

When we were in England last year, I went fishing with my friend, Peter. Early in the morning we were sitting quietly by the side of a lake when we had an unpleasant surprise. We saw a duck come along with three ducklings paddling cheerfully behind her. As we watched them, there was a sudden swirl in the water. We caught a glimpse of the vicious jaws of a pike – a fish which is rather like a freshwater shark – and one of the ducklings was dragged below the surface.

This incident made Peter furious. He vowed to catch the pike. On three successive mornings we returned to the vicinity and used several different kinds of bait. On the third day Peter was lucky. Using an artificial frog as bait, he managed to hook the monster. There was a desperate fight but Peter was determined to capture the pike and he succeeded. When he had got it ashore and killed it, he weighed the fish and found that it scaled nearly thirty pounds – record for that district.

1. *Why do you think Peter was sitting quietly by the lake?*
 - A. He was watching the ducks.
 - B. He wasn't very talkative.
 - C. He was waiting for the pike to appear.
 - D. He was fishing.
2. *Which word in the passage suggests that the duckling were unaware of the danger below them?*
 - A. three
 - B. along
 - C. paddling
 - D. cheerfully
3. *What was Peter's feelings about the incident two days later?*
 - A. He caught and killed the pike.
 - B. He remained determined to catch the pike.
 - C. He vowed that he would catch the remaining ducklings.
 - D. He caught a frog and used it as bait for the pike.
4. *How much was the pike worth?*
 - A. About thirty pounds.
 - B. About two hundred and forty dollars.
 - C. The passage contains no information on this point
 - D. The passage says that the fish scaled nearly thirty pound.
5. *What can be the title of the passage?*
 - A. Mysterious disappearance of ducklings.
 - B. Record pike caught by an angry fisherman.
 - C. Revenge on a duck.
 - D. Huge pike caught by fisherman after desperate struggle at sea.