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A Little Princess

24 Chapters

Day 1-24

Q1 W01-W08

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 1: A Princess Without a Palace

VOCABULARY Sara, father, rich, princess

Sara lived at a school in London. Her father was rich and loved her very much. Then he lost his money and passed away. Sara became a poor servant girl. The girls laughed at her old clothes. But Sara kept smiling at people. A princess is kind in her heart. ★ **I am still a princess.**

THINK Who loved Sara very much?

Chapter 2: The Hardest Jobs

VOCABULARY Sara, Becky, kind, hardest

After her father died, Sara's life changed. She cleaned floors and carried coal every morning. Miss Minchin gave her the hardest jobs. Sara got very little food. Some girls laughed at her dress. But Sara was never unkind to them. She helped Becky, a servant girl.

★ **A true princess is kind even when life is not kind to her.**

THINK What did Sara carry every morning?

Chapter 3: One Thin Blanket

VOCABULARY attic, blanket, candle, princess

The winter in the attic was very cold. Sara had one thin blanket and a candle. She felt lonely. The girls did not look at her now. At night she talked to herself. She remembered her father's words. He always called her his princess. ★ **Whatever comes — if I am a princess in rags, I am still a princess.**

THINK How was the winter in the attic?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 4: Head Held High

VOCABULARY dignity, Sara, attic, head

Sara lost everything when her father died. She moved from a warm room to a cold attic. Other girls laughed at her old dress. Miss Minchin wanted her to feel ashamed. But Sara walked with her head high. She did not beg or complain. She had something inside that nobody could take. ★ **Dignity comes from within.**

THINK Where did Sara move?

Chapter 5: The Servant Who Stayed Calm

VOCABULARY dignity, servant, worth, poverty

Sara lost her father and her money in one day. She had to work as a servant at her school. The rich girls laughed at her torn clothes. But Sara stayed calm and kind. She never answered cruelty with cruelty. Her worth did not depend on money. ★ **True dignity cannot be taken away by poverty.**

THINK What did Sara lose in one day?

Chapter 6: Money Cannot Buy Character

VOCABULARY Lavinia, wealth, poverty, character

Lavinia was the richest girl at school. She wore beautiful dresses. But she said cruel things to others. Sara had almost nothing now. Still, people trusted Sara. Money could not buy good character. ★ **True dignity comes from within — it cannot be given by wealth or taken by poverty.**

THINK Who was the richest girl at school?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 7: Thank You, Cook

VOCABULARY servants, cook, Becky, kitchen

The school was full of rich students. They did not talk to the servants. But Sara thought everyone deserved respect. She thanked the cook for the plain food. She talked to Becky like a friend. She smiled at the kitchen boy too. ★ **Sara treated everyone kindly.**

THINK Who did the students ignore?

Chapter 8: Lavinia Asks Why

VOCABULARY Lavinia, servants, worth, position

Lavinia asked why Sara talked to servants. She said servants should be treated differently. Sara said she did not see the world that way. She had been rich, and now she was a servant. She knew worth does not depend on position. Becky deserved kindness because of who she was. ★ **Sara treated everyone with equal kindness.**

THINK Who asked Sara a question?

Chapter 9: The Rules of the School

VOCABULARY rules, kitchen, Miss Minchin, respect

The school had strict social rules. Rich students were treated well. Poor servants were almost invisible. Miss Minchin liked these rules. But Sara gave everyone the same respect. She listened to the kitchen boy like a guest. ★ **Sara treated everyone with equal kindness regardless of their wealth or social position.**

THINK Who liked the social rules?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 10: The Castle in Her Mind

VOCABULARY imagination, attic, warm, fire

Sara's attic was cold and bare. It had no carpet and no fireplace. But she had a special gift: imagination. She closed her eyes and pictured a warm room. She imagined a bright fire and a hot meal. In her mind, no hardship could find her. ★ **Imagination sustained her.**

THINK What was the attic like?

Chapter 11: The Story Before Sleep

VOCABULARY story, night, tired, father

Every night Sara was tired and cold. Her work had been long and hard. Before sleeping, she told herself a story. In the story her father was alive. They sat by a warm fire together. The room felt less empty. ★ **Imagination kept Sara strong in dark times.**

THINK How was Sara every night?

