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The Hundred Dresses Part 1

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Oral Comprehension Check

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Question 1.

Where in the classroom does Wanda sit and why?

Answer:

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

Question 2.

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

Answer:

Wanda lives upon Boggins Heights, where poor people live. It is not a developed area and is covered with mud. There are no proper roads or streets and it is a kind of slum.

Question 3.

When and Why do Peggy and Maddie notice Wanda's absence?

Answer:

Wanda didn't come to school on Monday and Tuesday but nobody noticed her absence as she did not have friends in the class. When Peggy and Maddie waited for Wanda to make fun of her after the school was off, they noticed that she was absent, otherwise nobody bothered about her there.

Question 4.

What do you think "to have fun with her" means?

Answer:

"To have fun with her " means to laugh at her as it is human tendency to make fun of others imperfections which are mostly about the appearance. Here in the story, Wanda is a source of amusement or pleasure

because of her shy nature and her hundred dresses.

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Question 5.

In what way was Wanda different from the other children?

Answer:

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 and it was difficult to pronounce.

She came to school alone and her feet were covered with mud. She preferred to sit alone in the last 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.

Question 6.

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

Answer:

Wanda was teased everyday by her classmates after school

hours. They used to make fun of her dress and her name. One day tired of all the teasing and taunting, she claimed of having a hundred dresses and sixty pairs of shoes, but nobody believed her.

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

Question 7.

Why is Maddie embarrassed by the questions Peggy asks Wanda? Is she also like Wanda, or is she different?

Answer:

Maddie is embarrassed by the questions Peggy asks Wanda because she is also poor and understands the mental condition of Wanda. She also wears dresses handed down by rich family. Though, she is an American but she has the same mind-set as Wanda and doesn't want anyone to tease Wanda because of her dress or her name.

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Question 8.

Why didn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda? What was she afraid of?

Answer:

Maddie didn't ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda because Peggy was the most popular girl in the school. She was a nice girl but when it came to Wanda she behaved differently, otherwise she helped everyone in trouble.

Though, she wants Peggy to stop teasing Wanda, she didn't ask her to do so as she was afraid of being the next target of such taunts and teasings.

Question 9.

Who did Maddie think would win the drawing contest? Why?

Answer:

Maddie always believed that Peggy would win the drawing contest as she was good in drawing and everybody in the school loved her. She had a good image and impression on her teachers and classmates. 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 Maddie.

Question 10.

Who won the drawing contest? What had the winner drawn?

Answer:

Among the boys, Jack Beggles and among the girls, Wanda

Petranski won the drawing contest. To show her determination she did not attend the school for two days and had drawn a • hundred sketches of dresses of different colours.. Each of them was capable to win the contest individually.

Thinking about the Text

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Question 11.

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

Answer:

Wanda is a polish girl who has settled in America with her parents. She lived in Boggin's Height. She came to school in same faded blue dress everyday with her feet always covered with mud. Her last name is quite funny and 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 and teased her after the school hours. After being teased over her tolerance she ) claimed to have had a hundred dresses in her closet.

Question 12.

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

Answer:

Wanda feels very embarrassed but remains silent in the class. She doesn't talk to anyone and 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 and humiliation, Wanda says that she has a hundred dresses and sixty pairs of matching shoes in her closet. Later on, she draws all of them on paper for the drawing competition.

Question 13.

Why does Maddie stand by and does not do anything? How is she different from Peggy? or (was Peggy's friendship important to Maddie? Why? Which lines in the text tell you this?)

Answer:

Peggy is the most popular girl in the class and Maddie is her closest friend. Though, Maddie is poor, Peggy never teases her as she does with Wanda so Maddie is afraid of losing her friendship. That's why, she does not risk to annoy Peggy and prefers to be silent. The line, "Peggy was the best-liked girl in the whole room. Peggy could not possibly do anything that was really wrong" illustrates this.

Question 14.

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

Answer:

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



