

Answer Key



Chapter 1

Vocabulary:

1. prodigious 2. subside 3. relinquish 4. crevices 5. moderation
6. diction 7. exclusive 8. serenity 9. preliminaries 10. repulsive

Questions:

1. It is dark, mysterious and suspenseful. This is created by the storm and Meg's fearful response.
2. **Setting:** The Murry house. In recent years during the month of October.
3. *Answers vary* (i.e. the storm; her problems adjusting at school; the disappearance of her father).
4. He had given her tests to gauge her intelligence.
5. *Answers vary.*
6. Meg: was full of bad feeling; Mrs. Murry: nothing ruffled the serenity of this person's expression; Charles Wallace: learned to talk at age 4; Mrs. Whatsit: wild nights were this character's glory; Dennys: 10 years old; Mr. Murry: understanding, kind and wise.
7. He could "probe their minds with frightening accuracy".
8. In the "haunted house" in the woods near their home.
9. There is such a thing as a tesseract.

Chapter 2

Vocabulary

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Questions:

1. *Answers will vary* (i.e. the events were disturbing).
2. He started asking nosy questions about her father's disappearance.
3. When she lets the children see that she's upset, it's something big.
4. Broken into the haunted house and stolen Mrs. Buncombe's sheets.

5. He always seemed to know what was going on in Meg's life and thoughts.
6. He would make them think he was not very bright. *Answers will vary.*
7. Tall, skinny, orange hair and freckles; two years older than Meg; good at biology; outspoken.
8. 14 - 12 - 10 - 5.
9. Citing quotations from other languages.
10. That her father needed their help.

C. wake - Wallace - want - Whatsit - Who - widely - window - with - woods - wrists

Chapter 3

Vocabulary:

1. calloused 2. frivolous 3. deep 4. enchanted 5. inappropriately 6. productive
7. abstract 8. deliberate.

Questions:

After Calvin was invited to stay for a supper of stew, he called home to tell his mother he would be late getting home. He didn't want to be locked out again. Even though Calvin's family didn't seem to care about him, he still loved them. When shown a picture of Meg's dad, Calvin said that he wasn't very handsome. Calvin then informed Meg that he had a hard time keeping up in math. He was surprised that Meg was able to help him because he had always heard she was dumb at schoolwork. Mrs. Murry told Calvin that Meg and her father would often play with numbers and as a result Meg learned too many shortcuts. She also mentioned that it might help if Meg's handwriting was more legible. Because of this she was planning on getting her daughter a typewriter for Christmas. Meg was very embarrassed when her mother mentioned to Calvin that Meg still enjoyed playing with her dolls' house. Meg's mother stated that Charles Wallace understood more than the rest of the family because he was different. When Meg and Calvin went for a walk Meg told Calvin that her father was a physicist. Calvin informed her that a rumor said that her father had gone off with some dame. Meg admitted that before he disappeared her father had been working on something they call Classified. Calvin suggested that perhaps the authorities didn't know where her father had gone to. In the middle of their walk Charles Wallace appeared to inform them that they were to find Father. At that point Mrs. Whatsit appeared on the scene with a sheet draped over her. Then Mrs. Who arrived - then finally Mrs. Which.

Bonus: Albany.

Activities

- A. leap - sword - votes - thaw - bakers - made
- B. On Tuesday evening Meg and Calvin went to visit Mrs. Whatsit.
When was the last time you visited the city of Detroit?
"I can scarcely wait until my birthday arrives," Jeremy exclaimed.

Chapter 4

Vocabulary:

- 1 - e 2 - h 3 - a 4 - j 5 - b 6 - i 7 - c 8 - d 9 - f 10 - g

Questions:

1. *Answers will vary* (i.e. she had no body; she was alone)
2. *Answers will vary.*
3. Uriel, the third planet of the star Malak in the spiral nebula Messier 101.
4. They did not travel at the speed of anything. They *tessered* or *wrinkled*.
5. To catch their breath and give the children a chance to know what they were up against.
6. Combination of a man and a winged horse.
7. Isaiah 42:10-12
8. They were able to breathe through the flowers.
9. A dark shadow that blotted out the light from the stars.

Chapter 5

Vocabulary: 1 – nondescript 2 – portion 3 – sonorous 4 – perturbed 5 – transition
6 – turban 7 – rapt 8 – corporeal 9 – confident 10 - subsided

Questions:

1. She folded up her skirt to show how an insect could travel from one end to the other much more quickly when the skirt was folded.
2. First: a line. Second: a square. Third: a cube. Fourth: a squared square - or time. Fifth: a tesseract.
3. You can travel through space without having to go the long way around.
4. As two-dimensional figures they felt like they were being flattened by a steam roller.
5. They would arrive back at Meg's house five minutes before they left.
6. 2,379,152 years, 8 months, 3 days.
7. The Dark Thing. The Power of Darkness.
8. Three of: Jesus, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Shakespeare, Bach, Pasteur, Madame Curie, Schweitzer, Gandhi, Buddha, Beethoven, Rembrandt, St. Francis, Euclid and Meg's father.
9. It had given in to the Power of Darkness.

