

VICTORIA SYMPHONY

Presents

**Sergei Prokofiev's  
Peter and the Wolf**

**Darryl One, Music Director**

**and the Victoria Ballet Theatre**

**Victoria Fine Arts Center**

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## As Our Guest . . . . Here's What to Expect!

Dear Students and Teachers,  
The **Victoria Symphony Orchestra** welcomes you to our performance of *Peter and the Wolf*. Joining the orchestra will be the dancers of the Victoria Ballet Theatre.

The performers need your cooperation. Here's how you can help:  
Before the performance begins, please **remain in your seats and talk quietly** with your neighbor. **Do not bring food or drink** of any kind into the auditorium. Teachers, please be aware and watchful when and if a student must leave his/her seat for any reason. When the performance begins, please **sit up straight in your chairs and watch the stage**. As an audience, you have a very important job. Your job is to **pay attention** and **be good listeners** by **not talking** during the performance. This is extremely important because the musicians and dancers must be able to hear what is going on. You will be introduced to the different **instruments of the orchestra**, one by one, by our conductor, Darryl One. You will also hear the musical themes of each character. Shortly after this, *Peter and the Wolf* will begin.

Enjoy the musical fairy tale of Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*!

Debbie Durham  
Education Coordinator

### **Background...**

Many years ago there lived a Russian composer named **Sergei Prokofiev**. He wrote many pieces of music. One that is a favorite of both children and adults is ***Peter and the Wolf***. In this story, each character is represented by a tune and a musical instrument. The story tells of Peter and his adventures in the meadow near his home. Other characters in the story are the bird, the duck, Grandfather, the cat, a wolf and the hunters. The story will be told by a **narrator** from **Theatre Victoria** accompanied by the instruments in the orchestra. Dancers from the **Victoria Ballet Theatre** will dance the story as well.

### **About the Composer...**

**Sergei Prokofiev** was born in **Russia** in 1891. He showed a great talent for music as a child. When he was only six years old, he was able to play the piano well and compose his own music. When he was nine, he composed an opera, and by the time was a teenager, he had composed three more. He left Russia in 1918 and moved first to the United States and later to Paris, France. In 1936 he was homesick for his native Russia and moved back to Moscow. That year Prokofiev took his two sons to the Moscow Children's Music Theatre. After his experience with his sons, he decided to **write a symphonic fairy tale** to introduce children to the instruments and sounds of the orchestra. He wrote the story himself based on a **Russian folk tale**, and composed the music we now know as *Peter and the Wolf*. Sergei Prokofiev died in 1953. During his lifetime he had written many pieces of music for ballets, operas and symphony concerts which were well known and considered important by audiences. Today we still hear his music on recordings and in concert halls.

### **Characters**

In *Peter and the Wolf*, Prokofiev assigned each of the characters in the story a musical theme played by particular instruments in the orchestra. Here are the character and the instruments with which they are associated.

Peter - Strings (Violins, Violas, Cellos and Basses)

Wolf - 3 French Horns

Bird - Flute

Duck - Oboe

Cat - Clarinet

Grandfather - Bassoon

Hunters - Tympani (also called Kettle Drums)

## ***“Peter and the Wolf”* Resources**

### **Internet:**

#### **Animated Video Clips**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILl3s7Wonvg>

Disney brings a magical, musical classic to life! Peter, a precocious young boy, goes hunting despite his grandfather’s warning. He joins forces with some new animal friends, who help him match wits against a hungry wolf!

#### **Available Books, Videos and Audios - Peter and the Wolf**

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Peter+and+the+Wolf](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Peter+and+the+Wolf)

This website provides a price list of closely related books, coloring books, videos and audios available through Amazon.com - the list contains over 18 titles.

#### **David Bowie Narrates Prokofiev’s Peter and the Wolf**

<http://www.teenagewildlife.com/singles/PATW1978/title.html>

Full narration (story) as done on the recording (CD) is listed on this website.

Released by RCA Red Seal in the UK, May 1978 Catalogue number: RL-12743

#### **Children Create Music, Play Musical Games**

<http://www.creatingmusic.com/>

#### **Pop-Up Game**

<http://www.quia.com/pop/7486.html>

An interactive game from Quia, students pick the instrument that represents each character from the story Peter and the Wolf.

