

# THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Part 1 – Read this extract from the diary of Anne Frank, a Jewish girl hiding from the Nazis with her family:

Thursday, 9 July 1942



The hiding-place is in Father's office building. On the bottom floor is the warehouse, and next to it an entrance to the office, which is upstairs. There are two offices – a front one which is big and light, and a small dark one at the back. Not many people work in Father's offices, just Mr Kugler, Mr Kleiman, Miep and a twenty-three-year-old typist called Bep Voskuijl. Mr Voskuijl, Bep's father, works in the warehouse with two helpers, who don't know anything about us. (...) Up on the second floor is our "Secret Annexe". There are some attics for storage on the left, and on the right is the door to our hiding-place, behind a revolving bookcase. It's surprising that there are so many rooms behind that small grey door.



Margot and I share a small room, and Mother and Father's bedroom is also our sitting-room. Up the stairs again is a big light room which will be the kitchen and Mr and Mrs van Daan's bedroom. There is a very small room for Peter, their son, and another attic. So that's our lovely Annexe!



## Rooms (from the ground floor up):

- 1 Warehouse (stores)
- 2 Kitchen of the company
- 3 Door to Otto Frank's private office
- 4 Viktor Kugler's office
- 5 Johannes Kleiman's, Miep Gies' and Bep Voskuijl's offices
- 6 Warehouse
- 7 Attic
- 8 The revolving door entrance behind the bookcase
- 9 Washroom and toilet
- 10 Otto, Edith and Margot Frank's bedroom
- 11 Anne Frank and Fritz Pfeffer's bedroom
- 12 Common living room and dining room (at night, Hermann & Auguste van Pels' bedroom)
- 13 Peter van Pelt's bedroom and ladder to the attic
- 14 Attic
- 15 Loft



Sources: text adapted from <https://pggarodialibrary.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/the-diary-of-a-young-girl.pdf>

Images of the secret annex: [www.annefrank.org/de/downloads/filer\\_public/b6/84/b6849418-8f25-4382-a00a-04047b65ee46/leren\\_met\\_anne\\_frank\\_por.pdf](http://www.annefrank.org/de/downloads/filer_public/b6/84/b6849418-8f25-4382-a00a-04047b65ee46/leren_met_anne_frank_por.pdf)

### Part 2. Choose the correct answers for these questions:

1. Where is Anne's family's hiding place?
  - a) It is in a friend's house.
  - b) It is in her father's company building.
  - c) It is in a block of offices.
2. What is there on the ground floor?
  - a) There are some offices.
  - b) There is a warehouse.
  - c) There is a flat.
3. How many offices are there in the building?
  - a) There are two offices.
  - b) There are three offices.
  - c) There are four offices.

4. Where is the entrance to the “secret annexe”?

- a) In the ground floor.
- b) In the first floor.
- c) In the second floor.

5. What colour is the door that leads into the annexe?

- a) Black.
- b) Brown.
- c) Grey.

6. Who shares her bedroom with Anne, according to the text?

- a) No one, she sleeps in her own bedroom.
- b) Her sister Margot.
- c) Her parents.

7. Which room do Anne and her family use as the sitting-room during the day?

- a) Anne’s room.
- b) Anne’s parents’ room.
- c) A big room on the fourth floor.

8. Who is Peter?

- a) Anne’s brother.
- b) Anne’s cousin.
- c) Another family’s son.

9. What is Peter’s room like?

- a) It is large.
- b) It is long.
- c) It is not very big.

10. Does Anne like her hiding place?

- a) Yes, she thinks it is very nice.
- b) Yes, she thinks it is very big.
- c) No, she thinks it is too small.

**Part 3 – Read another extract from Anne Frank’s diary:**

*Tuesday, 29 September 1942*

Try to imagine this. We haven't got a bathroom, so we all take our water away to wash in different places! Peter goes in the office kitchen, which has a glass door. Mr van Daan carries his hot water upstairs so that he can be private. Mrs van Daan hasn't had a bath yet — she can't decide which is the best place for it! Father goes into the private office and Mother into the kitchen. Margot and I share the front office. We close the curtains and wash ourselves there in the dark!

On Wednesday someone was doing repairs in the office downstairs. We couldn't use the toilet or use water all day. Father and I found a suitable pot which we could all use as a toilet! We had to sit still all day and not say a word! That was the most difficult thing for me.

#### Part 4. Choose the correct answers for these questions:

1. Does the annex have a bath or a shower?

- a) It only has a shower.
- b) It only has a bath.
- c) It has **both** a shower **and** a bath.
- d) It hasn't got **either** a shower **or** a bath.

2. How do they wash?

- a) They use the shower.
- b) They use the bath.
- c) Some use the shower, some the bath.
- d) They wash with a little water in different rooms.

3. Why hasn't Mrs Van Daan had a bath yet?

- a) Because she doesn't like the shower.
- b) Because she doesn't like the bath.
- c) Because she is not sure where she can do it best.

4. Why couldn't they use water all day on Wednesday?

- a) Because there were people downstairs who could hear them.
- b) Because they had cut off the water supply.
- c) Because it was too cold.

5. What did they use as a toilet?

- a) They used the bath.
- b) They used a pot.
- c) They didn't use anything.

6. What did they do all day?

- a) They could only sit and talk in very low voices.
- b) Nothing, not even eat.
- c) Nothing, not even talk.

7. Why was that the hardest part for Anne?

- a) Because she liked talking.
- b) Because she liked playing and laughing.
- c) Because she couldn't wash herself.

**Part 5. Read the last entry in Anne's diary:**

**Tuesday, 1 August 1944**

*I'm two people, really, as I've often told you. One side of me is cheerful and amusing, and enjoys a kiss or a rude joke. This is the Anne that people know, and they will be amused by me for an afternoon, but after that they've had enough of me for a month! No one knows the other side, the better side of Anne. It's deeper and finer. But the first Anne always shows herself, and won't let the second Anne out. I try, but it doesn't work. It's because I'm afraid —afraid that people will laugh at me. Of course people laugh at me now—I'm used to it—but they laugh at the amusing 'lighthearted' Anne. She doesn't care, but the 'deeper' Anne is too weak for that. If I make the good Anne come out even for fifteen minutes, she won't speak, and allows Anne number one to talk. Then, before I realize it, she's disappeared again.*

*So the nice Anne never comes out in front of other people, but she's almost always there when I'm alone. I would like to change, and I'm trying hard, but it's difficult. If I'm quiet and serious, my family thinks I'm ill! But I keep trying to become what I would like to be, and what I could be if... if only there were no other people in the world.*

**Part 6. Read what happened at the end of Anne's diary:**

*On the morning of 4 August 1944, a car arrived at 263 Prinsengracht, the address of the Secret Annexe. German and Dutch police arrested the eight people who were hiding in the Annexe. Somebody must have told the authorities that they were hiding there. They also arrested two of their helpers, Mr Kugler and Mr Kleiman.*