Chapter 12: Melchisedec the Rat

VOCABULARY despair, rats, stories, spirit

Some days Sara felt very close to despair. She was cold, hungry, and alone. Nobody was kind to her at school. At night she built a world in her mind. She gave names to the attic rats. She invented stories for each one. Her spirit did not break. ★ **Sara's imagination sustained her through her darkest days and kept her spirit alive.**

THINK How did Sara feel some days?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 13: Not Bitter

VOCABULARY bitter, Sara, Becky, hard

People expected Sara to become bitter. They thought hard times would make her cold. But Sara stayed the same kind girl. She was gentle with the cook. She smiled at Becky every day. Hard times showed who she really was. ★ **Adversity reveals character.**

THINK What did people expect Sara to become?

Chapter 14: Two Girls, Two Hearts

VOCABULARY Lavinia, generous, patient, character

Lavinia had always been rich. She had always been quietly unkind. When Sara lost everything, we could compare them. Sara stayed generous and patient. Lavinia stayed jealous and selfish. Hard times do not change people. ★ **Adversity reveals the true character inside a person.**

THINK Who had always been rich?

Chapter 15: Already There

VOCABULARY Sara, father, hardship, qualities

Some people say hard times make us good. But Sara was kind before any hardship. Her father had taught her to value character. When poverty came, her qualities were already there. Hard times only took away her comfort. Then everyone could see her goodness. ★ **Adversity does not create character — it reveals the character already there inside us.**

THINK Who taught Sara to value character?

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Chapter 16: The Easy Way Out

VOCABULARY integrity, kitchen, rumors, easy

Sara had many chances to be dishonest. She could steal food from the kitchen. She could tell rumors about Miss Minchin. She could say cruel things to Lavinia. But Sara refused every easy path. What she chose mattered most. ★ **She kept her integrity.**

THINK What could Sara steal?

Chapter 17: Impossible Tasks

VOCABULARY cruel, tasks, anger, bitterness

Miss Minchin was often cruel to Sara. She gave her impossible tasks. Lavinia was cruel with mocking words. Anyone could understand Sara's anger. But Sara worked honestly and spoke kindly. She felt no bitterness. ★ **She never lost her integrity even in cruelty.**

THINK Who was often cruel to Sara?

Chapter 18: The Coldest Night

VOCABULARY winter, supper, despair, memory

It was the coldest winter night. Sara was blamed and got no supper. She sat alone in the dark. Despair sat beside her. She thought of her father's memory. She decided to keep her self. ★ **Even when life was most cruel, Sara never sacrificed her integrity or sense of self.**

THINK What kind of night was it?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 19: Deciding Before Dawn

VOCABULARY morning, decision, kind, cold

Every morning Sara woke up in the cold attic. She had a long day of work ahead. She could have been cold to others. Nobody would have blamed her. But she made a decision before she got up. She decided to be kind. ★ **Kindness is a choice.**

THINK Where did Sara wake up?

Chapter 20: Becky in the Hallway

VOCABULARY Becky, hallway, stairs, comfort

Miss Minchin scolded Sara in front of everyone. Sara was tired and wanted to be alone. In the hallway she saw Becky crying. Sara stopped to ask what was wrong. She listened and gave comfort. Then she went slowly up the stairs. ★ **Kindness is always a deliberate choice we make.**

THINK Who scolded Sara?

Chapter 21: Sara's Rule

VOCABULARY rule, feeling, sunrise, Lavinia

Sara had a rule about how to live. She did not wait for the feeling of kindness. She decided before each day began. When Lavinia was cruel, the choice was made. People could count on Sara's kindness. It was like the sunrise. ★ **Kindness is always a choice — Sara chose it every day no matter how she was treated.**

THINK What did Sara have?

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Chapter 22: The Most Admired Girl

VOCABULARY Lavinia, admired, wealth, fragile

Lavinia was the most admired girl at school. Her wealth made everyone want to impress her. She thought her position would never change. Then Sara came, rich and warm.

Lavinia lost her special place. She learned how fragile it was. ★ **Privilege is not permanent.**

THINK Who was the most admired girl?

Chapter 23: What Is Your Worth Built On?

VOCABULARY identity, wealth, foundation, worth

Sara and Lavinia both began with wealth. Lavinia built her foundation on money to measure her worth. Sara never made money her identity. When Sara lost everything, she stayed herself. When Lavinia felt challenged, she was shaken. Worth must be built on something deeper.

★ **Privilege should never be used to define identity.**

THINK What did Lavinia use to measure her worth?

Chapter 24: Everything That Could Not Be Taken

VOCABULARY character, privilege, Sara, insecurity

By the end, something was clear. Sara had lost everything outside. But she was kinder and stronger. Lavinia kept her privilege but felt small. Her cruelty showed her insecurity. Sara had her character, which no one could take.

★ **Privilege is not permanent — those who define themselves by it lose everything when it goes.**

THINK What did Sara lose?