

Vocabulary

Find the word in its context. Reread the sentences before and after the word. Do you understand the meaning of the word? Now, look up the word in the dictionary and write a clear, simple definition, and use it in a sentence.

1. treacherous (pg. 3)

2. buoyant (pg. 39)

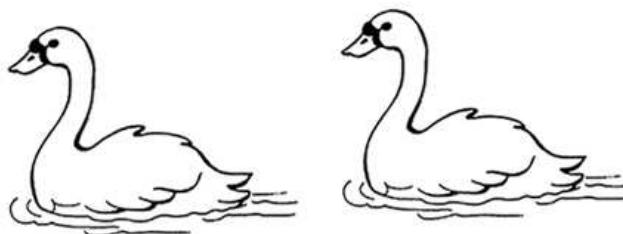
3. serenity (pg. 65)

4. extraordinary (pg. 81)

5. triumphant (pg. 184)

Complete the following sentences with the correct vocabulary word.

1. The swans enjoyed the _____ of the beautiful lakes.
2. The swamps can be _____ if you step into a soggy place.
3. After making his fame and fortune, Louis made a _____ return.
4. A swan is graceful and _____ in the water.
5. The swan crashing through the store window was an _____ event.



Discussion Questions

Chapters 1 - 6

1. The swans were cautious of Sam at first. How did he become their friend? (Chapter 3)
2. What was Louis's problem and how did this make him feel? (Chapter 5)
3. Although Louis could not speak, it did not stop him from learning to swim and fly. Is there something **you** can't do? Now, list **all** the things you **can** do. (Chapter 6)

Chapters 7 - 12

4. In class, Louis wrote the word "catastrophe" on the blackboard. Some of the students gave their definition of the word. Tell your teacher what you think "catastrophe" means. (Chapter 7)
5. Louis' father broke into a music store to steal a trumpet for his son. What do you think of his actions? (Chapter 9)
6. Tell me about the rescue of Applegate Skinner. (Chapter 12)

Chapters 13 - 18

7. At Camp Kookooskoos, Mr. Bicle added one more item for Louis to carry around his neck. Can you think of all the items which now hung around Louis' neck? (Chapter 13)
8. Why did Louis want Sam to cut his webbed foot? (Chapter 13)

Chapters 19 - 21

9. Louis and Serena had a problem. How did Sam help them? (Chapter 19)
10. Tell me what happened when Louis' father returned the stolen money to the music store. (Chapter 20)

Enrichment

Find five words that relate to the story The Trumpet of the Swan. The words run across and down. Use the Clue Box to help you. There are no capital letters used in the words.

Clue Box
trumpet
swan
louis
debt
serena

