



Anna Karenina

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While reading

Chapters 1–3

1 Finish these sentences from Chapter 1.

- a Oblonsky could not believe that.....
- b Alexei Karenin was an important man because
- c Levin went to the Skating Gardens
- d When Levin and Oblonsky had dinner at the grand restaurant, Levin
- e Even though Kitty felt happy when Levin proposed she

2 What happened first? Number these sentences from Chapter 2 in the correct order.

- a Vronsky found out that Anna and his mother had travelled together.
- b Anna saw the guard's death as a bad omen.
- c Kitty danced with Vronsky convinced that he would propose to her.
- d Kitty met Anna and was impressed by her.
- e Dolly saw Anna and started feeling better.
- f Vronsky was amazed at Anna's beauty.

3 Who in Chapter 3 said each of these things? Who were they talking to? What were they referring to?

- a 'I've spoiled everything for Kitty with Vronsky.'
- b 'Tomorrow I'll see Seriozha and my husband, and my nice everyday life will go on as before.'
- c 'You know that I have come to be where you are.'
- d 'I beg of you to forget it as I will forget it.'
- e 'You see, here is your loving husband, burning with impatience to see you.'

Chapters 4–6

4 Put in order these events from Chapter 4:

- a Dolly arrived at the Shcherbatsky's house and had many problems.
- b Dolly told Levin that Kitty was coming to spend the summer at the house.
- c Dolly tried to persuade Levin to come over while Kitty was there but he refused.
- 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.
- f Oblonsky gave instructions for some things to be done, but he forgot many other things.
- g Oblonsky went and looked over the house.
- h Oblonsky wrote to Levin and asked him to go to the Shcherbatsky's house to solve the problems.
- i One afternoon Dolly decided to take the children to the river to bathe and met Levin.
- j The Shcherbatsky's invited Dolly and the children to stay in their country house for the summer.

5 Match words from each column to make phrases from Chapter 5.

a a cruel	1 affair
b ceased to	2 blow
c fight a	3 career
d physically	4 coward
e a high position in	5 crime
f profit from her	6 divorce
g formal	7 duel
h his peace of	8 interest
i break off the	9 messenger
j religious	10 mind
k a Higher	11 Power
l special	12 principles
m advance his	13 society

6 Write the sentences from the text in Chapter 6 that prove these sentences are false.

- a Dolly did not want Levin to go to her country house.
- b Nikolai told Levin that he was getting worse.
- c Levin thought his brother would live long.
- d When Nikolai argues with Levin he is happy he came to see his brother anyway.
- e Nikolai decides not to leave.

Chapters 7–9

7 Underline the mistakes in the sentences from Chapter 8 and correct them.

- a Ana told Alexei that there was another woman in her and that she was happy.
- b The one thing Anna wanted from Alexei was his love.
- c Vronsky thought that Karenin's actions were noble and he felt very confused.



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- d Princess Betsy thought that Karenin was a weak man.
- e Oblonsky was sad because he knew that Karenin would not break his promise.

8 Finish these sentences from Chapter 9.

- a Anna was so happy with her baby girl that she practically never
- b Vronsky was so bored in Europe that
- c After Levin and Kitty were married for three months, they received.....
- d Even though Levin had not wanted Kitty to see Nikolai
- e Countess Lydia told Seriozha

Chapters 10–12

9 Are these sentences about the information in Chapter 10 true (T) or false (F)?

- a Countess Ivanovna fell in love with Karenin.
- b Anna wrote to Karenin about seeing her son.
- c The Countess persuaded Karenin to refuse Anna's request.
- d Anna didn't expect to be allowed to see her son.
- e The Countess had told Seriozha that his mother was dead, and he believed her.
- f Seriozha was happy to see his mother.
- g Anna wanted her son to love her husband.

10 Match these statements (a–j) and responses (1–10) from Chapter 11.

- a Why haven't you written to me?
- b I can see that Anna is very happy with you; she's already told me so.
- c What can Anna do?
- d Help me to persuade her to write to him and ask for a divorce.
- e He doesn't want your husband to have a legal right to his children.
- f Ani, and other that will come.
- g I can choose either to be pregnant, or to be a friend and companion to my husband.
- h Don't you see that I could not possibly want children in my position?
 - 1) Anna could ... it depends on her ... a divorce is essential.

- 2) But surely that's not right.
- 3) I didn't know what you would think of me.
- 4) Of course I will. I will talk to her.
- 5) Then that's one reason why you should get a divorce.
- 6) There will be no more children.
- 7) What children?
- 8) Yes, she's happy. But can it last?

