Anne of Green Gables

Before reading
1 Look at all the pictures in the book. What will happen to Anne?
2 Using books or the computer, find out about Prince Edward Island.

While reading
Chapter 1
3 Match the sentences with the names below.
  Matthew Cuthbert    Marilla Cuthbert
  Mrs. Rachel Lynde    Anne Shirley
a…………………….... sits by her kitchen window to see the Avonlea road.
b…………………….... is busy in her kitchen.
c…………………….... doesn’t smile much.
d……………………....’s heart isn’t very strong.
e…………………….... wore an ugly dress.
f…………………….... read a story in the newspaper about an orphan.
g…………………….... looked at the child in surprise.
h…………………….... doesn’t say much.
i…………………….... thinks Anne is a very good name.
j…………………….... thinks Anne is a nice little girl.

4 Guess and choose a name. Why do you think that is the right answer?
a…………………….... If Anne stays, Matthew / Marilla will buy her a new dress.
b…………………….... If Anne stays, Matthew / Marilla will talk to Anne.
c…………………….... If Anne stays, Marilla / Mrs. Lynde will not like her because she is an orphan.
d…………………….... If Anne stays, Marilla / Mrs. Lynde will ask Anne to help her to cook.
e…………………….... If Anne stays, Marilla / Mrs. Lynde will talk badly about her.
f…………………….... If Anne stays, it will be Matthew / Marilla’s idea.

5 Work with another student. Write the conversation. Then, have the conversation.
Marilla goes to Mrs. Spencer’s house. What does she tell her? And what does Mrs. Spencer tell Marilla?

Chapters 2–3
6 What are Anne, Mrs. Blewett, Mrs. Spencer, and Marilla thinking?

7 Mrs. Lynde says to Anne that her hair is “as red as carrots.” What are the different parts of your body like?
a My face is as …………… as …………….
b My eyes are as …………… as …………….
c My mouth is as …………… as …………….
d My legs are as …………… as …………….
e My feet are as …………… as …………….
Then write about somebody you love.
His/Her face is as …………… as …………….

Chapters 4–5
8 Use the words before, after, and when to complete the sentences.
a …………… Anne went to church, she put on her new hat.
b …………… Marilla was sick, Anne went by herself to church.
c …………… Anne saw the flowers, she put them on her hat.
d …………… church, Anne ran back home.
e …………… church, Anne and Diana met for the first time, they immediately became best friends.
f …………… school started, Anne and Diana played every day.
g …………… school started, Gilbert Blythe came back.
h …………… Mr. Philips got angry with Anne, Gilbert tried to help her.
i …………… Anne stood in front of the class all afternoon, she didn’t speak to Gilbert again.

9 Is it better to study at home or to study at school? Write your ideas and discuss them with your classmates.
Chapters 6–7

10 Finish the story with words from the box.

cried smiled beautiful good
happy well excited funny wonderful
sad sorry unhappy bad
thirsty drunk sick late

Anne invited Diana for tea. Diana was a …………. and she drank three glasses of cordial. Diana didn’t feel very b …………. and when she arrived home, she was c …………. Mrs. Barry said
d …………. things about Anne and Anne was very e …………. One day Minnie Mae was f …………. and the doctor was g …………. Anne helped Minnie May and Mrs. Barry was h …………. about the fruit cordial and let Diana and Anne be friends again. Anne was i …………. because Mr. and Mrs. Allan were coming to tea. She made a cake and it looked very j …………. She felt very k …………. because the table looked l …………. Mrs. Allan m …………. but when she put the cake in her mouth, she looked n …………. Anne o …………. in her room. Mrs. Allan told Anne not to cry because it was a p …………. mistake. A week later Mrs. Allan invited Anne to have tea and they had a q …………. time.

11 Look at Anne on page 38. Get her to stop crying. What can you tell her?

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12 There are many stories in Chapters 3–7. Which one do you like best? What do you like about it?

Write a few words about the story you like best and discuss why you like it with the class.

“Anne’s Hat”
“The Missing Brooch”
“Anne Breaks a Slate on Gilbert’s Head”
“Diana Comes to Tea”
“Minnie May has Croup”
“Anne Makes a Cake”

Chapters 8–9

13 Look at Anne on page 42. She must stop climbing to the top of Diana’s house! What can you tell her?

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14 Look up the word poster in your dictionary. Then make a poster for the Christmas concert.

15 Read Elaine’s story and discuss it with other students. Who is like Elaine in Anne of Green Gables? Why? Is there a Sir Lancelot in the book?

Elaine was in love with Lancelot, one of King Arthur’s men, but he loved Guinevere, Arthur’s wife. Elaine cried and cried and was so sad that she got into a boat on the river and died of love. The boat carried her to the town of Camelot.

