

Level 6-9
Pollyanna

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

Miss Polly's niece, Pollyanna, came to live with her after losing both her parents. Miss Polly was a serious woman who never smiled. Someone said that she had once loved a man, and she had stopped smiling since they broke up. Pollyanna, however, was a very positive girl. She played a game she called the "glad" game, and she tried to be glad about everything.

Because of Pollyanna and the glad game, people in the town began to change. One of them was Mr. Pendleton, a rich man who never talked to anyone. Mr. Pendleton broke his leg one day, and Pollyanna helped him to call Dr. Chilton. Mr. Pendleton and Pollyanna became friends after that.

Nancy, Miss Polly's maid, thought that Mr. Pendleton was the man Miss Polly had loved. But Pollyanna found out that it was her own mother whom Mr. Pendleton had loved. Then Pollyanna had an accident and could not walk. Dr. Chilton found a hospital that helped her to walk again. Aunt Polly told Pollyanna that Dr. Chilton was the man she had loved and, thanks to Pollyanna, they were going to be married.

2. Chapter Summary

► Chapter 1

Miss Polly Harrington had received a letter saying that her niece, Pollyanna, was coming to live with her. Miss Polly's sister, Jennie, had married a poor pastor instead of a rich man, and her family had refused to speak to her after that. Jennie died after Pollyanna was born. Now the girl's father also died. Miss Polly was not happy about her niece coming to stay. She was a serious woman who didn't like noise and never smiled. Tom, the gardener, told the maid, Nancy, that Miss Polly had become unhappy ever since she broke up with a man she had been in love with.

► Chapter 2

Nancy and Tom met Pollyanna at the train station. Pollyanna hugged and thanked Nancy for meeting her, thinking that she was her aunt Polly. When Nancy corrected her, Pollyanna said that she was glad that she met Nancy and would meet Aunt Polly, too. Nancy told her

she was an extraordinary child. When they got home, Miss Polly greeted Pollyanna coldly, and she didn't like Pollyanna hugging her. Pollyanna went to her room with tears in her eyes.

► Chapter 3

Nancy took Pollyanna to a small, hot room in the attic. At first, Pollyanna was sad that she didn't get one of the many nice, large rooms that she saw in the house. But then she was glad that the room had a good view. It was very hot, so Pollyanna went out for a walk without telling anyone. She met a man in a black hat and tried to talk to him, but he quickly walked away. When she returned home, Nancy told her that she had missed dinner and so Miss Polly said she could only have bread and milk in the kitchen. Pollyanna said she was glad to eat with Nancy. Nancy asked if she was always so glad, and Pollyanna said it was a game she and her father played. They always tried to find something to be glad about.

► Chapter 4

Pollyanna often saw the man in the black hat when she walked to town in the afternoon. Soon he began to greet her. One day, when Nancy saw him greeting Pollyanna, she was shocked. She said he had not talked to anyone in years. The man, John Pendleton, was rich and lived alone. People thought he was strange, but Pollyanna didn't think so. Pollyanna made a lot of friends in the town, and everybody soon knew about her glad game. She also began to bring home lost animals. One day, she brought home a homeless orphan named Jimmy Bean. Miss Polly was angry and sent the boy away. Pollyanna was surprised.

► Chapter 5

One day, Pollyanna was led by a barking dog to Mr. Pendleton, who had broken his leg in the woods. Pollyanna called his doctor, Dr. Chilton, for help. Later, Pollyanna persuaded her aunt to let her take some food to Mr. Pendleton, but Aunt Polly didn't want him to think the food came from her. Pollyanna taught Mr. Pendleton how to play the glad game, and he was glad he hadn't broken both his legs. When Pollyanna told Mr. Pendleton that she was Polly Harrington's niece, his face turned white and he asked her to leave. When Pollyanna told Nancy about how Aunt Polly and Mr. Pendleton had reacted, Nancy said that Miss Polly had once loved a man and she guessed that Mr. Pendleton was that man. Now Pollyanna wanted to find a way to get them back together.

► Chapter 6

The next day, Dr. Chilton gave Pollyanna a ride to see Mr. Pendleton. Pollyanna told him that Aunt Polly and Mr. Pendleton had once loved each other. Dr. Chilton smiled strangely and said that he had once been in love but then had made a mistake. He wished things

could be different. Pollyanna later found out that it wasn't Aunt Polly but her own mother that Mr. Pendleton had loved. On the way home, Pollyanna was hit by a vehicle. She woke up in one of Aunt Polly's large bedrooms. Pollyanna wanted to see Dr. Chilton, but Aunt Polly didn't want him to come. Another doctor came and said that Pollyanna might never walk again. For the first time, Pollyanna couldn't find anything to be glad about.

► Chapter 7

Many people came to see Pollyanna. They all talked about how she had taught them the glad game, so Aunt Polly asked her about the game. Pollyanna decided she was glad that she used to have legs. Aunt Polly told her she was an extraordinary child. Then Dr. Chilton paid a surprise visit. Aunt Polly didn't seem to be happy at first, but Dr. Chilton said he knew of a hospital that could help Pollyanna. They took Pollyanna there, and after many months she started to walk again. Mr. Pendleton told Pollyanna in a letter that Jimmy Bean was coming to live with him. One day, Aunt Polly came to the hospital with Dr. Chilton. She explained to Pollyanna that Dr. Chilton was the man she had loved, but they had split up after a terrible argument. Now, thanks to Pollyanna, they were going to be married. It seemed that the whole town was a better and happier place because of Pollyanna and her glad game.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Positive thinking:** Because of Pollyanna's positive attitude, she was able to change everyone she came in contact with.

