
WORKSHEETS ON TINTIN BOOKS

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Introduction

It's easy to read through Tintin books looking at the pictures and not getting very deeply involved in the plots. These worksheets are designed to get children reading the books more carefully and appreciating some of the subtlety and humor of the plots and dialogue. I developed the worksheets for my sixth graders at the Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Boston, and they have been successful in getting students deeply involved in the books.

Tintin books can easily be part of the required curriculum in a classroom, but I think they are more fun as a voluntary enrichment activity. One way of getting more students involved in the books is to have a contest: offer some kind of prize to everyone who can read all the books, do all the worksheets with a B or an A, and pass the Expert Test on the entire series. This is a challenging reading project that takes several months, but it appeals to some students and gives them lots of reading and thinking practice.

One caveat with the contest: it's a good idea to insist that students read each book all the way through before doing the worksheet. This way they won't get in the habit of reading the questions first and digging through the books looking for the answers. While this kind of approach is a good strategy in other situations, it takes a lot of the fun out of reading books like these.

For students who become really involved in the Tintin books, there are other enrichment activities. One idea is to have students write a brief account of what is happening in the cover picture of each book - what happened just before and after and how it fits into the plot of the book. You might have students write about some of the main characters - Tintin, Captain Haddock, the Thompson twins, Professor Calculus, Snowy, etc. Some students may be interested in drawing their own cartoons, or even in making up a new adventure of their own. Another interesting project would be to look at the growth and development of the author, Herge, from the earliest books to the most recent - how have his artwork, plot development, and interests changed over this thirty-year period?

The question addressed in the last question of the Expert Test - whether the books are sexist and racist - can also be a springboard for an interesting debate. The Tintin books have been strongly attacked from some quarters, and it's a good exercise for students to evaluate this kind of criticism and form their own opinion.

The full Tintin series in English can be purchased from Little Brown, 34 Beacon Street, Boston, MA, 02106. An educational discount of 40% is available for schools.

I hope these worksheets are helpful in your class. I'd certainly welcome any feedback you might have. Good luck!

CHECKLIST FOR TINTIN ADVENTURES *

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* This is the order in which the books were originally written, and reflects the sequence in which characters were introduced. Ignore the sequence on the back of the Little Brown paperbacks.

Date: _____

TINTIN IN AMERICA

19

Name: _____ ①

1. Why are the gangsters worried about Tintin's visit to Chicago?

2. What important mistake did the artist make on the first page of this book?

3. How does Tintin escape the trap set for him when he first arrives?

4. Who saves Tintin's life from Al Capone's killer?

5. Why is Tintin chased by the police on page 8?

6. Why doesn't the gas in Bobby Smiles's cellar kill Tintin?

7. Why does Tintin head for Redskin City?

8. How does Bobby Smiles turn the Indians against Tintin?

9. How does Tintin get the Indians fighting each other so he can escape?

10. Why isn't Tintin killed by his fall from the cliff?

11. How does Tintin escape from the secret underground cave?

12. How do the oil men treat the Indians differently than they treated Tintin?

13. Why is Tintin almost lynched?

14. Why do the gangsters demand \$50,000 from Tintin?

15. How does Tintin escape death in the sausage factory?

16. Why is the Great Bolivar unable to lift his weights?

17. Why does Tintin get a ticker-tape parade at the end of the book?

18. How many incredible escapes from death did Tintin have in this book?

19. This book paints a picture of America as a place of gangsters, cowboys and gullible Indians, ruthless businessmen, and strikes. Is this fair? How so?

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THE CIGARS OF THE PHARAOH

20

Name: _____ (2)

1. What kind of vacation is Tintin taking at the beginning of the book?

2. What is the man with the beard and the top hat looking for in Egypt?

3. Why do the two detectives arrest Tintin on the ocean liner?

4. Who do you think planted the evidence in his cabin?

5. What does Tintin find in the tomb that makes him afraid?

6. How do Tintin, Snowy, and the Professor end up floating around in the sea?

7. Who saves Tintin's life?

8. What's the name of the film producer who helps Tintin in the desert?

9. Why isn't Tintin killed by the firing squad?

10. Who arranges this?

11. How does Tintin end up in the jungle?

12. How does he get the elephants working for him?

13. Why do they lock Tintin up in the hospital for crazy people?

14. Why does the fakir want to shoot the Maharaja with the poison arrow?

15. What does Tintin find underground near the Maharaja's palace?

16. Who is the most dangerous of the hooded people that Tintin knocks out?

17. Why isn't the Maharaja driven crazy by the arrow?

18. Who does the Fakir and the mysterious man kidnap?

19. What happens to the mysterious man?

20. What was inside the cigars?

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THE BROKEN EAR

22

Name: _____ ③

1. What is stolen from the museum at the beginning of the story?

2. How does Tintin know that the original was not returned to the museum?

3. What three things in Mr. Balthazar's apartment make Tintin sure he was murdered?

4. How does Tintin find the home of the two men (Ramon and Alonso) who tried to kill him?

5. How do Tintin, Ramon, and Alonso find out that Balthazar was killed by Tortilla?

6. What do Ramon and Alonso do in Tortilla's cabin on the ocean liner?

7. Was the fetish Tortilla had the original?

8. How does Tintin get to be General Alcazar's chief assistant?

9. Why does the man from American Oil Company try to get Tintin killed?

10. Why does Tintin go into the jungle looking for the Arumbayas?

11. How does Ridgewell get himself and Tintin free from the Rumbabas?

12. What is hidden in the fetish?

13. Who originally stole the stone?

14. How did Ramon and Alonso find out what was in the fetish?

15. Why is Tintin so surprised to see two fetishes in a store window back in Europe?

16. Who carved the imitation statues?

17. What happened to Ramon and Alonso?

18. Where did the original fetish end up?

19. Who were the rightful owners of the diamond? Why was it important to them?

20. Where was the original fetish while Tintin was in Latin America?

21. Who stole the original statue from the museum and replaced it with a copy at the very beginning of the story?

22. How many copies without the broken ear did this man make? Where did they end up?

Why do you think he did this? Use the back

Date: _____

THE BLACK ISLAND

20

Name: _____ ④

1. Why does the man shoot Tintin at the beginning of the book?

2. How badly is Tintin hurt?

3. How do the bad guys get Tintin arrested on the train?

4. Why is Tintin headed for Eastdown in England?

5. How does Tintin escape death when they are trying to make him jump over the cliff?

6. What does Snowy find that leads Tintin to Muller's house?

7. How does the house catch on fire?

8. Who saves Tintin from the burning house?

9. How does Tintin discover the signal lights?

10. What are the signal lights for? _____

11. What is in the sacks? _____

12. How do the two bad guys escape on the train?

13. How does Tintin know which area of Scotland to look for Mueller and the driver?

14. Why are the people in Kiltloch so scared of the Black Island?

15. What is the monster on the island? _____

16. What is the monster scared of? _____

17. What is going on on the Black Island?

18. Who wins the airplane acrobatic contest?

19. How does Tintin get the police to come?

20. How did the forgers get their money off the Black Island?

Date: _____

KING OTTOKAR'S SCEPTRE

18

Name: _____ (5)

1. How does Tintin happen to meet Professor Alembick?

2. Who is listening in on everything that happens in Alembick's apartment? How?

3. Why is Alembick about to go to Syldavia?

4. Why doesn't the bomb kill the Thompsons?

5. Why is someone trying to kill Tintin?

6. What are three reasons Tintin thinks the Professor he travels with is an impostor?

one - _____
two - _____
three - _____

7. When Tintin reads about the country of Syldavia, what does he find is so important about the King's sceptre?

8. How does Tintin survive the fall from the plane?

9. Is Tintin right to trust the police chief with his story?

10. Why does Professor Alembick go into the room next to the place where the crown and sceptre are kept?

11. Why does Tintin want to talk to the King of Syldavia?

12. How does Tintin finally get to talk to the King?

13. What do they find in the room where the crown and sceptre are kept?

14. How did the plotters get the sceptre out of the castle?

15. What does Tintin see that makes him think of this?

16. Where does Tintin recover the sceptre?

17. Who finally saves the sceptre? _____

18. Why does the phony professor look so much like the real one?

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THE CRAB WITH THE GOLDEN CLAWS

Name: _____ ⑥

1. Why does Tintin first get interested in the cans of crabmeat?

2. How does Snowy get his way on page 6 and 7?

3. Who gets kidnapped outside Tintin's house?

4. What makes Tintin go down to the docks to look at the ship Karaboudjan?

5. What happens to Tintin on board the ship?

6. What does Tintin find in the crab cans?

7. How does Tintin get into the Captain's cabin?

8. What is the captain's problem?

9. Does he know that his ship is smuggling opium?

10. Why does the lifeboat capsize?

11. Why does the plane crash in the desert?

12. What do they hear happened to the ship Karaboudjan during the storm?

13. What makes the Captain fighting mad twice in the book?

14. What do Tintin and Haddock find out when they get to the city?

15. How does Tintin disguise himself?

16. How do Tintin and Haddock discover who the ringleader of the drug-smugglers is?

17. Where does Tintin finally catch the mate?

18. Did Tintin and Haddock know each other before this story?

19. Who was the Japanese man who was kidnapped at the beginning of the story?

20. Why does the Captain collapse on the last page of the book?

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THE SHOOTING STAR

15

Name: _____ (7)

