

Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

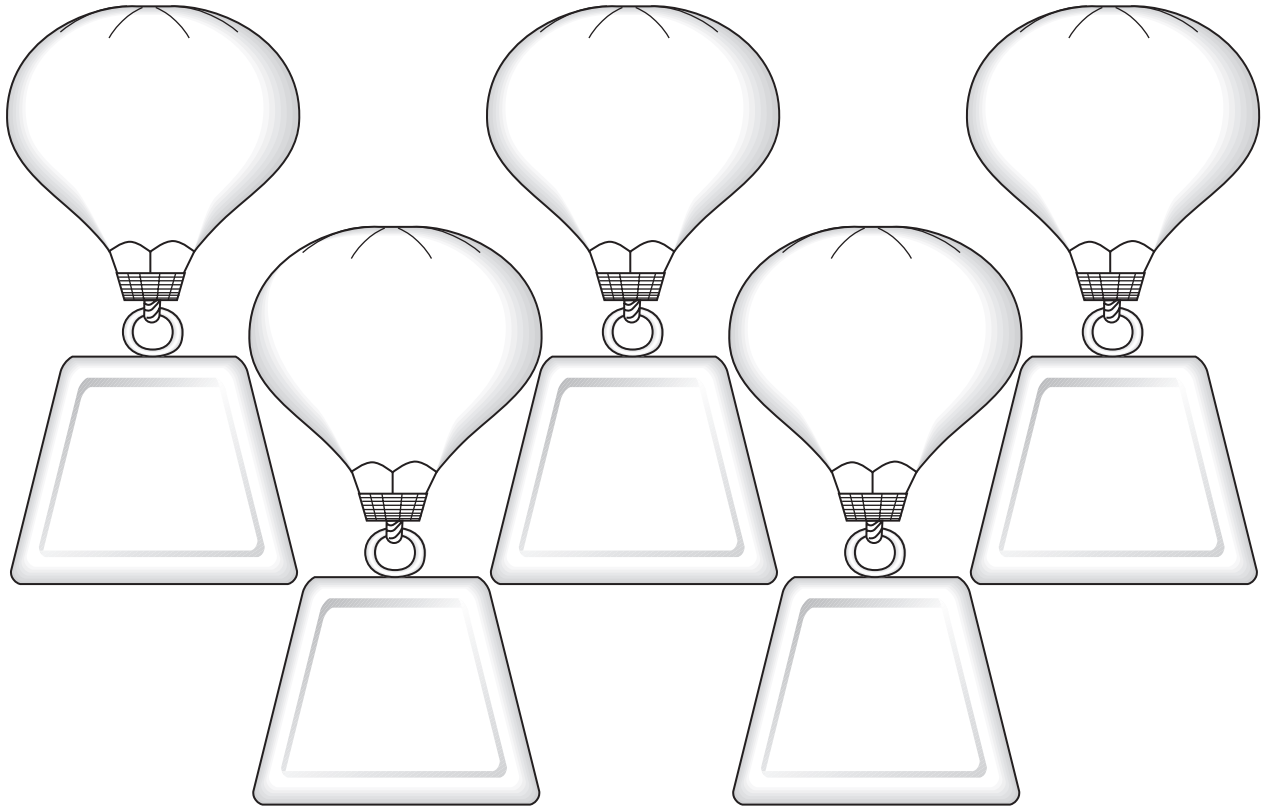
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Daydream Believer

In the balloons below, write the five roles that Walter Mitty plays in his fantasies. In the weights below each balloon, describe the situation that occurs immediately after each fantasy—the event that pulls Walter back to earth.



1. What kind of characters are the people in Walter Mitty's fantasies? For example, how do they handle pressure? How do others regard them? Give a brief description on the lines provided.

2. What is Walter Mitty's real character like, in contrast to the characters in his fantasies?

Words to Own

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Complete the following crossword puzzle using the Words to Own listed below. One word has been completed as an example.