#### **Story, Quiz, for Peter and the Wolf**

<http://library.thinkquest.org/C005400/musi/prokofievpnw.html>

Read the version in text, view the descriptions of the characters and their corresponding instruments, hear samples of their corresponding music and take a short quiz to see if you know it all about *Peter and the Wolf*.

### **Recordings**

#### **Highly Recommended:**

Music and You Series Elementary Series

Grade 1 Book MacMillan Publishing Co.

CD — Track 7 - *Peter and the Wolf* introduction

Plays the theme of each character and asks students to identify the character then verbally confirms the answer.

Track 8 - Actual Music version of *Peter and the Wolf*

#### **Other recordings:**

There are many, many CDs and cassette tapes that are available. Many recordings of *Peter and the Wolf* are paired with Britten’s - *Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra* or Saint-Saens - *Carnival of the Animals*

# ***Darryl One,*** **Victoria Symphony** **Music Director**

Drum roll, please... Meet Victoria Symphony Music Director **Darryl One!** (Pronounced Oh-nay)

Mr. One has performed as a conductor all over the United States. This is his **16th** season with the **Victoria Symphony**. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. One became involved in music in middle school. ***“I became interested in drums and quickly picked them up, took some lessons and joined a rock band!”*** In High School, he was active in both

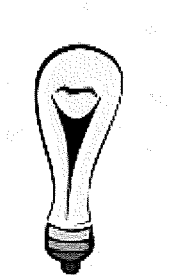
band and choir. Mr. One began college studying mathematics then changed his major to music. He earned his degree in **Composition (the creation of a musical work)** then later received a Master’s degree also in Composition. Mr. One has performed as guest conductor, at many summer festivals and in the **operatic field (a dramatic story where all parts are sung with instruments playing along)**. Working with the Victoria Symphony, Mr. One created the Family Concert series and a special outdoor symphonic jazz concert. He likes to speak as an **advocate (one who publicly supports)** for symphonic music. **Recreating a great work of music with other musicians** is one of Mr. One’s favorite activities with the orchestra. When asked “What is the **most exciting** thing you have done as a conductor?” Mr. One answers, ***“I conducted concerts at the very last minute as the associate conductor when the music director could not go on, with the Charlotte Symphony and the Denver Symphony.”*** What advice would you give to elementary students interested in the music field as a career?

***“Look closely at all the different choices music offers – performance, writing music, music administration, music education, music therapy; then seek out others in that area for advice. Ask them how you can get started, where to be trained and how to break into the area you are interested? Whatever you choose, be the absolute BEST you can. Practice A LOT. Get guidance from older, established musicians who can mentor you.” (Someone who can teach, support and encourage another).***



# The Victoria Symphony wants to know what *you* think!

On this page, please tell us about *your* concert experience!



## Ideas for journal page:

Which piece did you enjoy the most and why?

Did anything at the concert inspire you?

If so, what inspired you and why?

