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Anne of Green Gables

Chapter nine: Some Stupid Mistakes

One spring afternoon. Marilla walked home. The country was very beautiful and Marilla felt happy.

"Anne's at home," she thought. "She'll make a good fire, and she'll have tea on the table."

But Anne wasn't at Green Gables. There was no fire, and the tea wasn't ready. "Where is that girl?" thought Marilla angrily. "Is she playing with Diana again? She has to do housework first."

Matthew came in from the farm and he and Marilla had tea. But Anne didn't come. When it was dark, Marilla went upstairs to Anne's room. Anne was on her bed.

"What's wrong, Anne?" said Marilla in surprise. "Are you sick?"

"No, Marilla," said Anne unhappily. "Look at my hair!"

Marilla looked at Anne's hair. It was green! "Anne Shirley!" she said. "What did you do to it?"

"I dyed it," said Anne. "I hated my red hair. Today a man came to Green Gables. He wanted to sell us things. I saw a bottle of black hair dye in his box, so I bought it. But it made my hair green!"

"Go and wash it," said Marilla.

Anne washed her hair. But the green color didn't go away.

"Oh, Marilla," she said. "What shall I do? The other girls will laugh at me. I can't go to school."

Anne stayed home for a week. She washed her hair every day, but the green colour stayed in her hair.

"We'll have to cut it," Marilla said, and she cut Anne's hair short.

"I'll never hate my red hair again!" Anne said.

She went back to school. When her friends saw her short hair, they were very surprised. But Anne didn't tell them about the dye. After some weeks, Anne's hair looked prettier than before, and it wasn't as red.

One day in the summer, Anne and her friends were by the river near Diana's house. There was an old boat there.

"Let's play a game," said Anne. "Do you remember that poem from school about a girl,

Elaine? She was unhappy in love. She found a boat on the river and got into it.

Then she died. The river carried the boat to a town. Everybody came and saw her.

"I'll be Elaine. I'll get into this old boat and the river will carry it down to the bridge. Go and wait for me there."

Anne climbed into the bottom of the boat. The girls put flowers into her hands and Anne closed her eyes.



Marilla looked at Anne's hair. It was green!

"Oh," said the girls. "Anne really looks dead."

They pushed the boat out into the center of the river, and ran to the bridge. The river was very fast and dangerous. The boat was old and not very strong. Suddenly, a lot of water came into the boat. Anne sat up. She was very afraid.

The boat went past a large tree and Anne caught the tree with her hands. The river carried the boat away. Then the boat went down—down to the bottom of the river.

Diana and the other girls waited at the bridge. They saw the boat in the river, but they didn't see Anne. "Anne's in the river!" they cried. "Let's go for help!" They ran quickly to Diana's house.

Anne was very cold and wet. She had her arms around the tree, but she couldn't

move. Her arms hurt and she felt very tired. "Help! Help!" she cried. "Why doesn't somebody come?"

Suddenly, a small boat came down the river. A boy was in it. It was Gilbert Blythe. "Anne Shirley, what are you doing here?" he asked in surprise.

Anne told him, and Gilbert brought his boat near the tree. He gave Anne his hand and pulled her into his boat. But Anne didn't look at him.

"Thank you," she said coldly.

"Please let's be friends," said Gilbert. "I was rude about your hair in school, and I'm sorry. But your hair is very pretty now."

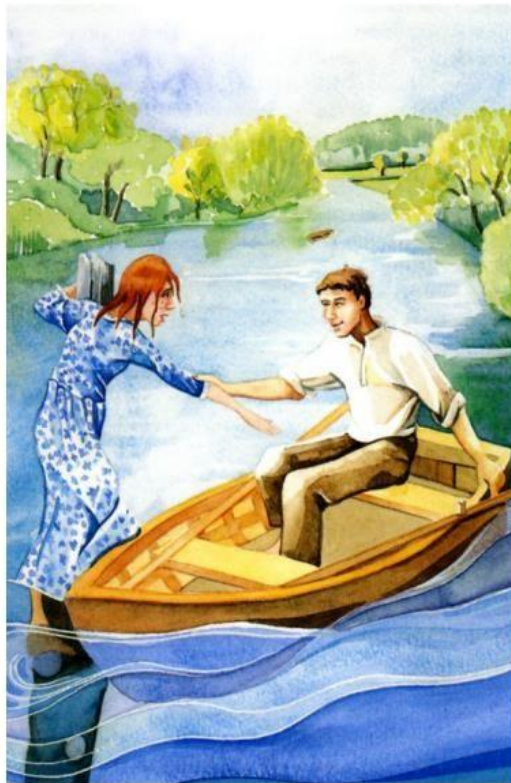
"No," said Anne. "I'll never be friends with you!"

