



Anna Karenina

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Answers to Book activities

- 1–2 Open answers
- 3 Possible answers:
- a A mazurka is a dance which you might dance at a ball. People are animated when they are enjoying themselves (as they dance, for example).
 - b Cavalry regiments in the army need saddles for their horses.
 - c A large house on an estate often has a terrace outside it.
 - d Very bad physical torture might result in a mangled body.
- 4 Open answers
- 5 a Kitty
b Vronsky
c Levin
d Oblonsky
e Anna
f Karenin
- 6 a Dolly loves Oblonsky. Oblonsky thinks Dolly is a good wife and mother but he is no longer in love with her.
b Kitty is very fond of Levin, but she thinks of him as a brother, not a husband. Levin is desperately in love with Kitty and wants to marry her.
c Karenin gives Vronsky a disagreeable sensation; to Vronsky he is official and boring. Karenin feels displeasure towards Vronsky and treats him coldly.
- 7 Open answers
- 8 a enemies
b a house
c a person
- 9 a Nikolai to Levin
b Levin to Dolly
c Anna to Vronsky
d Serpuhovskoy to Vronsky
e Karenin to Anna
- 10 a Nikolai criticizes Levin's plans for the peasants.
b Anna and Vronsky meet in the Vrede Gardens.
c Levin considers the idea of marrying a peasant girl.
d Vronsky is expecting Karenin to challenge him to a duel.
e Kitty passes Levin in a carriage. (+ Open answers)
- 11 Open answers
- 12 a chalk
b consent
c adultery
d humiliate
- 13 Open answers
- 14 a Levin's final question is probably 'Will you marry me?'
b When Anna is in danger of dying, Karenin behaves in a very noble way, and Vronsky begins to respect him.
c Kitty does not mind that Maria has been a prostitute; she is curious about her. Also, Maria loves Nikolai and is looking after him, and Kitty, who loves Levin, understands how Maria feels.
- 15–16 Open answers

- 17 Possible answers:
- a Countess Lydia Ivanovna hates Anna and is jealous of her.
 - b Seriozha loves her very much and misses her.
 - c Vronsky's mother liked Anna at first, but now disapproves strongly of her relationship with her son.
 - d Dolly loves her like a sister and is worried about her.
- 18–20 Open answers
- 21 a Because Kitty already lost Vronsky to Anna, and now she is afraid that Levin has fallen in love with Anna too.
b Oblonsky wants Karenin to use his influence to help him get a better job, but he also wants to ask about a divorce for Anna.
c She thinks that Vronsky has fallen in love with Princess Sorokin and will marry her because his mother wishes it.
d The Serbian war is the only thing which can take Vronsky's mind off Anna's death and give him a sense of purpose.
- 22 a Anna has terrible dreams about a little old peasant man, and a little old peasant is actually present at her death. Vronsky also dreams about a peasant man.
b Anna takes morphine to help her sleep at night, and to stop her thinking about her unhappy life, the loss of her son, and the terrible position she is in. But it also affects her mind, and gives her a false sense of reality.
c Anna falls under the wheels of a good train at Obiralova.
d When a great oak tree, Kitty's favourite place in the forest, is struck by lightning, Levin thinks that Kitty and Mitya have been killed, but in fact they are safe. This event changes Levin's view of life.
- 23–28 Open answers

Answers to Factsheet activities

- Communicative activities
- Activities before reading the book
- Open answers
- Activities after reading a section
- Chapters 1–3**
- Possible answers
- (a) Because it gives Vronsky the chance to show how sensitive and generous he is at his first meeting with Anna.
- (b) For: she turned her head and gave him a friendly look – perhaps a lady would not normally be expected to look at a man she had not been introduced to; she asked her brother about Vronsky; she said 'Really?' softly, when he told her about Vronsky and Kitty
Against: she congratulated Kitty on her love for Vronsky

- (c) For: Her eyes lit up with joy every time he looked at her;
Against: she looked at Kitty in a protective way;

Chapters 4–6
Open answers

Chapters 7–9
1 and 2 Open answers

Chapters 10–12
1 Open answers
2 Open answers

Chapter 13–15

Possible answers

The fact that she blamed Vronsky for everything, including Karenin's indecision and her separation from her son.
Her sudden change of mood when he said he couldn't go to the country for a few days.
Her reaction to the telegram which said there was little hope of a divorce.
Her sudden change of mood back as soon as Vronsky left.
The fact that she expected to find Seriozha in the nursery.

