient Egyptians worshipped cats.
(b) An archeologist investigates ancient buildings and ruins and antiquities to find out more about how people lived in the distant past.
- 2 *Student's own answer. Possible answers:*
Salahadin has black hair and dark eyes, a moustache and a thin face.
Ahmed has black hair and a wider face than Salahadin.
The *Taxi driver* has black hair and a big moustache. He is wearing a cap. He has not shaved.
Fuad has black hair and a small moustache. He has a long, thin face and is wearing glasses. Leila has short, dark hair and dark eyes.
Borkman has fair/blond hair and pale/light-coloured eyes. He has a big face.
- 3 *Student's own answer.* Salahadin is a policeman and is interested in Mr Pearson. *A reasonable first paragraph of Chapter 2 would describe Salahadin going to or at the Nile Hotel to find out more about Pearson's death.*
- 4 (a) Salahadin is in Cairo
(b) *Salahadin's journey:* Beirut – Ba'albek – Beirut – Athens – Venice – Rome – Cairo
(c) *Crosses should appear at all these place names on the map except Ba'albek which is not a city.*
- 5 *Monday, 11 am:* A man carrying a heavy box got into a taxi near the Nile Hotel.
Monday, 7 pm: Salahadin telephoned the police at the docks in Alexandria.
Monday, nearly midnight: Salahadin got home and read Pearson's notes.
Tuesday, 10.30 am: Salahadin arrived at Beirut airport.
Tuesday, 5 pm: Salahadin and Fuad left Fuad's house and drove back to Beirut.
Tuesday, 6 pm: Salahadin arrived at the docks in Beirut.
Tuesday, 10 pm: Salahadin and Fuad arrived home (at Fuad's house).
Wednesday, 1 am: Salahadin left Beirut by plane for Athens.
Wednesday, 5 am: Salahadin arrived in Athens.
Wednesday, 6 am: Salahadin went to a café in Piraeus.
Wednesday, 11 am: Salahadin went back to the docks.
Wednesday, 12.30 pm: The 'Syria' arrived at the docks.
Wednesday, 5 pm: Salahadin got on the 'Syria'.
Wednesday, 8.45 pm: Salahadin got back to his own cabin after leaving Peterson's cabin.
Thursday, 11 am: Salahadin woke up in his cabin on the 'Syria'.
Thursday, 1 pm: The 'Syria' arrived in Venice.
Friday, 10 am: Salahadin arrived back in Cairo by plane from Rome.
- Saturday morning:* Salahadin went to the Cairo museum with Leila and Fuad and the Black Cat.
- 6 (a) and (b) *Student's own answer.*
- 7 *Student's own answer.*