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While reading

Chapter 1, pages 1–8

1 **Discuss these questions with another student. What do you think?**
Who is Captain Wentworth? What does he look like? What kind of person is he? What kind of job does he have? Why is he in Somersetshire?

2 **Finish these sentences to explain the relationship of the people to Anne.**
a Captain Wentworth is ..... .
b Elizabeth is ..... .
c Lady Russell is ..... .
d Mary is ..... .
e Sir Walter Elliot is ..... .

3 **Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?**
a Sir Walter and his three daughters live at Kellynch Hall. ☐
b Sir Walter is handsome but not very clever. ☐
c Lady Russell is Sir Walter's wife. ☐
d Anne is pretty, quiet and clever. ☐
e Sir Walter is very interested in Anne. ☐
f Sir Walter has to leave his house because he buys many things and has no money. ☐
g Sir Walter decides to live in London. ☐
h Anne wants to live in Bath. ☐

4 **Work with another student.**
Student A is Anne and Student B is Anne's friend. Anne should talk about her father, her family, the new house that she is going to live in and how she feels about these things. Anne's friend should give Anne advice about what she should do.

Chapter 2, pages 8–18

5 **Finish these sentences to explain the relationship of the people to Charles.**
a Henrietta is ..... .
b Louisa is ..... .
c Mary is ..... .
d Mr and Mr Musgrove are ..... .

6 **Discuss these questions with another student. What do you think?**
How does Anne feel about Captain Wentworth? How do Henrietta and Louisa feel about him? How do you think Captain Wentworth feels about Anne? Why do you think this?

7 **Who says the sentences a–h?**
a 'Which of Mrs Croft's brothers is that?' .....
b 'Oh, I am sorry, Miss Elliot.' .....
c 'They are coming in a minute, I think.' .....
d 'Carry me! Carry me please!' .....
e 'I do not want to play with you now.' .....
f 'Can we take one of you with us?' .....
g 'I think it is time he found a wife now.' .....
h 'Yes, which?' .....

8 **Discuss these questions with another student. What do you think?**
Do you think Captain Wentworth is going to marry anyone in the story? If so, who do you think he is going to marry – Henrietta, Louisa or Anne? Why do you think this?

Chapter 3, pages 18–23

9 **Finish these sentences.**
a Anne stays in a hotel in ..... .
b Captain Harville is Captain Wentworth's ..... .
c At the door of the hotel, Anne sees a ..... with a nice face.
d The gentleman thinks that Anne is ..... .
e Captain Wentworth's eyes say, 'This is the Anne Elliot I knew and .....'
f Mr Elliot is Anne's ..... .
g Louisa has a ..... on her head.
h Mr Elliot is going to be the next ..... of the Elliot family.

10 **Work with another student.**
Pretend that Captain Wentworth and Mr Elliot meet. What do you think they would say to each other? Role play their conversation.

11 **Answer these questions.**
a How far is Lyme from Uppercross? .....
b What is the sea wall in Lyme called? .....
c How old is Mr Elliot? .....
d Why does Louisa fall? .....
e Where do they take Louisa? .....

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f How long must Louisa stay in bed?
……

g Where does Anne go two days later?
……

h Who is she going to meet in this place?
……

12 What do you know about Anne? Write a paragraph to describe her.

Chapter 4, pages 23–30

13 Match the questions with the answers.

a How does Anne feel about Mr Elliot? …
b Where is Sir Walter's house in Bath? …
c How does Sir Walter feel about Mr Elliot? …
d What is Mrs Smith like? …
e Why does Admiral Croft come to Bath? …
f Who is Louisa in love with? …
g How does Anne feel when she reads Mary's letter? …
h What does Anne want to show Captain Wentworth? …

1 He thinks he is a very polite young man.
2 He goes there to see a doctor.
3 She is clever, happy and friendly.
4 She slowly starts to like him as a friend.
5 She is very happy.
6 She loves Captain Benwick.
7 It is on one of the best streets in the city.
8 She wants to make him see that she doesn't love Mr Elliot.

14 Discuss this question with another student. What do you think?

Why is Anne much happier in Chapter 4?

