Comprehension Questions – My Father's Dragon

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Chapter 1

1. What point of view is this story being told in?

2. Who is narrating and who is this story about?

3. How did Elmer's mother feel about feeding the stray cat and why?

4. Describe the alley cat.

Chapter 2

1. What example of figurative language describes the cat speaking like a human?

2. Why did the animals on the island want to catch the dragon?

3. How did the animals treat the baby dragon if he complains?

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Chapter 3

1. How did the author's father get off the ship without getting caught?

2. Why wasn't the author's father bothered when the fisherman shook with fear talking about Wild Island?

3. Why was it important for the author's father to travel to the island at night?

4. Chapter 4

1. How did the animals know something strange was on the island?

2. How was the main character able to stay hidden?

Chapter 5

1. Why the main character couldn't continue to follow the river and instead ventured further into the jungle?

2. How many tigers crept up on Elmer?

3. What knowledge did the cat give to the main character that helped him stop the tigers from eating him?

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Chapter 6

1. Who was the main character careful to hide from at the beginning of this chapter?

2. Explain why the rhinoceros was weeping as well as how Elmer helped him.

Chapter 7

1. Why was the lion so upset?

2. What did Elder do to help the lion?

Chapter 8

1. What animal threatened to twist the main character's arms like he does the dragon's wings?

2. What did Elmer give the monkeys to help them get the fleas off the gorilla and how did that help?

3. Explain how the main character was freed from the gorilla.

Chapter 9

1. Why didn't the main character pull on the rope to have the dragon fly over to him?

2. Why was Elmer not interested in swimming in the river with the crocodiles?

3. What did Elmer do to get to the other side of the river?

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4. Chapter 10

1. Explain how the crocodiles helped Elmer have the time he needed to free the dragon?

2. Who called to the main character and the dragon from the island as they were heading to Tangerine island?

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