

The Story of Peter Pan



ACT I

One night at the Darling home, Wendy dances and plays with the family dog, Nana. Her two brothers, John and Michael enter the bedroom. They all pretend they are pirates and swing their swords back and forth. Their parents and Liza, the maid, enter to get the children ready for bed. The children continue playing and refuse to listen. Finally, their mother gets their attention by reading them bedtime story. The children fall asleep. Mr. and Mrs. Darling and Liza tiptoe quietly and leave the bedroom.

When the coast is clear, Tinker Bell enters the bedroom. Peter Pan has lost his shadow. Tinker Bell searches, but can't seem to find it. She finally walks over to the children's wash stand and there it is! She found his shadow. Peter flies into the room to join Tinker Bell. She tells him that his shadow is in the wash stand. He tries to catch it, but can't. He begins to cry. Then, Wendy wakes up and tells him she can help sew his shadow back to his feet. He thanks her and invites Wendy to Neverland to be a mother to his friends, known as the Lost Boys. Wendy agrees and wakes up John and Michael to invite them also. Tinker Bell uses her fairy dust to help the children fly. They all take off together through the bedroom window. They are headed to Neverland.

In Neverland, Tiger Lily, the Fairies, and the Crocodile are in the lagoon. When they hear the pirates coming, they quickly hide. Smee, Captain Hook's assistant, tells Captain Hook that Peter has returned with new friends. Suddenly, the Crocodile who ate Captain Hook's hand appears. He tries to get another taste of Hook.

Peter brings the children to the forest and the fairies welcome them with a dance. The Lost Boys arrive and are happy to see that Peter has returned to Neverland, but the celebration quickly ends when the Pirates return and challenge Peter to a fight. Peter and Captain Hook begin to fight and Peter is almost defeated, but the Crocodile chases Hook away.

ACT II

Back in the nursery, Mrs. Darling worries about her Wendy, Michael, and John. Liza and Mr. Darling try to comfort her. Meanwhile in Neverland, Wendy and Tinker Bell get the boys ready for bed and give them their medicine. Peter is away checking on the island. Captain Hook sneaks in with his crew and captures all the children. Only Tinker Bell escapes! Captain Hook is angry because he was not able to find Peter. He poisons Peter's medicine bottle hoping Peter will drink it when he returns.

Later, as Peter realizes the children have been captured. He grabs his sword and gets ready to have the children. Before he leaves he remembers he has to take his medicine. Before he has the chance, Tinker Bell drinks it to save his life. After she drinks it, Tinker Bell's light begins to fade. Peter tries to help her, but nothing seems to make her better. Then, the fairies enter and do a magical dance. Tinker Bell is saved!

On the pirate ship, the children are put to work by Hook. Peter flies to the ship and defeats Captain Hook and his crew. Once they finish celebrating their victory, Peter agrees to take Wendy, John, and Michael back to their home. Wendy is worried that her brothers are beginning to forget their real parents.

The fairies fly the ship home, and the children surprise Mrs. Darling in the nursery. Mr. Darling, Liza, and Nana rush inside to find the children home safely. The Lost Boys are also there. They have decided that it is time for them to grow up and they ask to stay with the Darlings.

Once everyone has left the nursery, Wendy rushes to the window. She sees Peter waiting outside, not ready to say goodbye. They share one last dance. Peter promises to return and Wendy watches him fly off into the night sky. *And on to another adventure!*

PETER PAN

Children's Activity Guide



The *Peter Pan* ballet is based on a play written in 1904 by British author James M. Barrie (he turned it into a book a few years later). The story is about a boy who wouldn't grow up and his adventures in the magical world of Neverland. The story has been retold many times in plays, musicals, movies, and as you just saw, a ballet!

What belongs to who?

Draw a line between each object and the character that it belongs to!