## Concert Conduct Lesson

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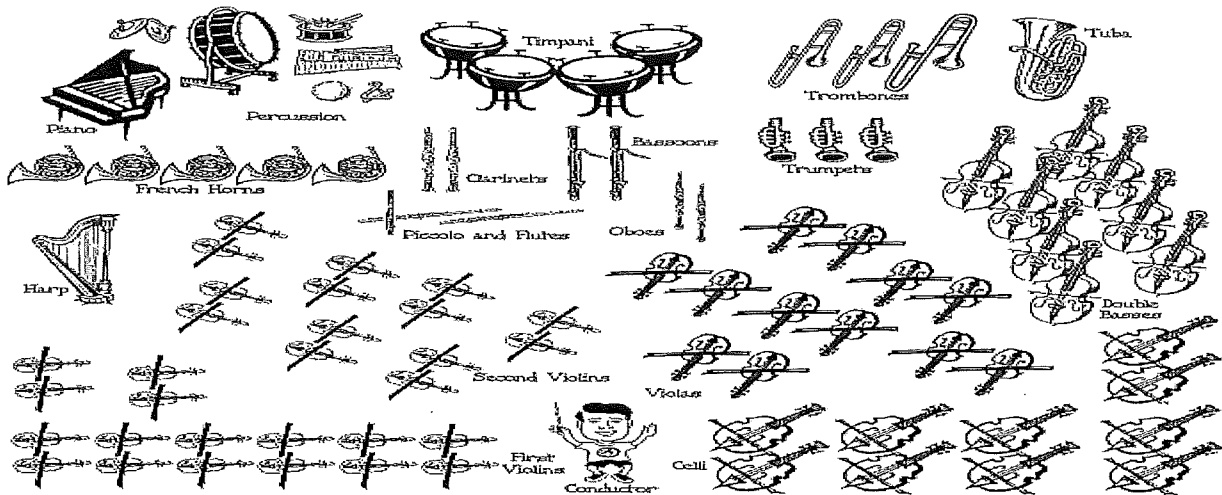
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**Guest Artist** – a musician featured in a particular performance by the symphony orchestra.



# Families of the Orchestra



What is your family like? Maybe you have your Dad’s smile. Or, maybe you have your Mom’s laugh. One way or another, you probably have something in common with the people in your family. The **symphony orchestra**, a large group of musicians, has families, too. **Musical instruments make up the families of the orchestra.** Instruments that look and sound alike are grouped together into families.

**The Symphony orchestra has four families: string, woodwind, brass and percussion.** Instruments in the string family all have **strings**. The violin, the viola, the cello and the double bass make up the string family. Instruments in the woodwind family are made of **wood**. (Well, most are, anyway.) The four main instruments in the woodwind family are the flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon. Instruments in the brass family are made of **brass**. The French horn, trumpet, trombone and tuba make up the brass family. The word “percussion” means “sharp hit” so a percussion instrument is something you hit. The most common instruments in the **percussion** family are the timpani, the snare drum and the bass drum.

Before the concert starts, each musician gets ready to perform. Then, the concertmaster walks on stage. **The concertmaster is the first chair, first violin.** She/he walks on stage to tune the orchestra before the conductor enters. Once the orchestra is ready, the **conductor (leader of the orchestra)** takes the stage. The conductor takes a bow, turns toward the orchestra and with a wave of the baton, the music begins.

**Extension Activity:** If you could group the orchestra into families in a different way, how would you group them and why? Create a diagram of your own that shows where the instruments would sit on stage.

Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills:	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	117.11(b)(1)(A)	Art – visual symbols
	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	117.15(b)(2)	Music - analysis
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	117.18(a)(2)	Music - analysis



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson Plans

### Language Arts

Objective: Student will write imaginative stories that build the plot to a climax and contain details about the characters and setting;

Directions: Tell students to write an imaginary **journal entry** from the perspective of the wolf, the cat, Peter or a hunter at the end of the day.

TEKS 110.15b16A

Objective: Student will sequence and summarize the plot's main events.

Directions: Have students arrange **story strips** in proper sequence, working individually.

TEKS110.15b6A

Objective: Student will use comprehension skills to listen attentively to others in formal settings.

Directions: Have students complete **crossword puzzle** correctly using word bank and clues provided.

TEKS 110.15b27

## **Physical Education**

Objective: Student will create movement sequences to music of Peter & the Wolf.

Directions: Use **dance suggestions** sheet.

TEKS: 116.6b1H

## **Language Arts**

Objective: Student will spell correctly.

Directions: Have students fill in the blank with the correct answer for each question using the vowels and consonants of the **word play**. Letters can not be used more than available in the list.

TEKS 110.15b22

## **Fine Arts**

Objective: Student will create rhythmic and melodic phrases and perform music and movement from diverse cultures

Directions: Instruct class to work as a group to compose new music for the Peter and the Wolf story with classroom instruments, determining together which instruments/music themes will represent characters/action.

TEKS 117.15b4A & 5B

Objective: Student will exhibit concert etiquette as an actively involved listener during a live performance.

Directions: Before attending the concert, lead the students in a classroom discussion of items in the **concert conduct handout**.