15 Draw a picture to illustrate how Anne feels about Captain Wentworth.

Chapter 4, pages 31–38

16 What happens first? What happens next? Write the numbers, 1–8.

a Anne reads Captain Wentworth's letter. …
b Anne and Captain Wentworth sit together in a little garden. …
c Anne finds Charles and Mary at Camden-place. …
d Anne and Captain Wentworth arrive back at Camden-place. …
e Captain Wentworth writes a letter to Anne. …
f Anne and Charles meet Captain Wentworth in Union-street. …
g Mrs Smith tells Anne about Mr Elliot's past. …
h Anne starts walking home with Charles. …

17 Discuss this question with another student. Write what you think.

Why do you think Captain Wentworth didn't tell Anne about his feelings for her sooner?

18 Work with another student.

How do you think Elizabeth, Lady Russell and Sir Walter will feel about Anne's marriage to Captain Wentworth? Role play the way each character responds to hearing the news.

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19 Do you like the story? Why or why not? Write a paragraph to answer these questions.

20 Do you think that Anne and Captain Wentworth will be happy together? Write a short paragraph to answer this question.

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Chapter 1, pages 1–8

1 Match the questions with the answers.

a Why do the Crofts like Kellynch Hall? …
b Why does Anne walk out of the room? …
c Why does Sir Walter never ask, 'Where does the money come from?' …
d Why does Mr Shepherd tell Sir Walter and Elizabeth to leave Kellynch Hall? …
e Why did Anne become quiet? …
f Why didn't Lady Russell want Anne to marry Captain Wentworth? …

1 Because it is too expensive for them.
2 Because it is a big, quiet house near Taunton.
3 Because she thought Anne was too young.
4 Because he doesn't like thinking about it.
5 Because she doesn't want people to see that her face is red and hot.
6 Because she wasn't going to marry Captain Wentworth.

Chapter 2, pages 8–18

2 Write *Anne*, *Mary*, *Charles* or *Captain Wentworth* in the sentences a–h.

a …… is ill.
b …… has two younger sisters.
c …… often listens to Captain Wentworth.
d …… is Anne's younger sister.
e …… never laughs with Anne.
f …… is back from sea.
g …… forgets to thank Captain Wentworth.
h …… has two young children.

Chapter 3, pages 18–23

3 Answer the questions with *Yes* or *No*.

a Does Captain Wentworth like Lyme? ……
b Do the other young people at Uppercross want to go to Lyme? ……
c Is the weather cold in November? ……
d Does Captain Harville live near the sea? ……
e Is Mr Elliot handsome? ……
f Does Mr Elliot think that Anne is beautiful? ……
g Does Mr Elliot have lots of money? ……
h Does Captain Benwick know where the doctor lives? ……

Chapter 4, pages 23–30

4 Write the right words in the sentences.

anything dead illness likes long marry
navy rich school talking teashop weather

a Many …… people live in Camden-place.
b Sir Walter …… Mr Elliot very much.
c Mr Elliot likes …… to Anne.
d Anne went to …… with Mrs Smith.
e Mrs Smith's husband is …… .
f Mrs Smith never talks about her …… with Anne.
g Admiral Croft wants to visit his old friends from the …… .
h Captain Benwick wants to …… Mary.
i Anne sees Captain Wentworth in a small …… .
j Anne wants to know how …… Captain Wentworth is going to stay in Bath.
k At the theatre, Anne and Captain Wentworth talk about the …… in Bath.
l Anne is very happy when she goes into the theatre, so she doesn't see …… .

Chapter 4, pages 31–38

5 <u>Underline</u> the wrong word in each sentence and write the right word.

a Anne wants to tell Mrs Smith about the morning at the theatre. ……
b Mrs Smith is sad to hear that Anne isn't going to marry Mr Elliot. ……
c Mrs Smith thinks Mr Elliot is a warm man. ……
d Elizabeth talks about giving a big lunch. ……
e Anne's face is red after she reads Captain Wentworth's letter. ……
f Charles can't walk with Anne because he must go and look at a new horse. ……
g Anne and Captain Wentworth are very sad when they arrive back at Camden-place. ……
h Anne and Captain Wentworth are to be married in the summer. ……

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