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Jules Verne published "Around the World in Eighty Days" in 1873. It's the story of English gentleman Phineas Fogg who takes a bet that he can travel around the world in eighty days. This was almost impossible in those days with limited railroads and no air travel at all. The passage below is when Fogg tells his servant Passepartout to prepare for the trip.

The following is an excerpt from Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne.

"...We start for Dover and Calais in ten minutes."

A puzzled grin overspread Passepartout's round face; clearly he had not comprehended his master.

"Monsieur is going to leave home?"

"Yes," returned Phileas Fogg. "We are going round the world."

Passepartout opened wide his eyes, raised his eyebrows, held up his hands, and seemed about to collapse, so overcome was he with **stupefied** astonishment.

"Round the world!" he murmured.

"In eighty days," responded Mr. Fogg. "So we haven't a moment to lose."

"But the trunks?" gasped Passepartout, unconsciously swaying his head from right to left.

"We'll have no trunks; only a carpet-bag, with two shirts and three pairs of stockings for me, and the same for you. We'll buy our clothes on the way. Bring down my mackintosh and traveling-cloak, and some stout shoes, though we shall do little walking. Make haste!"

Passepartout mechanically set about making the preparations for departure. Around the world in eighty days! Was his master a fool? No. Was this a joke, then? They were going to Dover; good! To Calais; good again! After all, Passepartout, who had been away from France five years, would not be sorry to set foot on his **native** soil again. Perhaps they would go as far as Paris, and it would do his eyes good to see Paris once more. But surely a gentleman so chary of his steps would stop there; no doubt—but, then, it was none the less true that he was going away, this so domestic person hitherto!

By eight o'clock Passepartout had packed the modest carpet-bag, containing the **wardrobes** of his master and himself; then, still troubled in mind, he carefully shut the door of his room, and descended to Mr. Fogg.

Directions: Answer each of the following questions.

1. In the context, what does the word **stupefied** mean?

What clues helped you to figure this out?

2. What is the meaning of the word **native**?

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3. Based on the context of the last paragraph, what is the meaning of the word **wardrobes**?

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