★ **Forgiveness:** After Dr. Chilton and Miss Polly met Pollyanna, they were able to forgive each other for what they had done.

★ **Kindness:** Though Aunt Polly was unkind to her, Pollyanna was still kind to her aunt and everyone else. Through her kindness, she was able to change others with her glad game.

★ **Hope:** Pollyanna was able to use her glad game to keep her hope alive, even though it did not seem she would ever walk again.

Answer Key

Part A Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. Eleanor H. Porter wrote it.
2. It was written in 1913.
3. It is used to describe a person who has a very positive view of life.

► Characters

1. Pollyanna: glad, friendly
2. Nancy: kind, gentle
3. Miss Polly: serious, unhappy
4. Dr. Chilton: smart, handsome
5. Mr. Pendleton: rich, gets hurt
6. Jimmy Bean: young, poor

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Chapter 1

A. Preview Questions

1. I think they are a letter.
2. I think the woman is going to get ready for a visitor.
3. I don't think she is happy about it.

B. Review Questions

1. She did not like it.
2. A letter had come.
3. Miss Polly's niece, Pollyanna, was coming.

► Chapter 2

A. Preview Questions

1. I think she is a servant.
2. She is Pollyanna's Aunt Polly.
3. She doesn't like it.

B. Review Questions

1. She thought Nancy was Aunt Polly.
2. She said that Pollyanna was an extraordinary child.
3. She did not like it.

► Chapter 3

A. Preview Questions

1. It is the kitchen of Harrington House.
2. They are eating bread and drinking milk.
3. I think they are talking about the Pollyanna's family.

B. Review Questions

1. She was sad.
2. She met a man in a long black coat and a tall black hat.
3. She was late for supper.

► **Chapter 4**

A. Preview Questions

1. She has brought home a new friend.
2. She wants the boy to leave.
3. I think they are unhappy.

B. Review Questions

1. She saw the man in the black hat.
2. She was shocked because the man said hello to Pollyanna.
3. She brought home an orphan named Jimmy Bean.

► **Chapter 5**

A. Preview Questions

1. Mr. Pendleton has been hurt.
2. She will go to get help.
3. She has brought some food to Mr. Pendleton.

B. Review Questions

1. He broke his leg.
2. She called Dr. Chilton.
3. She thought Mr. Pendleton was the man Miss Polly had once loved.

► **Chapter 6**

A. Preview Questions

1. She is at Mr. Pendleton's house.
2. I think they are talking about Mr. Pendleton's leg.
3. I think she is sick.

B. Review Questions

1. She told him that Miss Polly and Mr. Pendleton had once been in love.
2. He was once in love with Pollyanna's mother.
3. She was hit by a vehicle.

► **Chapter 7**

A. Preview Questions

1. I think it is because Pollyanna can't walk.
2. I think he is taking her to the hospital.

3. She looks happy.

B. Review Questions

1. She was glad that she used to have legs.
2. She got better and began to walk again.
3. She and Dr. Chilton were going to be married.

Mini Quiz

- a. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies in yourself.
→ We can always find something to be thankful for in every situation.
- b. Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration.
→ Being smart is mostly the result of hard work and has little to do with sparks of ideas.
- c. It never rains but it pours.
→ When we have a problem, more problems are headed our way.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: I wonder when the movie starts.

B: It starts at 9:00.

5. A: We wondered what the noise was.

B: Didn't you go look to find out?

► Challenge

1. Pollyanna is holding a basket of fruit and giving it to Mr. Pendleton.

2. Dr. Chilton came to check on Mr. Pendleton.

3. Mr. Pendleton got hurt when he was walking in the woods.

4. Mr. Pendleton likes Pollyanna, and he enjoys her visits.

Part B Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

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| 1. b | 2. d |
| 3. j | 4. a |
| 5. c | 6. i |
| 7. e | 8. g |
| 9. h | 10. f |

B.

Across

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| 2. reminds | 4. supper | 7. unkind | 9. positive | 10. argued |
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Down

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| 1. barked | 3. mistake | 5. crutches | 6. curtains | 8. news |
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Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Chapters 1–2

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T

B.

1. She is Pollyanna.
2. She is Miss Polly's niece.
3. She does not have parents.
4. She feels glad.

C.

1. d 2. b 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. b

► Middle: Chapters 3–5

A.

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. T

B.

1. Mr. Pendleton
2. Pollyanna
3. Jimmy Bean
4. Miss Polly

C.

1. a 2. d 3. c 4. b 5. c 6. b

► End: Chapters 6–7

A.

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. T

B.

c → a → b → d

C.

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. d 6. b

Think and Write

Cause 1: Pollyanna's mother died.

Cause 2: Pollyanna's father died.

Event 1: Pollyanna moved in with Aunt Polly.

Consequence 1: Aunt Polly's quiet life changed.

Cause 3: Pollyanna greeted Mr. Pendleton.

Cause 4: Mr. Pendleton broke his leg.

Event 2: Pollyanna met Dr. Chilton.

Consequence 2: Dr. Chilton married Aunt Polly.

Vocabulary Review

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| 1. shocked | 2. attic | 3. pastor | 4. maid | 5. serious |
| 6. worried | 7. trunk | 8. tears | 9. disappointed | 10. package |

Summary

A.

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B.

(Answers may vary.)

1. Aunt Polly did not seem to like being hugged.
2. Aunt Polly did not let Jimmy Bean stay.
3. Pollyanna delivered the food to Mr. Pendleton's house.
4. Aunt Polly's voice was soft, and she had tears in her eyes.

Book Report

Story 1. serious 2. positive 3. glad 4. vehicle 5. extraordinary