

# The Hundred Dresses-I



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## GENERAL INTRODUCTION:

The Hundred Dresses is a story based on the real experiences of the writer. It is about a girl who is teased by her classmates. This girl was Wanda who always claims to have one hundred dresses. Her classmates always made fun of her. As her claim was in contradiction to the fact that she always came to school wearing the same dress. Her classmates assumed her name to be funny. Her name was not common, because she came to an American town as a Polish immigrant with her family. The truth about her hundred dresses was revealed when she submitted her hundred different drawings in a drawing competition. They were the same hundred dresses that she used to describe often. All of those dresses were extremely beautiful.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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## SUMMARY:

This story is about a girl Wanda Petronski and her classmates, mainly Peggy and Maddie who were always

making fun of her. Wanda Petronski was a Polish immigrant, and she had come to America with her family. She took admission in the school of American students. Her classmates found her name to be strange and probably, the weirdest in the classroom. This is because they all had an easier and common name.

Wanda was poor and always came to school wearing a faded blue dress. She was quiet and always found sitting in the corner of the classroom. Although she claimed that she had a hundred dresses and sixty shoes at her home. Two best friends, Peggy and Maddie were the most famous girls in school while anyone barely knew Wanda. The story is based on the viewpoint of Maddie, who was the best friend of the main player in the daily taunting and teasing of Wanda.

Peggy and Maddie would always wait for Wanda even though they were late for school. Maddie was a poor girl, but she herself did not like it when Peggy made fun of Wanda. She was afraid that she could be a target. She wanted Peggy not to make fun of Wanda, but could not have the courage to face her. Because she was afraid that she may lose her best friend. Though, Peggy's purpose was never to hurt Wanda. But she was very eager to know why Wanda had to lie that she had a hundred dresses in her closet.

The truth about the same hundred dresses was revealed on the result day of the drawing competition. The

room had one hundred drawings representing different dresses, each extremely beautiful. That day, she truly had a hundred dresses and all lined up, but in the classroom.

The class had assembled. Miss Mason announced the winners. Jack Beggles had won for the boys. He had sketched an outboard motor. The drawing was displayed in room 12. As for the girls Wanda was the winner of the girls' medal. But Wanda was absent that day. Miss Mason asked the children to look at Wanda's beautiful drawing.

At that time, Peggy and Maddie, who were awestruck and realized the theory of a hundred dresses. They felt guilty about having treated her badly.

### सारांश:

यह कहानी एक लड़की वांडा पेट्रोन्स्की और उसके सहपाठियों, मुख्य रूप से पैगी और मैडी के बारे में है जो हमेशा उसका मजाक उड़ाते थे। वांडा पेट्रोन्स्की एक पोलिश अप्रवासी थी, और वह अपने परिवार के साथ अमेरिका आई थी। उसने अमेरिकी छात्रों के स्कूल में प्रवेश लिया। उसके सहपाठियों ने उसका नाम अजीब और शायद कक्षा में सबसे अजीब पाया। ऐसा इसलिए है क्योंकि उन सभी का एक आसान और सामान्य नाम था।

वांडा गरीब था और हमेशा फीकी नीली पोशाक पहनकर स्कूल आता था। वह शांत थी और हमेशा कक्षा के कोने में बैठी रहती थी। हालांकि उसने दावा किया कि उसके घर में सौ कपड़े और साठ जूते हैं। दो सबसे अच्छे दोस्त, पैगी और मैडी स्कूल में सबसे प्रसिद्ध लड़कियां थीं, जबकि वांडा को शायद ही

कोई जानता था। कहानी मैडी के दृष्टिकोण पर आधारित है, जो वांडा के दैनिक ताने और चिढ़ाने में मुख्य खिलाड़ी का सबसे अच्छा दोस्त था।

पैगी और मैडी हमेशा वांडा के आयोजन का इंतजार करते थे, हालांकि उन्हें स्कूल जाने में देर हो गई थी। मैडी एक गरीब लड़की थी, लेकिन जब पैगी ने वांडा का मजाक उड़ाया तो उसे खुद यह पसंद नहीं आया। उसे डर था कि कहीं वह निशाना न बन जाए। वह चाहती थी कि पैगी वांडा का मजाक न उड़ाए, लेकिन उसका सामना करने की हिम्मत नहीं हो सकती थी। क्योंकि उसे डर था कि कहीं वह अपने सबसे अच्छे दोस्त को खो न दे। हालांकि, पैगी का उद्देश्य वांडा को चोट पहुंचाना कभी नहीं था। लेकिन वह यह जानने के लिए बहुत उत्सुक थी कि वांडा को यह झूठ क्यों बोलना पड़ा कि उसकी अलमारी में सौ कपड़े हैं।

