

# The Pearl

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  - 1 A scorpion stung him.
  - 2 The doctor.
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  - 1 They saw that their clothes were old and that Juana's shawl had holes in it.
  - 2 He was going to pay him with some pearls.
  - 3 Because the doctor would not see Coyotito – he told his servant to say that he had gone out. This made Kino very angry and he hit the gate in anger.
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  - 1 Because a man could get food with it.
  - 2 She was praying that Kino might find a pearl.
  - 3 They lived in the oyster beds at the bottom of the sea.
  - 4 He found a great pearl, the largest pearl in the world.
  - 5 It made the poison go out of Coyotito's shoulder.
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  - 1 Because everyone wanted the pearl, and Kino was the one person who stopped them from having it.
  - 2 He dreamt of Juana and himself, in new clothes, being married in the church. He also dreamt of himself with a rifle which he was going to buy. Finally, he dreamt of Coyotito sitting at a little desk in a school.
  - 3 Because he thought that the pearl would help him to do all the things he had dreamt about.
  - 4 Because he was making many plans, and he thought that it was dangerous to make plans. He was afraid of the danger.
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  - 1 Because he knew about the pearl. He knew that Kino would have money to pay him if he looked after Coyotito.
  - 2 Because the doctor said that the baby might die. Kino felt sure that the doctor was telling lies, but he could not do anything which might be bad for Coyotito. So he let the doctor into the house.
  - 3 Because she thought that the pearl was bad. She thought that it would destroy them.
  - 4 He was going to sell the pearl.
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  - 1 No, they didn't. They tried to cheat him by offering him less than the pearl was worth.
  - 2 He decided to travel to the capital and sell it there.
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  - 1 Because he did not think that Kino would find the people in the capital any different from the people of their town. He did not think Kino would get a fair price for his pearl in the capital, and he would not know anyone there.
  - 2 Something moved through the air and hit him.
  - 3 She wanted him to break the pearl between two stones and throw it back into the sea. She wanted him to destroy the pearl before it destroyed them.
  - 4 He said, 'No. I will fight. I will win! We will have our chance.'
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  - 1 Because she had tried to throw the pearl back into the sea.
  - 2 Because someone attacked Kino, and Kino killed him with his knife.
  - 3 Because someone had made a hole in the bottom of his canoe.
  - 4 Someone set fire to it.
  - 5 They hid at the house of Juan Tomas.

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- 1 He swept the ground to clear the tracks that he and Juana had made.
  - 2 *Student's own answer (the text is not explicit about this)*. Perhaps because it was too hot or they were tired. Or perhaps it was so that they would not be seen on the road.
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    - a He could only think of death and the man he had killed with his knife.
    - b He thought about Juana and the blood on her face where he had hit her.
    - c He dreamt about the doctor who had made Coyotito sick.
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- 1 They were trackers.
  - 2 He was carrying a rifle.
  - 3 He had to jump at the horseman. Then he had to kill the horseman quickly and take the rifle.
  - 4 Because he knew they would come back. He knew they would keep looking until they found his tracks.
  - 5 Because he thought that the trackers would follow him, and Juana and Coyotito would be safe.
  - 6 They found a large pool.
  - 7 Because the trackers would reach the pool by evening.
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- 1 They hid in a cave on a rocky hill.
  - 2 He decided to try to fight the trackers.
  - 3 Because he heard Coyotito cry and thought it might be a wild dog in the cave.
  - 4 He heard a long rising cry from the cave and knew it was Juana's voice. And he knew that the sound was the cry of death.
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- 1 Coyotito's dead body.
  - 2 He threw it into the sea.