

Easy reading: The Life of Pi: Book review (level 1) – exercises

Do the preparation task 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..... a storm | a. the period of time when a person is a child |
| 2..... a lifeboat | b. an occurrence of bad weather, with strong winds and a lot of rain, etc. |
| 3..... a sailor | c. a person who works on a boat or ship |
| 4..... a hyena | d. to go down, under the surface of the water |
| 5..... a whistle | e. to give food (to someone or something) |
| 6..... childhood | f. a small device that makes a loud sound when you blow through it |
| 7..... to sink | g. a small boat, carried on a ship, that people can use if the ship sinks |
| 8..... to feed | h. a large animal from Asia or Africa, which makes a sound like someone laughing |

1. Check your understanding: ordering

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

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

2. Check your understanding: true or false

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

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| 1. | Yann Martel is from India. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Pi and his brother help their father look after the animals. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Pi is scared when he sees the animals in the lifeboat. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Pi finds some food and water on the lifeboat. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Danny thinks the book is exciting. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Paula only recommends this book to teenagers. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

Do you want to read *The Life of Pi*?

What is your favourite book? Who are the main characters in it?

Can you give a short summary of the main story?

Who would you recommend this book to?