"All right," said Gilbert angrily. "I'll never ask you again!"

Chapter ten: The Queen's College Class

It was November. Marilla and Anne sat in the kitchen at Green Gables. Marilla's eyes were tired and weak. They often hurt her.

"I'll go to town tomorrow and get new glasses," she thought.



Gilbert gave Anne his hand and pulled her into his boat.

Anne was in front of the fire with a book in her hand. Marilla watched her. She loved Anne very much. She often made pretty dresses for the child now.

"Anne," she said. "Miss Stacy was here today. She talked to me about your future. Would you like to study at Queen's College in Charlotte town? Would you like to be a teacher?"

"Oh yes, Marilla," said Anne, and her eyes shone. "But isn't Queen's College very expensive?"

"Yes," said Marilla. "But Matthew and I will pay for you."

Six other students from Avonlea wanted to go to Queen's College, too. They studied after school in one class—the Queen's College class.

Anne and Gilbert Blythe were the smartest students in the class. Sometimes Anne was

first, and sometimes Gilbert. Gilbert was friendly with the other girls in the class, but he never spoke to Anne.

When Anne thought about him, she felt sorry. "I don't hate Gilbert now," she thought.

The Queen's College class was very interesting and the days went quickly. Winter came again, then spring, then summer. At the beginning of the long summer vacation, Anne went home and put her books away in a box.

"I'm not going to study in the vacation," she said to Marilla. "I want to enjoy this summer. There are going to be parties and concerts. And Mr. Barry is going to take us to dinner one evening at the hotel at White Sands."

Mrs. Lynde came to tea with Marilla at Green Gables. "Matthew doesn't look very well these days," she said.

"No," said Marilla. "He had a problem with his heart last week. He works hard, but he has to be careful."

"When Anne came to Green Gables, I said unkind things about her," said Mrs. Lynde. "But I made a big mistake. She helps you, and she's very pretty now too."

Anne enjoyed her summer very much. In the fall, she went back to school. The Queen's College class started again and Anne worked hard all year. But she went to parties and concerts, too.

When Marilla looked at Anne, she felt a little sad. "She's fifteen now," she thought. "She's almost a woman!"

By June, Anne and the other students were ready for the Queen's College examinations. They went to Charlotte town and stayed there for a week. When Anne came home, Diana was at Green Gables.

"How were the examinations, Anne?" she asked.

"They were very difficult," said Anne. "I'm very tired now!"

One evening three weeks later, Anne sat by the window in Green Gables. The summer evening was very beautiful. The sky in the west was slowly turning red.

Suddenly, Diana arrived with a newspaper in her hand. "Anne!" she cried excitedly. "Your name's in the newspaper! You came first in the Queen's College examinations—you and Gilbert Blythe. You're the best students on the island!"

Anne looked at the newspaper. There were two hundred names there. Her name was at the top—hers and Gilbert's!

"This is wonderful, Diana!" she said happily.

She ran to Marilla and Matthew. Then she went to see Mrs. Lynde and Mrs. Allan. "You did very well, Anne," they said.

Chapter eleven: A New Start

Anne went to Queen's College and enjoyed her time there. She was in the same class as Gilbert Blythe, but they didn't speak.

At the end of the year, there were more examinations. Anne did very well. She won a free place at another college, Redmond College. Gilbert Blythe got a place at the college, too.



"Your name's in the newspaper."

Anne went back to Green Gables in June. Diana came to see her.

"I have three months' wonderful vacation at Green Gables," said Anne. "Then I'm going to Redmond College."

"Gilbert Blythe isn't going," Diana told her. "His father doesn't have the money."

So Gilbert is going to teach in the Avonlea School."

"Oh," said Anne. Suddenly, she felt sad.

The next morning at breakfast, Anne watched Matthew's face. It was very tired and grey.

"Is Matthew all right?" she asked Marilla later.

"No," said Marilla. "He's having problems with his heart again. He works hard, and his heart isn't strong."

Some days later, Matthew came into the kitchen and fell to the ground. Anne and Marilla ran to him. But Matthew was dead.

Anne was very sad. Later, in her room, she cried and cried.

"Matthew was my first friend," she thought. "He brought me to Green Gables. He was always very kind to me. I loved him."

Anne woke in the night and Marilla came to her. "Don't cry," she said.

"Matthew was a good brother and a wonderful man. But you have me and I have you, Anne. I love you very much."

Marilla sat at the kitchen table. She looked very tired and sad. Anne put her arms around her. "What's wrong, Marilla?" she asked.

"My eyes are hurting again," answered Marilla. "I can't see very well and I can't work. And, Anne, there's something worse. I have to sell Green Gables. Matthew and I had our money in, the Abbey Bank. But the bank had problems and now there's no money." She started to cry.

