

Anne Frank

My name was **Anne Frank**, and I was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1929. When I was still very young, my parents **decided** to leave Germany because the situation for Jewish families **became** dangerous. In 1934, we **moved** to Amsterdam, and for several years my life **felt** peaceful again. I **attended** school, **played** with my friends, and **dreamed** of becoming a writer one day.

Everything **changed** in May 1940, when the German army **invaded** the Netherlands. After that, new laws **restricted** our lives. I **couldn't** go to my old school anymore, I **had** to wear the yellow star, and our freedom **disappeared** little by little. My parents **tried** to stay calm, but I **noticed** their fear every time the radio **reported** new rules for Jews.

On July 6, 1942, our family **went** into hiding. We **moved** to the Secret Annex, a hidden area behind my father's office building. The entrance **was** behind a movable bookshelf, and we **blocked** the windows with thick black curtains. Life in the Annex **was** quiet, stressful, and very different from anything I knew. We **shared** the space with the Van Daan family and later with Mr. Dussel, which often **caused** arguments and tension.

Every day, we **followed** the same routine: we **woke up** early, we **walked** softly, and we **whispered** so the workers downstairs didn't hear us. At night, when the building **became** silent, we **moved** more freely and sometimes **listened** to the radio. I **missed** the outside world terribly, especially the sky, the streets, and the sound of children playing.

My diary, which I **received** for my thirteenth birthday, **became** my closest companion. I **wrote** in it almost every day. I **expressed** my fears about the war, my frustration with the adults, my admiration for my father, and my growing feelings for Peter. Writing **helped** me stay strong, even when the situation **felt** hopeless. I **hoped** that one day my words would reach the world.

We **spent** more than two years in hiding. Our helpers—Miep, Bep, Mr. Kugler, and Mr. Kleiman—**risked** everything to bring us food, news, and books. Their courage **gave** us hope during the darkest days.

But on August 4, 1944, our hiding place **was discovered**. The police **arrested** all of us and **took** us away. First we **were sent** to Westerbork, and later to Auschwitz. Conditions in the camps **were** horrible. Many people **became** sick and weak, and Margot and I **were moved** again to Bergen-Belsen.

In the winter of 1945, Margot **fell** ill, and shortly after, I **became** sick too. I **didn't know** that my father survived, and I **didn't know** that my diary also survived the war. I **died** before seeing peace return, but my words **continued** living.

Even though my life **ended** early, my diary **became** a voice for the millions of children affected by the war. I always **wanted** to become a writer, and in a way, I **achieved** that dream through the pages I left behind.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Choose the correct answer.

1. Why did Anne's family move to Amsterdam?

- a) They wanted to find better jobs.
- b) They wanted a safer place away from danger.
- c) They wanted to live near relatives.
- d) They preferred the climate in the Netherlands.

2. What happened in May 1940 that changed Anne's life?

- a) Anne started a new school.
- b) The Frank family moved again.
- c) The German army invaded the Netherlands.
- d) The war ended suddenly.

3. What became Anne Frank's closest companion in the Secret Annex?

- a) Her radio
- b) Her diary
- c) Her books
- d) Her sister Margot

4. What happened on August 4, 1944?

- a) The family received good news.
- b) Anne's father took them to a new hiding place.
- c) The Secret Annex was discovered and they were arrested.
- d) The helpers rescued the families in hiding.

TRUE OR FALSE

Write True or False

1. Anne Frank and her family lived in the Secret Annex for less than one year.
2. Anne often wrote in her diary because it helped her understand her thoughts and feelings.
3. Anne and Margot were moved to Bergen-Belsen after staying in Auschwitz.

MATCHING QUESTIONS

Match Column A with Column B.

Column A

1. The Secret Annex
2. Miep and Bep
3. Anne's dream

Column B

- a) To become a writer
- b) A hidden place behind her father's office
- c) Helpers who brought food and news