Chapters 10–11

16 Which word is right?

a Anne and Gilbert Blythe were the smartest / smallest in the class.
b The Queen’s College Class was very interesting / boring.
c The examinations were very easy / difficult.
d Anne’s and Gilbert’s names were at the bottom / top in the newspaper.
e Anne enjoyed / hated her time at Queen’s College.
f Anne did very well / badly in her examinations.
g Gilbert Blythe can / can’t go to college, because his father doesn’t / does have the money.
h Matthew was having problems with his heart / face.
i Marilla has to sell / buy Green Gables.

17 Watch Kevin Sullivan’s Anne of Green Gables (1985) and write notes. Is the movie different from the book? Are the changes good or bad?

The people: …………. The place: …………. The story: …………. Good or bad? …………. 

18 Make a brochure.

Look up the word “brochure” in your dictionary. With another student, make a brochure for Prince Edward Island. You can draw, use photographs, and tell parts of the story.
Chapter 1

1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)? If the sentence is wrong, write the right answer.

- Matthew Cuthbert went up the road on his horse in the afternoon. (✓)
- Mrs. Lynde thought it was a good idea to bring a strange child into the house. (✗)
- When Matthew arrived at the station there was only one person there. (✓)
- The child was silent on the way home. (✓)
- Matthew didn't like the child talking all the time. (✓)
- When the orphan girl went to bed she cried and cried. (✓)

Chapters 2–3

2 Put Anne’s sad story in the right order. Number the sentences, 1–8.

- After Mr. Thomas died in an accident, Mrs. Thomas didn’t want Anne any more. So she went to live with Mrs. Hammond. (1)
- When Anne was at the orphanage Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert took her home by mistake. (2)
- Anne’s parents died when she was a baby. (3)
- As Mrs. Thomas had four children, Anne helped her with them. (4)
- Mrs. Hammond’s children were hard work. (5)
- So their cleaner, Mrs. Thomas, and her husband took Anne home. (6)
- When Marilla saw that Mrs. Blewett wanted her, she decided to keep Anne. (7)
- When Mrs. Hammond moved away, Anne had to go to the orphanage. (8)

Chapters 4–5

3 Match the first half of the sentence with the second half.

- You can stay …
- You’re a very rude woman …
- Please go and say sorry …

1 to Mrs. Lynde.
2 and you’re fat!
3 at Green Gables.

Chapters 6–7

5 Underline the mistakes. There is one mistake in each sentence.

- The bottle of fruit cordial was on the table. (✓)
- The cordial wasn’t fruit cordial, it was white wine. (✗)
- Diana was feeling well when she left Anne’s house. (✓)
- Mrs. Barry said that Anne was a big bad girl. (✗)
- One day Diana ran in through the door. Her face was very red. (✓)
- Anne put vanilla in the cake. (✗)
- Mrs. Allan thought it was a sad mistake. (✓)
- Anne had a bad time at Mrs. Allan’s house. (✓)

Chapters 8–9

6 What happened first? Put the sentences in order, 1–14.

- She stayed home for several weeks. (✗)
- She fell down. (✓)
- Diana had a party. (ixa)
- Anne climbed to the top of the house. (✓)
- She could not walk. (✓)
- They climbed up a tree. (ixa)
- A man sold her black hair dye. (Chief)
- She dyed her hair green. (Chief)
- She caught a tree with her hands. (Chief)
- Marilla had to cut Anne’s hair. (Chief)
- Anne’s arms hurt and she felt tired. (Chief)
- Anne stayed home for a week. (Chief)
- Gilbert pulled Anne into his boat. (Chief)
- Anne got on an old boat. (Chief)
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Chapters 10–11

7 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a. At school Anne was always the first. ✓
   b. Anne studied during the vacation. √
   c. Anne and Gilbert were the best students on the island. ✓
   d. Anne cried because Gilbert was her best friend. ✓
   e. Gilbert went to Redmond College. ✓
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Book key
Check that this is up to date
1.1 Open answers
1.2 1 Canada
2 the 1800s
3 by horse and buggy
4 eleven
5 a stranger
6 happy
7 surprised
8 sad
2.1 Name: Matthew
Age: 60
Problems: weak heart
Wants: a boy to help him
Name: Anne
Age: 11
Hair: red
Eyes: gray
Wants: a home
Name: Marilla
Hair: gray
Doesn’t want: a girl
Lives at: Green Gables
2.2 1 a ✗ b ✗ c ✓ d ✗ e ✗ f ✓ g ✗ h ✗
2 Open answers
2.3 1 loves watching
2 likes being
3 likes listening
4 hates wearing
5 loves talking
6 likes working
2.4 Open answers
3.1 1 lived 2 came 3 died 4 wanted 5 was
6 didn’t go 7 was
3.2 1 B, D, A, C
Miss Cuthbert’s
2 a Mrs. Lynde to Marilla
b Anne to Mrs. Lynde
c Marilla’s aunts
d Matthew to Anne
e Mrs. Lynde to Marilla
3 Open answers
3.3 2 Possible answer: The sky was blue and the sun shone. There were birds in the trees and they sang beautiful songs. The horses drank from the little river.
There were chickens in the flowers. The flowers were red, orange, and yellow.
3.4 Open answers
4.1 1 b 2 c 3 b
4.2 1 good, different from other children, has strong feelings, gets angry too quickly
2 Open answers
4.3 1 Marilla looks for the brooch but she can’t find it.
2 Anne has to tell Marilla about the brooch before she can go to the party.
3 Anne tells Marilla a story so she can go to the party.
4 Marilla says sorry to Anne after she finds the brooch.
5 Anne is excited because she can go to the party.
4.4 Open answers
5.1 1 The fruit cordial, medicine, red wine, best vanilla, and cake were important.
2 a red wine
b fruit cordial
c medicine
d medicine
e medicine, vanilla
3 Marilla
5.2 1 d 2 e 3 c 4 b 5 a 6 g 7 f
5.3 1 a can’t
b has to
c will
d has to
e has to
f can
2 Open answers
5.4 Open answers
6.1 1 a exciting
b the same as
c loves
d old, fast
e a tree
f can’t
6.2 Possible answers:
1D When Marilla comes home, there is no fire and no tea on the table.
2A Anne’s hair is green after she uses the black hair dye.
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I stood in front of the class all afternoon because of him.
He sat next to me.
He pushed some candy under my arm.
He wants to be my friend.

