

## The Pearl

### Book key

1.1 1 Open answers

2 A big pearl costs a lot of money.

A fisherman earns his money from the ocean.

A bite from a scorpion is full of poison.

The baby's box hangs from the roof of the house on a long rope.

3 Open answers

1.2 Open answers

2.1 a 2 b 4 c 7 d 1 e 6 f 5 g 3

2.2 Kino: lives in a small one-room house, eats corn-cakes for breakfast, has a hard life, is young and poor, has a wife and son.

The doctor: has a large stone house, eats hot chocolate and cookies for breakfast, is from a family that came to Mexico 400 years ago, is fat and lazy, has servants.

2.3 1 where 2 who 3 that 4 who 5 that

2.4 Open answers

3.1 1 World

2 worth

3 lucky

4 sea plants

5 better

6 gun

7 school

8 beggars

9 destroy

3.2 a rock ✓

b rope ✓

c bag ✓

d canoe ✓

e knife ✓

f sea plants

g gun

3.3 a as large as

b as good as

c like

d like

e as

f louder than

g-h Open answers

3.4 Open answers

4.1 1 the doctor

2 the doctor

3 Kino

4 the doctor

5 Juan Tomás

4.2 1 the doctor: greedy

the baby: sick

the servant: uncomfortable

Kino: unsure

Juana: afraid

The doctor wants the pearl and is thinking about the money.

The baby is feeling sick because the doctor gave him bad medicine.

The servant is feeling uncomfortable. He is helping the doctor but he is one of Kino's people.

Kino is unsure if the doctor has given the baby bad medicine.

Juana is afraid because the baby is sick.

2 a walk b talk/know c have d is e work

4.3 1 Kino was woken up by the music of evil.

2 Kino was hit hard on the head by the pearl thief.

3 The canoes were not used that day by the pearlers.

4 Kino and his brother were followed by the neighbors.

5 Kino was offered 1,500 pesos by the pearl buyers.

4.4 Open answers

5.1 canoe, sea, mountains, capital, honest

5.2 1 a Kino's brother is not going with him to the capital.

b After Juan Tomás leaves, Kino does not see the future clearly.

c Kino does not know who his attacker was.

d Juana wants to break the pearl between two stones.

e Juana will not stay at home when Kino goes to the capital.

2 Possible answer:

Juana has just heard a sudden fight outside the door of their house. She picks up a stone from the fire hole and runs outside. She is going to protect Kino with the stone.

5.3 2 Juana sang the Song of the Family while she watched Kino.

3 Juana washed Kino's face while he lay on the floor.

4 She spoke to him while his eyes looked past her.

5 Kino slept while Juana watched him.

5.4 Open answers

6.1 a 1 b 7 c 5 d 3 e 2 f 4 g 6 h 8

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6.2 1 B, D, F

2 a two

b a man on a horse

c a gun

d the mountains

e no

f water

g in a cave

6.3 1 needed, could not

2 must

3 can

4 should

5 had to

6.4 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

1 A pearl is a hard rounded object produced by mollusks such as oysters. Pearls are formed inside the shells of certain mollusks when a grain of sand or other foreign matter irritates the softer part of the animals. Pearls are usually white but they may be yellow, pinkish, beige or black.

2–6 Open answers

7 The most common size of pearls is around seven millimeters.

8 We're told that Kino was afraid to open the big oyster but we aren't told why he was so afraid. Perhaps he was afraid of another disappointment or perhaps he already sensed that the pearl inside that oyster would change his life for good.

9 Open answers

10 Kino wanted to:

- marry in the church
- buy Juana a skirt and shoes
- buy himself white clothes, a black hat and shoes
- buy Coyotito a blue suit from the United States and a little hat
- buy himself new fishing equipment and a gun
- send Coyotito to school for him to learn how to read and write and to learn the numbers

11–12 Open answers

13 Open answers

14 The doctor lies to Coyotito's parents and tells them that the poison of the scorpion is still inside the baby when we know the child was already better thanks to the sea plants that Juana had put on his shoulder. To "help" him, he gives Coyotito a drug and tells his parents that he will come later to save the baby.