1. Why does Tintin go to the Observatory at the beginning of the story?

2. As the star approaches the Earth, what affect does it have?

3. What do the scientists think the giant star will do to the Earth?

4. Does this happen? _____ What actually happens?

5. Describe the person who tries to blow up the Aurora.

6. What is the purpose of the expedition?

7. What happens to the Aurora during the storm?

8. Why is Mr. Bohlwinkel trying to stop the Aurora?

9. How does the Aurora manage to fill up with oil when the company says it has no oil?

10. What makes the Aurora turn away from its course for a while?

11. How does Tintin's expedition manage to plant its flag on the meteorite first?

12. What is strange about the meteorite? Give some examples:

13. How does Tintin escape the giant spider?

14. Who rescues Tintin from the sinking island?

15. What does he remember to bring with him?

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THE SECRET OF THE UNICORN

Part I

Name: _____ 8

1. What kind of criminal are the Thompson twins looking for at the beginning of the story?

2. What does Tintin buy for the Captain at the Old Street Market?

3. What annoys Tintin right after he buys the present?

4. What happens to the present right after Tintin brings it home?

5. How can Tintin tell that the model in the collector's apartment is not the one that was stolen from Tintin's apartment?

6. How did the rolled-up parchment get to be under Tintin's chest of drawers?

7. What does Tintin think the parchment is?

8. What story does the Captain get all excited about?

9. Who won the fight between the Unicorn and the pirates?

10. What was the name of the pirate chief?

11. What did Sir Francis Haddock do to the Unicorn?

12. What happens to the bearded ship collector?

13. What happens to the other man from the Old Street Market?

14. How is Tintin kidnapped?

15. How does he escape from the cellar?

16. How do the Thompson twins track down the pickpocket?

17. What does Tintin find in Max Bird's wallet?

18. What does it mean on the parchments, "For tis from the Light that Light will dawn?" Why does Tintin need all three?

19. What is the important mistake the author of the book made on pages 31 and 32?

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RED RACKHAM'S TREASURE

Part II

20

Name: _____ ⑨

1. At the beginning of the story, what are Tintin and the Captain about to leave on?

2. Why do all the men claiming to be related to Red Rackham come to Tintin's apartment?

3. Why does the Captain get so angry with Professor Calculus at the beginning?

4. What does Professor Calculus want them to take with them on the treasure-hunt?

5. Why does the Captain almost not go?

6. What is stored in the Captain's whiskey cases?

7. Why don't they find the island at first?

8. What is the piece of wood the Captain tripped over on the beach?

9. Where did the parrots learn to talk like Captain Haddock?

10. What kind of trouble does the submarine run into the first time Tintin uses it?

11. What makes it more dangerous for them to get the old casket?

12. What is in the casket? _____

13. Do they find the treasure in the wreck? _____

14. Do they find it on the island? _____

15. How does the Captain find out that Marlin-spike Hall is his ancestor's estate?

16. How can he afford to buy it?

17. Where do they find the treasure in the end?

18. What makes Tintin look there? _____

19. Why was their trip half-way around the world a waste?

20. Who almost discovers the treasure before them?

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THE SEVEN CRYSTAL BALLS

Part I

18

Name: _____ (10)

1. On page 1, what have the seven scientists been doing in South America?

2. Why does the man reading Tintin's paper say this will lead to trouble?

3. Describe the way Captain Haddock is acting and dressing at the beginning of the book.

4. Is the Captain a good magician? _____

5. What is so amazing about the woman on the stage on page 8 and 9?

6. What happens to all the scientists who came back from the expedition in South America?

7. What is found on the ground near each one of the victims?

8. Why is Professor Tarragon's house so heavily guarded?

9. What does the Professor have in a glass case in his house?

10. What is the dream that Tintin, Haddock and Professor Calculus have the night they stay at Professor Tarragon's house?

11. What is stolen from the Professor's house that night?

12. What does Calculus find in the garden?

13. What happens to Calculus? _____

14. What color car do the kidnappers switch to?

15. What happens to the seven scientists every day at 10:30?

16. How does Captain Haddock change? _____

17. What does Tintin find out from General Alcazar that makes him suspect the Indian man?

18. What does Snowy find that puts them back on Calculus's trail?

Date: _____

PRISONERS OF THE SUN

Part II

Name: _____ (11)

1. Where have Tintin and Haddock travelled to find their kidnapped friend Calculus?

2. Why can't they go and search the ship that they think Calculus is on?

3. What makes Tintin believe this is a lie?

4. How does Tintin first see Calculus?

5. Why does the Indian Chiquito say that Calculus has to be put to death?

6. What does Chiquito arrange to happen on the train as it climbs through the mountains?

7. Why doesn't Tintin jump with the Captain?

8. Why does the boy selling oranges, Zorrino, decide to help Tintin find Calculus?

9. What carries Snowy away?

10. What turns Captain Haddock blue? _____

11. Describe the different climates their trip takes them through: _____

12. Why does Tintin fall at the waterfall?

13. How do they discover the secret entrance to the Temple of the Sun? _____

14. Why does the Inca decide to spare Zorrino's life?

15. What does Tintin find out in the newspaper that saves them? _____

16. Why does the Inca promise to do anything for Tintin? _____

17. Why did the seven scientists back in Europe suddenly recover from their mysterious illness?

18. What did Tintin and Captain Haddock promise the Inca? _____

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TINTIN IN THE LAND OF THE BLACK GOLD

20

Name: _____ (12)

1. What starts happening to cars at the beginning of the story?

2. What does Tintin read in the newspaper at the beginning? What's the world situation?

3. What does Tintin think is wrong with the gasoline?

4. What job does he take on board the Speedol Star?

5. Why is one man on the crew of the Speedol Star suspicious of Tintin?

6. Why is Tintin arrested when the boat arrives at its destination?

7. Why is Tintin kidnapped by Bab El Ehr's men (by dropping a gas bomb in the street)?

8. Why do the Thompson twins drive into the tree in the desert?

9. What does Tintin see some men doing to the pipeline one night?

10. How does Tintin follow these men?

11. Who saves Tintin in the dust storm?

12. Who left all the exploding cigarettes and other jokes around Mohammed's palace?

13. How does Tintin get into Professor Smith's office in his castle on the mountain?

14. How does he manage to knock Smith out?

15. Who does Tintin rescue in the underground tunnels?

16. Describe the way this person acts.

17. How does he escape from Professor Smith?

18. Why doesn't Smith succeed in killing himself?

19. What is in the aspirin bottle that Smith dropped in the desert?

20. What caused the damage to the Captain's house?

Date: _____

DESTINATION MOON

Part I

19

Name: _____ (13)

1. Why do Tintin and the Captain leave for Syldavia?

2. Why is Tintin worried at the beginning?

3. What is Professor Calculus working on in Syldavia?

4. What causes the fire on page 11?

5. What is the X-FLR 6 ?

6. Why does the small plane fly over the space center at night?

7. Why does Tintin climb into the mountains above the space center?

8. What happens to Tintin outside the ventilator grid?

9. Who do you think the parachutist gets the papers from? Who is the spy in the center?

10. Why do they lose control of the small rocket?

11. What do they do about it?

12. What makes Professor Calculus so angry?

13. What happens to the Professor while he is showing the Captain around the rocket?

14. How does the Captain cure the amnesia?

15. What is the code word used by the foreign spies for the Captain?

16. What are the last words the Professor says before they close the door of the rocket?

17. What time of day does the rocket take off?

18. In the picture on page 61, can you tell what continent it is taking off from?

19. Why do all the people on the rocket lose consciousness when it takes off?

Date: _____

EXPLORERS ON THE MOON

Part II

19

Name: _____ (14)

1. Why are the people in the rocket unconscious at the beginning of the book?

2. What are the two detectives doing on the rocket?

3. How did the Captain smuggle his whiskey aboard?

4. When and why do people start floating around the rocket weightless?

5. Why does the Captain leave the rocket?

6. Who is in charge of the rocket?

7. Who walks on the moon first? _____

8. What evidence do they find that there was once water on the moon?

9. Who tries to hijack the rocket? Why?

10. Who is the traitor who helps him? _____

11. How does Tintin stop the rocket from taking off?

12. How did the enemy country that was trying to hijack the rocket get Wolff to help them?

13. How does Jorgen get loose? _____

14. What happens to Jorgen? _____

15. On the way back to Earth, what happens to Wolff?

16. Why are they all unconscious as the rocket approaches the Earth?

17. What happens to Baxter's car on the landing site?

18. What makes the Captain wake up?

19. From what you know about the way real moon rockets work, tell what is wrong with the rocket in this book. Use the back.

