

Did Marco Polo tell the truth when he wrote about his journey to China? Or did (1) ... 13th century Italian explorer just make up stories about places he would like to have visited?

According to some experts, when Marco was 17, he set (2) ... with his father and uncle (3) ... an adventure that lasted over 20 years. They passed through Turkey into (4) ... northern Iran, along the Great Silk Road and across (5) ... Gobi desert. Eventually, in 1275, they reached the summer capital where they met the emperor. The opportunity to return home only came 17 years later. Shortly after his return to Venice, Marco Polo was captured (6) ... sea, possibly by pirates. They put him (7) ... prison where he devoted his time (8) ... composing his book.

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (4).

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