

# Life of Pi Study Sheet

1. Richard Parker      The Bengal tiger who shares the lifeboat with Pi.
2. Tsimtsum            The name of the ship that sinks, leaving Pi stranded.
3. Pacific Ocean        The vast body of water Pi is stranded on.
4. Pondicherry         The Indian town where Pi grows up.
5. Carnivorous Island   A mysterious island Pi encounters, filled with meerkats.
6. survival              The main theme of the novel, as Pi fights for his life.
7. religion               A significant part of Pi's identity, as he practices Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam.
8. Orange Juice         The orangutan who shares the lifeboat with Pi briefly.
9. Hyena                 The aggressive animal that threatens Pi and the others on the lifeboat.
10. Zebra                The animal that is brutally killed by the hyena.
11. algae                 A peculiar substance that Pi finds on the carnivorous island.
12. Canada              The country where Pi eventually settles after his ordeal.
13. Hinduism            One of the three religions Pi practices.
14. faith                 What keeps Pi hopeful throughout his time at sea.
15. Meerkats            Small creatures that live on the carnivorous island.
16. blindness            A condition Pi and a fellow castaway suffer from temporarily.
17. Frenchman          A mysterious figure who shares a strange interaction with Pi while at sea.
18. flying fish          These provide Pi with food when he's in desperate need.
19. Pi Patel              Full name of the novel's protagonist, who survives 227 days at sea.
20. Mother              The human character that Pi believes Orange Juice symbolizes.
21. Tiger                The dominant animal that represents Pi's primal survival instincts.
22. Lifeboat             The vessel on which Pi and the animals drift after the shipwreck.
23. reality               A key question in the novel is whether Pi's story with the tiger or the one with humans is this.