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THE CALCULUS AFFAIR

18

Name: _____ (15)

1. What starts happening in the Captain's house at the beginning of the story?

2. How close does Professor Calculus come to being killed at the beginning?

3. Who do you think shot at him? _____

4. What makes Tintin want to look in Calculus's laboratory?

5. What makes Tintin and Haddock fly to Geneva?

6. What are the three ways the men in the blue-grey overcoats try to stop Tintin and Haddock from following Calculus?

7. Did Calculus ever get to see Professor Topolino?

8. What happened to Topolino's house?

9. Who kidnaps Calculus from the Bordurians?

10. Why doesn't the policeman give the very fast Italian driver a ticket?

11. Why don't they find Calculus in the yellow car when they catch up with it?

12. What is the invention of Calculus's that these two countries want so badly?

13. How do Tintin and Haddock escape their two guards?

14. How do they get their hands on the papers to release Calculus from jail?

15. How do they end up driving a tank?

16. Why is Calculus anxious to get his umbrella?

17. Where were Calculus's secret plans all the time they were abroad?

18. Why did Wagg and his family leave?

Date: _____

THE RED SEA SHARKS

18

Name: _____ (16)

1. Why is Tintin so surprised to run into General Alcazar on the street?

2. What is going on at the Captain's house that makes him so mad?

3. How does Tintin find out that General Alcazar is involved in smuggling guns and planes and tanks?

4. How do Tintin and the Captain escape death on the plane with the bomb on board?

5. What happened to Abdullah's father? Why is Tintin so anxious to visit him?

6. What happens when Tintin and Haddock get on the small sailboat?

7. Who is on the liferaft with them?

8. What kind of boat saves them? _____

9. Why does diGorgonzola want them put onto another boat?

10. How does the captain of the ship try to tempt Captain Haddock?

11. When Allan and the crew leave the ship, what do they think will happen to it?

12. Who is locked up below decks on the ship?

13. What is the word coke used to mean?

14. Why does the orange plane keep flying over the Ramona?

15. How do they keep from getting hit by the torpedoes?

16. Who comes to their rescue? _____

17. Why doesn't the diver succeed in putting the mine on the ship?

18. How does diGorgonzola escape at the end?

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TINTIN IN TIBET

16

Name: _____ (17)

1. What makes Tintin shout out Chang's name in the hotel while he is playing chess?

2. Why does Tintin decide to go to Nepal?

3. What makes him so sure that his friend is alive?

4. As they climb the mountain, what are the native guides scared of?

5. What happens to the Captain's whiskey?

6. What is the first evidence Tintin finds that Chang survived the crash?

7. When the Captain decides to go back down with Tharkey, how does Tintin trick him into going on?

8. When the Captain is hanging on the rope, what does he decide to do?

9. What saves them after the avalanche?

10. What happens at the monastery that makes Tintin continue searching for Chang?

11. Where does Tintin find Chang? _____

12. What scares off the yeti? _____

13. How was Chang able to survive after the plane crash?

14. At the end of the story Tintin says that the yeti may have a human soul deep down inside. What makes him say this?

15. Why is the Captain always calling the yeti names?

16. How many times did they actually see the yeti?

Date: _____

THE CASTIAFORE EMERALD

17

Name: _____ (18)

1. Who does Captain Haddock invite to camp out in a meadow near his house?

2. What does the old gypsy lady predict will happen?

3. What makes the Captain suddenly want to pack his bags and leave?

4. Why isn't he able to leave for two weeks?

5. Whose footprints does Tintin find under Bianca's window?

6. How do the two reporters get the idea that the Captain and Bianca are getting married?

7. Why does the Captain start getting all the letters and telegrams?

8. What are the 3 interruptions in the television filming?

9. Are Bianca's jewels really stolen when the lights go out?

10. Which of Bianca's jewels disappears?

11. How does Wagner manage to get out of the house while everyone thinks he is busy practicing the piano?

12. Why does Wagner want to leave the house?

13. Why do the police think that the gypsies stole the emerald?

14. How did the emerald really get stolen?

15. Where does Tintin find it?

16. What is the joke running through this whole book?

17. How does this book compare to the other Tintin adventures?

Date: _____

FLIGHT 714

18

Name: _____ (19)

1. How and why does the five-dollar bill get into Carreidas's hat?

2. What kind of a man is Carreidas?

3. What makes him laugh?

4. Describe the way Carreidas treats his secretary Spaulding.

5. How fast can Carreidas's jet fly?

6. How does Carreidas win the game of Battleship he plays with the Captain?

7. Why does Tintin get suspicious of Spaulding on the plane?

8. Why does the pilot of the plane dive down to sea level?

9. Why is the plane's landing on the island so dangerous?

10. Why did Rastapopoulos have his men hijack Carreidas's jet? What does he want from Mr. Carreidas?

11. How does Rastapopoulos plan to get Carreidas to talk?

12. How does Tintin know where to look for the secret underground passage?

13. What do the statues underground look like?

14. Who does the man with the little antenna say gave him his special powers of telepathy?

15. How does Rastapopoulos find out about the secret passage behind the statue?

16. What two things make the volcano stir again?

17. How are Tintin and his friends rescued from the volcano?

18. Why don't they remember the adventure?

Date: _____

TINTIN AND THE PICAROS

Name: _____ (20)

1. Where is Bianca Castafiore travelling?

2. What does she do for a living?

3. Who is the leader of San Theodoros?

4. What kind of person is he?

5. Why does the Captain have difficulty drinking whiskey?

6. Why doesn't Tintin taste anything funny about the whiskey?

7. What does Captain Haddock think of Bianca Castafiore? How can you tell?

8. What reasons does Tapioca give for arresting Bianca?

9. What are his real reasons?

10. Why do all the reporters come to Captain Haddock's house?

11. Why does the Captain want to go to San Theodoros?

12. Is San Theodoros a wealthy country? How can you tell?

13. When does the Captain first realize that he is a prisoner?

14. Who is behind the plot to trap Tintin and the Captain? What are his motives?

15. What does Pablo tell them to do when they reach the top of the pyramid?

16. How do they escape death in Alcazar's truck?

17. Why does Tapioca parachute whiskey into the jungle?

18. How does Professor Calculus help Alcazar?

19. What does Tintin make Alcazar promise in return?

20. How do the Picaros overthrow Tapioca?

21. Will things change for the people of San Theodoros under General Alcazar? Why?

Date: _____

TINTIN EXPERT TEST

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Name: _____ (21)

1. In which adventure does Professor Calculus temporarily lose his memory? Why?

2. In which book do the Thompson twins eat pills that make their hair grow long in all different colors?

3. In which book do Tintin and Haddock first meet?

4. In which book does the Captain move into Marlinspike Hall?

5. In which two adventures does a ball of lightning strike people and move them to a different place?

6. In which two adventures did Tintin meet Colonel Jorgen?

7. In which adventure does Professor Calculus agree to wear a hearing aid?

8. What is the difference in the way the two detectives spell their names?

9. Does Tintin ever kill a person? _____

10. In which adventure is Snowy's leg broken?

11. In which adventure does Tintin have a dream that turns out to be exactly what was happening when he had it?

12. What are some of the Captain's favorite curses?

13. In which adventure do they stay put at Marlinspike Hall the whole time?

14. In which adventure are people tortured by pins being stuck in voodoo dolls?

15. In which book are Tintin and the Captain saved from danger by a flying saucer?

16. Which invention of Professor Calculus is almost used as a deadly weapon by a foreign country?

17. In which adventure do Tintin and Haddock travel half way around the world for nothing?

18. When does Tintin save himself with a flashbulb?

19. In which adventure does Tintin stop a gang of counterfeiters on an island?

20. Can you think of two times when Captain Haddock nearly commits suicide?

21. In which book does Professor Calculus invent a pill that makes people hate the taste of liquor?

22. What two ferocious animals are scared out of their wits by Snowy?

23. In which adventure does Tintin save his life by knowing about an eclipse?

24. In which two adventures does Tintin fly faster than the speed of sound?

25. In which adventure is Tintin nearly killed by a giant spider?

26. In which adventure is Bianca Castiafore thrown into prison to trap Tintin?

27. In which adventure is Tintin put into a coffin and thrown into the sea?

28. In which adventure are gypsies falsely accused of stealing a jewel?

29. In which adventure does Tintin accidentally discover an oil well?

30. In one book Tintin finds three treasure maps and pieces the message together from all three. Where were the maps hidden?

31. In which adventure does a man climb up a magic rope that supports itself in thin air?

32. In one adventure several men are killed over a diamond. Where was the gem hidden?

33. In which adventure does Tintin save a king from having to abdicate?

34. In which adventure is there a flashback to events that happened hundreds of years ago?

35. In which two adventures does the author show that he believes in ESP and mental telepathy?

36. Why do you think Tintin doesn't pay more attention to women?

37. What was your favorite adventure?

38. Which adventure did you like the least?

39. Some people say the Tintin books are racist and sexist. What evidence is there for this?

TINTIN IN AMERICA - ANSWER SHEET

(1a)

1. Why are the gangsters worried about Tintin's visit to Chicago?

They think Tintin is coming to clean up their crime and corruption.

2. What important mistake did the artist make on the first page of this book?

The driver's seat is on the wrong side!

