

place in ancient times).

Reading. SB(76) 1, 2, 3, 4.

1 Tell the students to read the text, or play the recording (**Class CD 2, Track 28**) and tell them to follow in their books. Then ask them whether the ending surprised them and to explain why or why not.

2 Tell the students to answer the questions.

Answers

1. He annoyed Dionysius. (lines 4-5)
2. To say goodbye to his family. (line 6)
3. Damon took Pythias' place in prison while Pythias visited his family. (lines 8-9)
4. Because he returned late. (lines 17-18)

3 Tell the students to copy and complete the sentences.

Answers

1. might run away (line 7)
2. a storm destroyed his ship (lines 17-18)
3. have a true friendship (line 21)

4 Tell the students to decide if the sentences are true or false. Tell them to copy the sentences or phrases from the text that helped them decide.

Answers

1. false – According to legend, ... (line 3)
2. true – The King was speechless. (line 10)
3. true – I trust Pythias with my life. (line 12)
4. false – You can *both* go free. (lines 20-21)

Background Information

The story of Damon and Pythias

Damon and Pythias has been adapted into many plays and short stories over the centuries. The 2003 animated film, *Sinbad, Legend of the Seven Seas* is based in parts on Damon and Pythias.