

The Pearl

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A Before Reading

1 In the story, Kino and Juana's life is suddenly changed by money. What do you think are the positive and negative effects of receiving a large amount of money?

2 a Put the words in order to make questions. The first one has been done for you.

1 in / what / is / story / the / set / country ? What country is the story set in?

2 name / Kino's / was / wife's / what ? _____

3 have / children / many / they / did / how ? _____

4 Kino / did / what / do ? _____

5 life / what / his / like / was ? _____

6 did / find / what / he ? _____

7 after / happy / feel / did / finding / he / it ? _____

b Read the introductory note on page 6 of the book and then answer the questions from a. Again, the first one has been done for you.

1 *Mexico*

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3 Match the words to the things in the picture. The first one is done for you.



an oyster _____

rope _____

waves 1

a basket _____

a stone _____

B While Reading

4 a Read the statements about *The Pearl*. Write T (True) or F (False).

a	A tracker killed Coyotito by accident.	
b	Coyotito was stung by a spider.	
c	Juana thought the pearl was unlucky.	
d	Kino and Juana couldn't see the trackers from the cave.	
e	Kino and Juana returned to the village and threw the pearl in the sea.	
f	Kino became violent towards his wife.	
g	Kino dreamed of an education for Coyotito and a rifle for himself.	
h	Kino shot the attacker by the water.	
i	Kino thought he could get more money for the pearl.	
j	People found out about Kino's pearl quickly.	
k	The buyers planned to offer Kino a fair price for the pearl.	
l	The doctor saw Coyotito on their first visit.	
m	The doctor wanted money to treat Coyotito.	
n	The doctor was happy to help the Mexican-Indians.	
o	The seaweed made Coyotito better.	
p	Three bad things happened before Kino ran away.	

b Now put the correct versions of the statements in a in the order the events happened in the story. The first one has been done for you.

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

C After Reading

5 a Imagine that you are a journalist. Write a short article for the newspaper 'La Paz News', reporting the story and saying what happened to Kino and Juana after they returned to the village.

Start: *A small boy was killed in a tragic accident yesterday while he and his mother were hiding in a cave...*

b Discuss these questions:

- 1 Do you think the pearl brought Kino bad luck?
- 2 Was Kino greedy or did he want to make his family's life better?
- 3 How did Kino's character change?
- 4 Do you think Kino was right to run away?
- 5 Do you believe in luck?

- 6 Do you have a 'lucky' possession?
- 7 Do you have any 'lucky' routines?
- 8 How would these amounts of money change your life: £500? £5000? £500,000?
- 9 Can money buy happiness?

6 Crossword. Do this exercise with a partner. Student A look at the crossword on this page; Student B look at the crossword on the next page.

(Student A)

Complete the crossword by asking your partner questions (Example: *What's 5 across?*). At the same time, explain the words in your crossword to your partner, without saying the actual words.

The crossword puzzle grid consists of 18 columns and 20 rows. The following letters are pre-filled in their respective positions:

- Row 4, Column 10: p
- Row 5, Column 4: w; Column 5: o; Column 6: u; Column 7: n; Column 8: d
- Row 6, Column 10: p
- Row 7, Column 14: p
- Row 8, Column 4: v; Column 5: i
- Row 9, Column 5: a; Column 6: e; Column 15: m
- Row 10, Column 4: l; Column 5: s; Column 18: a
- Row 11, Column 4: l; Column 5: s; Column 6: e; Column 7: r; Column 8: v; Column 9: a; Column 10: n; Column 11: t
- Row 12, Column 5: e; Column 6: t
- Row 13, Column 3: y; Column 4: r
- Row 14, Column 8: a; Column 9: d; Column 10: i; Column 11: v; Column 12: e
- Row 15, Column 9: c; Column 11: f
- Row 16, Column 1: k; Column 2: l
- Row 17, Column 5: a; Column 6: s; Column 7: h; Column 8: a; Column 9: m; Column 10: e; Column 11: d
- Row 18, Column 5: (empty); Column 6: (empty); Column 7: (empty); Column 8: (empty); Column 9: (empty); Column 10: (empty); Column 11: (empty); Column 12: (empty); Column 13: (empty); Column 14: (empty); Column 15: (empty); Column 16: (empty); Column 17: (empty); Column 18: (empty)

(Student B)

Complete the crossword by asking your partner questions (Example: *What's 1 down?*). At the same time, explain the words in your crossword to your partner, without saying the actual words.

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