3. How does Tintin escape the trap set for him when he first arrives?

He saws his way out

4. Who saves Tintin's life from Al Capone's killer?

Snowy, by knock over a vase.

5. Why is Tintin chased by the police on page 8?

They think he's crazy for saying he captured Al Capone & Co.

6. Why doesn't the gas in Bobby Smiles's cellar kill Tintin?

They used sleeping gas (Z4) instead of the deadly O. X22 gas, and the water wakes him up.

7. Why does Tintin head for Redskin City?

Two telegrams say Bobby Smiles is there.

8. How does Bobby Smiles turn the Indians against Tintin?

He tells them that Tintin has come to steal their hunting grounds, that he is a hateful liar.

9. How does Tintin get the Indians fighting each other so he can escape?

He flicks pieces of resin and makes them think it comes from a slingshot.

10. Why isn't Tintin killed by his fall from the cliff?

A tree stops his fall and dumps him onto a small ledge

11. How does Tintin escape from the secret underground cave?

He sets off a small explosion which triggers an oil gusher, which blows him out of the cave.

12. How do the oil men treat the Indians differently than they treated Tintin?

They offer Tintin thousands of dollars for the land; when they find out it belongs to the Indians, they give them \$25 and kick them out.

13. Why is Tintin almost lynched?

He is mistaken for a bank robber and killer, Pedro Ramirez, because Pedro switched their loots.

14. Why do the gangsters demand \$50,000 from Tintin?

They kidnap Snowy, and that is the ransom they demand.

15. How does Tintin escape death in the sausage factory?

There is a workers' strike and the machinery is stopped.

16. Why is the Great Bolivar unable to lift his weights?

Someone switches his phony wooden barbells for real metal.

17. Why does Tintin get a ticker-tape parade at the end of the book?

Tintin led the police to the arrest of 355 gangsters and the seizure of enough documents to clean up Chicago.

18. How many incredible escapes from death did Tintin have in this book?

16

19. This book paints a picture of America as a place of gangsters, cowboys and gullible Indians, ruthless businessmen, and strikes. Is this fair? How so?

answers will vary!

THE CIGARS OF THE PHARAOH - ANSWER SHEET

1. What kind of vacation is Tintin taking at the beginning of the book?

He's cruising through the Mediterranean Sea on an ocean liner.

2. What is the man with the beard and the top hat looking for in Egypt?

the lost tomb of Pharaoh Kin-Oskh

3. Why do the two detectives arrest Tintin on the ocean liner?

They find a box of heroin in his cabin.

4. Who do you think planted the evidence in his cabin?

Rastapopoulos is a good guess

5. What does Tintin find in the tomb that makes him afraid?

Coffins with his and Snowy's names on them.

6. How do Tintin, Snowy, and the Professor end up floating around in the sea?

Allan dumps the three coffins over the side when coastguards arrive - he thinks the boxes were full of drugs.

7. Who saves Tintin's life? The captain of a small fishing boat.

8. What's the name of the film producer who helps Tintin in the desert?

Rastapopoulos

9. Why isn't Tintin killed by the firing squad?

Their guns have blanks in them.

10. Who arranges this? the two detectives

11. How does Tintin end up in the jungle?

The plane he stole crashes there.

12. How does he get the elephants working for him?

He carves a horn and blows notes that they somehow understand (!)

13. Why do they lock Tintin up in the hospital for crazy people?

The note they receive tells them Tintin is insane.

14. Why does the fakir want to shoot the Maharaja with the poison arrow?

To make him go crazy and stop him from fighting the narcotics trade in the area.

15. What does Tintin find underground near the Maharaja's palace?

tunnels and rooms for secret meetings

16. Who is the most dangerous of the hooded people that Tintin knocks out?

the fakir

17. Why isn't the Maharaja driven crazy by the arrow?

He put a dummy in his bed.

18. Who does the Fakir and the mysterious man kidnap?

The crown prince, the Maharaja's son

19. What happens to the mysterious man?

He falls over a cliff.

20. What was inside the cigars? drugs - opium

THE BROKEN EAR - ANSWER SHEET

1. What is stolen from the museum at the beginning of the story?
A fetish (statue)
2. How does Tintin know that the original was not returned to the museum?
the ear was not broken.
3. What three things in Mr. Balthazar's apartment make Tintin sure he was murdered?
1- He would have heard the gas whistling
2- He smoked a pipe; Tintin found a cigarette butt. 3- He didn't wear grey flannel.
4. How does Tintin find the home of the two men (Ramon and Alonso) who tried to kill him?
By tracing their license plate number.
(they had it on upside down)
5. How do Tintin, Ramon, and Alonso find out that Balthazar was killed by Tortilla?
the parrot repeats what the dying man said.
6. What do Ramon and Alonso do in Tortilla's cabin on the ocean liner?
they kill Tortilla + steal the fetish.
7. Was the fetish Tortilla had the original? no
8. How does Tintin get to be General Alcazar's chief assistant?
He is brave in front of the firing squad, saying, "Long Live General Alcazar."
9. Why does the man from American Oil Company try to get Tintin killed?
Tintin is standing in the way of his plans to start a war and make huge profits; he won't take a bribe.
10. Why does Tintin go into the jungle looking for the Arumbayas?
He thinks he can find the answer to the mystery of the fetish, since that is where it came from.

11. How does Ridgewell get himself and Tintin free from the Rumbabas?
He is a ventriloquist and makes the Rumbabas think the statue is ordering them to release him + Tintin.
12. What is hidden in the fetish? a diamond
13. Who originally stole the stone? a man on the Walker expedition called Lopez
14. How did Ramon and Alonso find out what was in the fetish?
they found a scrap of paper from Tortilla's pocket which said so.
15. Why is Tintin so surprised to see two fetishes in a store window back in Europe?
He thought he had just bought the only one.
16. Who carved the imitation statues?
The brother of J. Balthazar.
17. What happened to Ramon and Alonso?
they drowned fighting each other.
18. Where did the original fetish end up?
Tintin took it back to the museum.
19. Who were the rightful owners of the diamond? Why was it important to them?
the Arumbayas, who said it gave protection from snake-bites.
20. Where was the original fetish while Tintin was in Latin America? Back in Europe.
In the bottom of J. Balthazar's trunk.
21. Who stole the original statue from the museum and replaced it with a copy at the very beginning of the story?
J. Balthazar
22. How many copies without the broken ear did this man make? Where did they end up?
Two - one in museum, one stolen by Tortilla.

Answer to last question of worksheet on The Broken Ear

This is probably the most complex of the Tintin plots, and the most difficult to grasp since the key actors (Balthazar and Tortilla) never appear in picture form and are discussed in long dialogues. Here's the way I piece the mystery together (you may be able to do better!):

Tortilla got a letter from Lopez, the man who stole the diamond and hid it in the fetish. Lopez was dying, and told Tortilla of the location of the stone in the statue. Tortilla tracked the statue down to the museum, stole it, and took it to Balthazar to make an exact copy of it. Tortilla then returned the copy to the museum the next night to stop the police from pursuing the case.

However, it appears that Balthazar did more than a simple sculpting job. He may have suspected or known that Tortilla was after something valuable, and he double-crossed him. He made two copies of the fetish, neither of which had the broken ear (perhaps so he could tell them from the original). One he gave to Tortilla, who snuck back to the museum and placed it on the pedestal to be taken for the original. The second he gave to Tortilla as the real thing. Meanwhile the real statue (with the broken ear and the diamond inside) was hidden in the bottom of a trunk in Balthazar's apartment.

For some reason which we don't know, Tortilla killed Balthazar. It's possible that he suspected some trickery, or he may have wanted to keep him quiet about the switching of the statues in the museum. In any case, Tortilla's fatal mistake was not killing the parrot too, because the bird ultimately repeated Balthazar's dying words and got Tortilla killed as a result.

While Tintin and Ramon and Alonso were chasing around Latin America after the false statue, Balthazar's brother discovered the statue in the bottom of the trunk, liked it, and started to mass-produce copies with the broken ear. It was these which Tintin saw in two stores when he returned to Europe, and it was through Balthazar's brother that he tracked down the rich American who bought the original statue. So did Ramon and Alonso, and you know the rest.

THE BLACK ISLAND - ANSWER SHEET

1. Why does the man shoot Tintin at the beginning of the book?

He had orders to shoot anyone who interfered with him.

2. How badly is Tintin hurt? Not badly -

the bullet grazed his rib.

3. How do the bad guys get Tintin arrested on the train?

By pretending to be knocked out, accusing Tintin, and planting a cash and the man's wallet in Tintin's pockets.

4. Why is Tintin headed for Eastdown in England?

Because he heard that the plane had crashed there.

5. How does Tintin escape death when they are trying to make him jump over the cliff?

Snowy frees a goat and leads it to butt one of the bad guys.

6. What does Snowy find that leads Tintin to Muller's house?

the pilots flying jacket with a torn-up piece of paper nearby.

7. How does the house catch on fire? Muller

throws a burning log and it starts a fire.

8. Who saves Tintin from the burning house?

Snowy gets the fireman to check inside.

