

First Flight Chapter 5 The Hundred Dresses-II

Oral Comprehension Check (Page 74)**Question 1: What did Mr. Petronski's letter say?**

Answer: Wanda would no longer attend school as they were relocating to a larger city, Mr. Petronski wrote in a letter to the school administration. Additionally, it said that no one would call her funny names because the new city was full of other people who called each other funny names.

Question 2: Is Miss Mason angry with the class, or is she unhappy and upset?

Answer: Miss Mason wasn't angry; she was upset because she knew the students had mistreated Wanda because of her unusual name. She disapproved of the young girl being subjected to humiliation because of her name, appearance, and looks. She asked them not to belittle anyone in the class and wanted them to give it some thought.

Question 3: How does Maddie feel after listening to the note from Wanda's father?

Answer: Even though she never made fun of Wanda, Maddie felt bad and humiliated for how she treated her. She felt bad because she did nothing to stop Peggy from making fun of Wanda for claiming to have a hundred clothes in her wardrobe and instead watched in silence as she did it.

Question 4: What does Maddie want to do?

Answer: Maddie wanted to apologise to Wanda for everything and change the way she had treated her. So, when she learned that Wanda was relocating to a large city, she made the decision to stop by Wanda's home in Boggins Heights. She also wanted to say that everyone respected her talent and that their treatment of her should not be taken seriously.

Oral Comprehension Check (Page 76)**Question 1: What excuses does Peggy think up for her behaviour? Why?**

Answer: Peggy reacted defensively and claimed that by encouraging Wanda to sketch 100 dresses for the drawing contest that she ultimately won, she had indirectly encouraged Wanda to develop her artistic abilities.

Question 2: What are Maddie's thoughts as they go to Boggins Heights?

Answer: Maddie felt sorry for watching in silence while Peggy used to degrade Wanda, and she was overcome with sorrow and shame. She was heartbroken and upset for both herself and Wanda. She was apologising for not intervening earlier to stop Peggy from repeatedly misbehaving with Wanda.

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Question 3: Why does Wanda's house remind Maddie of Wanda's blue dress?

Answer: Wanda used to go to school every day in an old, clean but faded blue dress. When Maddie first saw the house, it served as a reminder that Wanda's residence and its modestly sized yard appeared worn but tidy, just like her blue dress.

Question 4: What does Maddie think hard about? What important decision does she come to?

Answer: Maddie deliberated for a long time about how she would stop watching passively as Peggy mistreated Wanda. She made a commitment to herself that she would not permit injustice to occur toward anyone, even if doing so resulted in the loss of a dear friend.

Oral Comprehension Check (Page 79)**Question 1: What did the girls write to Wanda?**

Answer: Wanda received a polite letter from Maddie and Peggy in which they attempted to make amends for their treatment of her but instead inquired as to how she enjoyed her new school, classmates, and professors. They also let her know that she had won the sketching competition for her sketches of one hundred garments. They commended her sketching abilities and remarked how everyone at school enjoyed it. Wanda received this letter from the girls as a subtle gesture of friendship and a declaration of how much they missed her.

Question 2: Did they get a reply? Who was more anxious for a reply, Peggy or Maddie? How do you know?

Answer: The answer is no, Wanda never replied to the girls' letter. Maddie was more impatiently awaiting a response than Peggy was since she was worried and distraught for Wanda. She didn't respond to their letter since she believed Wanda was extremely hurt, and she then put the burden for everything on herself. Maddie frequently experienced restless nights and terrifying dreams involving Wanda.

Question 3: How did the girls know that Wanda liked them even though they had teased her?

Answer: Even though they would frequently taunt Wanda, Maddie and Peggy came to realise that she genuinely liked them. It all started when Wanda wrote her teacher a letter in which she asked permission to give the girls her sketches of two lovely dresses: a blue garment for Maddie and a green dress with red embellishments for Peggy. In the designs of the costumes, she had included a drawing of each person's face.

Thinking about the Text (Page 79-80)

Question 1: Why do you think Wanda's family moved to a different city? Do you think life there was going to be different for their family?

Answer: Due to the bullying and racism that Wanda and her brother Jake experienced at school, Wanda's family relocated to a different city. Other pupils made fun of them for having a weird name and appearance. Wanda's father, Jan Petronski, believed that living in the new city would be different since people there are less prejudiced and they would also not be taunted for their name or status.

Question 2: Maddie thought her silence was as bad as Peggy's teasing. Was she right?

Answer: Yes, Maddie felt guilty for not intervening when Peggy teased Wanda because she believed that doing nothing about an unfair practise was worse than committing a crime. She felt guilty for indirectly motivating Peggy to frequently humiliate Wanda.

Question 3: Peggy says, "I never thought she had the sense to know we were making fun of her anyway. I thought she was too dumb. And gee, look how she can draw!" What led Peggy to believe that Wanda was dumb? Did she change her opinion later?

Answer: Wanda never voiced complaints about Peggy mistreating her or playing practical jokes on her. Peggy assumed she was stupid because of her lack of conversation and odd behaviour. Peggy used to wonder why, if Wanda truly did have a hundred gowns and sixty pairs of shoes lined up in her wardrobe, why she would always wear the same worn-out, faded blue dress to school. Wanda frequently claimed to have these items. Later, after seeing Wanda's sketches, Peggy had a change of heart and was quite impressed. She was also taken aback when Wanda requested that Miss Mason give Peggy her sketch of a green frock with red accents from her collection.

Question 4: What important decision did Maddie make? Why did she have to think hard to do so?

Answer: Wanda had already left her home with her family when Maddie and Peggy decided to go to her house in Boggins Heights to apologise and make amends for all the wrongdoing. Maddie was unhappy because she felt like she behaved cowardly because she did nothing to stop Peggy from disparaging Wanda. She therefore made a commitment to herself that she would stop any injustice and bullying, even if doing so resulted in the loss of a close friend.

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Question 5: Why do you think Wanda gave Maddie and Peggy the drawings of the dresses? Why are they surprised?

Answer: Wanda may have comprehended their feelings for her and the clothes game they used to make fun of when Maddie and Peggy addressed a cordial letter to her. In order to demonstrate to them that she had no animosity toward them, she asked Miss Mason to give them two of her designs. She surprised Maddie and Peggy by giving them the sketches that had their faces on them.

Question 6: Do you think Wanda really thought the girls were teasing her? Why or Why not?

Answer: Yes, Wanda was aware of the girls' bad behaviour when they teased her at school every day. She was aware that they had previously made fun of her name and appearance, but she opted to say nothing. She exaggerated having one hundred dresses and sixty pairs of matching shoes in her closet because she used to feel humiliated by their bad behaviour and was tired of everything. Later, after winning the competition, she asked Miss Miss Mason to give two of her sketches to Peggy and Maddie as a sign of her tolerance for the girls who frequently teased her.