The Diary of a Young Girl

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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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?

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

bookcase diary pictures radio stars suitcase

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

2 Underline the correct words.

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

3 Write right (√) or wrong (×) or it does not say (?)

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

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

a Anne wants to be friends with Mr Dussel because she wants someone to talk to.
b Anne feels less stiff because she starts running.
c Mrs Frank makes friends with Mr van Daan.
d Everyone decides they must leave the Annexe when the invasion happens.
e Both Peter and Anne like pictures of singers.
f Mr M. cannot sell them black market food any more because he is sick.
g 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.

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

6 Choose the correct ending to each of these sentences.

a When Peter kisses Anne for the first time, she feels …..
b When Anne tells her father about her feelings for Peter, her father is …..
c Anne thinks the life of a housewife is …..
d When she hears that even Jews are reporting other Jews to the authorities, Anne feels …..
e After the police arrest Mr van Hoeven, Anne thinks their life will become more …..
f After the D-Day invasion starts, Margot feels …..
g 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.

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