The fact that she completely forgot where she was going when she got to the station.
The fact that she tried to go and talk to the peasant who she thought she recognised from her dream.
The fact that she saw her death as a punishment for Vronsky ... and then did not know where she was or what she was doing when she got between the wheels.
Activities after reading the book

Open answers

■ Student activities

Activities before reading the book

Possible answers

first meeting
falling in love
first night
engagement
marriage
adultery /jealousy
separation
divorce



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Activities after reading a section

Chapters 1–3

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sentences	who said it?	who to?	what were they talking about?
(a) I've spoiled everything for Kitty with Vronsky.	Anna	Dolly	the way Anna had behaved at the ball
(b) Tomorrow I'll see Seriozha and my husband, and my nice everyday life will go on as before.	Anna	Dolly	she is talking about her son and her life without Vronsky
(c) You know that I have come to be where you are.	Vronsky	Anna	he is telling her that he wants to be with her
(d) I beg of you to forget it as I will forget it.	Anna	Vronsky	forget the evening of the ball
(e) You see, here is your loving husband, burning with impatience to see you.	Karenin	Anna	he is talking about himself but he is being sarcastic
(f) We are at home on Mondays.	Karenin	Vronsky	he is talking about the custom of receiving visitors on a particular day
(g) Time for bed now.	Karenin	Anna	he is going to make love to her
(h) Go to Moscow and beg her forgiveness.	Anna	Vronsky	she wants him to tell Kitty he is sorry for the way he behaved at the ball
(i) Can it be that there is no chance of it?	Vronsky	Anna	no chance of their happiness together
(j) I know all the horror of my position but things are not so easy to arrange as you think.	Anna	Vronsky	she doesn't like the deceit but she is afraid that she will lose her son and anyway she can't bear the thought of Seriozha's opinion of her if she lived as a mistress
(k) What have I done?	Vronsky	himself	he is upset because of his mistake which has cost him the race and the life of his horse
(l) Your behaviour today was highly inappropriate	Karenin	Anna	he is referring to her behaviour when Vronsky fell
(m) You can do what you like to me.	Anna	Karenin	she has told him she loves Vronsky and now she is saying it is up to him to react.

Chapters 4–6

1 A possible order is:

- (l) The Shcherbatsky's invited Dolly and the children to stay in their country house for the summer.
- (i) Oblonsky went and looked over the house.
- (h) Oblonsky gave instructions for some things to be done, but he had forgotten many other things.
- (a) Dolly arrived at the Shcherbatsky's house and had many problems.
- (d) Dolly wrote to Oblonsky about the problems with the house.
- (e) Dolly's nurse got the local people to solve most of the problems with the Shcherbatsky's house.
- (j) Oblonsky wrote to Levin and asked him to go to the Shcherbatsky's house to solve the problems.
- (k) One afternoon Dolly decided to take the children to the river to bathe and met Levin.
- (b) Dolly told Levin that Kitty was coming to spend the summer at the house.
- (c) Dolly tried to persuade Levin to come over whilst Kitty was there but he refused.
- (g) Levin spent the night in the open air and thought about marrying a peasant girl.
- (f) Levin saw Kitty in a carriage and decided that he couldn't marry a peasant girl because he still loved Kitty.

