

# Comprehension Questions To Support The Teaching of Holes By Louis Sachar

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1. What do the boys have to do in order to get a day off? **To get a day off, the boys have to find something interesting in their holes.**
2. How is Elya Yelnats different from the other boys in his village? **Elya Yelnats is different because he doesn't like to mud wrestle.**
3. What does Madame Zeroni think of Myra Menke? **Madam Zeroni thinks that although Myra is beautiful, she is also silly, foolish, too delicate, spoiled and 'as empty as a flowerpot'.**
4. What promise does Elya make to Madame Zeroni? **Elya promises to carry Madam Zeroni up the mountain so she can drink from the stream and to sing the special song to her.**
5. Why does Elya not carry the pig on the day of Myra's birthday? **Elya didn't carry Myra's pig because he didn't want a smell of pig on him.**
6. Why does Elya decide not to pick a number, do you think? **Teacher check.**
7. Do you think Elya really loves Myra? Why? **Teacher check.**
8. Do you think it is a good decision for Elya to move to America? Why/Why not? **Teacher check.**
9. Stanley feels proud of his first hole when it is finished. Do you think pride is an important feeling? Describe a time when you felt proud. **Teacher check.**
10. Why do yellow-spotted lizards live in holes? **Yellow spotted lizards live in holes because they provide shade from the sun and protection from predatory birds.**
11. Who is Caveman? **Caveman is the nickname the other boys have given Stanley.**
12. Do you think it is wise for Stanley to lie to his mother about camp? What would you do if you were in his situation, and why? **Teacher check.**
13. What kind of rock does Stanley discover? **Stanley discovers a fossilised fish.**
14. What do you think about Mr Pendanski's reaction to Stanley's find? Do you think it strange? **Teacher check.**
15. If you attended Camp Green Lake, what nickname would you choose for yourself, and why? **Teacher check.**