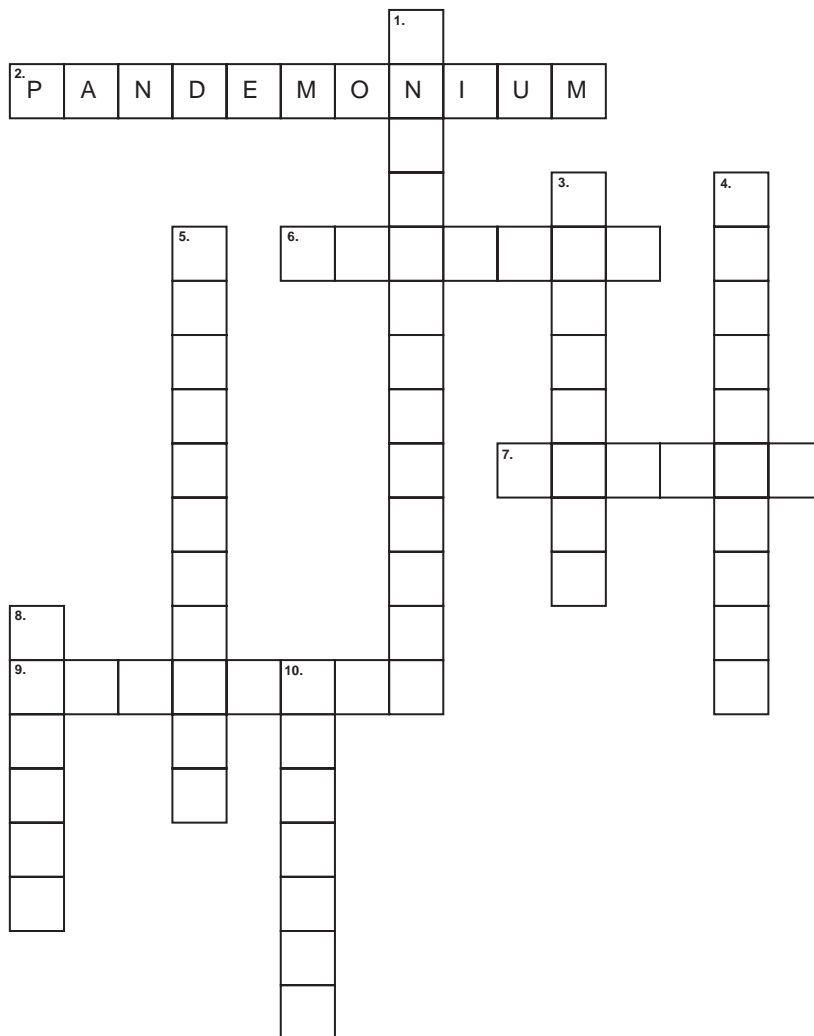
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|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| insolent | bedlam | cannonading | insinuatingly | rending |
| rakishly | haggard | pandemonium | craven | distraught |

Across

- 2. wild disorder
- 6. tearing apart
- 7. place of confusion
- 9. jauntily

Down

- 1. suggestively
- 3. boldly disrespectful
- 4. troubled
- 5. artillery fire
- 8. cowardly
- 10. worn in appearance



Identify the type of error, if any, in each underlined passage, and circle the letter next to the correct answer.

Walter Mitty has entered our language as the epitome of the “little guy” who is a hopeless dreamer.
 1
You might recognize Mitty and the formidable
 2
Mrs Mitty; they are character types that have formed the basis of many TV situation comedies. Mitty,
 3
although based on a stereotype is a remarkably
 4
original character. In fact, the term “Walter Mitty” is found in *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary.*

- 1 A Spelling
 B Capitalization
 C Punctuation
 D No error

- 3 A Spelling
 B Capitalization
 C Punctuation
 D No error

- 2 F Spelling
 G Capitalization
 H Punctuation
 J No error

- 4 F Spelling
 G Capitalization
 H Punctuation
 J No error