

ch-5 The Hundred Dresses - IOral Comprehension check

1. Where in the classroom does Wanda sit & why?

A Wanda Petronski used to sit on the corner next to the blackboard, lost in her world, where rough boys usually sat. She was a very poor, shy & quiet girl & did not want to mess with others so she preferred to sit in isolation.

2. Where does Wanda live? What kind of a place do you think it is?

A Wanda lived upon Boggi's Heights, where poor people live. It is not a developed area & is covered with mud. There are no proper roads or streets & it is a kind of slum.

3. When & why do Peggy & Maddie notice Wanda's absence?

A Wanda didn't come to school on Monday & Tuesday but nobody noticed her absence as she did not have friends in the

class. When Peggy & Maddie waited for Wanda to make fun of her after the school was off, they noticed that she was absent, otherwise nobody bothered bothered about her there.

4. What do you think "to have fun with her" mean?

A. "To have fun with her" means to laugh at her as it is humor tendency to make fun of other imperfections which are mostly about the appearance. Here in the story, Wanda is a source of amusement or pleasure because of her shy nature & her hundred dresses.

5. In what way was Wanda different from the other children?

A. Wanda Petronski was a Polish girl whose parents had settled down in America. She was a source of fun because of her last name which made her different from others because Americans did not have such names & it was difficult to pronounce. She came to school alone & her feet were covered with mud. She preferred to sit alone.

in fact in the class. She had only one blue dress which was faded but claimed of having a hundred dresses. These qualities make her different from other children.

6. Did Wanda have a hundred dresses? Why do you think she said she did?

A Wanda was teased by her classmates after school hours. They used to make fun of her dress & her name. One day tired of all the teasing & taunting, she claimed of having a hundred dresses & sixty pairs of shoes, but nobody believed her. She was a determined girl & had a great amount of self-confidence. For her no. of dresses weren't important but the inner talent which had the real value.

7. Why is Maddie embarrassed by the question Peggy asks Wanda? Is she also like Wanda or is she different?

A Maddie is embarrassed by the question Peggy asks Wanda because she is also poor & understands the mental condition of Wanda. She also wears dresses handed down by rich family. Though she is an American but

She had the same mind set as Wade & doesn't want anyone to tease Wade because of her dress or her name.

Q Why didn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wade? (What was she afraid of?)

A Maddie didn't ask Peggy to stop teasing Wade because Peggy was the most popular girl in the school. She was a nice girl but when it came to Wade she behaved differently. Otherwise she helped everyone in trouble. Though, she wants Peggy to stop teasing Wade, she didn't ask her to do so as she was afraid of being the next target of such taunts & teasing.

Q Who did Maddie think would win the drawing contest? (Why?)

A Maddie always believed that Peggy would win the drawing contest as she was good at drawing & everybody in the school loved her. She had a good image & impression on her teacher & classmate. No other girl in the class could draw as well as her. So, Peggy definitely had very good chances of winning.

The drawing contest according to Madam.

10. Who won the drawing contest? Who had the winner drawn?

A. Among the boys, Jack Beggles & among the girls, Wanda Petronski won the drawing contest. To show her determination, she did not attend the school for two days & had drawn hundred sketches of dresses of different colors. Each of them was capable to win the contest individually. Wanda had drawn all the dresses which she had claimed to have in the class. Everybody was very impressed with her drawing & I clapped for her.

Thinking about Text

Q1. How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls? How do they treat her?

A. Wanda is a Polish girl who settled in America with her parents. She lived in Boggin's Height. She came to school in some faded blue dress & everybody with her feet always covered with mud.

Her last name is a bit quiet funny & difficult to pronounce for her classmates, her appearance was not perfect to be in a higher class so all the students made fun of her & teased her after the school hours. After being teased over her claimed to have a hundred dresses in the closet.

2. How does Wanda feel about the dresses gone? Why does she say that she has a hundred dresses?

Wanda feel very embarrassed but remains silent in the class. She doesn't talk to everyone & sits on the back bench with rough boys so that nobody can give attention to her. She is deeply hurt but never complains about it. To avoid their taunts & humiliations, Wanda says that she has a dresses & sixty pairs of matching shoes in her closet. Later on she draws all of them on paper for the drawing competition.

3. Why does Maddie stand by & doesn't do anything? How is she different from Peggy?

A Peggy is the most popular girl in the class & Maddie is her closest friend. Though, Maddie is just Peggy never tells her as she does with Wanda so Maddie is afraid of losing her friendship. That's why, she does not like to annoy Peggy & prefers to be silent. The line, "Peggy was the best-girl in the whole town. Peggy couldn't possibly do anything that was really wrong".

Q4. What does Miss Mason think of Wanda's drawing? What do the children think of them? How do you know?

A Miss Mason is very impressed with Wanda's drawings. She considers them really beautiful & worthy of winning individually. The children are also impressed by drawing skills of Wanda that they all applaud & whistle when she wins among the girls.

D. Combine the following to make sentence.

1A This is the bus that goes to Agra

2A I would like to buy a shirt that

is in the shop window.

- 3A. You must break your facts of a particular time when you see the mass in the sky.
- 4A. And a words that begin with letter Z.
- 5A. Now find a person whose name begins with letter Z.
- 6A. Then go to a place where there are no people whose name begins with letter Z.

II. Here are two other sentences from the story. Can you say whose point of view the italicized words express?

1A. The italicized words express the point of view of Peggy & Maddie.

2A. These italicized words express the point of view of other children of Maddie's class excluding Peggy & Maddie.

III. Fill in the blank.

1. Surprisingly, he finished his work on time.
2. Hopefully, it will not rain on the day of the match.
3. Possibly he had been stealing money from his employer.

4. Television is evidently to blame for the increase in violence in society.
5. The children will hopefully learn from their mistakes.
6. I can't possibly lead you that much money.
7. The thief had apparently been watching house for many days.
8. The thief luckily escaped by bribing the jailer.
9. Incredibly no one had suggested this before.
10. The water was incredibly hot.