

Anne Of Green Gables

Chapters 17-24

by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: estranged, furtive, inexorable, insensible, kindred, mortification, ostentatiously, precarious, remorse, tenacity

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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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

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

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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. After their bitter quarrel, the two brothers grew **estranged**.

- A. distant and unfriendly
- B. deeply unhappy
- C. fiercely competitive

2. She cast a **furtive** glance at the clock during the long meeting.

- A. bored and weary
- B. secret and sneaky
- C. long and lingering

3. No matter how she begged, her father stayed **inexorable** about the rule.

- A. calm and cheerful
- B. firm and unyielding
- C. unsure and undecided

4. She was **insensible** to the danger as she wandered near the cliff edge.

- A. not affected by
- B. frightened by
- C. thrilled by

5. She and her new neighbor turned out to be **kindred** spirits.

- A. alike in feeling or outlook
- B. lively and full of energy
- C. restless and roaming free

6. To his **mortification**, he tripped and fell in front of the whole class.

- A. anger and annoyance
- B. shock and surprise
- C. shame and humiliation

7. He **ostentatiously** wore his new gold ring to school.

- A. in a showy, flashy way
- B. in a clumsy, awkward way
- C. in a calm, unhurried way

8. The hikers crossed a **precarious** bridge of rope high above the river.

- A. long and narrow
- B. old and wooden
- C. shaky and unsafe

9. She was filled with **remorse** after lying to her parents.

- A. anger at being caught
- B. worry about the future
- C. deep guilt over a wrong

10. The climber's **tenacity** carried her to the very top.

- A. natural talent
- B. firm determination
- C. lucky good fortune

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

croup — a children's illness causing a harsh, barking cough and labored breathing
beard the lion in his den — boldly challenge a powerful or intimidating person where that person feels strongest; beard is used in an old-fashioned literary sense meaning "confront defiantly"

"tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet" — Anne's hopeful belief that each new day offers a fresh start and another chance to do better

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
3	B
4	A
5	A
6	C
7	A
8	C
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 “Perhaps when she sees me lying cold and dead before her Mrs. Barry may feel remorse for what she has done and will let Diana come to my funeral.”

As it is used in the passage, the word “remorse” most nearly suggests that Mrs. Barry might feel...

- A. anger at the trouble
- B. guilt over what she did
- C. fear of being blamed

2 “Anne dropped the apple as if it were a red-hot coal and ostentatiously wiped her fingers on her handkerchief.”

It can reasonably be inferred that Anne wipes her fingers ostentatiously in order to...

- A. show that she regretted it
- B. let others see her refusal
- C. wipe off the sticky juice

3 “... an unpraiseworthy tenacity for holding grudges. She was as intense in her hatreds as in her loves.”

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

- A. She clings to grudges fiercely
- B. She forgives wrongs quickly
- C. She feels little either way

4 “It was almost as bad as a take-notice and Anne’s mortification was as evident as Gilbert’s satisfaction.”

Which statement about Anne is best supported by the passage?

- A. She felt deeply humiliated
- B. She felt wholly indifferent
- C. She felt quietly satisfied

5 “Anne, although sincerely sorry for Minnie May, was far from being insensible to the romance of the situation and to the sweetness of once more sharing that romance with a kindred spirit.”

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

- A. not affected by
- B. confused by
- C. frightened of

6 “Anne thought it was truly delightful to go skimming through all this mystery and loveliness with your bosom friend who had been so long estranged.”

The passage most strongly suggests that Anne and Diana had...

- A. just become friends for the first time
- B. stayed apart by their own choice
- C. been kept apart, now reunited

7 “Diana preserved a discreet silence, but she and Anne exchanged furtive smiles of guilty amusement across the table.”

According to the passage, how do Anne and Diana behave at the table?

- A. they show no amusement
- B. they joke out in the open
- C. they hide their amusement

8 “Kindred spirits are not so scarce as I used to think. It’s splendid to find out there are so many of them in the world.”

It can reasonably be inferred that the speaker has come to believe...

- A. few people understand her
- B. many people share her outlook
- C. she is better off alone

9 “Her imagination had run away with her and she held the spruce grove in mortal dread after nightfall. But Marilla was inexorable.”

According to the passage, how does Marilla respond to Anne’s dread of the grove?

- A. she slowly gives way
- B. she comes to share the fear
- C. she refuses to give in

10 “Anne climbed the ladder amid breathless silence, gained the ridgepole, balanced herself uprightly on that precarious footing, and started to walk along it ...”

The passage most strongly suggests that Anne’s footing on the ridgepole was...

- A. dangerously unsteady
- B. firm and secure
- C. safe once she stood up

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	B	
2	B	
3	A	
4	A	
5	A	The litotes 'far from being insensible' signals Anne was keenly alive to the romance; the word itself means unaware or unaffected, which is what the question tests.
6	C	Event comprehension. The girls had been forbidden to meet by Diana's mother, so their estrangement was imposed, not chosen.
7	C	
8	B	
9	C	
10	A	

Teacher Context: Chapters 17–24

Anne throws herself into schoolwork and her rivalry with Gilbert, and heroically saves Diana's baby sister Minnie May from croup. A dare leads to a fall and a broken ankle, and the new teacher Miss Stacy arrives in Avonlea. The section ends after Chapter 24, grouping Anne's middle-childhood adventures before the story turns toward her growing up.