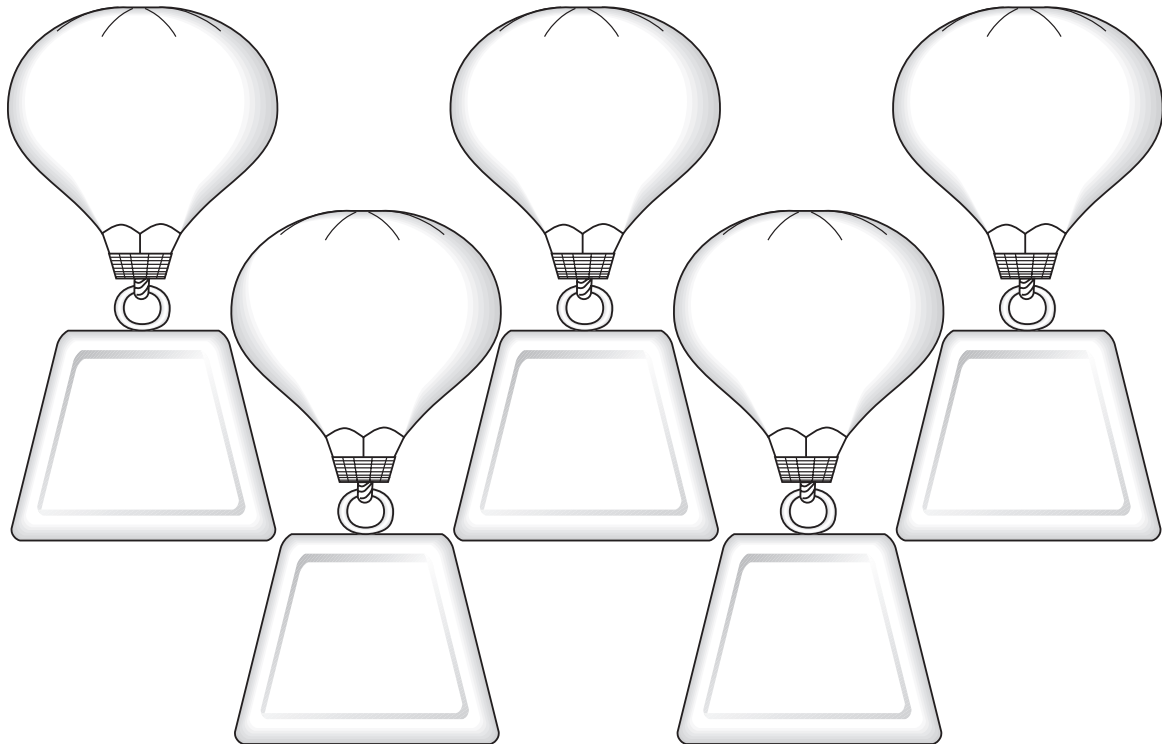


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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

James Thurber

1. 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.



2. What kind of characters does Walter Mitty imagine himself to be in his fantasies? For example, how do they handle pressure? How do others regard them?

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

4. What seems to trigger Walter Mitty's daydreams? As you read the story, did you reach a point where you felt that you could see them coming? If so, what was it?

5. Why did Walter Mitty imagine himself facing a firing squad? Evaluate what he was saying about his life with such a statement.
