

# The Diary of a Young Girl

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While reading

Saturday, 13 June 1942–Friday,

21 August 1942

- 1 Answer these questions.
  - a Why does Anne want to write a diary?
  - b Where did the Frank family come from originally?
- 2 Anne and her family are Jewish. What restrictions are imposed on Jews in Holland at this time? Make notes under these headings.
  - a clothes
  - b travel
  - c shopping
  - d going out
  - e education
  - f entertainment
  - g visiting friends
- 3 Why do the Germans make these rules for the Jews? Talk with a friend or write a paragraph with your own ideas.
- 4 Answer these questions.
  - a Anne's father says, 'We may have to go into hiding soon.' Why is this necessary?
  - b What preparations has her father made for their hiding place?
  - c Why do the Frank family have to go into hiding on 8 July 1942?
  - d Who gets food for them?
  - e How do the Frank family listen to the news?
- 5 Match each name with the correct description.
  - a Margot .....
  - b Jan .....
  - c Miep .....
  - d Mr Kleiman .....
  - e Mr Kugler .....
  - f Mr van Daan .....
  - g Peter .....
  - h Bep Voskuijl .....
  - 1) a friend and colleague of Anne's father
  - 2) the man whose office hid the entrance to the hiding place
  - 3) the son of Mr and Mrs van Daan
  - 4) a 23 year old typist
  - 5) Anne's sister
  - 6) Jan's wife
  - 7) an employee of Mr Frank's company
  - 8) a manager at Mr Frank's company

- 6 Mr Kugler builds a bookcase to hide the entrance to the Secret Annexe. Can you think of a better way to hide the entrance? Give reasons for your answer.

Monday, 21 September 1942–Tuesday,

22 December 1943

- 7 Answer these questions.
  - a What are Anna and Peter studying?
  - b What is Anne making with her father?
  - c Why wouldn't Anne show her diary to Mrs van Daan?
- 8 Complete these sentences with the correct words.
  - a ..... thinks that Anne is spoilt.
  - b There is no bathroom, so people in the Annexe have to ..... in different rooms.
  - c One day they couldn't use the toilet because somebody was doing ..... downstairs.
  - d One evening Anna wore Peter's ..... and made the others laugh.
  - e The English radio says that the Jews are sent to ..... at Westerbork.
  - f Once Peter dropped a lot of ..... on the stairs.
- 9 Decide whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F).
  - a Alfred Dussel is a Jewish businessman who comes to live in the Annexe. ☐
  - b At first, Anne thinks Mr Dussel is nice. ☐
  - c At night Mr Dussel tells Anne to be quiet. ☐
  - d The authorities wait until night time to arrest Jewish people. ☐

Wednesday, 13 January 1943–Monday evening,

8 November 1943

- 10 There are mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct information.
  - a Every morning there are air raids in Holland. ....
  - b Anne thinks the war will end soon. ....
  - c Anne's family hasn't got enough money to eat. ....
  - d Anne gets into her mother's bed when she is frightened by the guns. ....

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- e Anne's mother is upset because Anne won't let her listen to her songs.  
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## 11 Number these events in the right order, from 1 to 7.

- a ☐ Burglars break into the warehouse and steal some money.  
b ☐ The British get to Naples.  
c ☐ The Frank family have to give their radio to the authorities.  
d ☐ Schipol airport is bombed.  
e ☐ Anne worries that the neighbours will notice their fire on Sunday mornings.  
f ☐ Lots of bombs fall on North Amsterdam.  
g ☐ Mr and Mrs van Daan have an argument about selling her best coat.

## 12 Answer these questions.

- a There is an official rule that people must give their radios to the authorities. What do you think is the reason for this rule?  
b The bombing of Amsterdam was so frightening that Anne and her family consider leaving the Secret Annexe. Why didn't they leave?  
c People tell Anne that she looks awful. What is wrong with Anne at this point in the story?

Sunday, 2 January 1944–Tuesday,

14 March 1944

## 13 Complete these sentences.

- a Anne feels ashamed when she reads the diary pages about .....  
b Anne likes the changes in .....  
c Anne feels fitter because she has started .....  
d In the Annexe, people no longer share .....

## 14 Answer these questions.

- a What do the Germans threaten to do if the Allies invade Holland?  
b Why is this threat so frightening?  
c Why does Anne say 'I have something to look forward to now' on 18th February?  
d In what ways does Anne feel that she and Peter are similar?  
e In what two ways does Anne feel bad because Mr M. has been arrested?  
f Why does Anne have a handkerchief when she is eating?

