

# M1U1 Reading

## Anne's Best Friend

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**Warming-up**

**Free-talk**

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**Who/What is your friend?**

**How do you become friends?**

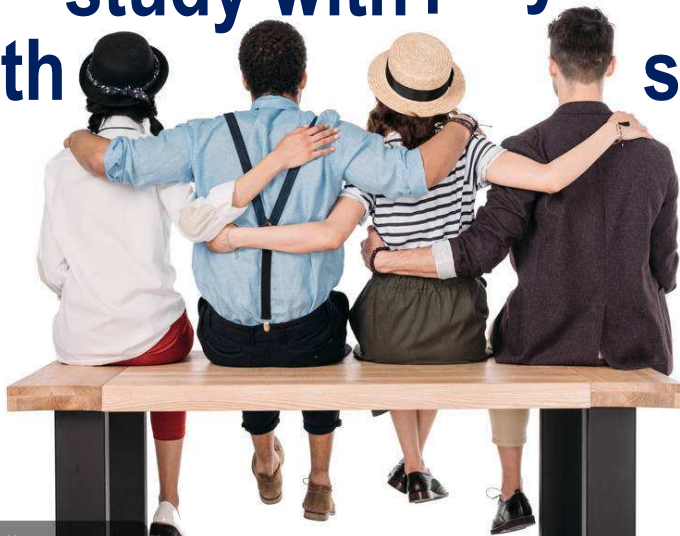
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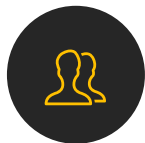
# Why do we need friends?

We need friends to ...

study with play with  
talk with share with



What do you want to know after reading the title?



*Who is Anne?*

*What is her friend?*

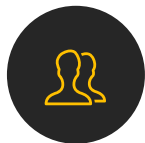
*How did they become friends?*

*Why is it her best friend?*



## Reading

Read Paragraph 1 and find out:



*What is Anne's friend?*

*How did they become friends?*

### ***What is Anne's friend?***

Do you want a friend whom you could tell everything to, like your deepest feelings and thoughts? Or are you afraid that your friend would laugh at you, or would not understand what you are going through? Anne Frank wanted the first kind, so **she made her diary her best friend.**



FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1942

I hope I will be able to  
**confide** (吐露) everything to  
you, as I have never been  
able to confide in anyone,  
and I hope you will be a  
great source of **comfort and**  
**support.** (安慰和支持)

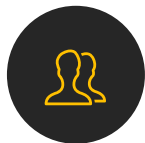
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## Reading

## Background Information

Read Paragraph 2 and find out:



*Who is Anne?*

*Why is it(Kitty) her best friend?*

### *Who is Anne?*

Anne lived in Amsterdam in the Netherlands during world war II. Her family was Jewish so they had to hide or they would be caught by the German Nazis. She and her family hid away for nearly twenty-five months before they were discovered. During that time, the only true friend was her diary. She said, “I don't want to set down a series of facts in a diary as most people do, but I want this diary itself to be my friend and I shall call my friend kitty.” Now read how she felt after being in the hiding place since July 1942.



Historically...

During World War II

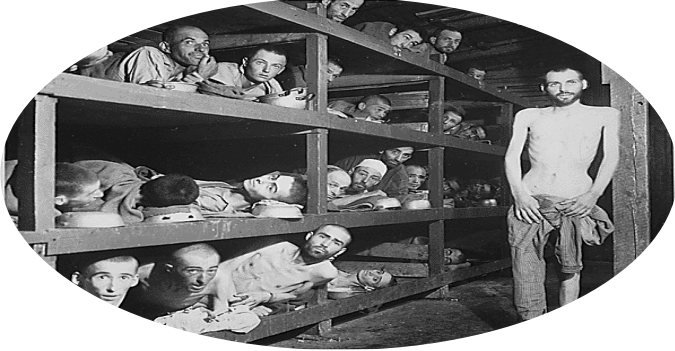


Jews were rounded up (围捕) by Nazi soldiers and forced to leave home.

They were gathered and sent to Nazi concentration camps.  
(集中营)



## In concentration camps



**Men and women were separated in different camps and each camp was crowded with helpless Jews. Jews with working ability were forced to work for long hours for Nazis in concentration camps.**



At last



The Jews in concentration camps  
were driven to the gas chambers.

**Historically, this massive killing is called the Holocaust.**

**[hələkɔ:st] ( 大屠杀 )**

The remains (尸体) of Jews were  
put in mass graves.

**(万人坑)**



## Reading

## Background Information

### *Why is it(Kitty) her best friend?*

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In July 1942, the Franks went into hiding in some secret rooms behind a bookcase in the building where Anne's father worked.

On 13 July 1942, the Franks were joined by the van Pels, and then in November by Fritz Pfeffer, a dentist and friend of the family, which means Anne had to share food and room with new friends. Soon tensions developed and Anne found herself didn't **get along well with** anyone except her father.