Chapter 6

Vocabulary:

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Questions:

1. She had once been a star but had lost her life in the battle against the Thing.
2. *Answers will vary.*
3. It will help give her the determination to persevere throughout their adventures.
4. Calvin: she strengthened his gift of communication. Meg: her faults. Charles Wallace: the resilience of his childhood.
5. *Answers will vary* (i.e. because of his great abilities.)
6. They did everything in unison.
7. The woman was upset and defensive.
8. her voice was trembling like an aspen.
9. It was the most oriented city on the planet. It was the capital city of Camazotz. The CENTRAL Central Intelligence was located there.
10. Calvin says that if they enter the CENTRAL Central Intelligence building they will be in terrible danger.

Chapter 7

Vocabulary: *Answers will vary.*

Questions:

1. It hadn't any handle or knob or latch or anything to allow them entrance.
2. *Answers will vary.*
3. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
4. *Answers will vary* (i.e. there are more important considerations than one's safety and well-being).
5. He did not open his mouth or move his lips when "speaking". He somehow communicated directly to their brains.
6. *Answers will vary* (i.e. He says, "For why should you wish to fight someone who is here only to save you pain and trouble?")
 - a. He told them if they ever wanted to see their father again they'd better cooperate.
7. He didn't think the man was real. To see if he was a robot.
8. *Answers will vary.*

Activities:

B. invisible - said - tightly - clasping

D. ladies - men - stories - children - people - responsibilities - pupils - preliminaries - promises - cranberries

Chapter 8

Vocabulary: 1 – swivet 2 – defiant 3 – pinioned 4 - deviate 5 - hysterical
6 - annihilate 7 - misconception 8 - connotations 9 - infuriated 10 - pedantic

Questions:

1. His eyes were different and he now seemed to be only a copy of the boy.
2. Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which.
3. Everybody has learned to relax, to give in, to submit.

4. The Prime Coordinator
5. She suggested that Calvin try to communicate with him - *get in to him*.
6. They were killed.
7. IT - the Boss. IT called ITself *the Happiest Sadist*.
8. For being uncooperative (not bouncing his ball in unison).

Chapter 9

Vocabulary:

1 - b 2 - d 3 - a 4 - b 5 - c 6 - a 7 - d 8 - c

Questions:

1. Charles Wallace laughed at her.
2. Mrs. Who's spectacles.
3. A disembodied brain.
4. She would be completely in the power of IT.
 - b. Her faults.
5. *Answers will vary.*
6. He gave her math problems to solve.

Chapter 10

Vocabulary:

Column A	Column B
brittle	resilient
disintegrate	combine
imperceptible	conspicuous
fallible	unerring
assuage	upset
massive	insignificant
absorb	dissipate

1 - massive 2 - disintegrate 3 - fallible 4 - absorb 5 - brittle 6 - imperceptible 7 - assuage

Questions:

1 - T 2 - T 3 - F 4 - T 5 - F 6 - T 7 - F 8 - F 9 - T 10 - T

Chapter 11

Vocabulary:

1 - trepidation 2 - distinct 3 - void 4 - comparative 5 - perplex 6 - pungent
 7 - relinquish 8 - vulnerable 9 - fallible 10 - despondent

Questions:

1. He would probably shoot them.
2. Meg was in danger and they wanted to save her.
3. Tadpole
4. They did not have the sense of sight and perceived things through other senses which were very acute.
5. He managed to get out of Camazotz with Meg and Calvin.
6. The Bible (Romans 8). *His* and *He* refers to God.
7. Guardian angels. Messengers of God. *Answers will vary.*

Language Activities

soft - open - oppress - help - comfort - fumble - grateful - disappoint

Chapter 12**Vocabulary:**

1 - g 2 - j 3 - d 4 - a 5 - i 6 - b 7 - c 8 - f 9 - e 10 - h

Questions:

1. *Answers will vary* (i.e. when Meg recovers Charles Wallace from IT).
2. *Answers will vary.*
3. love
4. Meg was the closest one to Charles Wallace and he understood her.
5. sonnet - form - freedom
6. Megatron, Megaparsec
7. *Answers will vary.*

Language Activities

A. themselves - somehow - sunbeam - forehead - nothing - without - understand - anybody - whatever - watchman