2 Possible matches

(a) a cruel	(ii) blow
(b) ceased to	(xiv) interest
(c) fight a	(x) duel
(d) physically a	(v) coward
(e) a high position in	(xxiv) society
(f) profit from her	(vi) crime
(g) formal	(ix) divorce
(h) his peace of	(xvii) mind
(i) break off the	(i) affair
(j) religious	(xx) principles
(k) a Higher	(xix) Power
(l) special	(xvi) messenger
(m) advance his	(iii) career
(n) helpless	(xxiv) state
(o) trembling	(xii) fingers
(p) crushed my	(xv) life
(q) lies and	(viii) deceit
(r) wrote a	(xviii) note
(s) cheat a	(xiii) husband
(t) an honourable	(xxvi) woman
(u) code of	(xx) principles
(v) a captain of	(iv) cavalry
(w) refusal of	(xxii) promotion
(x) chief reasons for	(xi) failure
(y) an electric	(vii) current
(z) a guilty	(xxv) woman

3 Open answers

4 Open answers



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Chapters 7–9

- 1 (a) the situation for Anna, Karenin and Vronsky
(b) Vronsky
(c) Vronsky's dream about Anna
(d) Karenin's eyes when he saw Vronsky
(e) the look that Anna gave Vronsky when she saw him
(f) Anna about the parties that Vronsky went to and the beautiful women there.
(g) Anna in Vronsky's eyes
(h) Vronsky, when Anna told him she was going to die in childbirth
(i) Anna's fears of death according to Vronsky but actually he was terrified because Anna had had the same dream as he had.
(j) Karenin about meeting Vronsky at his own door
(k) Karenin's position, according to Karenin
(l) the provinces that Karenin had to visit.
(m) Oblonsky's voice when he called to Karenin
(n) the necklace that Oblonsky had given his latest girlfriend
(o) Anna, according to Oblonsky
(p) the guests at Oblonsky's party and Kitty when she saw Levin

Chapters 10–12

- 1 (a) True.
(b) False – she wrote to the Countess.
(c) True
(d) False – it says that the reply was unexpected.
(e) False – she had told him this but he hadn't believed her.
(f) True.
(g) True.
(h) True.
(i) False – she was afraid he didn't love her any more but he didn't say this.
(j) True.
(k) False – a lady was rude but it was not Vronsky's mother.
(l) True.
- 2 (a) (ix) You have no idea how pleased we are to see you.
(b) (iii) I didn't know what you would think of me.
(c) (viii) Yes, she's happy. But can it last?
(d) (i) Anna could ... it depends on her ... a divorce is essential.
(e) (iv) Of course I will. I will talk to her.
(f) (x) You mean a divorce?
(g) (vii) What children?
(h) (vi) There will be no more children.
(i) (ii) But surely that's not right.
(j) (v) Then that's one reason why you should get a divorce.

Chapters 13–15

- 1 (a) they had dinner and talked about horse racing

- (b) they chatted and Levin started to like Vronsky
(c) Levin pitied Anna – and perhaps fell in love with her.
(d) Kitty was very upset and made Levin promise not to see Anna again.
(e) Anna was angry with Vronsky – for leaving her alone – but won a victory – by threatening that she was 'near disaster'
(f) Karenin refused to help Oblonsky get a better position; he told Oblonsky he would never give Anna a divorce.
- 2 (a) The Turks
(b) Oblonsky
(c) a young officer who had known Vronsky in his former army days
(d) Vronsky's coachman
(e) Vronsky's mother
(f) Karenin
(g) Yashvin
- 3 (a) Vronsky's life to him
(b) the pain in Vronsky's tooth, then the inner pain when he remembered Anna
(c) Anna's body, when Vronsky had arrived at the station.
(d) Anna when Vronsky first met her
(e) Anna as Vronsky remembered her at the end
(f) Kitty, in her role as mother
(g) Levin
(h) Levin
(i) Kitty's favourite oak tree
(j) Kitty and Mitya
(k) Levin's heart at finding Kitty and Mitya safe
(l) Levin with his feelings for his son before the thunderstorm
(m) Levin's life

Activities after reading the book

Open answers

