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Use with the book:
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet: Chapters 3–5

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- a. chaotic
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- c. exciting
- d. calming

2. Which of the following **best** describes the central challenge Brian faces in chapter 3?

- a. He must find water or he will



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about his character?

- a. He is impulsive and takes unnecessary risks.
- b. He is brave and shows maturity in being able to take over the plane with a dead man in the pilot's seat.
- c. He lacks wisdom and respect for human life.
- d. He is immature and not smart.

4. In chapter 4, using your inference skills, what do readers begin to understand about the "Secret" Brian mentions in connection to his parents' divorce?

- a. Brian's dad was being an unfaithful husband to Brian's mom.
- b. Brian's mom was hiding their financial troubles from Brian's dad.
- c. His parents were fighting nonstop, leading to a mutual decision to get a divorce.
- d. Brian's mom was being an unfaithful wife to Brian's dad.

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5. In chapter 4, Brian notices the birds singing and asks, *“Some birds were singing. How could birds be singing?”* Why does the birds’ singing seem to be a surprise to him?

- a. He assumed all of the birds in the area had already flown south for the winter.
- b. He expected the birds to be dangerous predators.
- c. Having just survived a traumatic plane crash, Brian finds it strange that the birds are singing so peacefully and beautifully after such a loud, violent event.
- d. He did not see any birds when he was up in the plane.

6. How does Brian’s description of the setting in chapter 4 show irony?



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7. How does Brian convince himself to drink the lake water, and what are the results of his decision?

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- d. a few hours

9. In chapter 5, Brian spends some time reflecting on the words of a former teacher.

What is the reason behind his reflection, and what does it do for him mentally?



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10. What ultimately happened to the pilot of the plane, and why do you think it is difficult for Brian to think about?

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throat raged with the thirst and he did not know where there might be another form of water he could drink. Besides, he had probably swallowed a ton of it while he was swimming out of the plane and getting to shore.” He justifies it further by saying he probably already drank some and was fine. However, after drinking it, he throws up. The text reads, “Where he was immediately sick and threw up most of the water.”

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body... Awful, he thought." It is challenging for Brian to think about because he's 13 and has probably never had someone die in front of him. One minute he was talking to the pilot, and the next minute the pilot was dead and Brian couldn't do anything to save him. The thought of him at the bottom of the lake is hard to think about, as Brian is alive, and the pilot is not.