

Chapter: The Hundred Dresses-I

1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:

(i) But on Wednesday, Peggy and Maddie, who sat down in 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.

- (a) What kind of a girl Peggy was?
- (b) How did Peggy and Maddie turn up late for school?
- (c) Find a word that means the opposite of 'absence'.
- (d) Who noticed Wanda's absence in the class?

(ii) 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.

- (a) Peggy was not cruel. Give reason.
- (b) Why did Peggy tease Wanda?
- (c) Find out the word which means the same as 'ill-treated'.
- (d) Did Wanda lie about her hundred dresses?

(iii) 'As for the girls' she said, although just one or two sketches were submitted by most. One girl and Room Thirteen should be proud of her-this one girl actually drew one hundred designs all different and all beautiful. In the opinion of the judges, any one of the drawings is worthy of winning the prize. I am very happy to say that Wanda Petronski is the winner of the girls' medal.'

- (a) Who does 'one girl' refer to in the passage?
- (b) What was the result of the drawing competition?
- (c) Find out the antonym of the word 'unreliable' used in the given passage.
- (d) What was the opinion of the judges of the drawing competition about Wanda's drawing?

2. Answer these questions in 30-40 words:

- (i) Describe the reaction of Wanda Petronski to Peggy and Maddie.
- (ii) Why did Maddie write a note to Peggy and then tore it?
- (iii) Where in the classroom did Wanda sit and why?
- (iv) What kind of a girl was Peggy?
- (v) How can you say that Maddie was different from Peggy?

3. Answer the question in 120-150 words:

- (i) 'Appearance could be misleading'. Write a paragraph justifying this statement with reference to the story 'The Hundred Dresses'.
- (ii) It disturbs you that Peggy and Maddie make fun of Wanda. You don't like it. You decide to speak about this as weak, ugly or poor. Write a speech to express your thoughts.
