



Comprehension questions

1. What made Pinocchio think that he was unlike anybody else?
2. Why has he had so long to think about the important things in life?
3. Who wrote the first story about Pinocchio?
4. How does Pinocchio think he is like the person reading the book?
5. Why does Pinocchio want to tell you his story?
6. Do you think Pinocchio sees himself more as a puppet or a boy?
7. Do you think growing up is more exciting or more difficult? Give two reasons why.
8. What kind of personality do you think Pinocchio has? Refer to the text in your answer.



Reading activities

1

Think of three things that are fun about growing up and three things that are difficult about growing up.

2

Can you think of two reasons why being a child is similar to being a puppet and two reasons why it is different?



Writing tasks

1

Write a letter to Pinocchio, asking him what it is like to be a puppet. Ask him questions about what you have already found out in the text.

2

Imagine you are a toymaker and a puppet comes to life. Write a conversation between the toymaker and the puppet. What might they talk about? What questions might they ask?

3

How do the things that happen to us change the type of person we become? Think of an experience you have had and write about how it affected or changed you. E.g. visiting a zoo and then becoming interested in animal welfare.



Speak up!

Discuss the question together:

Are we all 'puppets' in some way?