17 Open answers
18 Possible answers:
Mrs. Barry: My daughter came home drunk from your house.
Marilla: I can’t believe it!
Mrs. Barry: Anne gave her wine.
Marilla: That’s impossible.
Mrs. Barry: I told Diana that she can’t be Anne’s friend.
Marilla: Please, listen to me! She probably thought it was cordial!

19 Open answers
20 Open answer: Mrs. Barry’s tone must be apologetic.
21–23 Open answer
24 Possible answer: Because he hurt her a lot.
25–29 Open answers

Activity worksheets key
1–2 Open answers
3 a Mrs. Rachel Lynde
   b Marilla Cuthbert
   c Marilla Cuthbert
   d Matthew Cuthbert
   e Anne Shirley
   f Mrs. Rachel Lynde
   g Marilla Cuthbert
   h Matthew Cuthbert
   i Marilla Cuthbert
   j Matthew Cuthbert
4 Possible answers:
   a Matthew will buy her a new dress.
   b Marilla will talk to Anne.
   c Mrs. Lynde will not like her because she is an orphan.
   d Marilla will ask Anne to help her to cook.
   e Mrs. Lynde will talk badly about her.
   f It will be Marilla’s idea.
   Justification: Open answers
5 Open answers
6 Possible answers:
   Anne: I don’t like Mrs. Blewett. I want to stay with Marilla and Matthew.
   Mrs. Blewett: This girl will help with my new baby. She will work very hard.
Mrs. Spencer: I made a big mistake.
Marilla: I don’t like Mrs. Blewett. Anne will stay with Matthew and me.

7 Open answers
8 a Before  b When  c When  d After  e When  f Before  g After  h When  i After
9 Open answers
10 a thirsty  b well  c drunk  d bad  e sad  f sick  g late  h sorry  i excited  j good  k happy  l beautiful  m smiled  n unhappy  o cried  p funny  q wonderful
11 Possible answers:
Don’t cry!
The same happened to me.
The cake was not that bad.
12 Open answers
13 Possible answers:
We are going to eat the cake.
We are going to tell stories.
Mr. Barry is coming.
14 Open answer
15 Possible answer:
Anne is like Elaine because the river carries her on the boat. Lancelot is not like Gilbert because Gilbert likes Anne very much.
16 a smartest  b interesting  c difficult  d top  e enjoyed  f well  g can’t, doesn’t  h heart  i sell
17-18 Open answers

Progress test key
1 a X – Matthew Cuthbert went up the road in the buggy in the afternoon.
b X – Mrs. Lynde thought it was a bad idea to bring a strange child into the house.
c ✓
d X – The child talked and talked on the way home.
e X – Matthew liked the child talking all the time.
f ✓
2 1 c 2 f 3 d 4 a 5 e 6 h 7 b 8 g
3 a 3 b 2 c l
4 a Marilla  b The minister  c The children  d Marilla  e Anne  f Diana  g Anne and Diana  h The girls at school  i Mr. Philips  j Mrs. Lynde
5 a The bottle of fruit cordial was in the kitchen closet.
b The cordial wasn’t fruit cordial, it was red wine.
c Diana was feeling bad when she left Anne’s house.
d Mrs. Barry said that Anne was a bad little girl.
e One day Diana ran in through the door. Her face was very white.
f Anne put medicine in the cake.
g Mrs. Allan thought it was a funny mistake.
h Anne had a wonderful time at Mrs. Allan’s house.
6 1 c 2 f 3 d 4 b 5 e 6 a 7 g 8 h 9 l 10 j 11 n 12 i 13 k 14 m
7 a X – sometimes Anne was first and sometimes Gilbert was.
b X – she wanted to enjoy the summer.
c ✓
d X – Anne was sorry that Gilbert was not her friend.
e ✓