

THE HUNDRED DRESSES - ICharacter sketch of Wanda
Petronski

- A Poor Polish girl with a funny name.
- She always wears the same blue dress.
- She boasts of having hundred dresses.
- She had no friends.
- Proved her talent in the drawing competition.

Character Sketch of Maddie

- One of the classmates of Wanda.
- She herself was a poor girl.
- She never liked Wanda.
- Peggy asking Wanda about the dress.

→ She decide to write a note to Peggy regarding her teasing Wanda.

→ She couldn't muster the courage to give the note to her.

Thinking about the Text

① How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls? How do they treat her?

Ans. Wanda was a very poor girl who stayed in Boggin Heights. The other girls would like to make fun of her and she has no friends.

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

Wanda was teased everyday by their classmates after school hours. One day tired of all the teasing and taunting she told that she had a hundred dresses with 60 pairs of shoes.

She was a determined girl and had a great amount of self-confidence. For her the number of dresses were not important but the inner talent which had the real value.

③ why does Maddie stand by and not do anything? How does she differ from Peggy?

Ans → Maddie herself was a poor girl and if she supports Wanda she would have been ill-treated by her friends. She usually wore hand-me-down clothes but she has not a fancy name or she stayed in Boggs Heights.

④ what does Miss Mason think of Wanda's drawings? what do the children think of them? How do you know?

Ans - Miss Mason thought that all her drawings is worthy of winning the prize. She told that Wanda Petrowski is the winner of the girls' medallion. The children are also impressed by the drawing skills of Wanda that they all applaud and whistle when she wins among the girls.

Thinking about the Language

1) Combine the following to make sentences like those above.

① This is the bus (what kind of bus)
It goes to Agra (use which or that)

Ans - This is the bus that goes to Agra.

② I would like to buy, (a) shirt (which shirt?) (The) shirt is in the shop window, (use which or that)

Ans - I would like to buy a shirt that is in the shop window.

③ You must break your fast at a particular time (when?). You see the moon in the sky. (use when)

Ans - You must break your fast at a particular time when you see the moon in the sky.

④ Find a word (what kind of word?). It begins with the letter Z, (use which or that)

Ans - Find a word that begins with letter Z.

⑤ Now find a person (what kind of person?) His or her name begins with the letter Z. (use whose)

Ans - Now find a person whose name begins with letter Z.

⑥ They go to a place (what place?). There are no people whose name begins with Z in that place, (use where).

Ans → They go to a place where there are no people whose name begins with letter Z.

III → The narrative voice Here are two other sentences from the story. Can you say whose point of view the italicised words express?

1) But on Wednesday, Peggy and Maddie, who sat down in front with other children who got good marks and who didn't track in a whole lot of mud, did notice that Wanda wasn't there.

Ans - The italicised words express the point of view of Peggy and Maddie.

2) Wanda Petronski. Most of the children in room thirteen didn't have names like that. They had names easy to say, like Thomas, Smith or Allen.

Ans - They italicised words, express the point of view of Peggy other children of Wanda's class excluding Peggy and Maddie.

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1) Surprisingly, he finished his work on time.

2) Hope fully, 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 lend you that much money.

7) The thief had apparently been watching the house for many days.

8) The thief luckily escaped by bribing the sailor.

9) Incredibly, no one had suggested this before.

10) The water was incredibly hot.