Wendy



Peter Pan

Captain Hook



Tinker Bell

Nana

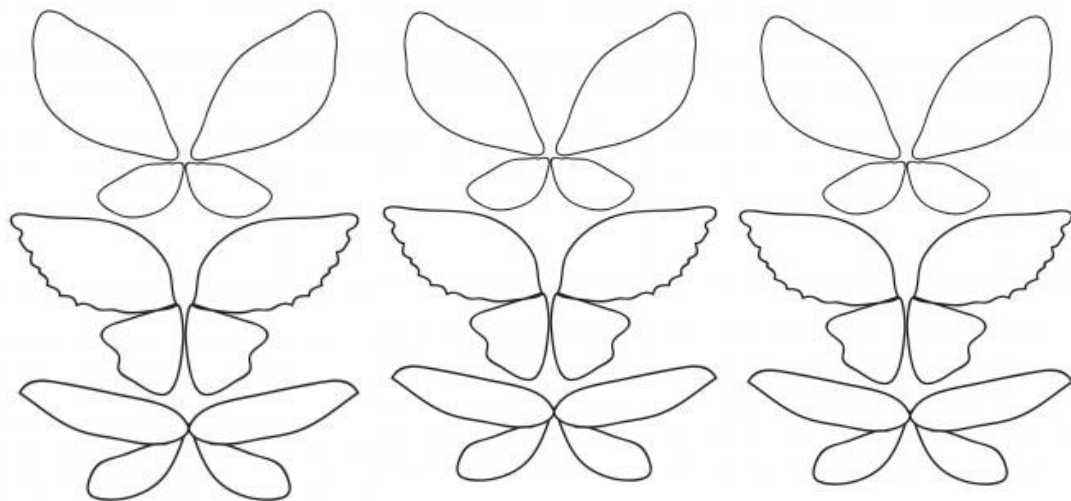


Mrs. Darling

Mr. Darling



John and Michael

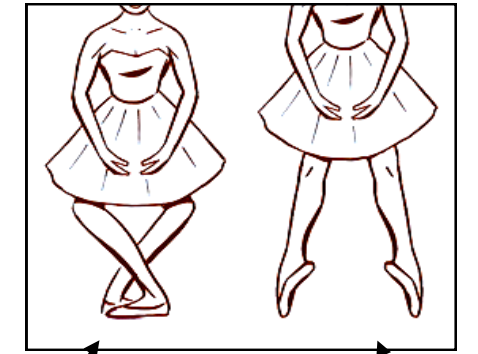


There are 8 fairies that dance with Tinker Bell in Neverland. If each fairy, including Tinker Bell has two wings, how many wings total are there? _____



Ballet Term of the Day!

Échappé—a step in ballet where the dancer quickly changes both of his or her feet from a closed position to an open position. For example, a dancer may perform an échappé by moving his or her feet from fifth position to second position. In French, échappé actually means *escaping* or *slipping movement*. Watch for some échappés when the **fairies** dance!



Fifth position

Second position

Shadow Dance

In the story and the ballet, Peter loses his shadow. Before catching it, they share a dance together. Recreate this scene with your caregiver or with a friend!

Part 1: Develop some movement to try as the character Peter

- ◆ Sneaking around the Darling bedroom looking for your shadow
- ◆ Flying to Neverland
- ◆ Running through a forest
- ◆ Sword fight with Captain Hook

Part 2: Moving Like a Shadow

Decide who will be Peter and lead the movement, and who will be the shadow. The shadow stands in front of Peter and as Peter begins to move, the shadow mirrors him/her. Try to stay in sync! Be sure to switch roles!

After you have tried the activity, talk about the experience. How did it feel to be the person following as the shadow? How did it feel to be Peter?

Do you remember some of the steps the dancers performed as Peter and the shadow?



Peter's Word Search

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Peter, Tinkerbell, Wendy, John, Michael, Nana, Tiger Lily, Crocodile, Hook, Pirates, Fairies

Where's my shadow?

There are many shadows hidden throughout this program. How many are you able to find? _____

Puzzle solutions and answers can be found at pbt.org/student-matinees!