

Answer Sheet

Comprehension Questions based on The King of the Fishes

1. Describe the fish Li caught.

Mention silver, glittery scales, blood red fins and that the fish wore a golden crown.

2. How did Li react when he saw the fish he had caught?

Li just stood, staring, amazed at the beauty of the fish.

3. How did Li feel about catching the fish?

Mention that Li felt guilty as he realised the fish probably had a family.

4. What did he do as a result of these feelings?

Li set the fish free – he returned it to the sea.

5. What does the talking fish ask Li to do?

The fish asks Li to return at night so that he could grant him a wish.

6. What would Li's father wish for and why?

Li's father would wish for new eyes, as he was blind.

7. What would Li's mother wish for and why?

Li's mother would wish for money so that she could have the house roof repaired and stay warm in winter.

8. What did Li's wife say she would wish for and why?

Li's wife would wish for a baby so that she and Li would have someone to care for them in their old age.

9. What do you think it means in the story when it says, "Yes, he had it!"?

At this point, Li realises that he could combine all his family's longings in one wish.

10. What sort of voice does the fish have?

The fish has a high, silvery voice.

11. How does Li's wish help everyone in the family?

The baby in the cradle would give Li's wife her wish. The golden cradle could be sold so that Li's mother could repair her roof. The fact that Li's father could see the baby would mean he was no longer blind.

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12. Why is it important that the story ends with the sound of a baby's cry?

The baby's cry at the end of the story suggests that Li's wish has been granted – it has come true.