

PETER PAN

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Chapter 1



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Chapter 1: The Nursery

Wendy, John and Michael Darling live in a lovely house in London. They have got a big, sunny nursery. There are colourful pictures and a big clock on the wall. There are toys here and there. The Darlings are a happy family. Mr Darling and Mrs Darling love their children very much. Wendy is the first child, John is the second and Michael is the third.

The children's nanny is called Nana and she is a big Newfoundland dog! Her kennel is in the nursery and she is a wonderful nanny. She loves the children and the children love her.

One evening Mr and Mrs Darling want to go to a dinner party. They have their best clothes on.

'Nana, it's time to put the children to bed,' says Mrs Darling.

Nana goes to the bathroom. She turns on the hot water for Michael's bath. She puts her paw in the water to check the temperature. It's perfect!

'I don't want to have a bath!' says little Michael.

But Nana is a firm nanny and Michael has his bath.

Then Nana gives the children their pyjamas. Now they are ready for bed.

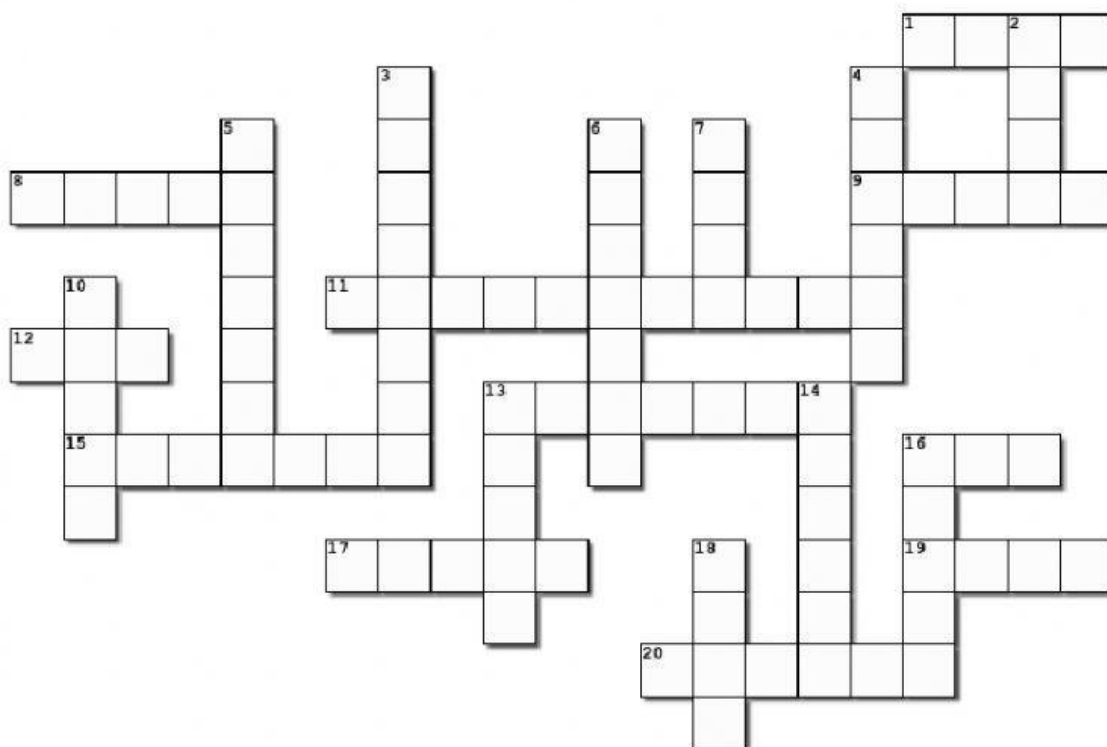
Mrs Darling comes into the nursery and smiles. 'Good work, Nana! I see the children are ready for bed.' Nana wags her big tail.

Suddenly there is a noise. Mrs Darling sees a young boy outside the nursery window. She is very surprised. Nana barks and shuts the window quickly. The boy's shadow falls on the floor. The young boy flies away. 'Who's there?' asks Mrs Darling. She opens the window and looks outside, but she sees nothing. Then she sees the boy's shadow on the floor and says, 'Poor boy, this is his shadow. Let's put it in the drawer.'

The children are in bed. Mr Darling takes Nana to the garden. Then he goes to the sitting room and waits for Mrs Darling.

Mrs Darling sings to the children and kisses them. She is a perfect mother. Soon the three children are sleeping. Mr and Mrs Darling go to their bedroom. They put on their coats and go to the dinner party.

1. Complete the crossword with the translation of the words below:



Across

- 1. baño
- 8. fiesta
- 9. ruido
- 11. temperatura
- 12. pata
- 13. ropa
- 15. guardería
- 16. menear
- 17. sonreír
- 19. cola
- 20. cajón

Down

- 2. juguetes
- 3. de repente
- 4. caseta de perro
- 5. pijama
- 6. habitación
- 7. abrigo
- 10. canguro
- 13. niño/a
- 14. sombra
- 16. agua
- 18. empresa

2. Choose the correct answers:

- a) What time of the day is it?
- b) What's on the wall?
- c) Where are the parents going?
- d) Who is Nana?

3. Complete the sentences:

- a) The Darlings live in .
- b) is the oldest child of the family.
- c) The family's dog is called .
- d) is going to have a bath first.

4. What happens first and then? Write the numbers 1 to 8 next to each sentence:

The Darlings hear a noise.

The children go to bed.

Mrs. Darling keeps the boy's shadow in the drawer.

Mrs. Darling sees a boy's shadow.

Mr. and Mrs. Darling go to the party.

Michael has a bath.

The children put on their pyjamas.

Mr. and Mrs. Darling get dressed.

5. Complete the sentences with words in the box below:

drawer · paw · coat · noise · kennel · water · smiles

- a) The dog sleeps in its .
- b) My cat always licks its left .
- c) It's cold. Take your !
- d) I'm thirsty. Please, can I have some ?
- e) Can you hear that ? It's strange!
- f) There's a pencil in the .
- g) Samantha always . She is happy.

6. Say if the following sentences are true or false:

Nana is Wendy's sister.

The children are ready to go to a dinner party.

Nana checks the temperature of the water.

Michael is happy to have a bath.

There's a shadow outside. It's Wendy's!

The boy forgets his shadow in the house.

When Mr. and Mrs. Darling go to the dinner party, the children are sleeping.

7. Listen to the audio and complete the sentences with one word:

a) Nana always moves her _____ when she is happy.

b) Mrs. Darling keeps the boy's _____ in the _____.

c) Michael doesn't want to have a _____.

d) There's a _____ outside!