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Life of Pi – Reading Comprehension

A2 English Level
Reading Activity

Instructions: Read the text about Life of Pi and answer the following questions using complete sentences.

Part 1. Comprehension Questions

1. What kind of film is Life of Pi?
2. Who wrote the original novel?
3. Who directed the film?
4. Where does the story take place?
5. What is the name of the main character?
6. What does Pi's father do for a living?
7. Where is Pi's family traveling?
8. What happens to the ship during the journey?
9. Which animal is with Pi on the lifeboat?
10. What name does Pi give the Bengal tiger?
11. What does Pi need to do to survive?
12. What makes the film special and interesting?

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Part 2. True or False

Instructions: Write TRUE or FALSE.

1. Life of Pi is a comedy film. _____
2. The story takes place in the Pacific Ocean. _____
3. Pi's father is a zookeeper. _____
4. Pi and his family travel from Canada to India. _____
5. The ship sinks during a terrible storm. _____
6. Pi is alone on the lifeboat. _____
7. The Bengal tiger's name is Richard Parker. _____
8. The film uses advanced 3D computer images. _____

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Part 3. Choose the Correct Answer

1. Who plays Pi Patel?

- a) Ang Lee
- b) Suraj Sharma
- c) Yann Martel

2. What happens to Pi's ship?

- a) It arrives in Canada.
- b) It catches fire.
- c) It sinks.

3. What animal is Richard Parker?

- a) A lion
- b) A Bengal tiger
- c) A bear

4. Where does Pi stay after the shipwreck?

- a) On a lifeboat
- b) On an island
- c) In a hotel

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5. What creates some of the animals and ocean scenes?

- a) Paintings
- b) Computers
- c) Cameras only

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