



# Yoshi in New Zealand

Reading comprehension

## CHAPTER 1 – I can do it!

1. Where is Yoshi going? And who is he going to visit?
2. Why does Yoshi's mum have to sit on the suitcase?
3. What does the question mark in "Sense of adventure? Er ... check?" tell us about Yoshi?
4. Why do you think Yoshi says "Now I'm ready!" when he has found his hat?

## CHAPTER 2 – Up, up and away

5. What does the term "Unaccompanied Minor" mean in this chapter?
6. How long will Yoshi be away from home?
7. Why does Yoshi feel better when he puts on his backpack?
8. What are Flo and Joe like when they first meet Yoshi? Give three examples.

## CHAPTER 3 – In the air

9. What are the three snacks in "The Taste Test"?
10. Why does the plane have to land in Singapore instead of its planned stopover?
11. Why is the durian sweet not a problem for Yoshi?
12. How do we know that Yoshi is more scared during the storm than the twins are?

#### **CHAPTER 4 – The bubble gum police**

13. What rule does Yoshi break at Changi Airport?
14. What has Yoshi forgotten on the plane?
15. Why do you think Yoshi gives the bag of snacks to the Airport Assistant at the end of the chapter?

#### **CHAPTER 5 – Aunt Radish**

16. What is Aunt Radish's real name and why is she called Radish?
17. Who or what is Pickles?
18. Why does Yoshi like Aunt Radish right away?
19. The text says Yoshi's brain is "confused" because of the jet lag. Explain in your own words what this means.

#### **CHAPTER 6 – Home smelly home**

20. What makes Rotorua smell so strange?
21. What funny comparison does Yoshi make in his message to Kat and Vega?
22. What are rosellas and where does Yoshi see them?
23. Why do you think Aunt Radish calls the terrible smell "the smell of home"?

#### **CHAPTER 7 – Whoosh!**

24. Where does Aunt Radish take Yoshi and what famous geyser do they hope to see?
25. Why does Yoshi say "Wow! Just wow!" and nothing else?
26. How do Yoshi's feelings change during the day?

#### **CHAPTER 8 – A magical walk**

27. What are the huge trees in the forest called?
28. Why is Aunt Radish sure the sound Yoshi hears is not a snake?
29. What makes Yoshi stop feeling afraid during the forest walk?

### **CHAPTER 9 – Yeah, nah**

30. What is a “dairy” in New Zealand?
31. Which flavour of ice cream does Yoshi choose and what does it taste like?
32. Why does Yoshi wonder if there are cows in the diary?
33. Why does Yoshi like the fact that his aunt sends him to the shop on his own?
34. Why does New Zealand start to feel a bit like home to Yoshi?

### **CHAPTER 10 – Hobbiton**

35. Why is Yoshi “a bit disappointed” at first when he arrives at Hobbiton?
36. Describe the tourist that arrives late.
37. Why is it good that Yoshi and his aunt are “nearly Hobbit-sized”?

### **CHAPTER 11 – The earthquake**

38. Aunt Radish says that earthquakes often happen in New Zealand.  
Why is that?
39. What food is served at the free “second breakfast”?
40. Why does Yoshi go to help Henry, even though he is frightened by the earthquake?
41. How do people’s feelings at the Green Dragon Inn change during the meal?

### **CHAPTER 12 – Gone camping**

42. What are S’mores made of?
43. What is the name of the star pattern Aunt Radish points out in the sky?
44. Why does Yoshi wish his mums were there when he sees the shooting star?
45. Yoshi misses home, but he does not feel so alone anymore. Why do you think he feels less alone?

### **CHAPTER 13 – Hell’s gate**

46. What is the Māori name for Hell’s Gate and where does the name come from?
47. Why does Yoshi find the dry mud unpleasant?
48. Why does the man tell Yoshi the story of Princess Hurutini?
49. How does Yoshi’s view of Hell’s Gate change by the end of the chapter?

### **CHAPTER 14 – The festival of voices**

50. What is a hāngī?
51. What movements do the haka performers make on stage?
52. What does the woman mean when she says, “we tell some stories with words. And others with wood”?
53. Why will Yoshi and Aunt Radish remember this day?

### **CHAPTER 15 – The red towel**

54. What does a feijoa taste like, according to Yoshi?
55. What has happened to Aunt Radish’s clothes?
56. Why does Yoshi decide to do the laundry for Aunt Radish?
57. How can we tell that Aunt Radish is a kind and understanding person, even when things go wrong?

### **CHAPTER 16 – Pink, pedals and plenty of sheep**

58. What is a “tandem bike”?
59. What does the farmer let Yoshi do with the lamb?
60. Yoshi first wanted to “hide in a bush” but then agreed to go out. How has Yoshi changed during his visit to New Zealand?
61. Why does Aunt Radish take a photo of Yoshi in his pink clothes feeding the lamb?

## CHAPTER 17 – I did it!

62. Why does the cake turn out so strangely (like a volcano and then a mud pool)?
63. Yoshi describes the kitchen as “It looks like a bag of flour has had a fight with the eggs – and lost.” What does he mean?
64. What does Yoshi mean when he says he was “too busy making a story of my own”?
65. The chapter is called “I did it!” – what exactly has Yoshi done? Think of more than one answer.

## LOOKING BACK AT THE STORY

- If you could visit one of the places Yoshi visits – Rotorua, Te Puia, Whakarewarewa Forest, Hobbiton or Hell’s Gate – which would you choose and why?
- Which New Zealand English word is your favourite? Why?
- What is the most adventurous thing Yoshi does in the story? Explain your answer.
- How does Yoshi change from the beginning to the end of the story? Give two examples.