## Reading

## Anne's Diary

*Find the sentence showing the main idea of the text.*

**I wonder if it's because I haven't been able to be outdoors for so long that I've grown so crazy about everything to do with nature.**

→ How would Anne explain her craziness about nature?

- ☒ A. By giving examples      B. By listing numbers      C. By contrasting
- D. By analyzing the cause and effect

*How many examples are there in the passage?*



## Reading

## Anne's Diary

### Example 1

*I stayed awake on purpose until half past eleven **in order to** have a good look at the moon **by myself**.*

What is the result?

**But** as the moon gave **far too much** light, I didn't **dare** open a window.

By saying this, Anne wanted to tell Kitty that\_\_\_\_\_.

She **wanted to admire** the moon **badly**, but it was a pity that she could only **admire the moon** through the window. ➡ She **was crazy about** nature.

## Reading

## Anne's Diary


### Example 2

*I **happened to** be upstairs **at dusk** when the window was open. I **didn't** go downstairs **until** the window had to be shut.*

What is Anne's feeling?

*The dark, rainy evening, the wind, the thundering clouds **held me entirely in their power.***

By saying this, Anne wanted to tell Kitty that\_\_\_\_\_

She **was amazed at** the dark stormy evening.  She **was crazy about** nature.



## Checking

## Anne's Diary

How did Anne explain her craziness about nature?

- ☒ A. By giving examples      B. By listing numbers      ☒ C. By contrasting  
D. By analyzing the cause and effect



*Examples are usually used to support the main idea/author's opinion.*

**before**

There was a time when a deep blue sky, the song of the birds, moonlight and flowers could never have kept me spellbound.

**now**

**contrast 对比**

The dark, rainy evening, the wind, the thundering clouds held me entirely in their power.

What did the contrast suggest?

I wonder if it's because I haven't been able to be outdoors for so long that I've grown so crazy about everything to do with nature.

*Contrast is usually used to support the main idea /author's opinion.*

## Thinking

Why did Anne became so crazy about everything to do with nature?

*I wonder if it's because I haven't been able to be outdoors for so long...  
It was the first time in a year and a half that I'd seen the night face to face...*



direct reason

indirect reason?

## Reading

## Anne's Diary

Does the last paragraph also talk about her craziness about nature?

*I am only able to look at nature through **dirty curtains** hanging before **dusty** windows. It's no pleasure looking through these **any longer** because nature is one thing that really must be experienced.*

➡ She was looking forward to seeing nature and experiencing it.

She was not only crazy about everything to do with nature.  
What she really wanted badly was **freedom & peace**.



indirect reason

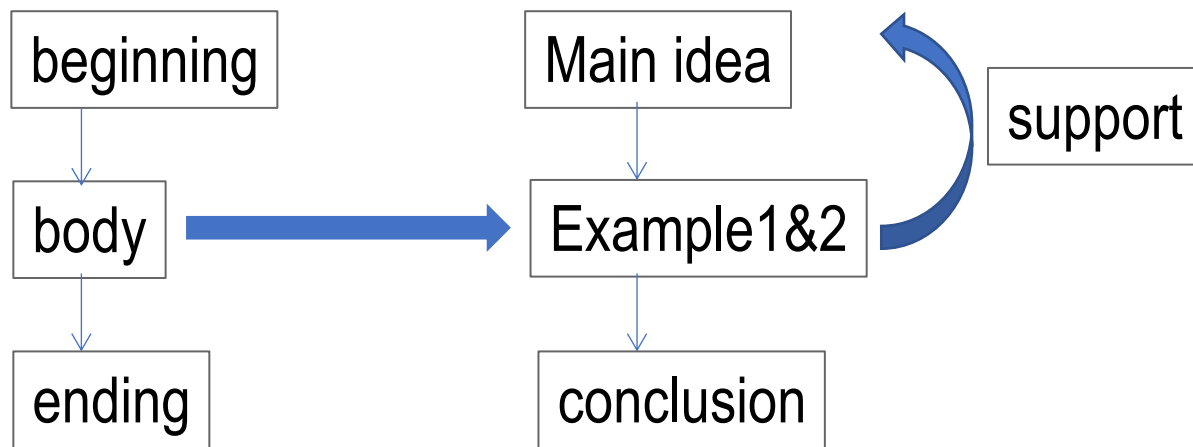
**Thinking**

**mind map**

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Can you draw a mind map of the letter?





## Sharing

*Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.*  
--Helen Keller

1. Do you agree with Helen Keller?
2. Can you give an example to support Helen's words?

eg: In the dark, lonely and depressive hiding days, Kitty was the only one Anne could confided to. By recording her thoughts, desires and expectations, Kitty helped divided Anne's grief and doubled her joy.