

Easy reading: The Life of Pi: Book review (level 2) – exercises

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to translate | a. to change words from one language to another |
| 2..... to feed | b. to go down in water |
| 3..... a storm | c. to give food to a child or animal |
| 4..... childhood | d. immediately, at once |
| 5..... lonely | e. the part of your life when you are a child |
| 6..... exhaustion | f. very bad weather with strong winds and rain |
| 7..... to sink | g. extreme tiredness, with no energy |
| 8..... straight away | h. being on your own and missing the company of other people |

1. Check your understanding: ordering

Write a number (1-8) to put these sentences in order.

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| | When Pi's family are travelling to Canada, there is a storm and the ship sinks. |
| | Pi and the tiger cross the Pacific Ocean in the lifeboat. |
| | Pi's family live in a house in a zoo in India. |
| | Finally, Pi and the tiger arrive at the coast of Mexico. |
| | Some of the animals in the lifeboat kill and eat each other. |
| | Pi sees the animals in the lifeboat and jumps into the ocean. |
| | Pi's family decide to close the zoo and move to Canada. |
| | Pi remembers the sharks in the ocean and climbs back into the lifeboat. |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | <i>The Life of Pi</i> is Yann Martel's first book. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Yann Martel decided to be a writer before he travelled round India. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Pi's father owns the city zoo in Pondicherry. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Pi likes learning about different religions. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Pi climbs back into the lifeboat because he's tired. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | There isn't any water on the lifeboat. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | Pi catches fish and feeds the tiger. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | Paula found one of the chapters very sad. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9. | Danny thought the story was hard to believe. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

Have you read this book? What did you think?

What other contemporary classics have you enjoyed?