9. How does Tintin discover the signal lights?

He trips over one of the wires and follows it.

10. What are the signal lights for? To guide planes dropping bags of counterfeit money.

11. What is in the sacks? counterfeit money

12. How do the two bad guys escape on the train?

They climb onto the engine and disconnect it from the passenger cars.

13. How does Tintin know which area of Scotland to look for Mueller and the driver?

The radio news says that the plane he had been following crashed near Kiltoch.

14. Why are the people in Kiltoch so scared of the Black Island?

They think there is a monster on the island.

15. What is the monster on the island? a gorilla

16. What is the monster scared of? Snowy

17. What is going on on the Black Island?

Criminals are printing counterfeit money.

18. Who wins the airplane acrobatic contest?

The Thompsons' plane - by sheer luck!

19. How does Tintin get the police to come?

He calls them on the criminals' radio.

20. How did the forgers get their money off the Black Island?

Their planes take off from a long beach at low tide.

KING OTTOKAR'S SCEPTRE - ANSWER SHEET

1. How does Tintin happen to meet Professor Alembick?

Tintin finds his briefcase
in the park and returns it to him.

2. Who is listening in on everything that happens in Alembick's apartment? How?

Two Syldavian Men in the apartment
below have a microphone in Alembick's place.

3. Why is Alembick about to go to Syldavia?

He wants to do research on Syldavian
seals to find if there are more in existence.

4. Why doesn't the bomb kill the Thompsons?

The heard a 'fizz' and just had time
to throw it away.

5. Why is someone trying to kill Tintin?

They don't want him interfering in
their plans.

6. What are three reasons Tintin thinks the Professor he travels with is an impostor?

one - He doesn't smoke.

two - He can see without his glasses.

three - He called for help on the phone.

7. When Tintin reads about the country of Syldavia, what does he find is so important about the King's sceptre?

If the king
loses the sceptre, he must abdicate -
give up his throne.

8. How does Tintin survive the fall from the plane?

He falls into a cart of hay.

9. Is Tintin right to trust the police chief with his story?

No

10. Why does Professor Alembick go into the room next to the place where the crown and sceptre are kept?

To do research in the
Muniments room (where documents are kept).

11. Why does Tintin want to talk to the King of Syldavia?

To warn him that a group of
men is plotting to steal the sceptre and take over

12. How does Tintin finally get to talk to the King?

The King happens to knock Tintin
down in his car.

13. What do they find in the room where the crown and sceptre are kept?

All the men are
knocked out, and the sceptre is gone.

14. How did the plotters get the sceptre out of the castle?

The camera had a powerful
spring inside - they shot it through the bars.

15. What does Tintin see that makes him think of this?

a toy canon that fires with a spring

16. Where does Tintin recover the sceptre?

A yard from the Syldavian border.

17. Who finally saves the sceptre? Snowy

18. Why does the phony professor look so much like the real one?

He was his twin brother.

THE CRAB WITH THE GOLDEN CLAWS - ANSWER SHEET

1. Why does Tintin first get interested in the cans of crabmeat?

Snowy gets his nose caught in one of the cans.

2. How does Snowy get his way on page 6 and 7?

Tintin accidentally throws away the magnifying glass - when he puts the bone on the table, Snowy gets it back.

3. Who gets kidnapped outside Tintin's house?

A Japanese or Chinese man.

4. What makes Tintin go down to the docks to look at the ship Karaboudjan?

The drowned man was a sailor on her.

5. What happens to Tintin on board the ship?

He is knocked out and tied up down in the hold.

6. What does Tintin find in the crab cans?

opium - drugs being smuggled

7. How does Tintin get into the Captain's cabin?

by throwing boards with a rope attached through the porthole, climbing up

8. What is the captain's problem? He seems

to be drinking too much!

9. Does he know that his ship is smuggling opium?

no - he's too drunk to know.

10. Why does the lifeboat capsize? The

captain lights a fire and fights with

11. Why does the plane crash in the desert?

The captain knocks Tintin out with a bottle (he got drunk again).

12. What do they hear happened to the ship Karaboudjan during the storm?

The radio news says the ship sank in a storm.

13. What makes the Captain fighting mad twice in the book?

when people break his whiskey bottles

14. What do Tintin and Haddock find out when they get to the city?

They find that Allen is still alive and the Karaboudjan did not sink - it's there with a false name painted on.

15. How does Tintin disguise himself?

As a bearded beggar

16. How do Tintin and Haddock discover who the ringleader of the drug-smugglers is?

The underground tunnels lead to a secret door in his house, behind a bookcase.

17. Where does Tintin finally catch the mate?

Out at sea, after chasing his boat.

18. Did Tintin and Haddock know each other before this story?

no

19. Who was the Japanese man who was kidnapped at the beginning of the story?

Bunji Karaki of the Yokohama police

20. Why does the Captain collapse on the last page of the book?

He dived on a glass of water

THE SHOOTING STAR - ANSWER SHEET

1. Why does Tintin go to the Observatory at the beginning of the story?

He sees a star that seems to be getting bigger & bigger.

2. As the star approaches the Earth, what affect does it have?

It makes things very hot, so that pavements melt and car tires burst.

3. What do the scientists think the giant star will do to the Earth?

Destroy it.

4. Does this happen? no What actually happens?

The star misses, but a small piece of it hits the Earth, causing the earthquake.

5. Describe the person who tries to blow up the Aurora.

one man in a black coat and brown cap; one bald, bearded man in a brown suit and glasses.

6. What is the purpose of the expedition?

To find the piece that crashed into the Earth and get samples of it.

7. What happens to the Aurora during the storm?

A boat with no lights on almost rams into them, but the Captain steers away.

8. Why is Mr. Bohlwinkel trying to stop the Aurora?

He wants his boat, the Peary, to get there first so he can make money from the new metal.

9. How does the Aurora manage to fill up with oil when the company says it has no oil?

Haddock's friend Chester lets the Aurora pump oil secretly from his boat's tanks.

10. What makes the Aurora turn away from its course for a while?

The get a phony S.O.S. signal and head towards it.

11. How does Tintin's expedition manage to plant its flag on the meteorite first?

Tintin parachutes onto the island just ahead of the Peary's men.

12. What is strange about the meteorite? Give some examples:

Mushrooms grow very fast, to enormous size, and then explode. Everything Tintin brought grows very large very quickly - the apple, the worm, and the spider.

13. How does Tintin escape the giant spider?

A huge apple falls and crushes it.

14. Who rescues Tintin from the sinking island?

the seaplane pilot

15. What does he remember to bring with him?

a chunk of rock from the meteorite

THE SECRET OF THE UNICORN - ANSWER SHEET

8a

1. What kind of criminal are the Thompson twins looking for at the beginning of the story?

pickpockets

2. What does Tintin buy for the Captain at the Old Street Market?

a model sailing ship

3. What annoys Tintin right after he buys the present?

Two men try to buy it from him and keep pestering him.

4. What happens to the present right after Tintin brings it home?

The ship gets knocked off the bureau and the mast breaks.

5. How can Tintin tell that the model in the collector's apartment is not the one that was stolen from Tintin's apartment?

The mast is not broken on this one.

6. How did the rolled-up parchment get to be under Tintin's chest of drawers?

It was hidden under the mast and fell out when the mast broke.

7. What does Tintin think the parchment is?

a treasure map

8. What story does the Captain get all excited about?

the story of his ancestor, Sir Francis Haddock.

9. Who won the fight between the Unicorn and the pirates?

the pirates

10. What was the name of the pirate chief?

Red Rackham

11. What did Sir Francis Haddock do to the Unicorn?

He blew her up with gunpowder.

12. What happens to the bearded ship collector?

They find him chloroformed on the floor, and the parchment is stolen from his ship.

13. What happens to the other man from the Old Street Market?

He is shot just as he's about to tell Tintin everything.

14. How is Tintin kidnapped?

Two men put him in a large box and carry him off.

15. How does he escape from the cellar?

He makes a battering ram and makes a hole in the wall.

16. How do the Thompson twins track down the pickpocket?

They get his coat and use the cleaner's marks to find out his name.

17. What does Tintin find in Max Bird's wallet?

He finds two of the parchments.

18. What does it mean on the parchments, "For tis from the Light that Light will dawn?" Why does Tintin need all three?

It means that you have to put all three together and hold them up to a light to get the full message.

19. What is the important mistake the author of the book made on pages 31 and 32?

The newspaper says all three bullets hit him. But one missed.

RED RACKHAM'S TREASURE - ANSWER SHEET

9a

1. At the beginning of the story, what are Tintin and the Captain about to leave on?

They are sailing to an island to find Red Rackham's treasure.

2. Why do all the men claiming to be related to Red Rackham come to Tintin's apartment?

They read about the treasure-hunt in the paper and want some of the loot!

3. Why does the Captain get so angry with Professor Calculus at the beginning?

Calculus is deaf and doesn't hear the captain telling him he doesn't want the submarine

4. What does Professor Calculus want them to take with them on the treasure-hunt?

A small submarine that looks like a shark.