TEKS 117.15b6C

## **Technology Applications**

Objective: Student will access information on the internet for research.

Directions: Have students access <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/wolves/> This PBS site provides information on wolves. They should explore how real wolves live, find out what real wolves look like, what they eat and where they live.

TEKS 126.3b4B

Peter lived with his Grandfather.

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Peter went into the meadow and met a bird.

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Peter and the bird met a duck.

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A cat tried to eat the bird.

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The wolf came out of the woods and ate the duck.

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Peter's Grandfather got mad at Peter for going into the meadow.

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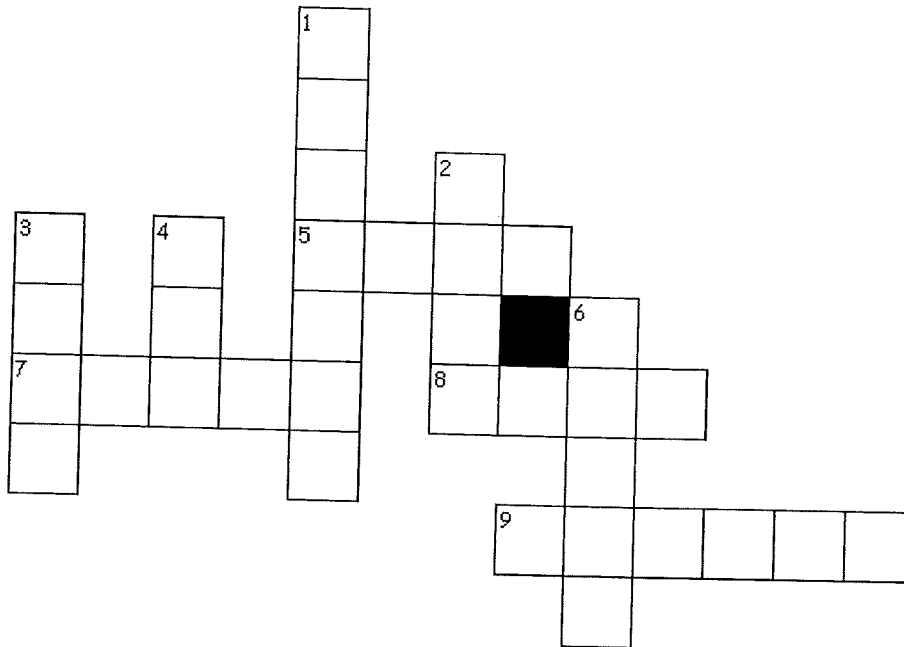
Peter caught the wolf.

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Peter and the hunters brought the wolf to the zoo.

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# Peter and the Wolf (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> gr)



