

The Pearl

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Background information and characters

1 happiness	7 wood
2 moustache	8 strong
3 pearls	9 came from different races
4 afraid	10 mean
5 Both Kino and Juana	11 ashamed
6 near the sea	12 church

Words from the story

1 scorpion	7 tracker	13 waves
2 leather	8 canoe	14 plaster
3 tracks	9 cruel	15 pool
4 basket	10 shawl	16 race
5 gate	11 beggar	
6 shadow	12 cave	

Sounds

/ɑː/	/uː/	/ɔː/
basket plaster	canoe cruel pool	scorpion shawl
/e/	/ei/	/æ/
beggar leather	cave gate race waves	shadow tracker tracks

Put the words in the gaps

1 poison	8 seaweed
2 mat	9 cheat
3 wound	10 ashamed
4 servant	11 sweat
5 rifle	12 puppies
6 prayers	13 greedy
7 destroy	

Irregular past verbs

a

Infinitive	Past simple	Infinitive	Past simple
beat	beat	shake	shook
blow	blew	shine	shone
bring	brought	sing	sang
burn	burnt / burned	sleep	slept
dream	dreamt / dreamed	smell	smelt / smelled
hide	hid	spit	spat
hold	held	sting	stung
kneel	knelt	teach	taught
lie	lay	throw	threw

Which three verbs have two past simple forms? **burn, dream, smell**

Which past simple form is the same as the infinitive? **beat**

b

1 lay	8 sing
2 slept	9 knelt
3 hid	10 throw
4 shake	11 smelt / smelled
5 shone	12 burnt / burned
6 dreamt / dreamed	13 blew
7 stung	

Multiple choice

1 b	7 c	13 c
2 c	8 b	14 a
3 a	9 c	15 a
4 c	10 a	16 b
5 b	11 a	17 b
6 b	12 b	

Adjective order

- 1 a strong young man
- 2 a red silk dressing gown
- 3 ugly grey pearls
- 4 a beautiful, shiny pearl
- 5 a small black insect
- 6 a dirty old shawl
- 7 an ancient white canoe
- 8 a high rocky mountain
- 9 a small stone house
- 10 a square metal basket

Grammar focus: third conditional

- 1 If Kino and Juana hadn't been poor, they would have got married in church.
- 2 If the doctor hadn't refused to treat his son, Kino wouldn't have got angry.
- 3 If Kino hadn't gone to dive for pearls, he wouldn't have found the largest pearl in the world.
- 4 If Kino hadn't had a valuable pearl, the doctor wouldn't have given Coyotito medicine.
- 5 If the buyers hadn't been greedy, they would have offered Kino a good price for the pearl.
- 6 If the buyers had offered a good price, Kino wouldn't have decided to go to the city.
- 7 If Juana had thrown the pearl back into the sea, the family wouldn't have had more bad luck.
- 8 If a man hadn't tried to steal the pearl, Kino wouldn't have killed him.
- 9 If Kino hadn't found a valuable pearl, someone wouldn't have burnt his house down.
- 10 If Kino hadn't killed a man, he wouldn't have run away with Juana and Coyotito.
- 11 If they hadn't run away, trackers wouldn't have followed them.
- 12 If they hadn't needed water, they wouldn't have gone down into a valley.
- 13 If the trackers hadn't followed them, they wouldn't have hidden in a cave.
- 14 If Coyotito hadn't cried, a tracker wouldn't have shot him.