

QUESTIONS ABOUT  
*ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS*  
Part 2

This book is about a young girl named Won-a-pa-lei (Girl with long black hair) with the secret name of Karana who is stranded alone on an island off the California coast. Most of her tribe has been killed and the remainder has been taken away on a ship. All events take place in the early eighteenth hundreds.

The questions below cover chapters 10 through 17, which contain 51 pages.

Chapter 10

1. What did Karana fear more than crossing the sea by herself?
2. Why did she finally turn around and return to her island?
3. What gave her courage during her return?

Chapter 11

4. What led to her decision never to try to leave the island again?
5. How did she decide where to build her house?

Chapter 12

6. This chapter explains steps she took to protect her new home. Name some of the things she needed. Where did she get them? Could we do what she did?

Chapter 13

7. When Karana looks for a sea elephant to kill, she witnesses a battle between two bulls. What happens?

Chapter 14

8. Karana decides to furnish a cave as a second home. What does she find in the cave?
9. What useful item does she find on the beach?

Chapter 15

10. In this chapter, Karana describes how Rontu became her companion. Why do you think she didn't kill him when she had the chance?

Chapter 16

11. Karana converts a large, old canoe into a small canoe. Then she and Rontu explore her island with this canoe. While exploring a cave, what kind of fish does she discover?
12. What will she do with this fish if she can catch it?

Chapter 17

13. When Rontu fights the other dogs, Karana does not interfere. Why not?
14. What is the outcome of the fight?