

CHAPTER 1

Mrs. Rachel Lynde, a friend of Marilla Cuthbert, was a very good lady. She was very **nosy**. She liked to sit at her kitchen window and knit. One day, she saw Matthew Cuthbert. He was in a buggy. He was dressed up. “Where is Matthew going?” thought Rachel. “I will go to Green Gables and ask Marilla Cuthbert,” she said.

Mrs. Lynde walked to Green Gables. It had a very beautiful garden. She knocked on the kitchen door. Marilla opened the door. The kitchen was very tidy. There were three plates on the table.

“Hello, Rachel. How are you? How are your parents?” Marilla said.

“We are all well. I was worried you were sick. I saw Matthew. Is he going to get the doctor?” asked Mrs. Lynde.

“No. He’s going to Bright River. An orphan boy is coming from Nova Scotia. He’s going to live with us,” Marilla said.

“Why?” asked Mrs. Lynde. She didn’t like the idea.

“We don’t have any children. Matthew is sixty. A boy can help us on the farm,” said Marilla.

“We talked to Mrs. Spencer. She will find a boy for us,” Marilla added.

nosy (adj) interested to know about other people’s problems, affairs, lives, etc.



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Mrs. Lynde went home.

Matthew drove to Bright River. He got to the station. A little girl sat on a **pile** of stones. No one else was there. Matthew ignored the little girl. He went to find the stationmaster.

The stationmaster said, “The little girl is here for you.”

Matthew went to talk to the girl.

“Are you Mr. Cuthbert from Green Gables?” the girl asked.

“Yes, I am,” said Mr Cuthbert.

They drove back to Green Gables. She talked all the way back.

Marilla opened the door. She was surprised to see a girl.

“Where is the boy? We must have a boy!” Marilla said.

“You don’t want me because I am not a boy? Nobody ever wants me,” the girl cried.

“What’s your name?” Marilla asked.

“Anne Shirley. Anne with an *e*,” said the girl and asked, “Why do you want a boy?”

“We need a boy to help on the farm. A girl can’t help on the farm,” said Marilla, “sit down and we will have tea.”

Anne sat down. She didn’t eat anything.

pile (n) things placed on top of each other



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CHAPTER 2

Anne talked as Marilla drove. They were on their way to see Mrs. Spencer.

“Are you going to talk the whole way to White Sands?” asked Marilla

“Yes,” said Anne.

“Then tell me about yourself,” said Marilla.

“I was 11 years old in March. I was born in Bolingbroke, Nova Scotia. My father was Walter Shirley. He was a teacher. My mother was Bertha Shirley. She died when I was three months old. She died of fever. My father died four days later. He had the fever too. Nobody wanted me. They sent me to live with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. I looked after their children. I lived with them until I was eight. Then Mr. Thomas died. He fell under a train. Mrs. Thomas sent me to live with Mr and Mrs. Hammond. They had eight children. I looked after them. I lived there for two years, and then Mr. Hammond died. They sent me to the **orphanage**. The orphanage didn’t want me. Then Mrs. Spencer came to get me.”

orphanage (n) a place where children whose parents are dead live

“Did you go to school?” Marilla asked.

“No, I didn’t go to school, but I can read,” said Anne.

“Were Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hammond nice to you?”

“No, they weren’t,” said Anne.

Marilla felt sorry for Anne. She was a nice girl.

They got to White Sands. They drove to Mrs. Spencer’s house. Marilla told Mrs. Spencer about the problem.

“We don’t have to send her back. Mrs. Blewett came to see me. She wants a girl. Anne can go to her. She has a large family. She needs help with the children. Oh, what luck! Here she is now,” said Mrs. Spencer.

Mrs. Blewett was not a nice woman. Marilla didn’t like her.

Marilla said, “I can’t just give you Anne. I need to talk to Matthew about it. He wants to keep her.”

Marilla took Anne back to Green Gables. Matthew was happy to see Anne.

“Okay, Matthew, she can stay,” said Marilla.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test-1

Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. Anne Shirley was an orphan. T / F
2. Marilla and Matthew lived in a castle. T / F
3. Gilbert made fun of Anne because she had red hair. T / F
4. Anne saved Minnie May's life. T / F
5. Marilla and Matthew wanted to adopt a boy. T / F
6. Diana was Anne's best friend. T / F
7. Anne didn't want to go to school because the teacher was boring. T / F
8. Anne gave a speech because Gilbert won the Avery scholarship. T / F
9. Miss Stacey was a good teacher. T / F
10. Anne always loved Gilbert. T / F

Test-2

Match the sentences.

Beginnings

1. Anne went to Sunday school
2. Anne got dressed before she
3. Anne did very well in Sunday school
4. Anne wanted to dye her hair because
5. Anne came back to school
6. Anne worked hard and
7. Anne was worried because
8. The girls went to Anne's house to practise
9. A new minister came to the church and
10. Anne lived in a boarding house because

Endings

- a. she didn't like it.
- b. won the scholarship.
- c. she was very bad at geometry.
- d. she was at college.
- e. his wife was the new Sunday school teacher.
- f. in a gingham dress.
- g. for Miss Stacey's concert.
- h. ate her breakfast and washed the dishes.
- i. because Marilla taught her a lot.
- j. and her friends gave her presents.

Test-3

Who said this in the story?

Marilla, Matthew, Diana, Anne or Gilbert

1. "I'm going to Redmond College in September."

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2. "Of course. Don't get too excited."

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3. "One of your roses fell out of your hair."

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4. "Carrots."

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5. "You gave her redcurrant wine!"

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6. "I love you, Anne. I will miss you."

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7. "I'm sorry for being so mean, Gilbert."

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8. "Then you need to go to bed."

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9. "I just want a dress with puff sleeves."

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10. "I'm staying here. We'll live here together."

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Test-4

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Matthew go to collect Anne in?
2. What is the name of Marilla's best friend?
3. Who was Anne's rival at school?
4. Diana had lots of brothers and sisters. What was the name of her youngest sister?
5. What are the names of three of the girls in Anne's class at school?
6. What is the name of the Sunday School teacher?
7. What is the name of the play the girls learn for the concert?
8. What does Matthew ask Rachel Lynde to buy for Anne?
9. Who won the Avery Scholarship?
10. Who does Anne become friends with at the end of the story?

Test-5

Put the list in order by writing 1 to 10 in green circles.

- a. Mrs. Allan invites Anne to tea.
- b. Diana comes to Anne for help.
- c. Matthew dies from shock.
- d. Gilbert picks up one of the roses that fell out of Anne's hair and puts it in his pocket.
- e. Marilla buys Anne a dress to wear at night.
- f. Anne and Marilla go to White Sands to see Mrs. Spencer.
- g. Matthew and Marilla ask for a boy to work on the farm.
- h. Anne gives Diana wine to drink instead of cordial.
- i. Anne walks out of school because the teacher is unkind to her.
- j. Anne stays in Avonlea to look after Marilla.