

The Diary of a Young Girl

March–April 1944

by Anne Frank

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: audacity, dissent, exuberance, fervently, forsaken, goad, magnanimous, monopoly, pretext, seethed

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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Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The **audacity** of the thief's plan shocked the detectives.

- A. careless sloppiness
- B. bold, brazen daring
- C. clever simplicity

2. Loud **dissent** broke out among the voters over the new law.

- A. wild confusion
- B. open disagreement
- C. sudden panic

3. The puppy greeted us with such **exuberance** that it knocked over a lamp.

- A. clumsy confusion
- B. sudden fright
- C. lively high spirits

4. She **fervently** hoped her brother would come home safe.

- A. with deep sorrow
- B. with proud confidence
- C. with intense feeling

5. The old miners left the **forsaken** town to crumble in the desert.

- A. abandoned and deserted
- B. dusty and remote
- C. ruined and ancient

6. His rivals tried to **goad** him into making a careless move.

- A. guide or coach
- B. provoke or prod
- C. trick or fool

7. The champion was **magnanimous** toward the player she had just beaten.

- A. generous and gracious
- B. cautious and reserved
- C. boastful and proud

8. The giant firm built a **monopoly** and squeezed out every competitor.

- A. exclusive control of a market
- B. a loyal customer base
- C. a daring new product

9. She invented a **pretext** so she could leave work an hour early.

- A. a sudden plan
- B. a written request
- C. a false excuse

10. She **seethed** in silence after being blamed for the mistake.

- A. boiled with anger
- B. trembled with fear
- C. ached with sadness

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

dastardly deed — a shamefully cruel and cowardly act

ANSWER KEY

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

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 *"I would never have refused anyone who wanted to peek at my answers, I was magnanimous with my candy, and I wasn't stuck-up."*

As it is used in the passage, the word "magnanimous" most nearly suggests that Anne was...

- A. bragged about her belongings
- B. shared only with close friends
- C. freely shared with anyone

2 *"I said that my noise and exuberance and his silence were two sides of the same coin"*

In context, the word "exuberance" emphasizes how Anne differs from the quiet Peter in being...

- A. shy and slow to speak
- B. lively and full of energy
- C. moody and quick to anger

3 *"The Amsterdammers who saw it seethed with rage at such a dastardly deed."*

The passage most strongly suggests that the Amsterdammers who saw the shooting...

- A. were saddened more than angry
- B. felt only mild irritation
- C. boiled inwardly with anger

4 *"... they're all certain that they have a monopoly on the truth."*

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

- A. Each is sure he alone holds the truth
- B. They have agreed on the truth
- C. They no longer value the truth

5 *"... like a cat luring a mouse from its hole, they goad each other into quarrels and dissent."*

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. show how they avoid conflict
- B. show how they comfort each other
- C. show how they provoke each other

6 *"... they goad each other into quarrels and dissent."*

According to the passage, the residents' constant prodding leads to...

- A. a return to peace and quiet
- B. open disagreement among them
- C. agreement on most matters

7 *"God has not forsaken me, and He never will."*

It can reasonably be inferred that Anne believes God has...

- A. ignored her daily struggles
- B. not abandoned or deserted her
- C. tested her faith harshly

8 *"I slid to the floor in my nightgown and began by saying my prayers, very fervently."*

Which choice best describes the speaker's manner as she says her prayers?

- A. intensely earnest and heartfelt
- B. calm and matter-of-fact
- C. distracted and half-hearted

9 *"That sounds fishy," I said to Margot. "It's obviously a pretext. You can tell by the way the men are talking that there's been a break-in!"*

The author most likely includes Anne's claim of a "pretext" in order to...

- A. show she sensed a hidden emergency
- B. show she wanted to dodge the men
- C. show she was needlessly suspicious

10 *"The men were amazed at the burglars audacity."*

The passage most strongly suggests that the burglars acted with...

- A. bold, brazen daring
- B. nervous caution
- C. shameful regret

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	C	
2	B	
3	C	
4	A	Tests 'monopoly' in its figurative sense – sole possession of the truth, not the economic meaning.
5	C	
6	B	
7	B	
8	A	
9	A	Event comprehension.
10	A	Event comprehension.

Teacher Context: March–April 1944

Anne's writing deepens as she reflects on herself, her parents, and her growing closeness with Peter van Daan, and she begins revising her diary with an eye toward later publication. These two unusually full months are kept together because their length alone fills a section.