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Pollyanna

12 Chapters

Day 1-12

Q1 W9-W12

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 1: The Glad Game

VOCABULARY parents, aunt, glad, game

Pollyanna was a young girl whose parents had passed away. Now she had to go and live with her strict Aunt Polly in a big house on a hill. Pollyanna was sad, but she remembered something her father had taught her before he died. It was a special game. "Find something to be glad about in everything," he had said, "and you will always be happy." ★ **She played the glad game.** She used it to find something happy every day. No matter what happened, she looked for the bright side. This simple game changed the way she saw the world.

THINK What did her father say?

Chapter 2: The Attic Room

VOCABULARY attic, hot, cry, glad

Aunt Polly gave Pollyanna a small, hot room in the attic. It had no mirror, no pictures, and very little furniture. The window was tiny, and the bed was hard. A girl might have cried, but Pollyanna did not cry. She smiled and found something to be happy about. ★ **Pollyanna always played the glad game.** "I'm glad there is no mirror," she laughed, "because I cannot see my freckles!" Then she looked out of the little window and saw a beautiful tree, with a bird singing in it. Her positive attitude amazed everyone who met her.

THINK What did Pollyanna see out of the window?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 3: The Sick Old Woman

VOCABULARY town, people, smile, glad

Pollyanna started her new life in the small town. The townspeople were surprised by her endless happiness. One day, she visited a sick old woman who complained about everything. "My bed is too hard! My soup is too cold! The sun hurts my eyes!" grumbled the woman. ★ **Pollyanna always found something to be glad about.** "I'm glad you have a window," she said, "because you can enjoy the warm sunshine." The old woman looked up. The sunshine felt warm on her face. For the first time in years, she began to smile.

THINK What did the old woman complain about?

Chapter 4: The Angry Old Man

VOCABULARY angry, flower, garden, rain

One day, Pollyanna met an old man who was angry at the whole world. "Everything is bad!" he grumbled. "Nothing is worth smiling for!" Pollyanna did not argue. She pointed to a beautiful pink flower in his garden. "Look," she said softly. "It opened just this morning." ★ **She found good things.** She found them everywhere she looked. When the rain began to fall, she clapped her hands. "I'm glad it's raining," she said, "because rainbows will come soon!" Slowly, the old man started to see the world differently. His angry frown became a tiny smile.

THINK Where was the flower?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 5: Kind at Heart

VOCABULARY happy, kind, bad, rude

Pollyanna was a happy girl, and she smiled every day. Life with Aunt Polly was not easy, but Pollyanna never complained. When bad things happened, she looked for the good part. She played the Glad Game, always finding something to be happy about. Even when people were rude, she saw the best in them. Once a boy in the shop was rude to her, but she said, "Thank you!" anyway, and he blushed. "Maybe he had a hard day," she said. She was always kind to everyone she met. ★ **She always found good because she was kind at heart.**

THINK Why did she say "Maybe he had a hard day"?

Chapter 6: A Warmer Town

VOCABULARY town, baker, doctor, nature

The glad game spread through the whole town like magic. The baker started sharing bread with his neighbors. The doctor treated sick people for free with a kind smile. Children began to shout "I'm glad!" in the street, and even the grumpy old woman hummed a tune. People learned to look for the bright side from Pollyanna. ★ **She always found something good because kindness was her nature.** The whole town became a warmer and happier place.

THINK What did children shout in the street?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 7: The Accident

VOCABULARY car, hurt, legs, worried

One terrible day, Pollyanna was crossing the road. A car came too fast and hit her very hard. Everything went quiet. The townspeople rushed over, crying and calling her name. "Pollyanna! Pollyanna!" ★ **She was badly hurt.** She could not move her legs at all. The doctor examined her and looked very worried. Everyone in town was heartbroken about their sunny girl. The baker brought bread, but nobody felt like eating.

THINK Why was the town heartbroken?

Chapter 8: Counting Blessings

VOCABULARY bed, walk, thankful, glad

Pollyanna lay in bed, feeling sad for the very first time. She could not walk or run or play outside anymore. For a moment, she thought the glad game was impossible. "What is there to be glad about now?" she whispered. Then she looked around the room. ★ **She was hurt but tried to stay glad.** She counted her blessings. She could still see, hear, and hold her friends' hands. Even in pain, she looked for something to be thankful for.

THINK What question did she whisper?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 9: A Butterfly Outside

VOCABULARY doctor, news, cried, strong

The doctor came back with very sad news for everyone. Pollyanna might never be able to walk again on her own. Tears rolled down her cheeks when she heard the truth, and she cried quietly into her pillow. But then she wiped her eyes and looked out of the window. A yellow butterfly was dancing in the garden. She watched it and smiled through her tears. ★ **She could not walk but still tried to be glad.** She was strong. Her brave spirit inspired everyone who came to visit her.

THINK Where did she cry?

Chapter 10: A Happy Smile

VOCABULARY kindness, smile, grumpy, changed

At first, many people in town thought Pollyanna was too cheerful. "Nobody can be glad all the time!" they said. But slowly, her warm words and bright smile touched their hearts. The grumpy old man began to laugh. The lonely woman made new friends. One by one, the townspeople changed. ★ **Her kindness changed people.** It changed them in ways nobody expected. Now they visited her bed every day, bringing flowers, jellies, and stories.

THINK What did people bring to Pollyanna?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 11: One Heart at a Time

VOCABULARY slowly, aunt, neighbors, joy

Pollyanna did not try to change anyone. She simply shared her joy and kindness every day. But people could not help but feel different around her. The strict aunt began to soften. She hummed softly while she made soup, and she even smiled at the garden. The angry neighbors started to wave. ★ **Her kindness slowly changed everyone around her.** It happened one heart at a time.

THINK What did Aunt Polly do while making soup?

Chapter 12: Like Sunshine

VOCABULARY smile, warm, town, contagious

Pollyanna's kindness spread through the town like sunlight. She never asked for anything in return. She just gave her warmth freely. One smile led to another. One kind word opened a closed heart. When Pollyanna was injured and could not walk, the whole town wept. But they did not stay sad. They gathered outside her window and sang to her. Now it was their turn to play the glad game for her. ★ **Her kindness changed everyone she met — positivity is contagious.**

THINK What did people do outside her window?