

Anne Of Green Gables

Chapters 32–38

by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: birthright, conniving, languished, milestone, nominal, pallid, presentiment, presumptuous, thwarted, vigil

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. Freedom is the **birthright** of every citizen.

- A. a privilege granted by law
- B. a reward earned by hard work
- C. a right one has from birth

2. The manager was **conniving** at small rule-breaking on the team.

- A. secretly plotting against it
- B. quietly allowing it
- C. quietly investigating it

3. The flowers **languished** in the dry summer heat.

- A. gave off a sharp scent
- B. turned a deeper green
- C. grew weak and listless

4. Graduating from school is an important **milestone** in a person's life.

- A. a major life event
- B. a small, ordinary moment
- C. a hard, painful setback

5. He was the **nominal** head of the old company.

- A. in name only
- B. newly chosen
- C. highly respected

6. His face turned **pallid** when he heard the bad news.

- A. damp with nervous sweat
- B. stiff and tightly drawn
- C. pale, as from shock

7. She had a strange **presentiment** that the day would end badly.

- A. an uneasy sense of warning
- B. a sudden flash of memory
- C. a calm, settled certainty

8. It felt **presumptuous** to give the teacher advice on her own subject.

- A. clever and quick-witted
- B. too bold or forward
- C. rude in a coarse, vulgar way

9. Heavy rain **thwarted** our plans for the picnic.

- A. blocked or prevented
- B. completely changed
- C. briefly delayed

10. She sat in **vigil** beside her grandmother all through the night.

- A. a quiet time of prayer
- B. a watchful staying awake
- C. a tense, anxious worry

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

as one crowned — with the solemn dignity and grandeur of a king

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	C
4	A
5	A
6	C
7	A
8	B
9	A
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 “I don’t know whether I passed in it or not and I have a creepy, crawly presentiment that I didn’t.”

As it is used in the passage, the word “presentiment” most nearly suggests that Anne...

- A. uneasily suspects she failed
- B. knows for sure she failed
- C. expects she passed

2 “... appetite failed and her interest in Avonlea doings languished.”

According to the passage, as Anne waited for the pass list, her interest in Avonlea doings...

- A. faded and grew listless
- B. shifted to new hobbies
- C. stayed as keen as before

3 “I let myself think ONCE, ‘What if I should come out first?’ quakingly, you know, for it seemed so vain and presumptuous to think I could lead the Island.”

The passage most strongly suggests that Anne considered hoping to come first to be...

- A. too bold a thing to hope for
- B. certain to come true
- C. a perfectly humble wish

4 “Changes had crept in, Marilla conniving at them resignedly, until it was as sweet and dainty a nest as a young girl could desire.”

It can reasonably be inferred that, in “conniving at” the changes, Marilla...

- A. angrily undid each change
- B. eagerly planned them herself
- C. let them happen despite misgivings

5 “I think he has only been its nominal head for many years.”

As it is used in the passage, the word “nominal” most nearly suggests that Mr. Abbey...

- A. runs the bank by himself
- B. holds the title but not real power
- C. founded the bank long ago

6 “... could not say the dreadful word; she turned sick and pallid.”

According to the passage, on grasping what Mrs. Lynde means, Anne...

- A. turns red with anger
- B. turns pale from illness
- C. turns pale from the shock

7 “But she went away kindly, leaving Anne alone to keep her first vigil with sorrow.”

The passage most strongly suggests that, in keeping her first “vigil,” Anne spent the night...

- A. sleeping soundly and at peace
- B. talking quietly with Diana
- C. awake and watchful in grief

8 “When I left Queen’s my future seemed to stretch out before me like a straight road. I thought I could see along it for many a milestone. Now there is a bend in it. I don’t know what lies around the bend, but I’m going to believe that the best does.”

It can reasonably be inferred that, in seeing “many a milestone” ahead, Anne once pictured her future as...

- A. blocked by constant setbacks
- B. clearly mapped out far ahead
- C. empty of any real purpose

9 “... were born to be good friends, Anne. You’ve thwarted destiny enough.”

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

- A. Anne kept resisting his friendship
- B. Anne always wanted to befriend him
- C. Anne just met him for the first time

10 “The joy of sincere work and worthy aspiration and congenial friendship were to be hers; nothing could rob her of her birthright of fancy or her ideal world of dreams.”

According to the passage, Anne’s “birthright of fancy” is something that...

- A. she must earn through work
- B. belongs to her by nature
- C. others can take away from her

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	
2	A	
3	A	
4	C	
5	B	Tests the uncommon 'in name only' sense — Mr. Abbey is head in title only, while his nephews actually run the bank.
6	C	Event comprehension.
7	C	
8	B	
9	A	Character comprehension.
10	B	

Teacher Context: Chapters 32–38

The Queen's entrance results are announced and Anne goes away to study, earning academic honors and a scholarship. She returns to Green Gables to face loss and a hard decision about her future, and chooses her own path forward. Section runs to the end of the novel.