



Mother Teresa

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While reading

Pages 1–8

- 1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
 - a Mother Teresa's name was Agnes.
 - b Her family name was Gonxha.
 - c Her brother was born before her.
 - d She had no sisters.
 - e Her parents were born in Skopje.
 - f Skopje was a Serbian city.
 - g Her family had no money.
 - h Her father didn't work.
- 2 Write.
Agnes and her mother are talking at the train station. Write what they say.
- 3 Write letters.
Agnes is in Darjeeling now and she's writing a letter to her family. Write the letter. Write her mother's letter to her too.
- 4 Read page 4 again. On a map of the world, draw how Mother Teresa got from Skopje to Darjeeling.
- 5 Put the sentences in the right order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).
 - a She heard stories about Christian missionaries in India and poor African countries.
 - b Agnes's father died when she was eight.
 - c Agnes wanted to be a nun in India.
 - d She helped people in the slums.
 - e She became a nun in 1928.
- 6 Write the right year.
1910 1918 1928 1930 1944 1946 1948
 Mother Teresa's English was now good.
 Her father died.
 She took a train to Darjeeling.
 She was born.
 She became the head teacher.
 She went to Dublin.
 The Head of the Catholic Church in Calcutta sent her a letter.

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- 7 Match.

Women	food and bed
Nun	ill

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| Doctor | sari |
| Children's home | hospital |
| Hospital | big building |
| Government | help |

- 8 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
 - a Indian women usually dress in saris.
 - b In 1948, many nuns worked with Mother Teresa in the slums in India.
 - c The Missionaries of Charity opened a home in Calcutta in 1952.
 - d The Missionaries of Charity opened homes in Rome and Tanzania after 1965.
 - e Mother Teresa died in 1987.
- 9 Correct the information in these sentences.
 - a Mother Teresa dressed in an expensive red and blue Sari.
 - b In 1952, Mother Teresa started a home for children in Calcutta.
 - c In 1965, the Missionaries of Charity started working in Rome.
 - d Many letters arrived for Mother Teresa after a BBC radio programme about her work in 1969.
 - e In 1979, Mother Teresa got the Nobel Prize for Medicine.
- 10 Get a map of the world and find these cities:
Skopje
Dublin
Calcutta
New York
What countries are they in? Write two sentences about each country.
- 11 Imagine you are Mother Teresa. You have just arrived in Calcutta. Write a short note to your family about the city and your plans to work in the slums.

After reading

- 12 The pictures in the story.
Look at the photos in the book. Write one sentence to describe the photo.
- 13 Write.
Have students write an entry in Mother Teresa's diary the day she left her family.
25 September 1928. Today I said goodbye to my family at the station. I want to be a nun.



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1 Write what they did or didn't do.

- a Agnes (be) born in Skopje.
- b Her parents (be) from Skopje.
- c The family (have) a happy home.
- d She (work) when her father died.
- e Her mother (love) her family.
- f The people near her house (buy) a lot of food.
- g Agnes (love) God.
- h The family (pray) every day.
- i Missionaries (work) in India and Africa.
- j There (be) missionaries from Skopje in India.

2 Write the right word in the sentences. There are twelve words, but you can only use ten.

- died God head helped hospital missionaries nun poor prayed slums world church
- a Agnes went to every day.
 - b Her father when she was young.
 - c was important for her.
 - d She poor people.
 - e Poor people didn't go to when they were ill.
 - f Agnes wanted to be a
 - g Agnes to God every day.
 - h Christian worked with poor people in India and Africa.
 - i Poor people lived in
 - j There are a lot of poor people in the today.

3 Match the questions and the answers.

- a When was Agnes born?
 - b When did she go to Ireland?
 - c How did she go to Dublin?
 - d How did she go to Calcutta?
 - e How many brothers and sisters did she have?
 - f How many people did she help?
 - g Where did she say goodbye to her family?
 - h Where did she stay in Ireland?
 - i Did she travel to Darjeeling by plane?
 - j Did she have any friends in Skopje?
- 1) By boat.
 - 2) A lot.
 - 3) Yes, she did.
 - 4) Two.
 - 5) In 1928.
 - 6) At the home of the Loreto nuns.

- 7) In 1910.
- 8) By train and boat.
- 9) No, she didn't.
- 10) At the station.

4 What happened first? Number the sentences.

- a An old woman died with Mother Teresa next to her.
- b Mother Teresa asked people for food.
- c She moved to a room near a slum.
- d She opened street clinics.
- e She received a big building from the government.
- f She started a home for children.
- g She started a home for dying people.
- h She started Missionaries of Charity.
- i They opened homes in 23 places in India.
- j Two Indian students from Loreto Entally started helping her.

5 Which is the right word?

- a Catholics go to *church* / *hospital* every Sunday.
- b When her father *died* / *prayed* Agnes was sad.
- c Women in India wear a *skirt* / *sari*.
- d The Nobel *prize* / *church* is very important.
- e Countries have a *God* / *government*.
- f When people are ill, they go to a *slum* / *hospital*.
- g Some poor people live in a *building* / *slum*.

6 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a There were Missionaries of Charity in South America before 1965.
- b They opened a home in Rome in 1969.
- c The BBC programme about Mother Teresa was on TV in 1969.
- d People watched the programme all over the world in 1969.
- e Mother Teresa was famous because she received the Nobel Prize.
- f Mother Teresa wrote a love letter to the world.
- g Mother Teresa saw God in people.
- h She thought her work was very difficult.
- i She got the Nobel Prize in 1970.
- j She thought that world peace was important.
- k She opened 100 homes in 1980.
- l She only wore saris.
- m There's a Missionaries of Charity home in New York.
- n She died when she was 80.
- o People from all over the world wanted to say goodbye to her.