When the doctor returns, Coyotito is in great pain. He gives the child another drug and he soon feels better. Juana thinks that it's thanks to the doctor.

15 We don't know who the first thief is though he may have been sent by the doctor. The latter had seen Kino's eyes move towards the floor in a corner of his house and it was there that the thief searched for the pearl. Kino's knife may have wounded the thief but we're only told that he felt his knife go through cloth (page 28).

16 Juana thinks that the pearl will destroy them. This is why she wants to throw the pearl back into the sea or break it between stones or bury it and forget the place. Instead, Kino wants to keep it to be able to send Coyotito to school for him to live better than they do.

17–21 Open answers

22 She doesn't because, probably, she now realizes that their old way of life is gone forever as Kino has just killed a man.

23 The canoe was of vital importance for Kino because, being an oyster fisherman, it was his means of reaching the oyster bed. Besides, he had inherited it from his grandfather and his father who had also been able to make a living thanks to it.

24–31 Open answers

### Activity worksheets key

1 Open answers

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	Kino's people	The doctor's people
skin	Dark	white
food	corn-cakes	chocolate and and cookies
language	old language	Spanish
housing	wooden houses	stone houses

3 Open answers

4 a 3 b 2 c 7 d 4 e 1 f 6 g 5

5 Open answers

6 a 400

b 1,000

c 50,000

d 500

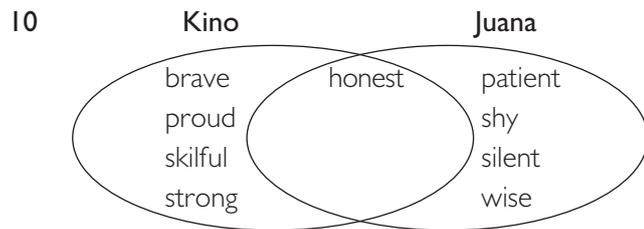
e 1,500

7 Open answers

8 a 2 b 1 c 3 d 4 e 7 f 6 g 5

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9	<b>What Kino saw in the pearl</b>	<b>What Kino sees in the pearl now</b>
	A gun	A dark bloody body on the ground
	He and Juana marrying in the great church	Juana lying in the rocks near the beach
	Coyotito learning to read	Coyotito's face, hot and red from the white medicine



11 Open answers

- 12
- a "There is a way." Kino
  - b "But they will kill you." Juana
  - c "They will see your white clothes in the starlight." Juana
  - d "When they have gone away, go to Loreto." Kino
  - e "Go with God." Juana
  - f "It sounded like a cry, almost like a baby." The watcher

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	When	Why
First time	after the scorpion bites Coyotito's shoulder	to see the doctor
Second time	after Kino has found the great pearl	to see the pearl
Third time	after Coyotito's death, when Kino and Juana return to the town	to get to the beach and throw the pearl back into the sea.

14–15 Open answers

## Progress test key

- 1
- a **X** – it was made of wood.
  - b **✓**
  - c **X** – she had a son.

- d **X** – she ate after Kino.
- e **X** – they spoke very little.
- f **X** – it was on the rope that held Coyotito's box.
- g **✓**
- h **✓**

- 2
- a Kino's grandfather
  - b The sea plants
  - c The poison
  - d Kino
  - e Juana
  - f The men
  - g News
  - h The priest
  - i The pearl buyers

- 3
- a alone
  - b smooth
  - c angry
  - d white
  - e beautiful
  - f terrible
  - g soft
  - h dark
  - i black
  - j mean

- 4
- a buried
  - b held
  - c heard
  - d lay
  - e brought
  - f washed

- 5
- a Kino, Juana
  - b Juana
  - c Kino
  - d Juana
  - e Kino
  - f Juan Tomás, Kino
  - g Juana, Coyotito
  - h Kino, Juana, Coyotito

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- a **X** – Kino's skin is brown, not white.
  - b **✓**
  - c **X** – Kino killed the three trackers.
  - d **X** – Kino and Juana walked side by side.
  - e **✓**
  - f **X** – Kino threw the pearl into the sea.