

NCERT Solutions:-

Q1. Where in the classroom does Wanda sit and why?

Ans- Wanda always sat on 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. Therefore she always sat there to hide her dirty feet.

Q2. How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls? How do they treat her?

Ans- Wanda is seen as different by other girls because first she doesn't belong to their community. Second, she belongs to a poor family and always seen in her faded, blue, shabby dress. Her name 'Petronski' sounds funny to other girls.

Q3. How does Wanda feel about the dress game? Why does she say that she has a hundred dresses?

Ans- Wanda feels very bad about the dress game. She was a poor girl and disliked being ridiculed by everyone's joke. Specially Peggy, who usually made fun of her faded blue dress and in order to counter Peggy's fun, she claimed she had a hundred dresses.

Q4. Why does Maddie stand by and not do anything? How is she different from Peggy?

Ans- Maddie's real name was Madeline and was poor herself. She was American by birth. She always stood by never doing anything because Peggy's friendship was important to Maddie as she was the best- liked girl in the whole class and afraid to be the next target of everyone's fun.

Maddie is different from Peggy because she did not make fun of Wanda.

Q5. What does Miss Mason think of Wanda's drawings? What do the children think of them?

Ans- Miss Mason is the teacher of room thirteen.

She appreciated Wanda's drawings as she admired her creativity. As she considers them really beautiful. and worthy of winning individually. The children were also surprised to see her hundred dresses drawings with each drawing having an exquisite and unique design.

Q6. Where does Wanda live? What kind of a place do you think it is?

Ans- Wanda lives at Beggins Heights. This place was far away from the school and there is a lot of dry mud area, which indicates that it is a poor neighbourhood.

Q7. When and why do Peggy and Maddie notice Wanda's absence ?

Ans- 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

Q8. In what way was Wanda different from the other children ?

Ans- Wanda Petronski was a young Polish girl who went to school with other American children. She didn't have any friends so she came to school alone and went home alone. Though She didn't have any friends, but a lot of girls talked about her faded blue dress.

Q9. Did Wanda have a hundred dresses? Why do you think she said she did?

Ans- No, Wanda didn't have a hundred dresses in her closet. She said that because She didn't want to get bullied by everyone's joke. Specially, her classmate Peggy, usually made fun of her faded blue dress in order to counter Peggy's fun, she claimed that she had a hundred dresses.

Q10. Why is Maddie embarrassed by the questions Peggy asks Wanda ? Is she also like Wanda, or is she different ?

Ans - Maddie was embarrassed by the questions Peggy asked Wanda because she was

asking Wanda those questions in that mocking polite voice. As Maddie felt embarrassed and studied the marbles in the palm of her hand, rolling them around and saying nothing herself. Maddie was an American girl and was poor herself who usually wore somebody's hand-me-down clothes.

Q11. Why didn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda ? What was she afraid of?

Ans- Maddie didn't ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda because Peggy was the most popular girl in the school. She was pretty, had many pretty clothes and her hair was curly. Maddie was her closest friend. She didn't want to lose Peggy's friendship and was afraid to be the next target of everyone's fun.

Q12- Who did Maddie think would win the drawing contest? Why?

Ans- According to Maddie, Peggy was the most probable candidate to win the drawing and coloring contest. It was so because Peggy drew better than all the other students in the class. As she was good at creating drawings which attracted everyone.

Q13. Who won the drawing contest? What had the winner drawn?

Ans- Wanda Petronski won the drawing contest. Wanda drew one hundred designs - all different and all beautiful.

Short Answer Questions:-

Q.1 Why did Wanda always go back alone?

Ans- She lived in Boggins Heights where no other student lived. She did not have any friends either. So she used to go and come home all alone.

Q2. In what way was Wanda different from the other children?

Ans - Wanda was different from the other children. She was a poor girl. She did not have many friends, she did not have many dresses. She was very quiet and rarely said anything at all. And nobody had ever heard her laugh out loud.

Q3. What do you think 'to have' fun with her means?

Ans- Peggy and Maddie were not bad girls. They had no bad intentions towards Wanda. They did not want to tease her but it was a way to enjoy and have a happy time.

Q4. Is Peggy a heartless girl?

Ans- Peggy is not really a heartless girl. She protected small children from bullies. And she cried for hours if she saw an animal mistreated.

Q5. Did Wanda have a hundred dresses? Why do you think she said this?

Ans- No Wanda did not have a hundred dresses. She had only one dress but she had a hundred designs of different dresses in her mind. She said that she had a hundred dresses to arouse curiosity among the girls who asked her these questions mockingly.

Q6. What was the opinion of the judges about Wanda?

Ans- Wanda had drawn one hundred designs of dresses, which were all different and all beautiful. In the opinion of the judges any one of the drawings was worthy of winning the prize. So she was declared winner of the girls medal.

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Long Answer type Questions:-

Q1. Write the character sketch of Wanda Petronski?

Ans- Wanda Petronski is a Polish girl who has shifted to America with her parents and younger brother. She is very kind and simple hearted who never behaves badly with anyone. She feels disturbed when Peggy teases and she replies confidently and courageously to what Peggy says to her. She wears the same blue faded dress everyday. She is very talented and is good at drawings. After winning the drawing contest she also proved her creative life. She is forgiving and generous as she forgives Peggy and Maddie by giving them her two drawings in which she draws their faces.

