

Finding Key Words/Phrases

A key is a device for unlocking doors.

A key word is one which is essential to the meaning of a sentence.

e.g. The snake is a reptile. The snake is a reptile.

The two important key words are snake and reptile

Look at the sentences carefully. Copy the sentence in your book and underline the three key words using a ruler and a coloured pencil.

1. Marco Polo was an Italian explorer.
2. His father and uncle were prosperous merchants who already begun trading with Chinese and Eastern merchants.
3. The route taken by the Polos became known as The Silk Road.
4. Kublai Khan and his royal court immediately took a liking to Marco and appointed him commissioner in the Mongol government.
5. Marco described the vast Asian trading network and, in particular, the thriving silk, iron, and salt industries.
6. Marco wrote that Khan's city (known as Cambuluc) was the most fantastic city on the world.
7. Marco remained with Kublai Khan for seventeen years and recorded his observations throughout China.
8. In 1292, the Polo's finally traveled home.
9. In 1271, the Polos set out to return to China.
10. His well-documented travels to China were some of the most influential in world history, and did much to kickstart the European age of exploration.

Your final task is to make sentences using these key words about Marco Polo exploration. Write your sentences neatly into your books.

Travel	Port	Ship	Journey	Uncle	China
Expedition	Gift	Kubilai Khan	Silk Road	Discovery	Gold