

## First Flight Chapter 5 The Hundred Dresses-I

**Oral Comprehension Check (Page 65)****Question 1: Where in the classroom does Wanda sit and why?**

Answer: In Room Thirteen, Wanda Petronski used to occupy the seat adjacent to the final seat in the final row. She sat in the room's corner next to the tough males who received poor grades. She sat there because her feet were typically covered in dry mud because she was a shy and impoverished young woman. She preferred to sit by herself in the corner because she did not want to be teased by other people about how she looked.

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

Answer: Wanda formerly occupied Boggins Heights. Because it was muddy everywhere and far from her school, it was clear that there were no proper roads there and that mostly poor people lived there.

**Question 3: When and why do Peggy and Maddie notice Wanda's absence?**

Answer: Wanda missed classes on Monday and Tuesday, but no one noticed as she didn't have any classmates to share the absence with. On Wednesday, Peggy and Maddie were waiting to tease Wanda after school when they spotted her absence. They patiently waited, but she was nowhere to be found.

**Question 4: What do you think "to have fun with her" means?**

Answer: "To have fun with her" implies to make light of Wanda's flaws or to mock her. She was a quiet, shy girl who frequently received jeers from her classmates for her name and appearance. She was a source of humour for them because she had said she had sixty sets of shoes and 100 gowns in her closet.

**Oral Comprehension Check (Page 67)****Question 1: In what way was Wanda different from the other children?**

Answer: Polish-born Wanda Petronski had immigrated to America with her parents. Her name, which none of her peers had ever heard, was a source of hilarity. They had trouble pronouncing it because Americans did not have names like that. She as a result received different treatment from her classmates.

Her feet were often covered in mud when she arrived at school alone. She had no classmates to call friends. She feared being made fun of by others, so she chose to sit alone. She only possessed one worn-out blue dress, but when Peggy and Maddie inquired, she claimed to have 100 gowns and 60 pairs of shoes. These are a few of the characteristics that make her unique compared to other kids.

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**Question 2: Did Wanda have a hundred dresses? Why do you think she said she did?**

Answer: Wanda endured daily after-school teasing from her classmates. She used to frequently dress in a fading blue dress for school. Her name, clothes, and appearance used to be made fun of. She grew tired of being teased and mocked every day and lied that she had 100 dresses and 60 pairs of shoes in her closet, but no one bought it.

Generally speaking, Wanda was a strong and determined girl for whom the number of dresses were not the main concern, but the inner talent that mattered the most.

**Question 3: Why is Maddie embarrassed by the questions Peggy asks Wanda? Is she also like Wanda, or is she different?**

Answer: Peggy was poor herself and could relate to Wanda's mental state, so Maddie was embarrassed by the questions she asked. She also wore clothes that had been passed down to her by someone else. She recognized Wanda's mental state because she, too, was from a low-income household. Despite having sympathy for Wanda and her alleged possession of a hundred garments, she did not feel bad for Wanda. She also wished Peggy would stop making fun of Wanda's name and appearance.

**Oral Comprehension Check (Page 70)****Question 1: Why didn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda? What was she afraid of?**

Answer: Due of Peggy's status as Maddie's best friend and the most popular student in the school, Maddie didn't ask her to stop making fun of Wanda. Peggy, according to Maddie, was a sweet girl, but Wanda received different treatment from her. She was friendly and helpful, though. She wanted Peggy to stop making fun of Wanda, but she didn't ask her to because she was afraid that if she did, she would become Peggy's next target.

**Question 2: Who did Maddie think would win the drawing contest? Why?**

Answer: Peggy was talented at drawing, and everyone in the school liked her, so Maddie always had a strong feeling she would win the drawing competition. She was well-liked and had a positive influence on her instructors and students. She was an expert artist who could effortlessly copy a magazine image or depict the likeness of any celebrity. Given everything, Peggy, in Maddie's opinion, had a very good chance of taking first place in the girls' drawing and colouring competition.

**Question 3: Who won the drawing contest? What had the winner drawn?**

Answer: Jack Beggles, a child, won the competition with his outboard motor design, which was displayed in Room 12. Wanda Petronski, a girl, won the drawing competition by creating 100 sketches of stunning outfits that were all very colourful and lovely. Each of the paintings, according to Miss Mason, had a chance of taking home the prize on its own. When questioned by her classmates, Wanda claimed to have a hundred gowns, all of which she had drawn. Everyone applauded her for her talent and was in awe of it.

**Thinking about the Text (Page 70)****Question 1: How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls? How do they treat her?**

Answer: Wanda Petronski was a Polish girl who had settled with her parents in America. She lived in Boggins Heights where there were no proper roads. She came to school from a far-off place and wore the same faded blue dress every day, and her feet were always covered with mud. Her classmates often made fun of her name as it was difficult to pronounce, and different from other American names. Her appearance was also not proper, owing to which her classmates made fun of her and teased her after school hours. Being repeatedly teased for her attire broke the limits of her endurance, and she claimed to have had a hundred dresses and sixty pairs of shoes in her closet.

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

Answer: Wanda was a shy and quiet girl who used to feel embarrassed about her appearance but always remained silent in class. She never talked to anyone and sat in the corner of the room with rough boys so that nobody would notice her. She was always snickered at by other girls but never complained about it. To avoid their constant taunts and humiliation, Wanda claimed that she had a hundred dresses and sixty pairs of shoes in her closet. Later on, she drew sketches of all the hundred dresses on paper for the drawing competition and won the first prize among girls for her talent.

**Question 3: Why does Maddie stand by and not do anything? How is she different from Peggy? (Was Peggy's friendship important to Maddie? Why? Which lines in the text tell you this?)**

Answer: Peggy was Maddie's greatest friend and the most well-liked student in the class. Despite Maddie's poverty, Peggy never teased her like she did Wanda since Maddie thought Wanda was being made fun of for claiming to own 100 clothes. Maddie feared losing Peggy as a friend. She therefore always stood by her. She was afraid of upsetting Peggy and always chose to keep quiet as she mocked Wanda. "Peggy was the most well-liked girl in the entire room," the line reads. Peggy could not possibly have done anything that was truly bad, which shows how Maddie was constantly by her side.

**Question 4: What does Miss Mason think of Wanda's drawings? What do the children think of them? How do you know?**

Answer: Wanda's drawings greatly impressed Miss Mason. She believed that each garment was exquisitely drawn and deserving of winning the competition on its own. When Wanda won the drawing competition for females, the kids cheered her on and the boys who didn't know anything about gowns whistled in admiration. The kids were also amazed by Wanda's sketching abilities.