Q2. How did the girls know that Wanda liked them even though they teased her?

Ans- 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. Therefore, the girls knew that Wanda liked them even though they had teased her.

Q3. Give the character sketch of Maddie ?

Ans- Maddie was a poor girl who usually wore somebody's hand-me-down clothes. Although she did not like Peggy making fun of Wanda, she did not say anything as she was afraid that Peggy would start making fun of her. Peggy's friendship was important to her as Peggy was the most liked girl in the room. Maddie was not a coward but only lacked courage.

Q4. What kind of a girl was Peggy?

Ans- Peggy was most popular and pretty looking girl. She was hypocrite and kind. These two adjective words show the contradiction in her behaviour and in spite of that she was

a good artist, she protected children from bullies, cried when animals were ill treated but also made fun of Wanda. She was the most intelligent and attractive girl and was sentimental as well.

Comprehension Questions:-

A. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

Peggy was not really cruel. She protected small children from bullies. And she cried for hours if she saw an animal mistreated. If anybody had said to her, "Don't you think that is a cruel way to treat Wanda?" She would have been very surprised. Cruel? Why did the girl say she had a hundred dresses? Anybody could tell that was a lie. Why did she want to lie? And she wasn't just an ordinary person, else why did she have a name like that? Anyway, they never made her cry.

As for Maddie, this business of asking Wanda every day how many dresses and how many hats, and how many this and that she had was bothering her. Maddie was poor herself. She usually wore somebody's hand-me-down clothes. Thank goodness, she didn't live up on Boggins Heights or have a funny name.

Q1. Who was not really cruel?

Ans- Peggy was not really cruel.

Q2. What did she protect small children from?

Ans- She protected small children from bullies.

Q3. Why did she cry for hours?

Ans- She cried for hours if she saw an animal mistreated.

Q4. How do you know that Maddie was also poor?

Ans- Maddie wore somebody's hand-me-down clothes.

B. The next day, Tuesday, Wanda was not in school, either. And nobody noticed her absence again. But on Wednesday, Peggy and Maddie, who sat down front with other children who got good marks and who didn't track in a whole lot of mud,

did notice that Wanda wasn't there. Peggy was the most popular girl in school. She was pretty, she had many pretty clothes and her hair was curly. Maddie was her closest friend. The reason Peggy and Maddie noticed Wanda's absence was because Wanda had made them late to school. They had waited and waited for Wanda, to have some fun with her, and she just hadn't come.

Q1. From which lesson this passage has been taken ??

Ans- The Hundred Dresses -1

Q2. Who has written The Hundred Dresses-I'

Ans- Eleanor Estes has written "The Hundred Dresses-1

Q3. Why didn't Peggy and Maddie track in a whole lot of mud ?

Ans- Because they lived in a place where there were no muddy roads.

Q4. Why were Wanda's shoes caked with mud?

Ans- Wanda's shoes were caked with mud because the place where she lived was full of mud.

Q5. Who was Peggy?

Ans- Peggy was a pretty girl with curly hair and had many pretty clothes. Maddie was her closest friend.

C. The minute they entered the classroom, they stopped short and gasped. There were drawings all over the room, on every ledge and windowsill, ding colours and brilliant, lavish designs, all drawn on great sheets of sapping paper. There must have been a hundred of them, all lined up. These must be the drawings for the contest. They were! Everybody stopped and whistled or murmured admiringly.

As soon as the class had assembled, Miss Mason announced the winners. Jack Beggles had won for the boys, she said and his design for an outboard motor was on exhibition in Room Twelve, along with the sketches by all

the other boys

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Q4. Who announced the winners of the contest?

Ans- Miss Mason announced the name of the winners of the contest.

Q5. Which word from the passage means the same as 'very grand'?

Ans- Lavish

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Q1. Who lived in 'Boggins Heights'?

- a. Maddie
- b. Peggy
- c. Wanda
- d. Cecile

Q2. What was Wanda's full name?

- a. Wanda Polenski
- b. Wanda Petronski
- c. Wanda Patrick
- d. Wanda Pretty

Q3. How many drawings did Wanda draw?

- a. 100
- b. 10
- c. 50
- d. 150

Q4. Who secretly disliked how Wanda was being treated?

- a. Maddie
- b. Peggy
- c. Wanda
- d. Cecile

Q5. What was Maddie's full name?

- a. Madgeline
- b. Madeline
- c. Maddeline
- d. Madger

Q6. Who did Maddie think would win the contest?

- a. Maddie
- b. Peggy
- c. Wanda
- d. Cecile

Q7. How many pairs of shoes did Wanda say she had ?

- a. 100
- b. 10

- c. 50 d. 60

Q8. Which classroom did they all sit in?

- a. room fifteen b. room thirteen
c. room twenty d. room sixteen

Q9. Where in the classroom does Wanda sit?

- a. end corner b. middle
c. front d. front right

Q10. Who is the author of “The Hundred Dresses”?

- a. Robert Frost b. Fredrick Forsyth
c. Liam O’Flaherty d. Eleanor Estes

Answer Key

1. c. Wanda
2. b. Wanda Petronski
3. a. 100
4. a. Maddie
5. b. Madeline
6. b. Peggy
7. d. 60
8. b. room thirteen
9. a. end corner
10. d. Eleanor Estes