Peter  
cat  
bird  
hunters  
rope

friend  
duck  
tail  
scary

## Across

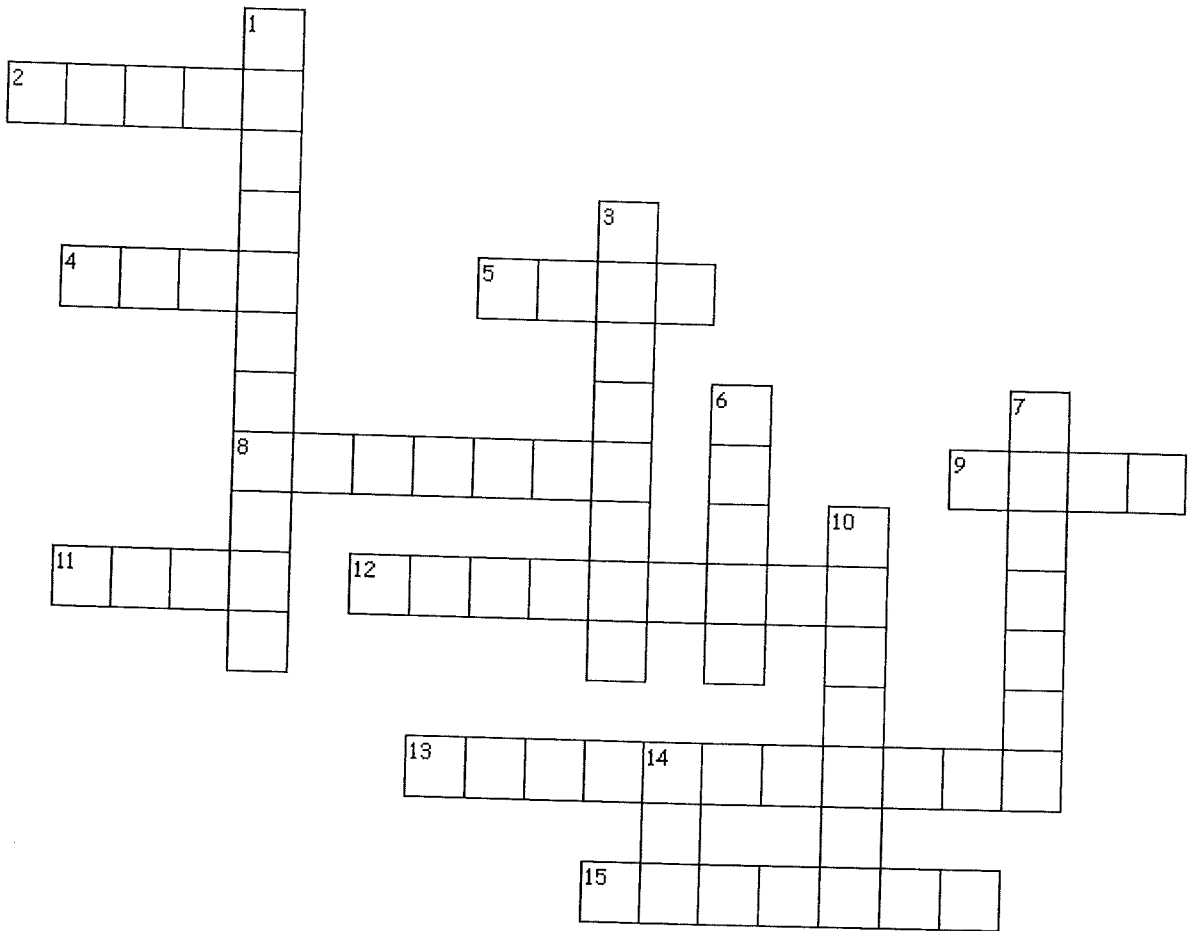
5. Peter tied the rope onto the wolf's \_\_\_\_\_
7. the main character
8. the animal the wolf swallowed
9. the bird was Peter's \_\_\_\_\_

## Down

1. the people that helped Peter take the wolf to the zoo
2. the animal that flew in the air
3. Peter used a \_\_\_\_\_ to catch the wolf
4. the animal that walked around the pond on velvet paws
6. How did the duck feel when she saw the wolf?