5. Why does the Captain almost not go?

He breaks a mirror and is superstitious; he thinks it will bring him bad luck.

6. What is stored in the Captain's whiskey cases?

metal plates - parts of the submarine

7. Why don't they find the island at first?

They are using a modern chart, whereas Sir Francis Haddock used a chart that put the island two degrees to the east.

8. What is the piece of wood the Captain tripped over on the beach?

the remains of the Unicorn's rowboat

9. Where did the parrots learn to talk like Captain Haddock?

They imitated Sir Francis Haddock and passed the words down.

10. What kind of trouble does the submarine run into the first time Tintin uses it?

the propeller gets tangled in some weeds

11. What makes it more dangerous for them to get the old casket?

A shark swallows it and they have to catch the shark to get it.

12. What is in the casket? old documents

13. Do they find the treasure in the wreck? no

14. Do they find it on the island? no

15. How does the Captain find out that Marlinspike Hall is his ancestor's estate?

That's what the documents say - Calculus pieces them together for the Captain.

16. How can he afford to buy it?

Calculus lends him the money.

17. Where do they find the treasure in the end?

In the cellar of the Captain's new mansion, Marlinspike Hall, in a globe.

18. What makes Tintin look there? the parchments

referred to the eagle's cross like the statue next to the globe. Tintin pressed the spot on the globe where the island was.

19. Why was their trip half-way around the world a waste?

The treasure was right in Marlinspike Hall all the time.

20. Who almost discovers the treasure before them?

Professor Calculus with his pendulum.

THE SEVEN CRYSTAL BALLS - ANSWER SHEET

10a

1. On page 1, what have the seven scientists been doing in South America?

They have been looking through the ruins of Inca tombs; they found a mummy.

2. Why does the man reading Tintin's paper say this will lead to trouble?

He says it's wrong to go digging up dead people, violating the burial chambers.

3. Describe the way Captain Haddock is acting and dressing at the beginning of the book.

He's become very aristocratic and affected. He wears formal riding clothes and always wants a fresh monocle in his eye.

4. Is the Captain a good magician? no!

5. What is so amazing about the woman on the stage on page 8 and 9?

She can tell all about people she's never talked to - what is in their wallets, their names, etc.

6. What happens to all the scientists who came back from the expedition in South America?

They all go into a coma and glass pieces are found near them.

7. What is found on the ground near each one of the victims?

little pieces of glass

8. Why is Professor Tarragon's house so heavily guarded?

He is the last of the seven scientists, and they're trying to protect him from going into a coma too.

9. What does the Professor have in a glass case in his house?

the mummy of Rascar Capac.

10. What is the dream that Tintin, Haddock and Professor Calculus have the night they stay at Professor Tarragon's house?

They all dream that the mummy comes into their rooms and smashes a crystal ball on the floor.

11. What is stolen from the Professor's house that night?

the gold bracelets from the mummy

12. What does Calculus find in the garden?

one of the gold bracelets

13. What happens to Calculus? He is kidnapped

by two men in a black car.

14. What color car do the kidnappers switch to?

They switch from black to fawn.

15. What happens to the seven scientists every day at 10:30?

They suddenly go into fits of terrible pain.

16. How does Captain Haddock change? He stops

dressing and acting fancy and becomes his old self again.

17. What does Tintin find out from General Alcazar that makes him suspect the Indian man?

1. the Indian was a full-blooded Inca
2. He disappeared the day of the kidnapping

18. What does Snowy find that puts them back on Calculus's trail?

1. Where have Tintin and Haddock travelled to find their kidnapped friend Calculus?

Callao, Peru, South America

2. Why can't they go and search the ship that they think Calculus is on?

The ship is quarantined - no one can go aboard because of two cases of yellow fever on the ship.

3. What makes Tintin believe this is a lie?

The doctor who put the ship in quarantine was an Indian, and Tintin thinks he is in league with the kidnapers.

4. How does Tintin first see Calculus?

He hides in a cabin on the ship, and the person sleeping in the cabin is Calculus.

5. Why does the Indian Chiquito say that Calculus has to be put to death?

He committed a sacrilege by wearing the gold bracelet from the mummy.

6. What does Chiquito arrange to happen on the train as it climbs through the mountains?

Tintin and the Captain's car is at the end of the train and is uncoupled so it will roll back down.

7. Why doesn't Tintin jump with the Captain?

He remembers Snowy who is asleep in the compartment.

8. Why does the boy selling oranges, Zorrino, decide to help Tintin find Calculus?

Because Tintin stopped a man from bullying him.

9. What carries Snowy away? a huge condor

10. What turns Captain Haddock blue? He is buried by snow in an avalanche.

11. Describe the different climates their trip takes them through:

Cold and snow in the mountains - hot moisture in the jungle - dry Alpine weather back in the mountains

12. Why does Tintin fall at the waterfall?

The rope breaks because of all the Captain's acrobatics.

13. How do they discover the secret entrance to the Temple of the Sun?

Tintin is swept behind the waterfall and there it is.

14. Why does the Inca decide to spare Zorrino's life?

Because he is carrying the medal that Tintin gave him, which has some religious meaning to the Incas.

15. What does Tintin find out in the newspaper that saves them?

He happens to find the exact time of a solar eclipse and tries their execution to coincide with it.

16. Why does the Inca promise to do anything for Tintin?

Because he thinks Tintin can give orders to the sun, which is their god.

17. Why did the seven scientists back in Europe suddenly recover from their mysterious illness?

The Inca burned the dolls that they were sticking with pins to torture the scientists.

18. What did Tintin and Captain Haddock promise the Inca?

They promised never to tell where the secret Inca city was located.

1. What starts happening to cars at the beginning of the story?

They start exploding.

2. What does Tintin read in the newspaper at the beginning? What's the world situation?

There is some kind of international crisis - war may break out soon.

3. What does Tintin think is wrong with the gasoline?

He thinks something has been added to it to make it explosive.

4. What job does he take on board the Speedol Star?

as a radio officer

5. Why is one man on the crew of the Speedol Star suspicious of Tintin?

The man recognizes Snowy from the night before and realizes Tintin was spying on them.

6. Why is Tintin arrested when the boat arrives at its destination?

Someone planted secret papers in his cabin.

7. Why is Tintin kidnapped by Bab El Ehr's men (by dropping a gas bomb in the street)?

They think he is really carrying secret papers for them and must be rescued.

8. Why do the Thompson twins drive into the tree in the desert?

They get so used to seeing mirages that they assume it is too.

9. What does Tintin see some men doing to the pipeline one night?

blowing it up

10. How does Tintin follow these men?

He knocks out one man and gets into his clothes.

11. Who saves Tintin in the dust storm?

the Thompsons

12. Who left all the exploding cigarettes and other jokes around Mohammed's palace?

Abdullah, the son of Berkalish Ezab

13. How does Tintin get into Professor Smith's office in his castle on the mountain?

He throws up a rope with a hook on the end and climbs up.

14. How does he manage to knock Smith out?

He does it while Smith is sneezing.

15. Who does Tintin rescue in the underground tunnels?

Abdullah, the little brat

16. Describe the way this person acts.

Very spoiled. He plays tricks and games and doesn't understand that Tintin is trying to save him.

17. How does he escape from Professor Smith?

He jumps out the door of the car.

18. Why doesn't Smith succeed in killing himself?

He shot himself with an ink-shooting gun!

19. What is in the aspirin bottle that Smith dropped in the desert?

The Formula 14 - the additive to make gasoline explosive.

20. What caused the damage to the Captain's house?

Professor Calculus experimenting with the Formula 14.

1. Why do Tintin and the Captain leave for Syldavia?

To join Professor Calculus

2. Why is Tintin worried at the beginning?

He is worried that someone may have wanted them out of the Captain's house - he thinks Calculus's cable may be phony.

3. What is Professor Calculus working on in Syldavia?

He's building a moon rocket.

4. What causes the fire on page 11?

Haddock lit up some tobacco in Calculus's ear-trumpet, thinking it was his pipe.

5. What is the X-FLR 6 ? An experimental rocket to gather information for the actual moon rocket's trip.

6. Why does the small plane fly over the space center at night?

It sneaks in to drop three men with parachutes to spy on the moon rocket project.

7. Why does Tintin climb into the mountains above the space center?

He wants to try to catch the parachutists.

8. What happens to Tintin outside the ventilator grid?

He is shot.

9. Who do you think the parachutist gets the papers from? Who is the spy in the center?

Wolf is a good guess, although there isn't much evidence at this point.

10. Why do they lose control of the small rocket?

The enemy radio men get control so they can steal its secrets.

11. What do they do about it? They blow it up.

12. What makes Professor Calculus so angry?

Captain Haddock accuses him of acting the goat.

13. What happens to the Professor while he is showing the Captain around the rocket?

He falls through an open hatch and loses his memory.

14. How does the Captain cure the amnesia?

He accuses him of acting the goat again.

15. What is the code word used by the foreign spies for the Captain?

Whale

16. What are the last words the Professor says before they close the door of the rocket?

"Farewell, Earth!"

