



Read the passage below from J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan* then complete the worksheets that follow.

Chapter 4: *The Flight*

~ Part 1 ~

“Second to the right, and straight on till morning.”

That, Peter had told Wendy, was the way to the Neverland; but even birds, carrying maps and consulting them at windy corners, could not have sighted it with these instructions. Peter, you see, just said anything that came into his head.

At first his companions trusted him implicitly, and so great were the delights of flying that they wasted time circling round church spires or any other tall objects on the way that took their fancy.

John and Michael raced, Michael getting a start.

They recalled with contempt that not so long ago they had thought themselves fine fellows for being able to fly round a room.

Not so long ago. But how long ago? They were flying over the sea before this thought began to disturb Wendy seriously. John thought it was their second sea and their third night.

Sometimes it was dark and sometimes light, and now they were very cold and again too warm. Did they really feel hungry at times, or were they merely pretending, because Peter had such a jolly new way of feeding them? His way was to pursue birds who had food in their mouths suitable for humans and snatch it from them;

then the birds would follow and snatch it back; and they would all go chasing each other gaily for miles, parting at last with mutual expressions of good-will. But Wendy noticed with gentle concern that Peter did not seem to know that this was rather an odd way of getting your bread and butter, nor even that there are other ways.

Certainly they did not pretend to be sleepy, they were sleepy; and that was a danger, for the moment they popped off, down they fell. The awful thing was that Peter thought this funny.

“There he goes again!” he would cry gleefully, as Michael suddenly dropped like a stone.

“Save him, save him!” cried Wendy, looking with horror at the cruel sea far below. Eventually Peter would dive through the air, and catch Michael just before he could strike the sea, and it was lovely the way he did it; but he always waited till the last moment, and you felt it was his cleverness that interested him more. Also he was fond of variety, and the sport that engrossed him one moment would suddenly cease to engage him, so there was always the possibility that the next time you fell he would let you go.

He could sleep in the air without falling, by merely lying on his back and floating, but this was, partly at least, because he was so light that if you got behind him and blew he went faster.

Reading Comprehension



Based on the reading from Chapter 4 of *Peter Pan*, answer the questions below about Peter's character.

Part 1

How would you describe Peter? (circle one or more)

kind mischievous sad clever serious fun other _____

Why? Use evidence from the text to support your ideas.

What Peter says: _____

What Peter does: _____

What other characters say or think about him: _____

Do you think Peter would be a good friend to have? Why?: _____

Vocabulary Practice



Answer the vocabulary questions below and refer back to the text as needed.

Part 1

Definitions

Write the letter in the blank space next to the correct definition.

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| a. consulting | _____ | to take up all of your attention |
| b. implicitly | _____ | sharing the same feeling |
| c. contempt | _____ | without question |
| d. disturb | _____ | bother or trouble |
| e. mutual | _____ | to check for advice or information |
| f. engrossed | _____ | to have negative feelings towards something or someone |

Find a word in the text that means:

happy _____

scared _____

tired _____

bad _____