

Worksheet no. - 10

(Based on the chapter “From the Diary of Anne Frank” from First Flight)

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Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Question 1.

Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I have never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musing of a thirteen year old school girl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing and I have an even greater need to get all kind of things off my chest.

‘Paper has more patience than people.’ I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out.

- (a) To whom does ‘I’ refer in the given passage?
- (b) ‘Paper has more patience than people’ – Why did Anne Frank say that?
- (c) Find a word in the passage that means ‘deep thought’.
- (d) Which word in the passage is a synonym of lethargic?

Question 2.

Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault that we don't confide in each other. In any case, that's just how things are, and unfortunately they're not liable to change. This is why I've started the diary.

- (a) Why was Anne Frank disturbed even when she had loving parents, relatives and friends?
- (b) Why did Anne decide to write a diary?
- (c) Find the word that means the same as ‘unluckily’.
- (d) To confide in somebody is to

Question 3.

My father is the most adorable father I've ever seen, he didn't marry my mother until he was 36 and she was 25. My sister Margot was born in Frankfurt in Germany in 1926. I was born on 12th June, 1929. I lived in Frankfurt until I was four. My father emigrated to Holland in 1933. My mother, Edith Hollander Frank, went with him to Holland in September, while Margot and I were sent to Aachen to stay with our grandmother.

- (a) When and where was Anne Frank born?
- (b) Anne and her sister Margot stayed with whom in Aachen? Why?
- (c) Find out the opposite of ‘emigrated’ used in the passage.

(d) Is there any word in the passage which means ‘to dote on’? If so, write it.

Question 4.

That evening, after I’d finished the rest of my homework, the note about the essay caught my eye. I began thinking about the subject while chewing the tip of my fountain pen. Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. I thought and thought, and suddenly I had an idea,: I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student’s trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did if not more, and that there’s not much you can do about inherited traits.

(a) What is the main feature of an essay according to Anne?

(b) What did Anne argue in the essay? Why?

(c) What does the idiom ‘caught my eye’ means?

(d) What do you understand by inherited traits?

Question 5.

However, during the third lesson he’d finally had enough. ‘Anne Frank, as punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled ‘Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox’.’ The class roared. I had to laugh too, though I’d nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of Chatterboxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne, who’s good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse and I jumped for joy. Mr Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I’d make sure the joke was on him.

(a) Why did Mr Keesing, her teacher, ask her to write another essay?

(b) Why did Anne want to write the essay with the help of her friend Sanne?

(c) Find out the word which means ‘deserving or inviting mockery’.

(d) The word means the ability to invent things and solve problems in a clever and new way.

Question 6.

I finished my poem, and it was beautiful! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments, and to several other classes as well. Since then I’ve been allowed to talk and haven’t been assigned any extra homework. On the contrary, Mr Keesing’s always making jokes these days.

(a) Why did the father duck kill the baby ducklings?

(b) What happened when Mr Keesing read the essay?

(c) Find out the word from the passage which means ‘given’.

(d) ‘On the contrary’ means
