

5 Neverland

5 Wendy, John and Michael fly through the sky with Peter Pan for many, many days. They enjoy flying and Peter plays games with them in the air. When they are hungry, Peter finds food for them.

Then, one morning he says: 'There it is. There's Neverland.'

'Where, where?' the children shout.

'Where all the arrows are pointing.'

It's true! A million golden arrows are pointing from the sun to the island of Neverland.

The children stand on their toes in order to look at it. It's their first visit to the island but they all recognise it immediately.

'Look, John! There's the lagoon,' says Wendy.

'Wendy, look at the turtles. They're burying their eggs in the sand,' says John.


'I can see the smoke of the Indian camp,' says Michael.

As they get nearer to Neverland, it starts to get dark. Flying becomes more difficult and dangerous. Sometimes Peter has to push his way through the clouds before they can move. When their feet are almost touching the tops of the trees, Peter says: 'They don't want us to land.'

'Who are THEY?' asks Wendy.

But Peter doesn't want to say. Tinker Bell is asleep on his shoulder. He wakes her up and tells her to fly down and have a look around.

GLOSSARY

- **arrows:** 
- **burying:** putting in a hole and covering
- **land:** touch the ground

- **lagoon:** small sea
- **toes:** fingers on your feet
- **turtles:**



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Then he says in a very casual way: ‘Do you want an adventure now?’

‘What kind of adventure?’ John asks.

‘There’s a pirate in the grass down there,’ says Peter. ‘He’s asleep. If you like, we can go down and kill him.’

John isn’t sure that he wants this kind of adventure so he asks: ‘Do you kill many pirates?’

‘Lots,’ Peter replies.

‘Who is the pirate captain?’

‘Hook,’ answers Peter, and he looks angry as he says the name.

Michael begins to cry. John is worried. So. They all know about Hook, the terrible pirate captain.

‘What’s he like? Is he a big man?’ asks John.

‘He’s a bit smaller since our last fight. A bit of him is missing now,’ Peter replies.

‘Which bit, Peter?’ asks John.

‘His right hand.’

‘So he can’t fight now?’

‘Oh, yes, he can.’

‘Does he fight with his left hand?’

‘No. He has an iron hook instead of a right hand. He fights with that!’

Parts of the body

What do you call these parts of your body?

- your nose
- your ears
- your nose
- your hand
- your fingers

GLOSSARY

- **bit:** small part
- **fight:** when people hit each other
- **missing:** not there

- **iron hook:**





Then Peter says: 'John, you must promise me one thing.'

'What, Peter?'

'If we meet Hook in a fight, you must let me fight him'.

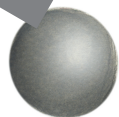
'I promise,' says John.

There's a tinkling noise above them. It's Tinker Bell. She's speaking to Peter.

'The pirates know that we are here,' he tells the others.

BOOM! A cannonball goes past them. It doesn't hit them but it makes a strong wind that blows Wendy high up into the sky with Tinker Bell. The little fairy suddenly decides that she wants to kill Wendy. She isn't a bad fairy but she's very jealous of Peter's friend. She has an idea. She flies around Wendy and tinkles loudly: 'Follow me, follow me'. Wendy doesn't understand but the tinkling voice sounds kind so she follows the fairy.

• **cannonball:**



• **jealous:** unhappy because someone has something you'd like to have