17. What time of day does the rocket take off?

at night

18. In the picture on page 61, can you tell what continent it is taking off from?

Europe

19. Why do all the people on the rocket lose consciousness when it takes off?

The crushing force of the rocket's acceleration makes them black out.

EXPLORERS ON THE MOON - ANSWER SHEET

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1. Why are the people in the rocket unconscious at the beginning of the book?

The thrust of the rocket's take-off made them all black out.

2. What are the two detectives doing on the rocket?

They got mixed up and didn't get off before take-off.

3. How did the Captain smuggle his whiskey aboard?

In a hollowed-out book.

4. When and why do people start floating around the rocket weightless?

This happens when they turn off the motor and the artificial gravity created by its thrust is stopped also.

5. Why does the Captain leave the rocket?

He gets drunk and is mad after crashing to the floor of the rocket.

6. Who is in charge of the rocket?

Professor Calculus

7. Who walks on the moon first? Tintin

8. What evidence do they find that there was once water on the moon?

They find ice inside the cave.

9. Who tries to hijack the rocket? Why?

Jorgen tries to hijack the rocket for a foreign power that wants its secrets. He also wants to get even with Tintin.

10. Who is the traitor who helps him? Wolff

11. How does Tintin stop the rocket from taking off?

He gets loose and cuts some important wires to the motor.

12. How did the enemy country that was trying to hijack the rocket get Wolff to help them?

They found out that he had been a gambler who owed money, and they blackmailed him to turn traitor.

13. How does Jorgen get loose? He tricks the Thompsons into untying his hands.

14. What happens to Jorgen? He is shot dead in a struggle with Wolff.

15. On the way back to Earth, what happens to Wolff?

He opens the door of the rocket and commits suicide out in space.

16. Why are they all unconscious as the rocket approaches the Earth?

There isn't enough oxygen in the rocket.

17. What happens to Baxter's car on the landing site?

It is set on fire by the rocket landing on top of it.

18. What makes the Captain wake up?

He hears someone mention whiskey.

19. From what you know about the way real moon rockets work, tell what is wrong with the rocket in this book. Use the back.

No stages. Too big to get off the moon. Too much open space inside. Unvisorred helmets.

THE CALCULUS AFFAIR - ANSWER SHEET

1. What starts happening in the Captain's house at the beginning of the story?

Glass starts breaking mysteriously - mirrors, vases, milk bottles, lamps, etc.

2. How close does Professor Calculus come to being killed at the beginning?

A bullet goes through his hat.

3. Who do you think shot at him? One of the two spies watching the house - although they were shooting at each other, not Calculus.

4. What makes Tintin want to look in Calculus's laboratory?
He thinks that may be the source of the glass-breaking, since it only happened when Calculus was in his laboratory.

5. What makes Tintin and Haddock fly to Geneva?
They find the name of Calculus's hotel in Geneva on the cigarette box from the thug's pocket - they think Calculus may be in danger.

6. What are the three ways the men in the blue-grey overcoats try to stop Tintin and Haddock from following Calculus?

- 1. They trip the Captain and argue with him.
- 2. They run their taxi into a lake.
- 3. They try to run them down with a car.

7. Did Calculus ever get to see Professor Topolino?
no

8. What happened to Topolino's house?
It was destroyed by a powerful bomb planted by the goon squad.

9. Who kidnaps Calculus from the Bordurians?

Syldavian agents, who also wanted his plans

10. Why doesn't the policeman give the very fast Italian driver a ticket?

Because his name is too long to write down!

11. Why don't they find Calculus in the yellow car when they catch up with it?

Because he is hidden under the back seat.

12. What is the invention of Calculus's that these two countries want so badly?

A way of using sound as a powerful weapon able to destroy buildings, tanks, etc.

13. How do Tintin and Haddock escape their two guards?

They get them drunk and slip off.

14. How do they get their hands on the papers to release Calculus from jail?

They pick them from Colonel Sponsz's coat pocket while they are hiding in the closet.

15. How do they end up driving a tank?

They steal it from the Bordurians while the drivers are looking for them in the wreckage of the car.

16. Why is Calculus anxious to get his umbrella?

His secret plans are hidden in the handle (or so he thinks).

17. Where were Calculus's secret plans all the time they were abroad?

at home beside his bed

18. Why did Wagg and his family leave?

Calculus tells them that the Captain has chicken-pox, and Wagg doesn't want to get it.

1. Why is Tintin so surprised to run into General Alcazar on the street?

He hasn't seen him in years, and he and Captain Haddock were just talking about him.

2. What is going on at the Captain's house that makes him so mad?

Abdullah, a bratty little Arab kid, is visiting and playing all kinds of tricks on everyone.

3. How does Tintin find out that General Alcazar is involved in smuggling guns and planes and tanks?

He finds pictures in the General's wallet, and follows him to a place where lots of military equipment is stored.

4. How do Tintin and the Captain escape death on the plane with the bomb on board?

The engine catches fire and the pilot has to crash-land before the bomb goes off.

5. What happened to Abdullah's father? Why is Tintin so anxious to visit him?

He was thrown out of power by a rival, Bab El Ehr.

6. What happens when Tintin and Haddock get on the small sailboat?

They are shot at and sunk by a couple of fighter planes, but Tintin shoots one of them down. They end up on a raft.

7. Who is on the liferaft with them?

The pilot of the plane they shot down, Skut.

8. What kind of boat saves them? A yacht owned by a millionaire

9. Why does diGorgonzola want them put onto another boat?

He is really a criminal and he doesn't want Tintin to recognize him.

10. How does the captain of the ship try to tempt Captain Haddock?

By leaving a bottle of whiskey for him.

11. When Allan and the crew leave the ship, what do they think will happen to it?

They think it will explode any moment.

12. Who is locked up below decks on the ship?

African men being sold as slaves.

13. What is the word coke used to mean?

slaves - it's a code word.

14. Why does the orange plane keep flying over the Ramona?

It is a spotter plane which radios the ship's position to the submarine.

15. How do they keep from getting hit by the torpedoes?

By changing direction and stopping and starting.

16. Who comes to their rescue? An American warship, the cruiser Los Angeles.

17. Why doesn't the diver succeed in putting the mine on the ship?

The anchor hits him on the head, and a shark eats the mine.

18. How does diGorgonzola escape at the end?

His motor boat has a submarine hidden inside; the boat seems to sink and he gets away.

TINTIN IN TIBET - ANSWER SHEET

1. What makes Tintin shout out Chang's name in the hotel while he is playing chess?

He has a dream that Chang is dying in the snow and calling out his name.

2. Why does Tintin decide to go to Nepal?

He's convinced that Chang was not killed in the plane crash and needs help.

3. What makes him so sure that his friend is alive?

He believes that his dream was telepathy and Chang didn't die in the crash.

4. As they climb the mountain, what are the native guides scared of?

the yeti

5. What happens to the Captain's whiskey?

The yeti steals it during the night and gets drunk on it.

6. What is the first evidence Tintin finds that Chang survived the crash?

He finds Chang's name carved on a rock in a cave near the crash site.

7. When the Captain decides to go back down with Tharkey, how does Tintin trick him into going on?

He gets him to take a drink of whiskey and then suggests that they are afraid of the yeti.

8. When the Captain is hanging on the rope, what does he decide to do?

Cut the rope and fall so Tintin can survive.

9. What saves them after the avalanche?

Monks from a nearby monastery save them - somehow they aren't buried!

10. What happens at the monastery that makes Tintin continue searching for Chang?

One of the monks rises off the ground and has a vision of Chang being taken care of by the yeti

11. Where does Tintin find Chang? In the yeti's cave.

12. What scares off the yeti? Tintin's

flashbulb is accidentally set off in its face.

13. How was Chang able to survive after the plane crash?

He got to the cave; then the yeti picked him up and took care of him, feeding him plants, roots, and animals.

14. At the end of the story Tintin says that the yeti may have a human soul deep down inside. What makes him say this?

the fact that the yeti took pity on Chang rather than eating him, and then wanted to keep him.

15. Why is the Captain always calling the yeti names?

He can't forgive it for stealing his bottle of whiskey.

16. How many times did they actually see the yeti?

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THE CASTAFIORE EMERALD - ANSWER SHEET

1. Who does Captain Haddock invite to camp out in a meadow near his house?

a band of gypsies

2. What does the old gypsy lady predict will happen?

She says a beautiful stranger will come and have her jewels stolen.

3. What makes the Captain suddenly want to pack his bags and leave?

He hears that Bianca Castafiore is coming to visit him - and he hates her guts!

4. Why isn't he able to leave for two weeks?

He falls on the step and sprains his ankle.

5. Whose footprints does Tintin find under Bianca's window?

Wagner, the pianist's

6. How do the two reporters get the idea that the Captain and Bianca are getting married?

By talking to Calculus, whom they completely misunderstand because he is so deaf.

7. Why does the Captain start getting all the letters and telegrams?

Because the magazine reports that he is getting married to Bianca.