# Peter & the Wolf (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> gr)



Peter  
bird  
duck  
cat  
grandfather  
French horns  
hunters  
orchestra

strings  
flute  
oboe  
clarinet  
bassoon  
wolf  
tympani



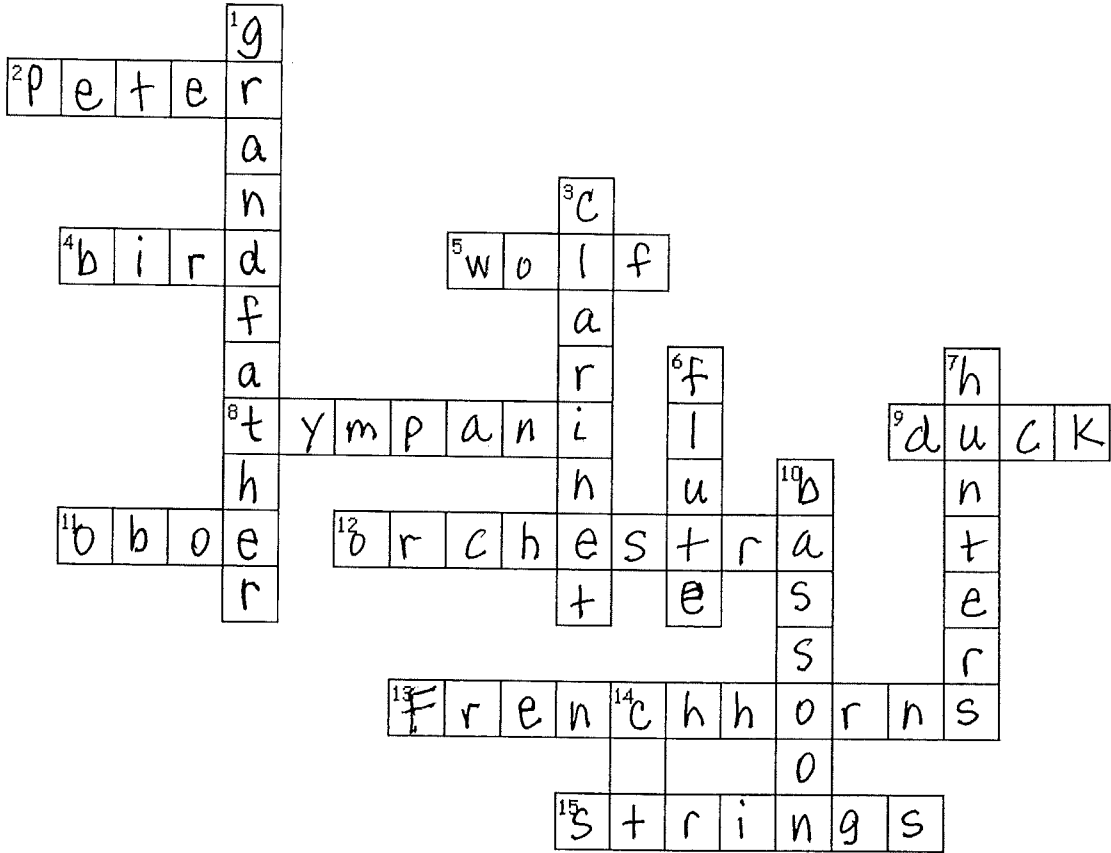
Across

2. the main character
4. the animal played by the flute
5. the animal that ate the duck
8. the instruments that play the hunters
9. the animal played by the oboe
11. the instrument that plays the duck
12. a music ensemble that includes instruments from the  
woodwind, brass, percussion and string families
13. the instruments that play the wolf
15. the instruments that play Peter

Down

1. the person Peter lived with
3. the instrument that plays the cat
6. the instrument that plays the bird
7. the people that help Peter take the wolf to the zoo
10. the instrument that plays the grandfather
14. the animal played by the clarinet

Key



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Suggestions

Have students move parts of their bodies and whole bodies to the music.

Do they move differently to the flute/bird music than they do to the bassoon/grandfather music?

What types of energy would they use?

Do they flutter quickly or lumber heavily?

How do they move as the duck?

How can they abstract that movement?

How would the cat move?

3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

WORD PLAY

Directions: Use only the vowels and consonants below to answer each question.

e o e e a

r h t t f w n d p l

1. What did the hunter wear on his head?      \_ \_ \_
2. What holds a violin?      \_ \_ \_ \_
3. What is in a duck's tail?      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. What did the duck feel when she saw the wolf?      \_ \_ \_ \_
5. What did the duck swim in?      \_ \_ \_ \_
6. What did Peter try to do for the duck?      \_ \_ \_ \_
7. What did Peter use to catch the wolf?      \_ \_ \_ \_
8. What did the rope hang from?      \_ \_ \_ \_
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10. Who told Peter to stay out of the meadow? Grand \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
11. Grandfather tried to \_\_\_\_\_ Peter about the wolf?      \_ \_ \_ \_
12. What is in the pond?      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
13. Watching the wolf frighten his friends,  
Peter made a \_\_\_\_\_ in his head.      \_ \_ \_ \_
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\_ \_ \_ \_ \_      \_ \_ \_ \_      \_ \_ \_ \_      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

## KEY

1. What did the hunter wear on his head? hat
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3. What is in a duck's tail? feather
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8. What did the rope hang from? tree
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