

Comprehension Skills

Second Read

Author's Point of View

How do we know the selection is told from Anne's point of view? (*She gives us step-by-step details about what she did and how she felt. For example, we watch her pack and say good-bye to her cat. Also, the fact that this selection is an excerpt from her diary lets the reader know it is told from Anne's point of view.*)

How do we learn about their escape plan? (*Anne writes in her diary what her parents told her.*)

Have students identify other things they learn about Anne in the selection.

Reading 1.2

Word Knowledge

Hyphenated compound adjectives:
twenty-three-year-old



Teacher Tip Have the students consider how this selection revealed Anne's emotional reactions regarding her and her family's struggle to survive. Encourage them to consider these emotions as they work on their unit investigations.

Thursday, 9 July, 1942

Dear Kitty,

So we walked in the pouring rain, Daddy, Mummy, and I, each with a school satchel and shopping bag filled to the brim with all kinds of things thrown together anyhow.

We got sympathetic looks from people on their way to work. You could see by their faces how sorry they were they couldn't offer us a lift; the gaudy yellow star spoke for itself.

Only when we were on the road did Mummy and Daddy begin to tell me bits and pieces about the plan. For months as many of our goods and chattels and necessities of life as possible had been sent away and they were sufficiently ready for us to have gone into hiding of our own accord on July 16. The plan had had to be speeded up ten days because of the call-up, so our quarters would not be so well organized, but we had to make the best of it. The hiding place itself would be in the building where Daddy has his office. It will be hard for outsiders to understand, but I shall explain that later on. Daddy didn't have many people working for him: Mr. Kraler, Koophuis, Miep, and Elli Vossen, a twenty-three-year-old typist who all knew of our arrival. Mr. Vossen, Elli's father, and two boys worked in the warehouse; they had not been told.

I will describe the building: there is a large warehouse on the ground floor which is used as a store. The front door to the house is next to the