Saturday, 18 March 1944–Tuesday,

11 April 1944

## 15 Answer these questions.

- a When does Anne think that parents should tell their children about sex?  
b Why does Anne start to think that Peter loves her?  
c What happens when a plane crashes on top of a school?

## 16 Complete these sentences in your own words.

- a Anne thinks that Peter is like a child, loving, .....  
b Anne says that ordinary Dutch people have these five problems: .....  
c Anne says that the best meal of the week is when they have .....  
d Anne writes 'I thought I was going to die that night' on April 11th because .....  
e In the future, Anne wants to have a career as .....

Sunday, 16 April 1944–Afterword

## 17 There are mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct information.

- a On the 16th of April, Peter hits Anne for the first time.  
.....  
b Anne's father warns her to be careful because she sees Mr Dussel every day.  
.....  
c Anne writes that wars will end only when governments change.  
.....  
d Anne wants to study languages and science in London and Paris.  
.....  
e Anne feels closer to Peter during May 1944.  
.....

## 18 Answer these questions.

- a What happens in France on 6 June 1944?  
b How have Anne's feelings about nature changed since being in the Secret Annexe?  
c Which member of the Frank family survives the war?  
d Who finds Anne's diary and looks after it until the end of the war?

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## 1 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

bookcase diary pictures radio stars suitcase

- Anne received a blouse, a game and a ..... for her thirteenth birthday.
- After 1940, Jews in Holland had to wear yellow .....
- Anne's family put on a lot of clothes because they were afraid to carry a .....
- Anne decorated her bedroom with .....
- The Frank family get news from the .....
- The door to the Secret Annexe was hidden behind a .....

## 2 Underline the correct words.

- Anne complains that Mrs van Daan doesn't *cook* / *wash up*.
- Anne is studying *Dutch* / *English*.
- Anne's *father* / *mother* washes in the kitchen.
- A *friend* / *policeman* knocks on the Annexe door and frightens everyone.
- The people in the Annexe are supposed to *bathe* / *exercise* daily.
- Mr Dussel complains that Anne is too *greedy* / *noisy*.

## 3 Write right (✓) or wrong (X) or it does not say (?)

- Anne says that the van Daans don't share butter equally. ☐
- Peter makes some strange noises in the attic. ☐
- Mr Dussel immediately puts all his birthday presents in his cupboard. ☐
- A friend will give the Franks another radio. ☐
- Anne puts her diary in her 'escape bag'. ☐
- The people in the Annexe no longer exercise. ☐
- Anne thinks it is safe to look out of the Annexe windows. ☐

## 4 There are mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct information.

- Anne wants to be friends with Mr Dussel because she wants someone to talk to.
- Anne feels less stiff because she starts running.
- Mrs Frank makes friends with Mr van Daan.
- Everyone decides they must leave the Annexe when the invasion happens.
- Both Peter and Anne like pictures of singers.
- Mr M. cannot sell them black market food any more because he is sick.
- Anne eats with her handkerchief over her mouth because the meat and potatoes smell bad.

## 5 What happened first? Put the sentences in the right order and number them, 1–10.

- ☐ Burglars break into the warehouse.
- ☐ A plane crashes into a school.
- ☐ The Russians advance to Poland.
- ☐ Anne's mother tells her not to go to Peter's room.
- ☐ Anne sits and dreams in the attic with Peter.
- ☐ Peter and Anne have their first long talk.
- ☐ The people who sell them black market food get out of prison.
- ☐ Anne hears that people should save their war time diaries.
- ☐ Anne offers Peter some sausage but he doesn't take it.
- ☐ The people in the Annexe make jokes about Peter and Anne.

## 6 Choose the correct ending to each of these sentences.

- When Peter kisses Anne for the first time, she feels .....
- When Anne tells her father about her feelings for Peter, her father is .....
- Anne thinks the life of a housewife is .....
- When she hears that even Jews are reporting other Jews to the authorities, Anne feels .....
- After the police arrest Mr van Hooven, Anne thinks their life will become more .....
- After the D-Day invasion starts, Margot feels .....
- Anne says that 'Anne number one' is light-hearted, but 'Anne number two' is .....  
1) concerned.  
2) difficult.  
3) boring.  
4) wonderful.  
5) serious.  
6) sad.  
7) hopeful.

## 7 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- The people in the Secret Annexe were found by the Germans on 4 August 1944. ☐
- After Anne was arrested, one of the helpers found her diary. ☐
- Kugler was sent to a concentration camp but later he was allowed to go free. ☐
- Otto Frank found Anne's diary and kept it until after the war had ended. ☐