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#### Oral Comprehension Check

1. What did Mr Petronski's letter say?

Answer:

Mr Pertronski's letter said that Wanda would not come to school anymore as they were shifting to another city. He also said that there, nobody would ask them why they had funny names because there were plenty of funny names in the city.

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

Answer:

Yes, Miss Mason was unhappy and upset as she was was disturbed by the ill treatment to Wanda by the students of her class. She didn't approve of the humiliation of a child just because of her name, dresses and house.

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

Answer:

After listening to the note from Wanda's father, Maddie had a very sick and guilty feeling in the bottom of her stomach. She could not concentrate when she tried to prepare her lessons. She had not enjoyed listening to Peggy ask Wanda how many dresses she had in her closet.

4. What does Maddie want to do?

Answer:

Maddie wanted to tell Wanda that she didn't want to hurt her feelings.

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1. What excuses does Peggy think up for her behaviour? Why?

Answer:

Peggy thought that she was satisfied that she never called Wanda a foreigner or made fun of her name. She also said that she never thought Wanda had even the sense to know that they were making fun of her. She realised her mistake of thinking that Wanda was not bright enough to understand her insult.

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

Answer:

Maddie is feeling bad about Wanda and herself. She is feeling very sad for not even getting a chance to say sorry to Wanda.

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

Answer:

Wanda's blue dress was old, faded but used to be neat and clean. Similarly her house was small and makeshift but clean. Therefore, it reminded Maddie of Wanda's blue dress.

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

Answer:

Wanda thinks about not letting injustice happen to anyone. She makes vow that she would protest if anybody misbehaves with anybody. She won't be a mute spectator the way she did earlier. In a way the episode of Wanda's family leaving that city works as major change agent for Maddie's personality.

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1. What did the girls write to Wanda?

Answer:

The girls wrote a friendly letter to Wanda telling her that she had won the contest. They also wrote how pretty her drawings were. They asked her if she liked the place where she was living and if she liked her new teacher. They wanted to say that they were sorry. However, they ended up with just writing a friendly letter. They signed it with lots of X's for love.

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

Answer:

No, they did not get a reply. Maddie was more anxious for a reply as she thought a lot about it. She would put herself to sleep making speeches about Wanda and defending her from great crowds of girls who were trying to tease her. Before Wanda could press her lips together in a tight line, which she did before answering, Maddie would cry out and ask everybody to stop and then, everybody would feel ashamed the way she felt. Peggy, on the other hand, had begun to forget about the whole affair. This shows that Maddie was more anxious for a reply than Peggy.

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

Answer:

The girls came to know that Wanda liked them even though they had teased her as she had asked Miss Mason to give the green dress with red trimming to Peggy and the blue one to Maddie. Later when Maddie looked at the drawing very carefully, she realized that the dress had a face and a head, which looked like her own self. The head and face in the drawing given to Peggy looked just like Peggy. That is why the girls knew that Wanda liked them even though they had teased her.

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