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#### Oral Comprehension Check

1. Where in the classroom does Wanda sit and why?

Answer:

Wanda used to sit in the seat next to the last seat, in the last row, in Room Thirteen. She sat there because her feet were normally caked with dry mud and very dirty. So in order to avoid being laughed at by her classmates, she sat there to hide her dirty feet.

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

Answer:

Wanda lived at Boggins Heights. It seems that it was a place far away from the school and also, where there was a lot of dry mud, thereby indicating that it was not a very rich locality.

3. When and why do Peggy and Maddie notice Wanda's absence?

Answer:

Peggy and Maddie noticed Wanda's absence after three days, i.e., on Wednesday because they wanted to be with her for a lot of fun. They waited for her for a long time but she didn't turn up.

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

Answer:

Wanda was a quiet and shy girl who was ashamed of dust laden feet. The girls used to make fun of her. This gave them a lot of pleasure therefore, they wanted to have fun with her.

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1. In what way was Wanda different from the other children?

Answer:

Wanda was different from other children. She did not have any friends. She came to school alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that did not fit her properly. Unlike other children, she did not talk to anybody.

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

Answer:

No, she did not have a hundred dresses because she was poor and wore the same faded dress to school everyday. She had an inferiority complex. In order to hide the complex and impress the other girls, she always said that she had a hundred dresses.

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

Answer:

Maddie was embarrassed by the questions Peggy asked Wanda because she was poor herself. She usually wore old clothes, which were handed down by someone else. She did not feel sorry for Wanda. She was worried that perhaps later, everyone would start

teasing her too. She thought she was different from Wanda in the sense that she would never claim that she had a hundred dresses. She was not as poor as Wanda. Yet she was afraid that the others might mock her too.

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

Answer:

Maddie couldn't ask Peggie to stop teasing Wanda because Peggie was her best friend and she had faith in Peggie that she would never do anything wrong. She was afraid of being laughed at for her poor dresses.

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

Answer:

Maddie thought that Peggy would win the drawing contest because Peggy drew better than anyone else. She could copy a picture in a magazine, or some film star's face so well that one could tell who it was.

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

Answer:

Wanda won the drawing contest. The winner of drawing contest was appreciated by the judges and applauded by her fellow classmates.

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