

Anne Of Green Gables

Chapters 25–31

by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: complacent, consternation, exquisite, feigned, grotesque, prosaic, providential, retribution, veracity, wistfully

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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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:

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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 one win the team grew **complacent** and stopped practicing.

- A. smugly self-satisfied
- B. tired and worn out
- C. angry at the coach

2. The sudden power outage caused **consternation** throughout the office.

- A. dismay and alarm
- B. excitement and chatter
- C. annoyance and grumbling

3. The jeweler showed us an **exquisite** diamond necklace.

- A. old and slightly worn
- B. beautiful and finely made
- C. large and very heavy

4. He **feigned** a stomachache to get out of the test.

- A. pretended to have
- B. suffered from
- C. recovered from

5. The haunted house was full of **grotesque** masks and twisted shapes.

- A. brightly colored and shiny
- B. dusty and very old
- C. bizarrely ugly and distorted

6. The poet was disappointed by such a **prosaic** reply to her letter.

- A. long and detailed
- B. dull and unimaginative
- C. rude and hasty

7. The **providential** rainstorm arrived just as the crops began to wither.

- A. luckily well-timed
- B. brief and gentle
- C. heavy and violent

8. The villain finally met his **retribution** at the end of the story.

- A. long-lost brother
- B. sudden good fortune
- C. deserved punishment

9. The judge questioned the **veracity** of the witness's statement.

- A. clarity
- B. importance
- C. truthfulness

10. She gazed **wistfully** at the photo of her old friends.

- A. with mild boredom
- B. with longing sadness
- C. with great surprise

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

consolation — something that makes disappointment easier to bear; Anne comforts herself with the thought that having fewer things leaves more room for imagination

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
3	B
4	A
5	C
6	B
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 "... who feigned to be contemptuously filling the teapot, but nevertheless watched the scene out of the corner of her eye with a rather interested air."

As it is used in the passage, the word 'feigned' most nearly suggests that Marilla...

- A. only pretended to ignore the gift
- B. truly cared nothing for the dress
- C. was too busy to watch the scene

2 "Like it! Oh, Matthew!" Anne laid the dress over a chair and clasped her hands. "Matthew, it's perfectly exquisite. Oh, I can never thank you enough. Look at those sleeves! Oh, it seems to me this must be a happy dream."

According to the passage, Anne considers the new dress...

- A. more beautiful than she can express
- B. nicer than Diana's own clothes
- C. pretty but rather impractical

3 "Anne nodded, trying hard not to look virtuously complacent and failing miserably."

It can reasonably be inferred that, as she answered Diana, Anne...

- A. felt sorry for Diana's struggle
- B. was quietly proud of herself
- C. was embarrassed by Diana's question

4 "... she went insane with remorse and was shut up in a lunatic asylum. I thought that was a poetical retribution for her crime."

It can reasonably be inferred that Anne considers Cordelia's fate a 'poetical retribution' because...

- A. it frees Bertram to wed Geraldine
- B. it spares her a harsher fate
- C. madness justly punishes her crime

5 "Never in all her life had Marilla seen anything so grotesque as Anne's hair at that moment."

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

- A. Anne's hair looked much improved
- B. Anne's hair looked merely dull
- C. Anne's hair looked strangely ugly

6 "The peddler had certainly spoken the truth when he declared that the dye wouldn't wash off, however his veracity might be impeached in other respects."

The passage most strongly suggests that the peddler's veracity was...

- A. beyond any reasonable doubt
- B. doubtful on other matters
- C. shown by his kindness to Anne

7 "... the flat bumped right into a pile for a minute and I flung the scarf and the shawl over my shoulder and scrambled up on a big providential stub."

In context, the word 'providential' emphasizes that the stub...

- A. had been put there deliberately
- B. appeared by lucky, timely chance
- C. was unusually large and sturdy

8 "Great was the consternation in the Barry and Cuthbert households when the events of the afternoon became known."

According to the passage, the news of the afternoon's events left both households...

- A. secretly rather amused
- B. merely mildly surprised
- C. filled with dismay and alarm

9 "That sounded so prosaic; but to my surprise I found it true."

It can reasonably be inferred that Anne first called the ice-cream idea 'prosaic' because...

- A. it seemed too ordinary for her mood
- B. she disliked the taste of ice cream
- C. she thought it would cost too much

10 "... the Queen's class, left behind in school while the others scattered to green lanes and leafy wood cuts and meadow byways, looked wistfully out of the windows ..."

According to the passage, the Queen's-class students looked out the windows with a feeling of...

- A. longing for the freedom outside
- B. pride in their hard work
- C. relief at being indoors

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	
2	A	
3	B	
4	C	Event comprehension. In Anne's story Cordelia drowns Geraldine, and Bertram drowns trying to save her.
5	C	
6	B	
7	B	
8	C	
9	A	Anne finds the everyday ice cream dull beside her concert rapture, yet enjoys it anyway.
10	A	

Teacher Context: Chapters 25–31

Matthew quietly arranges for Anne to have the puffed sleeves she longs for, and Anne and her friends form a Story Club and put on entertainments. A romantic reenactment on the pond nearly ends in disaster, and Miss Stacy begins preparing the brightest pupils for the Queen's College entrance examination. The section ends after Chapter 31, as Anne consciously leaves childhood behind, before the exam-results chapters.