

The Diary of a Young Girl

June–November 1942

by Anne Frank

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: capitulation, composure, conspicuous, decrees, distraught, frequent, gruesome, inconceivable, superficial, surreptitiously

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview 2

Answer Key — Preview 3

Caution: share only if self-checking

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context 4

Answer Key — In Context 5

Caution: do not share with students

About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 words from the upcoming reading, each in a sentence that supports understanding. They choose the best meaning from 3 choices.

About the Optional Post-Reading Quiz (use after reading, or skip):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

Section 1 · June–November 1942 · Anne's birthday and going into hiding

Section 2 · December 1942–September 1943 · Settling into life in the Secret Annex

Section 3 · October 1943–February 1944 · Autumn and winter in the annex

Section 4 · March–April 1944 · Anne's reflections in spring 1944

Section 5 · May–August 1944 and Afterword · Late spring 1944 and hopes of liberation

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. The king's **capitulation** handed the city to his enemies.

- A. an act of surrender
- B. an act of betrayal
- C. an act of retreat

2. She kept her **composure** even as the bad news spread.

- A. cheerful energy
- B. calm self-control
- C. quiet courage

3. She wore a **conspicuous** hat to the party.

- A. very noticeable
- B. very expensive
- C. very old-fashioned

4. The new king's **decrees** changed life across the land.

- A. public speeches
- B. casual suggestions
- C. official orders

5. She was **distraught** when she lost her grandmother's ring.

- A. very confused
- B. deeply upset
- C. slightly annoyed

6. Tourists **frequent** the cafés along the river each summer.

- A. go to often
- B. complain about
- C. search for

7. He told a **gruesome** story about the haunted battlefield.

- A. long and rambling
- B. thrilling and exciting
- C. horrifying and grisly

8. Just a year ago, such a change would have seemed **inconceivable**.

- A. impossible to imagine
- B. completely unnecessary
- C. slightly disappointing

9. His **superficial** reading of the book missed the main point.

- A. wildly imaginative
- B. harshly critical
- C. shallow, not deep

10. He **surreptitiously** slipped the note into her bag.

- A. hurriedly
- B. secretly
- C. accidentally

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

pogroms — organized violent attacks on a minority group, especially Jews, often tolerated or encouraged by authorities

quicksilver Anne — ively, restless Anne, usually unable to keep still; quicksilver is liquid mercury, which rolls rapidly into silvery beads when disturbed

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
3	A
4	C
5	B
6	A
7	C
8	A
9	C
10	B

Vocabulary in Context
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 10

Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.

1 “After May 1940 the good times were few and far between: first there was the war, then the capitulation and then the arrival of the Germans, which is when the trouble started for the Jews.”

As it is used in the passage, the word “capitulation” most nearly means...

- A. a surrender
- B. a celebration
- C. an invasion

2 “Our freedom was severely restricted by a series of anti-Jewish decrees: Jews were required to wear a yellow star; Jews were required to turn in their bicycles ...”

The passage most strongly suggests that the anti-Jewish decrees were...

- A. optional public guidelines
- B. temporary wartime rumors
- C. binding orders enforced by law

3 “... Jews were required to frequent only Jewish-owned barbershops and beauty parlors ...”

As it is used in the passage, the verb “to frequent” most nearly means...

- A. to stay away from
- B. to operate or own
- C. to go to regularly

4 “... you could tell by their faces that they were sorry they couldn’t offer us some kind of transportation; the conspicuous yellow star spoke for itself.”

It can reasonably be inferred that the conspicuous yellow star...

- A. was easily hidden from view
- B. made them impossible to overlook
- C. went unnoticed by passersby

5 “... Mr. Broks, an Opekta Co. sales representative and friend who’s surreptitiously hidden some of our things for us!”

The author most likely says Mr. Broks “surreptitiously” hid their things in order to...

- A. stress that he helped in secret
- B. explain how the family packed
- C. praise his skill as a salesman

6 “Without them I wouldn’t be able to jump back into the fray with my usual composure.”

In the passage, Anne characterizes herself as someone who...

- A. bursts into angry shouting
- B. rejoins the quarrels calmly
- C. avoids every disagreement

7 “I can imagine Mother dying someday, but Daddy’s death seems inconceivable.”

The passage most strongly suggests that, for Anne, losing her father would be...

- A. too painful to even imagine
- B. a welcome relief from conflict
- C. easier than losing her mother

8 “Miep’s accounts of these horrors are so heartrending, and Miep is also very distraught.”

Which choice best describes Miep’s state as she reports the news to the family?

- A. afraid the Annex will be found
- B. calm and matter-of-fact
- C. deeply shaken and distressed

9 “... known to be quiet and refined, and he seemed, from our superficial acquaintance with him, to be nice.”

According to the passage, the family’s sense that Dussel is “nice” rests on...

- A. only a brief, surface acquaintance
- B. many years of close friendship
- C. a careful background check

10 “... the stories he had to tell were so gruesome and dreadful that we can’t get them out of our heads.”

The author most likely calls Mr. Dussel’s stories “gruesome” in order to...

- A. hint that he had exaggerated
- B. convey how horrifying his news was
- C. suggest he enjoyed shocking them

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	Here 'capitulation' names the Netherlands' surrender to Germany in May 1940.
2	C	
3	C	Tests the less-common verb sense 'to visit regularly,' not the familiar adjective.
4	B	
5	A	
6	B	Character comprehension.
7	A	
8	C	Event comprehension.
9	A	Their judgment rests on barely knowing him; 'superficial' quietly foreshadows the friction Dussel later causes.
10	B	Event comprehension.

Teacher Context: June–November 1942

Covers Anne's thirteenth birthday and last weeks of ordinary life in Amsterdam, the family's sudden move into the Secret Annex in July 1942, and her first impressions of hiding alongside the van Daan family. The diary has no chapters, only dated entries, so June through November 1942 are grouped to balance section length, with the break falling at a month boundary.