

Anne Of Green Gables

Chapters 1–8

by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: benevolent, canopy, commonplace, decorum, despair, pessimism, reconcile, scope, superfluous, translucent

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 · Chapters 1–8 · An unexpected arrival at Green Gables

Section 2 · Chapters 9–16 · Life at Green Gables and school

Section 3 · Chapters 17–24 · Friendships and adventures in Avonlea

Section 4 · Chapters 25–31 · Anne's pursuits as she grows older

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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. A **benevolent** stranger quietly paid for the family's groceries.

- A. rich and important
- B. kind and caring
- C. shy and nervous

2. Tall trees formed a leafy **canopy** over the woodland path.

- A. a tangled barrier
- B. a shady tunnel
- C. an overhead cover

3. Cell phones are now **commonplace** in nearly every household.

- A. fancy and expensive
- B. ordinary and common
- C. tricky to operate

4. The judge demanded **decorum** throughout the long trial.

- A. proper, dignified behavior
- B. honest, sworn testimony
- C. complete, total silence

5. When she failed the exam a second time, she sank into **despair**.

- A. deep boredom
- B. total confusion
- C. complete hopelessness

6. His constant **pessimism** discouraged the entire team.

- A. criticizing others
- B. expecting the worst
- C. boasting loudly

7. It took months to **reconcile** herself to the strict new rules.

- A. come to accept
- B. explain clearly
- C. compare carefully

8. The open-ended assignment gave students real **scope** for creativity.

- A. energy and effort
- B. tools and supplies
- C. room or opportunity

9. The editor cut every **superfluous** word from the report.

- A. more than needed
- B. difficult to read
- C. wrongly spelled

10. The lampshade was **translucent**, glowing softly when the bulb came on.

- A. letting soft light through
- B. brightly colored and bold
- C. perfectly clear, like glass

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

sorrel — a light reddish-brown color; here describing the Cuthberts' horse

bosom — in 'bosom friend,' a close, intimate, dearly loved friend

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
3	B
4	A
5	C
6	B
7	A
8	C
9	A
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 "... not even a brook could run past Mrs. Rachel Lynde's door without due regard for decency and decorum ..."

As it is used in the passage, the word "decorum" most nearly suggests that the brook is expected to show —

- A. proper, orderly restraint
- B. reckless, rushing speed
- C. cheerful, noisy disorder

2 "... the latter felt her doubts and fears reviving under the influence of Mrs. Rachel's pessimism."

The passage most strongly suggests that Mrs. Rachel's pessimism leads Marilla to —

- A. lose interest in Anne
- B. feel calm and reassured
- C. expect things to turn out badly

3 "... our discerning extraordinary observer might have concluded that no commonplace soul inhabited the body of this stray woman-child of whom shy Matthew Cuthbert was so ludicrously afraid."

Which statement about the "stray woman-child" is best supported by the passage?

- A. She is no ordinary child
- B. She is a plain, dull girl
- C. She is dangerous to the Cuthberts

4 "... Isn't it splendid to think of all the things there are to find out about? It just makes me feel glad to be alive—it's such an interesting world. It wouldn't be half so interesting if we know all about everything, would it? There'd be no scope for imagination then, would there?"

The passage most strongly suggests that Anne values "scope" because it gives her —

- A. facts to memorize
- B. proof the world is dull
- C. room to imagine freely

5 "Overhead was one long canopy of snowy fragrant bloom. Below the boughs the air was full of a purple twilight and far ahead a glimpse of painted sunset sky shone like a great rose window at the end of a cathedral aisle."

According to the passage, the "canopy" overhead is made of —

- A. white apple blossom
- B. open evening sky
- C. a roof of green leaves

6 "Above the bridge the pond ran up into fringing groves of fir and maple and lay all darkly translucent in their wavering shadows."

In context, the word "translucent" emphasizes that the pond's water —

- A. looks solid and black
- B. mirrors images sharply
- C. lets dim light through

7 "If you'll only call me Anne spelled with an E I shall try to reconcile myself to not being called Cordelia."

It can reasonably be inferred that Anne will "reconcile herself" to her name by —

- A. gladly embracing the name Anne
- B. accepting a name she'd not have chosen
- C. no longer caring about names

8 "I can't. I'm in the depths of despair. Can you eat when you are in the depths of despair?"
'I've never been in the depths of despair, so I can't say,' responded Marilla."

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

- A. Marilla feels the same way
- B. Anne is too wretched to eat
- C. Anne is calmly weighing supper

9 "... she came to the door with surprise and welcome mingled on her benevolent face."

Which detail best supports the idea that Mrs. Spencer is warm and kindly?

- A. the welcome filling her face
- B. her quick, cold greeting
- C. her surprise at the visit

10 "She knew Mrs. Peter Blewett only by sight as a small, shrewish-faced woman without an ounce of superfluous flesh on her bones."

As it is used in the passage, the word "superfluous" most nearly means —

- A. pale and sickly
- B. more than is needed
- C. firm and muscular

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	
2	C	
3	A	Character comprehension. The 'stray woman-child' is Anne herself; recognizing the narrator's praise depends on the section.
4	C	'Scope' here means room or opportunity, not the everyday sense of extent or size.
5	A	
6	C	'Translucent' lets light pass but is not fully transparent; the answer turns on that partial transparency.
7	B	Character comprehension. Anne's intense attachment to names runs through the section, so 'no longer caring' misreads her.
8	B	
9	A	
10	B	

Teacher Context: Chapters 1–8

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, expecting an orphan boy to help on the farm, instead receive Anne Shirley, a talkative, imaginative girl. After their initial dismay and Anne's desperate hope, Marilla decides to keep her, and Anne begins adjusting to life at Green Gables. The section ends after Chapter 8, as Anne's upbringing formally begins and before her first major neighborhood conflict.