Chapters 13–15

11 Here's a list of the meetings in Chapter 13.

What was the result of each meeting?

- a Oblonsky invited Levin to his club.
- b Vronsky met Levin.
- c Oblonsky and Levin went to see Anna.
- d Levin went home and told Kitty about meeting Anna.
- e Vronsky came home and talked to Anna.

12 Match each description (a–g) from Chapter 15 with a name (1–7). Who

- a were the Russians fighting?
 - b tried to talk to Vronsky at the station?
 - c got into the same carriage as Vronsky's mother?
 - d saw the death of Anna?
 - e said that Anna brought ruin to herself and two fine men?
 - f did Ani go to live with after Anna's death?
 - g persuaded Vronsky to go to the Serbian war?
- 1) a young officer who had known Vronsky in his former army days
 - 2) Karenin
 - 3) Oblonsky
 - 4) The Turks
 - 5) Vronsky's coachman
 - 6) Vronsky's mother
 - 7) Yashvin

13 Who/what in Chapter 15 was/were

- a useless and hateful
- b mangled but still warm
- c mysterious, beautiful, loving
- d cruel and full of thought of revenge
- e very calm and happy
- f uncertain about the meaning of his life



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Chapters 1–3

1 There are two mistakes in each of these sentences. Underline them and write the correct information.

- a Oblonsky's love affair with the English teacher was the first one.
- b Levin loved town life and felt very comfortable among the aristocrats.
- c When Levin proposed to Kitty she felt sad and then accepted him.
- d Dolly did not want to see Anna and refused to tell her anything.

Chapters 4–6

2 Write *true* (T), *false* (F) or *it does not say* (?)

- a Oblonsky asked Levin if he could stay at the country house with Dolly and the children, who were alone.
- b Levin told Dolly that he was still angry at Kitty for having refused him.
- c Levin thought that marrying a peasant girl would be a good idea.
- d Levin realised that he still loved Kitty.

3 Choose the right phrase.

- a Karenin wrote a letter to Anna telling her that
 - 1) they must continue their life together.
 - 2) they should divorce as soon as possible.
- b When Anna told Vronsky that she was pregnant
 - 1) he was happy and wanted to quit his job immediately.
 - 2) he was very frightened.
- c When Anna and Seriozha arrived in Petersburg
 - 1) Karenin was excited to see them.
 - 2) Karenin had them wait for a long time and finally had a tough talk with Anna.
- d When Levin saw Nikolai
 - 1) he could not believe how terrible he looked.
 - 2) he was surprised to see him in such good health and spirits.

Chapters 7–9

4 Choose the right words.

- a Karenin could not believe that he had been a victim of *adultery* / *robbery*.
- b Karenin did not want to *consent* / *refuse* to divorce because he thought it would be the cause of Anna's ruin as well as his own.
- c When Vronsky saw Karenin's attitude he felt *humiliated* / *attacked* and guilty.

- d Anna was so weak and ill that she started *shouting* / *muttering* things in French.

Chapters 10–12

5 Finish the sentences.

- a Countess Lydia Ivanovna had been in love with many men but she had never loved anyone as ...
- b Countess Lydia suggested that Anna ...
- c Anna decided to visit her son and destroy all the lies that surrounded him so on the next day she ...
- d When Seriozha saw his mother he told her that he knew that ...

6 Write *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- a When Anna was told that a new opera singer was in town and that everybody in Petersburg would go to see her, she decided to go, even if that could affect her.
- b Vronsky told Anna that she could be publicly humiliated and the talk of all town gossips.
- c When Dolly visited Anna and Vronsky she could not believe how simple their house and lifestyle was.
- d Dolly could not believe that Anna took so little care of her baby girl and that she had hired such an unpleasant woman to take care of the child.

Chapters 13–15

7 Number these sentences in the correct order, 1–6.

- a Levin met Anna and was impressed by her.
- b When Kitty found out that Levin had been with Anna, she was very angry.
- c Karenin told Oblonsky that he refused to divorce his wife.
- d Oblonsky asked Karenin to help him obtain a better position but he refused to help his brother-in-law.
- e Kitty gave birth to a very healthy baby boy.
- f Kitty was in Moscow with all the people she loved waiting for her to have her baby.

8 Write *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- a Anna started suspecting that Vronsky was in love with another woman.
- b Anna was so upset with Vronsky that she locked herself in her room and took morphine.
- c When Anna saw a young woman in a carriage giving a package to Vronsky, she started shouting at them.
- d After Vronsky left, Anna wrote a letter to her brother asking him to visit her.