

PETER PAN

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Chapter 4



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Chapter 4: The Mermaid's Lagoon

PART 1:

One summer evening Peter, Wendy, John, Michael and the Lost Boys go to the Mermaid's Lagoon. Beautiful **mermaids** live here and they are Peter's **friends**. They swim and play in the blue lagoon. They sit on the Marooner's Rock to **comb** their long hair. They sit in the sun and **laugh**.

The children like the mermaids and John says, 'I want to catch one!' He tries, but the mermaid jumps into the water.

Peter says, 'It's very **difficult** to catch a mermaid.'

PART 2:

Suddenly someone says, '**Look!**, the pirates are coming!

A small boat with two pirates is coming to the lagoon. John Michael and the Lost Boys jump off the rock and swim away. But Wendy stays with Peter. They hide behind the **rock**. Peter sees Tiger Lily. She is sitting in the small boat. Poor Tiger Lily is a **prisoner** of the pirates.

'Let's leave her on this rock. When the sea **rises**, she will die!', says Smee. The two pirates laugh. It is already night and it is very dark.

PART 3:

Peter wants to save Tiger Lily and thinks of something **intelligent**. He **imitates** Captain Hook's voice and says, 'Cut the ropes and let her go! Do as I say, you idiots! Let her go! The two pirates are **amazed**.

'Can you hear Hook's **voice**?' asks Smee.

'Yes, but what do we do?' asks Starkey.

'We must **obey** him and cut the ropes,' says Smee.

They cut the **ropes** and Tiger Lily is free. She quickly jumps into the water and swims away.

PART 4:

Captain Hook sees everything and he is **furious**.

'That **horrid** Peter Pan! This time I must **attack** him,' he says.

He swims to the rock and fights with Peter. It is a long fight.

The Captain **hurts** Peter with his hook, but Peter fights **courageously**. At last, Peter wins the fight and Hook swims back to the Jolly Roger. Peter is now alone on the rock with Wendy.

PART 5:

'The sea is **rising** and we are in great danger here. We must leave this rock,' says Peter.

'Oh, Peter, I am very tired and I cannot swim or fly.'

He sees a big **kite** with a long tail. It is flying slowly over the lagoon. He takes the tail of the kite and says, 'Wendy, hold on to this tail and fly away with the kite.'

'The sea is rising. I must fly away,' Peter **thinks**. When he gets home everyone is happy to see him, especially Wendy.

1. Answer the questions:

- a) Who lives in the lagoon?
- b) What do the mermaids do?
- c) Who wants to catch a mermaid?
- d) Who is the prisoner of the pirates?
- e) Where do the pirates want to leave Tiger Lily?

2. Complete the sentences:

- a) The mermaids are swimming in the .
- b) They are combing their .
- c) Two . come on a small boat.
- d) They want to leave Tiger Lily on a .
- e) Peter saves Tiger Lily by imitating Captain Hook's .
- f) Captain Hook is angry and fights Peter, but Peter wins the .
- g) Wendy flies off with a .

3. What happens first and then? Write numbers to order the sentences.

Peter and Wendy get home.

Peter wins the fight.

Peter imitates Captain Hook's voice. Peter sees Tiger Lily. She is a prisoner of the pirates.

The pirates cut the ropes and Tiger Lily is free.

A small boat with two pirates is coming to the lagoon.

The Captain hurts Peter with his hook.

One summer evening Peter, Wendy, John, Michael and the Lost Boys go to the Mermaid's Lagoon.

4. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

laughs	prisoner	mermaids	imitate	kite	furious
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- a) The _____ are creatures who are half woman, half fish. They can swim in the sea because they have a tail.
- b) Paola is very happy when she visits her grandmother. She always _____ when she sees her.
- c) He steals that woman's bag. "Go to prison!", says the judge. Now, he's a _____.
- d) Roberto likes to _____ the English teacher's voice. He is really good at it.
- e) Hermenegildo fails 5 subjects at high school. His parents are _____.
- f) My favourite hobby at the beach is flying my _____.

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

- a) Children hate mermaids.
- b) Ribs catches a mermaid.
- c) Mermaids can fly.
- d) Wendy imitates Captain Hook's voice.
- e) Peter wins the fight against Tiger Lily.
- f) Wendy feels tired and can fly.
- g) Peter flies away with a kite.