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Rudyard Kipling: A Life of Adventure

His parents were English, but Rudyard Kipling was born in India. And it was his life 16
 in India that made him love stories. Some of his favorite times were when his nanny 32
 would tell tales and sing songs. Rudyard was a happy, growing boy. He played and 47
 painted and explored. Sadly, this happiness ended too soon. When he was five, 60
 Rudyard went to England to live with another family. He was miserable! People 73
 there bullied and beat him. When he read books, he felt like he was escaping into 89
 other worlds. He quickly learned to love reading. At twelve he went to school. 103
 After he made friends he enjoyed being there. By now he wore glasses because 117
 he was nearly blind without them! When he was 15, Rudyard sailed back to India 132
 to work for a newspaper. He spent time writing stories and poems. After several 146
 years he left India to see the world. He visited China and Japan before reaching 161
 California. From there he traveled to Yellowstone, Salt Lake City, and New York. 174
 Finally he sailed back to London. While living there he wrote and wrote and wrote. 189
 And fell in love! He and his wife had three children. During his life, he wrote 205
 dozens of books, stories, and poems. His time in India influenced many of his 219
 famous works like *The Jungle Book* and *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*. Rudyard kept writing until 234
 his death in 1936, but his beautiful poems and stories of adventure will live forever. 249

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words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

Expressive readers change pitch while reading. Their voices go up at the beginning of sentences and down at the end. If a sentence ends with a question mark, their voices go up slightly. This change in pitch signals that the reader understands where different ideas begin and end. Praise your student when you see him demonstrating this skill.

1. Which is an example of cause and effect?

- He liked to write stories and poems.
- He was born in India.
- He made friends, so he liked school.

2. After New York, Rudyard sailed to _____.

- Japan
- London
- India



3. What does the author want to explain with this passage?

- Rudyard Kipling led an exciting life that led to exciting stories.
- Rudyard Kipling was born in India, but moved to England.
- Rudyard Kipling wore glasses and liked to read books.

4. What types of stories do you like to write?