

**The Pigman by Paul Zindel  
Chapters 3-4**

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**Study Guide**

**Directions:** Use the sentence and context clues to write a definition for each word. Place your definition in the Inference box.

Vocab. Word	Inference	Correct Definition
Marathon:	"At least twice a week we would meet for a telephone marathon."	
Glaring:	"When he is an actor, I know he'll be able to project those glaring eyes clear up to the second balcony."	
Subconscious:	"It's a kind of subconscious, schizophrenic fibbing, if you ask me, and if those parents don't have guilt complexes, I don't know who has."	
Hideous:	"But he told this woman he had called her number because he had heard she gave good advice and his problem was that he was about to die from a hideous skin disease because a rat had bitten off his nose when he was a baby and the skin grafts didn't take."	
Philanthropy:	"Now, Howard Avenue is just a few blocks from where I live, so I could pretend I belonged to the Howard Avenue Civic League or some other freititious philanthropy."	
Compensation:	"It's what they call a compensation syndrome. His own life is so boring when measured against his daydreams that he can't stand it, so he makes up things to pretend it's exciting."	
Syndrome:	"It's what they call a compensation syndrome. His own life is so boring when measured against his daydreams that he can't stand it, so he makes up things to pretend it's exciting."	
Fanatic:	"We couldn't use the phone at Lorraine's anyway because her mother doesn't have unlimited service, and at my house my mother is a disinfectant fanatic. She would have gotten too nervous over all of us using her purified instrument."	

Disinfectant:	"We couldn't use the phone at Lorraine's anyway because her mother doesn't have unlimited service, and at my house my mother is a disinfectant fanatic. She would have gotten too nervous over all of us using her purified instrument."	
Prevarications:	"When he started another joke I looked at John's face and began to realize it was he who had started me telling all these prevarications."	

**Directions:** Answer the following questions using complete sentences. Don't forget to restate the question stem!

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1. Would you say that John is conceited? Why? Cite 2 examples from the text to support your answer.
2. How does John react to the Pigman calling Lorraine and him "delightful"? Cite 2 examples from the text to support your answer.
3. Lorraine says that she differs from John because he has compassion. How does John say they differ? Cite 2 examples from the text to support your answer.
4. Explain how a telephone marathon works.
5. Explain why John's phone can't be used for the telephone marathon.

6. In what tone of voice do you imagine John saying, "Maybe we speeded things up a little, but you really can't say we murdered him"? That is, what can you infer he is feeling when he makes this statement.
7. What do you think he means by the statement in #6? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.
8. What are Lorraine's impressions of Dennis and Norton? How does she characterize them? Use specific evidence from the text to support your answer.
9. Are Lorraine's impressions of Dennis and Norton accurate? Cite 2 examples from the text to support your answer.
10. According to Lorraine, why did Mr. Pignati stay on the line? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
11. What is Lorraine's explanation for why John "prevaricates"? Do you think she's right?
12. What lies are mentioned in this section? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer. How do John's parents affect his lying?
13. Why did John get interested in Mr. Pignati? Cite 2 examples from the text to support your answer.