"Don't cry, Marilla!" cried Anne. "You don't have to sell Green Gables. You and Matthew did everything for me. Now I'm going to help you. I'm not going to go to Redmond College. I'll teach at a school on Prince Edward Island, and I'll help you with Green Gables. We'll be very happy—you and I."

Mrs. Lynde visited Green Gables. "You're doing a very good thing for Marilla," she said to Anne. "She's very happy. And you can teach at the Avonlea School."

"I can't," said Anne. "Gilbert Blythe is going to teach here. I'll live at Green Gables, but I have to find another school."

"No," said Mrs. Lynde. "Gilbert heard about Marilla's problems. He knows you

want to be near Marilla. So he's going to go to the White Sands School. The Avonlea School is yours."



"Let's be friends now."

"That's very nice of Gilbert," thought Anne in surprise.

Two days later, Anne met Gilbert on the road. She stopped and put out her hand. "Gilbert," she said, "thank you very much for the job at the Avonlea School. I'm sorry about everything. Please let's be friends now."

"Yes," said Gilbert, and took Anne's hand. "I'd like that."

Gilbert walked home with Anne. They stood outside Green Gables and talked for half an hour.

Later, Anne sat by her window and looked out. It was a beautiful night. "I know I'm going to be very happy," she thought. "I have a good job and dear friends.

Everything is going to be all right."

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2. May and Might

Use **may** to ask if you are allowed to do something and to tell someone that they are allowed to do something.

1. "May I go out to play now?" "Yes, you may."
2. May I borrow your book?
3. Please may I see your ticket?
4. Banta may leave now, but Seeta may not.
5. May Kenny come with us to the movies?

Use **may and might** to talk about things that are possible or likely.

1. Take an umbrella. It might rain.
2. I may not have time to go swimming tonight.
3. We might go to the party later.
4. If you're not careful, you may hurt yourself.
5. "Are you going to the concert?" "I don't know. I might or I might not."

1. Manta may be coming to see us tomorrow.

Perhaps Banta will come to see us tomorrow.

2. Oh dear! It's half past ten. We may be late for the meeting.

Perhaps we will be late for the meeting.

3. She's had no sleep. She may be tired.

Perhaps she is tired.

1. I might see you tomorrow.
2. It looks nice, but it might be very expensive.
3. It's quite bright. It might not rain today.

3. Picture Dictionary page

divorce

divorces divorcing divorced
verb
to end a marriage legally.
divorce *noun*

dock

docks *noun*
1 a place where ships load
and unload cargo.
dock *verb*



2 the place in a courtroom
where the person on trial
stands or sits.

doctor

doctors *noun*
a person who is trained to
treat sick or injured people.



dodge

dodges dodging dodged *verb*
to avoid being hit by
something by moving out
of the way very quickly.
*She dodged the ball coming
toward her.*

dog

dogs *noun*
a mammal that is often
kept as a pet. Dogs
mainly eat meat and can
be trained to perform
certain tasks, such as
herding sheep. Dogs are
related to wolves and foxes
(see **pet** on page 148).



collie dog

doll

dolls *noun*
a toy that is made to look
like a human being.



dolphin

dolphins *noun*
a fish-eating sea mammal.
Dolphins breathe air, so they
must swim to the surface
often. They are friendly
animals and are known for
their intelligence. Dolphins
are a type of small whale.



■ say doll-fin

domino

dominoes *noun*
a small, flat piece of wood
or plastic with dots marked
on it. Dominoes are used
in a table game, which is
also called dominoes.



donation

donations *noun*
a gift, usually of money, that
is made to a charity or
another organization.
He made a large donation.

donkey

donkeys *noun*
a member of the horse family
that has long ears and a soft,
furry coat. Donkeys eat grass
and in some countries are
used for carrying
people and goods.



door

doors *noun*
a piece of wood, glass, or
metal that opens and shuts
to provide a way into a room,
cupboard, building, or vehicle.



dot

dots *noun*
a very small, round spot.
Ladybugs have dots on them.

double

double *adjective*
twice
as much.



A double six.
■ say dub-ul

doubtful

doubtful *adjective*
not sure, or unlikely.
*He was doubtful about
his chances of winning.*
■ say doubt-ful
doubt *verb*

dough

dough *noun*
a mixture of flour and either
milk or water that is used
to make bread or cakes.
■ say doh

doughnut

doughnuts *noun*
a sweet, round cake made
from dough, which is fried
in fat and
covered
in sugar.



■ say doh-nut

dove

doves *noun*
a bird that
is a member of
the pigeon family.
Doves are
often used
as a symbol
of peace.

