

The Pigman
Chapters 9-10
Study Guide

Vocab. Word	Inference	Correct Definition
Costume:	"He used to shoplift everywhere he went. It used to be small stuff like costume jewelry for his mother and candy bars and newspapers."	
Escapist:	"Masterson's Tomb is an escapist's dream in the summer, but it's a realist's nightmare in December."	
Mundane:	"John got particularly wild at one point when Mr. Pignati was <i>It</i> and there weren't many obstacles you could skate around on the ground floor except the kitchen table, and that got mundane after awhile."	
Realist:	"Masterson's Tomb is an escapist's dream in the summer, but it's a realist's nightmare in December."	
Fixated:	"She's what the psychologists call fixated on the subject."	
Mulled:	"She mulled that over a few seconds, but she had to get to work on time and couldn't devote her full energies to interrogating."	
Interrogating:	"She mulled that over a few seconds, but she had to get to work on time and couldn't devote her full energies to interrogating."	
Predicament:	"The wife runs back to the LOVER's house and explains to him what her predicament is and asks him for fifty cents to pay the BOATMAN."	
Obstacles:	"John got particularly wild at one point when Mr. Pignati was <i>It</i> and there weren't many obstacles you could skate around on the ground floor except the kitchen table, and that got mundane after awhile."	
Assassin:	"When she comes face to face with the ASSASSIN, he takes out a large knife and stabs her until she is dead."	

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1. John, like Lorraine, “analyzes” Norton. Why does John think Norton plays the tough guy? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.
2. Why would John have anything to do with Norton?
3. John says that he is as messed up as Norton. Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.
4. Explain how the Pigman and John’s father treat John differently. Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.
5. Explain what Lorraine means when she says that her mother is “fixated on the subject” of men.
6. Why does Lorraine lie about the stockings? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.
7. Why was Mr. Pignati sad after his visit to the zoo? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.
8. Why did Lorraine and John decide to tell Mr. Pignati the truth- - that they were not collecting for charity? How did Mr. Pignati react? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.
9. Why did Mr. Pignati collapse on the stairs? Was it John’s fault? Why or why not?