

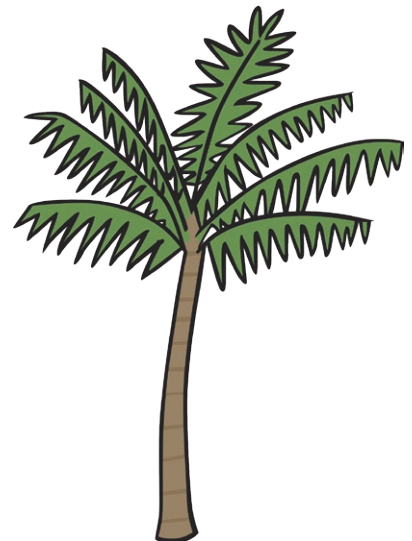
Improving Your Reading with Predicting Pip: The Island



Once upon a time, a long while ago, there were four little people whose names were Violet, Sid, Gordon and Lee. They all thought they would like to see the world so they bought a large boat to sail across the sea. The boat was painted blue with green spots, and the sail was yellow with red stripes.

When they set off, they only took a small cat to steer and look after the boat. For the first ten days they sailed beautifully and found plenty to eat, as there were lots of fish. Everyone has happy and the cat managed the boat well.

After a time, they saw some land in the distance. When they came to it, they found it was an island with a stream running through the middle of it. It was perfectly beautiful and the only thing on the island was an incredibly high tree. When they had landed, they walked about but found, to their great surprise, that there were no people on the island at all. Violet told everyone that they should climb to the top of the tree to see if any people lived up there.



1. Which of these do you think Sid, Gordon and Lee are most likely to say to Violet? Tick **one**.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	I am enjoying being on the boat.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Where is the cat?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climbing the tree is a silly idea.

2. Do you think that children will climb the tree?

Yes

No

Explain your choice.

3. How is the island like a place that you know?

4. What would you have done if you were the children on the island?

Answers

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	I am enjoying being on the boat.
	Where is the cat?
✓	Climbing the tree is a silly idea.

2. Do you think that children will climb the tree?

Accept either yes or no as the answer, providing that the explanation below supports the choice.

Explain your choice.

Pupils' own responses, such as: No, I don't think that they will climb the tree because it seems impossible that people would live on top of it.

3. How is the island like a place that you know?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The island is like the Isle of Man because that is an island that also has a river.

4. What would you have done if you were the children on the island?

Pupils' own responses, such as: If I was a child on the island, I would have looked around for any seeds or berries to eat.