

# Anne Of Green Gables

## Chapters 9–16

by Lucy Maud Montgomery

### Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

**Practice words:** amiable, compunction, indignation, infatuated, obdurate, penitent, reprehensible, scapegoat, vehemently, vindictive

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#### PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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**Caution:** share only if self-checking

#### OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

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**Caution:** do not share with students

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#### 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

Section 5 · Chapters 32–38 · Anne pursues her education

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# Vocabulary Preview

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

1. Everyone enjoys working with our **amiable** new manager.

- A. quiet and reserved
- B. skilled and hardworking
- C. friendly and good-natured

2. She took the last cookie without a hint of **compunction**.

- A. a feeling of guilt
- B. doubt or hesitation
- C. fear or worry

3. His face filled with **indignation** as he read the letter.

- A. sudden worry or fear
- B. deep sadness or grief
- C. anger at unfairness

4. He had an **infatuated** grin whenever she walked by.

- A. shy and nervous
- B. foolishly adoring
- C. proud and smug

5. No matter how we argued, she stayed **obdurate**.

- A. calm and unbothered
- B. stubborn and unyielding
- C. tired and discouraged

6. He looked **penitent** as he stood before the principal.

- A. deeply confused
- B. calm and bored
- C. feeling truly sorry

7. The judge called his actions **reprehensible**.

- A. deserving blame
- B. hard to believe
- C. against the law

8. Whenever something broke, the youngest child was the **scapegoat**.

- A. favorite of the group
- B. one blamed for others
- C. leader of the group

9. She **vehemently** denied taking the missing money.

- A. with strong, forceful feeling
- B. in a joking way
- C. over and over again

10. She gave him a **vindictive** look across the room.

- A. eager for revenge
- B. cold and distant
- C. full of longing

### Reading Helpers

*(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)*

**grippe** — an older word for influenza (the flu)

**with a vengeance** — with great force or intensity

**I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers"** — Anne's joyful celebration of October's beauty and of experiencing it year after year

# ANSWER KEY

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| #  | KEY |
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| 1  | C   |
| 2  | A   |
| 3  | C   |
| 4  | B   |
| 5  | B   |
| 6  | C   |
| 7  | A   |
| 8  | B   |
| 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** “But Anne continued to face Mrs. Rachel undauntedly, head up, eyes blazing, hands clenched, passionate indignation exhaling from her like an atmosphere.”

As it is used in the passage, the word “indignation” most nearly suggests that Anne feels —

- A. fear of the angry visitor
- B. shame about her looks
- C. anger at being treated unjustly

**2** “‘How dare you say such things about me?’ she repeated vehemently.”

Which statement is best supported about how Anne speaks to Mrs. Lynde in the passage?

- A. She speaks with quiet sarcasm
- B. She speaks through tearful pleading
- C. She speaks with forceful intensity

**3** “The amiable suggestion of the birch switch ... did not appeal to Marilla.”

In context, the ironic use of the word “amiable” describes the suggestion to whip Anne as —

- A. wise and well-reasoned
- B. friendly and good-natured
- C. stern but fair

**4** “She was as angry with herself as with Anne, because, whenever she recalled Mrs. Rachel’s dumbfounded countenance her lips twitched with amusement and she felt a most reprehensible desire to laugh.”

It can reasonably be inferred that Marilla —

- A. feels she ought not to laugh
- B. thinks only Anne is at fault
- C. is proud of keeping a straight face

**5** “Breakfast, dinner, and supper were very silent meals—for Anne still remained obdurate.”

According to the passage, the meals are silent because —

- A. Anne is too sick to eat
- B. Anne stubbornly refuses to give in
- C. the family is angry with Matthew

**6** “This was no meek penitent such as it behooved her to take into the presence of the offended Mrs. Lynde.”

The passage most strongly suggests that Anne —

- A. does not truly feel sorry
- B. dreads facing Mrs. Lynde
- C. is genuinely humbled

**7** “And of course he’s listening to her like a perfect ninny. I never saw such an infatuated man.”

It can reasonably be inferred that Matthew —

- A. foolishly adores Anne
- B. scarcely listens to Anne
- C. is wearied by Anne’s chatter

**8** “This child had taken and lost her treasured amethyst brooch and now sat there calmly reciting the details thereof without the least apparent compunction or repentance.”

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

- A. Anne regrets taking the brooch
- B. Anne fears her punishment
- C. Anne shows no sign of guilt

**9** “I am sorry to see a pupil of mine displaying such a temper and such a vindictive spirit ...”

The passage most strongly suggests that Mr. Phillips believes Anne —

- A. acted with no real cause
- B. wanted to get even
- C. was protecting a friend

**10** “... it was necessary to do something to save his word, so he looked about for a scapegoat ...”

According to the passage, Mr. Phillips looks for a scapegoat in order to —

- A. punish one pupil for all
- B. make an example of the worst
- C. find the real rule-breaker

# ANSWER KEY

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| #  | KEY | NOTE                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1  | C   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2  | C   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3  | B   | 'amiable' literally means friendly and good-natured; the narrator applies it ironically to the harsh idea of whipping Anne, so the literal sense is what the answer tests. |
| 4  | A   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5  | B   | Event comprehension. Anne is holding out against Marilla's order to apologize to Mrs. Lynde.                                                                               |
| 6  | A   | Character comprehension. Anne is staging her penitence and secretly enjoying the drama rather than feeling remorse.                                                        |
| 7  | A   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8  | C   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9  | B   | Event comprehension. Mr. Phillips is reacting to Anne smashing her slate over Gilbert's 'Carrots' taunt.                                                                   |
| 10 | A   | Event comprehension. A dozen pupils came in late, but Mr. Phillips singles out Anne alone.                                                                                 |

### Teacher Context: Chapters 9–16

Anne clashes with the blunt Mrs. Rachel Lynde and is made to apologize, then starts Sunday school and the Avonlea school. She forms a devoted friendship with Diana Barry, begins her long feud with Gilbert Blythe, and accidentally gets Diana drunk on currant wine. The section ends after Chapter 16, closing the early Avonlea misadventures before Anne's school life takes a new turn.