

Agnes Grey

Anne Brontë

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- a *He lived quite well on a small salary and had a pleasant little house of his own.* ✓
 - c Her father told her that she could marry the vicar if she wanted to, but that if she did, she would lose her fortune. ✓
 - d My mother gave birth to six children, but my sister Mary and I were the only two that survived the dangers of early childhood. ✓
 - e We lived a very protected life and my sister and I did not go to school. ✓
 - i My father was excited and so were we all. ✓
 - j The ship, which contained the goods and therefore our fortune, had been caught in a terrible storm. ✓
 - l Over time he became ill with the worry of it all and none of us could give him any hope. ✓
 - o I offered to help, too, but although I thought of myself as a young woman, I was still a child in the eyes of my family. ✓

2 1 f, 2 c, 3 g, 4 i, 5 a, 6 d, 7 e, 8 b, 9 k, 10 h, 11 l, 12 j

3 1 dining room

2 lunch bell

3 school room

4 bird's nest

5 well behaved

6 work bag

4 The next morning I woke up feeling nervous, but also curious to know what my new life would be like in this house. I went down to the school room to begin what would be the first day of two years of teaching the girls.

I do not want to bore you with all the details of the first year or two with this family. I will simply describe the family and give you a general idea of this time.

The head of the family, Mr Murray, was a tall, well-built man who I did not see very often. Apart from going to church on Sundays, he spent his time horse-riding, fox-hunting, laughing loudly and yelling at the servants.

Mrs Murray was not an unattractive lady. She was about forty years of age and she certainly enjoyed her food. Her main interests seemed to be either holding or going to parties and wearing the very latest fashions. When I met her for the first time, which was not until half way through my first day, she told me what my duties were going to be.

'And remember,' she said after she had explained the importance of good manners and not working the girls too hard, 'that it is best to be gentle with them.' While Mrs Murray talked a lot about the comfort and happiness of her children, she never once talked about my comfort and happiness.

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| a | Agnes, 9 | g | Agnes, 5 |
| b | Agnes, 11 | h | Agnes, 7 |
| c | Rosalie, 6 | i | Rosalie, 10 |
| d | Rosalie, 4 | j | Rosalie, 2 |
| e | Agnes, 3 | k | Rosalie, 8 |
| f | Agnes, 1 | | |

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	Who says	this	to whom	about who?
1	Rosalie Murray	'What did you think of the new curate?'	Agnes Grey	Mr Weston
2	Agnes	'I have seen him, but I haven't yet spoken to him.'	Rosalie	Mr Weston
3	Rosalie	'Did you see how he walked out of the church? He walked along, not looking left or right, as if there was nobody there apart from himself!'	Agnes	Mr Weston
4	Rosalie	'He always makes sure that he's waiting outside to help me climb into the carriage.'	Agnes	Mr Hatfield
5	Nancy Brown	'He comes to see me a lot more than Mr Hatfield used to.'	Agnes	Mr Weston
6	Nancy Brown	'Once when he came he kicked my cat.'	Agnes	Mr Hatfield

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- 'I wish Mr Hatfield hadn't proposed so soon!'
 - 'He'll never come again.'
 - 'Well, I'm sorry to lose Mr Hatfield, I have to admit.'
 - 'I wonder how he'll look and whether he'll be able to read his sermon.'
 - 'You are alone again, Miss Grey!'
 - 'I don't really have any friends here in Horton.'
 - 'I have shot him through the heart.'
 - 'What time do you think you might go to see her?'
 - 'I don't mind the rain.'
 - 'I can't possibly go for a walk.'
 - 'Miss Grey must go with you.'

9 Sunday came and I was able to go to ^{school} church and hear Mr Weston ^{preach} talk. It had been several weeks since I had been to church and I was happy to be able to see him and listen to him. I walked home ^{afterwards} then with Matilda, but he did not come to talk to us and nor did he walk home with us. Matilda was as ^{disappointed} unhappy as I was that we had to walk home alone. Now that her sister had got married, Matilda had started to think about when her time would come to do the same. Mrs Murray, too, had time to think about her younger daughter and to look for a husband for her. I was told that I must work ^{extra} very hard because the young lady's ^{manners} education needed to be much better. Matilda was told that she was no longer allowed to go ^{riding} swimming every day or play with the dogs. Just when I thought my job had become much easier, it began to get harder again.

In addition to long hours in the school room, Mrs Murray had decided that Matilda needed ^{exercise} practice and should go on walks every day. It was on one of these walks that Matilda and I saw Mr Weston by ^{chance} the church. I had hoped this would happen for such a long time, but now I felt very ^{nervous} frightened. My heart was beating very fast. I was ^{worried} sure that how I was feeling would be clear to both Matilda and Mr Weston himself. However, I need not have worried because he hardly ^{looked at} noticed me and spoke first to Matilda. He asked if she had heard from her sister, Rosalie.

'Yes,' she replied, 'She was in ^{Paris} Venice when she last wrote to us and she was very well. And very happy, of course.'

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- a *The school that my mother owned in Scarborough was a short distance from the sea.* ✓
 - c As I approached the end of the beach I heard a dog bark behind me, then suddenly a small animal came running round in front of me and stopped right at my feet. ✓
 - d He could not have come so far on his own, so I looked to see who he might be with. ✓
 - g In fact, I have nothing but loneliness to complain about. ✓
 - j He walked with me to the end of the street where I lived. ✓
 - k 'And when will you come to meet my mother?' I asked him. ✓