8. What are the 3 interruptions in the television filming?

1. Calculus bumbles in
2. the Captain lets the parrot in.
3. the lights all go out.

9. Are Bianca's jewels really stolen when the lights go out?

no

10. Which of Bianca's jewels disappears?

her emerald

11. How does Wagner manage to get out of the house while everyone thinks he is busy practicing the piano?

He turns on a tape recording of him playing scales and climbs out the window on a ladder.

12. Why does Wagner want to leave the house?

He likes to bet on horse races and has to go to the village to phone in his bets.

13. Why do the police think that the gypsies stole the emerald?

They seem to be prejudiced against gypsies, assuming that they are all thieves.

14. How did the emerald really get stolen?

A magpie (a bird) flew in the open window and carried the emerald away.

15. Where does Tintin find it? Up a tree

in the magpie's nest.

16. What is the joke running through this whole book?

People keep falling on the broken step, and the mason keeps making excuses for not coming.

17. How does this book compare to the other Tintin adventures?

It's the only book in which everyone stays at home and there is no real crime or violence.

FLIGHT 714 - ANSWER SHEET

1. How and why does the five-dollar bill get into Carreidas's hat?

Captain Haddock puts it there because he thinks Carreidas is poor and feels sorry for him.

2. What kind of a man is Carreidas?

A very rich man who rarely laughs, dresses like a slob, and is rude to everyone.

3. What makes him laugh? Professor Calculus

picking the \$5 bill from his hat.

4. Describe the way Carreidas treats his secretary Spaulding.

Very arrogantly, ordering him around and not listening to what he says.

5. How fast can Carreidas's jet fly?

Mach 2 - 1,250 miles per-hour

6. How does Carreidas win the game of Battleship he plays with the Captain?

He has a closed-circuit television system and can see the Captain's moves.

7. Why does Tintin get suspicious of Spaulding on the plane?

Spaulding is acting very nervous.

8. Why does the pilot of the plane dive down to sea level?

to make it look as though the plane crashed into the ocean - then to fly to the island below radar level

9. Why is the plane's landing on the island so dangerous?

The makeshift runway is much too short for what the plane needs.

10. Why did Rastapopoulos have his men hijack Carreidas's jet? What does he want from Mr. Carreidas?

He wants the number of Carreidas's secret bank account so he can get that money.

11. How does Rastapopoulos plan to get Carreidas to talk?

with a shot of a truth serum

12. How does Tintin know where to look for the secret underground passage?

A voice tells him where to go - he just hears it inside his head.

13. What do the statues underground look like?

They look like spacemen, astronauts.

14. Who does the man with the little antenna say gave him his special powers of telepathy?

men from another planet

15. How does Rastapopoulos find out about the secret passage behind the statue?

He sees Carreidas's hat wedged under the statue.

16. What two things make the volcano stir again?

First, there is an earthquake. Second, the bad guys set off a large explosion.

17. How are Tintin and his friends rescued from the volcano?

by a flying saucer

18. Why don't they remember the adventure?

The man hypnotizes them to forget it all.

1. Where is Bianca Castafiore travelling?

South American countries

2. What does she do for a living? She is

an opera singer.

3. Who is the leader of San Theodoros?

General Tapioca

4. What kind of person is he? He is cruel,

vain, and tyrannical

5. Why does the Captain have difficulty drinking whiskey?

Professor Calculus gave

him a drug that made him hate booze.

6. Why doesn't Tintin taste anything funny about the whiskey?

Tintin has not

been given the drug.

7. What does Captain Haddock think of Bianca Castafiore? How can you tell?

He thinks her singing is awful.

He always reacts negatively to it.

8. What reasons does Tapioca give for arresting Bianca?

He says he found documents in

her luggage showing a plot to overthrow him.

9. What are his real reasons? He wants to

lure Tintin and Haddock to his

country and make them prisoners.

10. Why do all the reporters come to Captain Haddock's house?

they want his reaction

to Tapioca's charges against him.

11. Why does the Captain want to go to San Theodoros?

He wants to prove that he

is not a/raid to go

12. Is San Theodoros a wealthy country? How can you tell?

No. You can see the

wretched slums and poor people.

13. When does the Captain first realize that he is a prisoner?

When he tries to

go out to buy some tobacco.

14. Who is behind the plot to trap Tintin and the Captain? What are his motives?

Colonel Sponsz from Borduria, who was humiliated by Tintin in an earlier adventure.

15. What does Pablo tell them to do when they reach the top of the pyramid?

Tie him up

and run down the south side, join Picaros.

16. How do they escape death in Alcazar's truck?

Tintin suspects a trap and swerves the

truck off the road when he sees the monkey.

17. Why does Tapioca parachute whiskey into the jungle?

To make the Picaros get

drunk and unable to fight him.

18. How does Professor Calculus help Alcazar?

He uses his drug to sober up the Picaros

19. What does Tintin make Alcazar promise in return?

To carry out the revolution

with no bloodshed, executions, reprisals

20. How do the Picaros overthrow Tapioca?

They sneak into the city disguised as

Jolly Follies and surprise the guards.

21. Will things change for the people of San Theodoros under General Alcazar? Why?

No, because he also is vain, tyrannical, etc.

TINTIN EXPERT TEST - ANSWER SHEET

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1. In which adventure does Professor Calculus temporarily lose his memory? Why?

Destination Moon - he falls through a hatch in the rocket.

2. In which book do the Thompson twins eat pills that make their hair grow long in all different colors?

Tintin in the Land of the Black Gold

3. In which book do Tintin and Haddock first meet?

The Crab with the Golden Claws

4. In which book does the Captain move into Marlinspike Hall?

Red Rackham's Treasure

5. In which two adventures does a ball of lightning strike people and move them to a different place?

The Seven Crystal Balls
L'Oreille Cassée

6. In which two adventures did Tintin meet Colonel Jorgen?

King Ottokar's Sceptre
Explorers on the Moon

7. In which adventure does Professor Calculus agree to wear a hearing aid?

Explorers on the Moon

8. What is the difference in the way the two detectives spell their names?

Thomson and Thompson

9. Does Tintin ever kill a person? no

10. In which adventure is Snowy's leg broken?

Explorers on the Moon

11. In which adventure does Tintin have a dream that turns out to be exactly what was happening when he had it?

Tintin in Tibet

12. What are some of the Captain's favorite curses?

Billions of blue blistering barnacles! Thundering typhoons!

13. In which adventure do they stay put at Marlinspike Hall the whole time?

The Castafiore Emeralds

14. In which adventure are people tortured by pins being stuck in voodoo dolls?

Prisoners of the Sun / Seven Crystal Balls

15. In which book are Tintin and the Captain saved from danger by a flying saucer?

Flight 714

16. Which invention of Professor Calculus is almost used as a deadly weapon by a foreign country?

His ultrasonic device for using sound as a weapon - in Calc. Affair.

17. In which adventure do Tintin and Haddock travel half way around the world for nothing?

Red Rackham's Treasure

18. When does Tintin save himself with a flashbulb?

Tintin in Tibet - the bulb scares away the yeti

19. In which adventure does Tintin stop a gang of counterfeiters on an island?

the Black Island

20. Can you think of two times when Captain Haddock nearly commits suicide?

① Tintin in Tibet, when he nearly cuts the rope from which he's hanging;

② Explorers on the Moon, drifting into space

21. In which book does Professor Calculus invent a pill that makes people hate the taste of liquor?

Tintin and the Picaros

22. What two ferocious animals are scared out of their wits by Snowy?

the gorilla in the Black Island;
the yeti in Tintin in Tibet.

23. In which adventure does Tintin save his life by knowing about an eclipse?

Prisoners of the Sun.

24. In which two adventures does Tintin fly faster than the speed of sound?

① Explorers on the Moon

② Flight 714

25. In which adventure is Tintin nearly killed by a giant spider?

the Shooting Star

26. In which adventure is Bianca Castiafore thrown into prison to trap Tintin?

Tintin and the Picaros

27. In which adventure is Tintin put into a coffin and thrown into the sea?

The Cigars of the Pharaoh

28. In which adventure are gypsies falsely accused of stealing a jewel?

the Castiafore Emerald

29. In which adventure does Tintin accidentally discover an oil well?

Tintin in America

30. In one book Tintin finds three treasure maps and pieces the message together from all three. Where were the maps hidden?

In three models of the Unicorn, under a mast.

31. In which adventure does a man climb up a magic rope that supports itself in thin air?

the Cigars of the Pharaoh

32. In one adventure several men are killed over a diamond. Where was the gem hidden?

In the statue with the broken ear.

33. In which adventure does Tintin save a king from having to abdicate?

King Ottokar's Sceptre

34. In which adventure is there a flashback to events that happened hundreds of years ago?

The Secret of the Unicorn

35. In which two adventures does the author show that he believes in ESP and mental telepathy?

Tintin in Tibet and Flight 714.

36. Why do you think Tintin doesn't pay more attention to women?

(answers will vary)

37. What was your favorite adventure?

(answers will vary)

38. Which adventure did you like the least?

(answers will vary)

39. Some people say the Tintin books are racist and sexist. What evidence is there for this?

(answers will vary - some possibilities -
no blacks or women in important roles,
stereotyping of both groups)