

The Diary of a Young Girl

December 1942–September 1943

by Anne Frank

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: aloof, antagonize, clandestine, denounced, derision, despicable, impertinent, repercussions, revered, tirade

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

Bold = this section. Other sections are available at verbalworkout.com.



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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

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| <p>1. New students often seem aloof on the first day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. tired and boredB. distant and withdrawnC. nervous and unsure <p>2. His rude jokes antagonize nearly everyone he meets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. provoke anger inB. bore and tireC. confuse and puzzle <p>3. The spies held a clandestine meeting at midnight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. long and tiringB. carefully plannedC. secret and hidden <p>4. During the war, frightened neighbors denounced one another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. reported to the authoritiesB. warned of dangerC. spread rumors about <p>5. The crowd met his clumsy speech with derision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. angry shoutingB. mocking ridiculeC. bored silence | <p>6. Stealing from a child is a despicable act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. shameful and hatefulB. foolish and recklessC. bold and daring <p>7. The waiter's impertinent reply surprised the guests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. strangely cheerfulB. rudely boldC. oddly confusing <p>8. Skipping practice all week had serious repercussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. public argumentsB. hidden causesC. harmful consequences <p>9. Crowds gathered to hear the revered professor speak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. deeply respectedB. highly entertainingC. widely feared <p>10. The coach launched into a tirade after losing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. short, witty jokeB. calm, careful talkC. long angry rant |
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Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

the Benjamin of the Annex — the youngest; an allusion to Benjamin, the youngest of Jacob's sons in the Bible

Danaidean vessel — something that can never be filled; here, a humorous description of an appetite that is never satisfied, from a Greek myth about women doomed to fill a leaking jar

ANSWER KEY

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

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 *"It gave me such a funny feeling, as if I'd denounced them to the authorities and was now spying on their misfortune."*

As it is used in the passage, the word "denounced" most nearly suggests that Anne feels she had...

- A. searched the streets for them
- B. warned them about the authorities
- C. reported them to the authorities

2 *"I couldn't bear their sympathy or their good-humored derision."*

It can reasonably be inferred that Anne expects the others to respond to her distress with...

- A. anger and harsh blame
- B. distant, cold silence
- C. mockery as much as pity

3 *"I wish I could ask God to give me another personality, one that doesn't antagonize everyone."*

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. express regret for provoking others
- B. describe a flaw she is proud of
- C. blame others for misjudging her

4 *"If the burglars had forced the door and the air-raid wardens were to notice it and call the police, there could be very serious repercussions."*

The passage most strongly suggests that the family fears a police visit because it could...

- A. leave the front door damaged
- B. lead to their discovery and arrest
- C. wake the neighbors next door

5 *"For my part, I will continue to remain silent and aloof..."*

Which choice best describes Anne's chosen attitude toward her mother in this excerpt?

- A. warm hope to make peace
- B. deliberate emotional distance
- C. open and bitter hostility

6 *"In the opinion of us all, this revered gentleman has great insight into politics."*

The ironic use of the word "revered" most nearly emphasizes that the residents...

- A. fear his strong influence
- B. do not fully trust his judgment
- C. deeply admire his wisdom

7 *"What's a clandestine radio when there are already clandestine Jews and clandestine money?"*

Which statement is best supported by the excerpt?

- A. They live entirely in secret.
- B. Their money was legally earned.
- C. The radio is their one secret.

8 *"... they spend the next month saying I'm the most impertinent girl in the world."*

It can reasonably be inferred that the adults brand Anne "impertinent" because she...

- A. weeps openly whenever scolded
- B. ignores them in stubborn silence
- C. speaks back to them too boldly

9 *"... there's no question about it: she's a thoroughly despicable person."*

Which choice best describes Anne's attitude toward Mrs. van Daan in this excerpt?

- A. utter contempt
- B. cautious pity
- C. grudging respect

10 *"He actually had Miep bring him a book, an anti-Mussolini tirade, which has been banned."*

The author most likely calls the banned book an "anti-Mussolini tirade" to convey that it...

- A. angrily denounces Mussolini
- B. is a scholarly study of him
- C. gently pokes fun at him

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	C	
2	C	
3	A	
4	B	Event comprehension.
5	B	
6	B	Character comprehension. The praise is ironic; Anne actually doubts Mr. van Daan's political judgment.
7	A	
8	C	Character comprehension.
9	A	Character comprehension. Anne grants elsewhere that Mrs. van Daan is hardworking, so 'grudging respect' tempts a reader who misses the verdict's contempt.
10	A	Here 'tirade' labels the book's furious content, not a spoken outburst.

Teacher Context: December 1942–September 1943

Anne records the daily routines, food shortages, quarrels, and fears of the annex's occupants as the hiding stretches on, including the arrival of the dentist Mr. Dussel as the eighth resident. Spans December 1942 through September 1943; the break is a length-driven grouping at a month boundary in this continuous diary.