



Lesson 2.
Anne Frank's diary

Introduction:

- The following extracts are from the diary kept by a young Dutch Jewish girl, Anne Frank, who lived in hiding from the Nazis with her family in Amsterdam during the Second World War. Anne's diary (which she called 'Kitty') includes details of Anne's life and reveals the thoughts and feelings of an extraordinary schoolgirl trying to live an ordinary life under a tyranny.

Introduction

- Annelies (Anne) Frank was born June 12, 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany
- Her family moved to Amsterdam in 1933 to escape from the Nazis in Germany
- In 1940 the Germans invaded the Netherlands, and Anne's father began to plan for their hiding in the "secret annex".
- In July, 1942 the Frank family as well as four additional friends went into hiding
- While in hiding, Anne wrote of her experiences and dreams for the future in her diary
- On Aug. 04, 1944 the inhabitants of the "secret annex" were arrested and sent to concentration camps



Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl.

– Anne Frank (June 20, 1942)

**NEW
WORDS:**



- Tumultuous- very loud, or full of confusion, riotous
- Wound up- nervous, worried, or angry
- Siren- a device for making a loud warning noise
- To wail- to make a long, high cry, usually because of pain or sadness
- To troop back- to throng, crowd
- To clutch- to take or try to take hold of something tightly, usually in fear, worry, or pain
- Raid- a short sudden attack, usually by a small group of people
- Hum- to be busy and full of activity, excitement, sounds, or voices

- Attic- the space or room at the top of a building, under the roof, often used for storing things
- Drone- a low continuous noise that does not change its note
- Utterly- completely or extremely
- Chaos- a state of disorder and confusion
- Cruelty- cruel behaviour or a cruel action
- Tranquillity- a peaceful, calm state, without noise, violence, worry
- Wicked- naughty, playful
- Exhaustion- the state of being extremely tired
- To stalk- to follow an animal or person as closely as possible without being seen or heard, usually in order to catch or kill them
- be at the mercy of sb/sth- to be in a situation where someone or something has complete power over you

Exercise 2. Anne Frank's diary

1. Why does Anne Frank say the sirens were sounding?
2. Explain in your own words Anne's comment about her 'escape bag'.
3. What details from the first extract from Anne's diary tell you that the Frank family and their friends were having to keep a close watch out for fear of being discovered?
4. What details tell you that Anne was scared by the events she describes in the first extract?
5. By referring to all the extracts from Anne Frank's diary explain as fully as you can what you have learnt about her character and the situation she was in.



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