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Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски **A–F** частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами **1–7**. Одна из частей в списке **1–7** лишняя:

### The life of Pi

«The Life of Pi» published in 2001 is the third book by the Canadian author Yann Martel. It has **A** ....., won several prizes and been translated into forty-one languages.

At the start of the book, we **B** ..... in India. His father owns the city zoo and the family home is in the zoo. When they aren't at school, Pi and his brother help their father at the zoo and he learns a lot about animals.

When Pi is sixteen, his parents decide to close the zoo and move to Canada. They travel by ship taking the animals with them. On the way, there is **C** ..... Sadly, Pi's family and the sailors all die in the storm, but Pi lives and finds himself in a lifeboat with a hyena, zebra, orangutan and an enormous tiger. At first, Pi is scared of the animals and jumps into the ocean. Then he remembers there are sharks in the water and decides to climb back into the lifeboat. One by one, the animals in the lifeboat kill and eat each other, till only Pi and the tiger are left alive. Luckily for Pi, there is **D** ..... , but he soon needs to start catching fish. He feeds the tiger to stop it killing and eating him. He also uses a whistle and **E** ..... and show it that he's the boss.

Pi and the tiger spend 227 days in the lifeboat. They live through terrible storms and the burning heat of the Pacific sun. They are often hungry and ill. Finally, they arrive at the coast of Mexico, but you will have to **F** ..... in the end!

1. read the book to find out what happens
2. some food and water on the lifeboat
3. his knowledge of animals to control the tiger
4. received an award for being strong
5. sold seven million copies worldwide
6. learn about Pi's childhood in Pondicherry
7. a terrible storm and the ship sinks