We find examples of both an optimist and a pessimist in Chapter 18. Define optimist and pessimist. Give examples of both an optimist and a pessimist from this chapter.

How was James able to convince the others that they would not die of starvation?

What is your impression of Centipede’s diet as described in his poem? Give an example from the poem to support your response.

By the time Chapter 19 begins the peach has drifted a few miles from the coast of England out onto the Atlantic Ocean. Here they encountered the dreaded shark. But are sharks actually found in this area of the world?

Chapter 19 ends with a literary device known as a cliffhanger. What is a cliffhanger and why do many authors find them effective to use?