वही सौ ड्रेस की सच्चाई ड्राइंग प्रतियोगिता के परिणाम के दिन सामने आई। कमरे में अलग-अलग पोशाकों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले एक सौ चित्र थे, जिनमें से प्रत्येक अत्यंत सुंदर था। उस दिन, उसके पास वास्तव में सौ कपड़े थे और सभी पंक्तिबद्ध थे, लेकिन कक्षा में।

क्लास इकट्ठी हो चुकी थी। मिस मेसन ने विजेताओं की घोषणा की। लड़कों के लिए जैक बेगल्स ने जीत हासिल की थी। उन्होंने एक आउटबोर्ड मोटर का स्केच बनाया था। ड्राइंग को कमरे 12 में प्रदर्शित किया गया था। लड़कियों के लिए वांडा लड़कियों के पदक की विजेता थी। लेकिन वांडा उस दिन अनुपस्थित थे। मिस मेसन ने बच्चों से वांडा के सुंदर चित्र को देखने के लिए कहा।

उस समय, पैगी और मैडी, जो अचंभित थे और उन्होंने सौ पोशाकों के सिद्धांत को महसूस किया। वे उसके साथ बुरा व्यवहार करने के लिए दोषी महसूस करते थे।

## Character Sketch:

**Wanda Petronski:** A Polish immigrant in America that lives in Boggins Heights. She is quiet and nobody had ever heard her laugh.

**Peggy:** She is described as the most beautiful and popular girl in school. She was pretty and owned many clothes and had curly hair.

**Maddie:** Maddie is a sensitive girl. She misses Wanda and is very distraught

when she realizes that she had been an accomplice in bullying their classmate and hence hurting her feelings.

**Miss Mason:** Miss Mason is a kind and sympathetic teacher. She was hurt when Wanda's father sent the letter informing about her leaving the school. She was also empathetic and did not scold the students for their actions but urged them to think about how grave their actions were.

Possessions-	wealth/things kept (दौलत/पास रखी वस्तुएँ);
enduring-	long lasting (देर तक चलने वाली);
account-	detail (विस्तार);
encyclopedia-	book dealing with all branches of knowledge (विश्वकोश);
immigrants-	settlers in another country (प्रवासी);
occurred-	took place (घटित हुआ);
identified-	recognised (पहचाना);
ethnicity-	pertaining to race (जाति संबंधी);
treat-	behave with (व्यवहार करना);
notable-	famous (प्रसिद्ध);
suburbs-	outskirts of the city (बाहरी बस्ती);
discriminated-	made discrimination (भेदभाव किया);
census-	counting of people (जनगणना) ।
roars-	cries (शोर/चीखें);
on the contrary-	on the other hand (इसके विपरीत);
rarely-	very seldom (बहुत कम);
twisted-	moved (हिले);
crooked sort-	awkward (बेढंगी); ।
Faded-	dim coloured (मद्धम रंग की);
hang right-	fit properly (सही ढंग से फिट होना );
ironed-	pressed with iron (प्रेस करना);

<b>surrounded-</b>	<b>encircled</b> (दायरा बनाना);
<b>hopscotch-</b>	<b>a kind of game</b> (एक प्रकार का खेल);
<b>courteous-</b>	<b>polite</b> (विनम्र);
<b>nudge-</b>	<b>a gentle push</b> (हल्का — सा इशारा करना) ।
<b>Incredulously-</b>	<b>showing disbelief</b> (अविश्वास प्रकट करते हुए);
<b>velvet-</b>	<b>a kind of cloth</b> (मखमल);
<b>obviously-</b>	<b>apparently</b> (स्पष्ट रूप से);
<b>exaggerated-</b>	<b>enhanced</b> (बढ़ा—चढ़ाकर कहना);
<b>greeted-</b>	<b>welcomed</b> (स्वागत किया);
<b>inseparable-</b>	<b>that which cannot be separated</b> (अभिन्न);
<b>hitching-</b>	<b>catching</b> (पकड़ना);
<b>protected-</b>	<b>saved</b> (बचाया);
<b>bullies-</b>	<b>those who frighten the weaker persons</b> धोंसिया);
<b>cruel-</b>	<b>unkind</b> (क्रूर) ।
<b>Mocking-</b>	<b>making fun of</b> (मज़ाक उड़ाना);
<b>embarrassed-</b>	<b>ashamed of</b> शर्मसार होना)
<b>exactly-</b>	<b>correctly</b> (सही ढंग से);
<b>invented-</b>	<b>discovered</b> (आविष्कार किया);
<b>teasing-</b>	<b>bothering</b> (परेशान करना);
<b>paused-</b>	<b>stopped</b> (रुकी),
<b>shuddered-</b>	<b>trembled</b> (काँपने लगी);
<b>target-</b>	<b>person chosen for attack</b> (निशाना);
<b>disguise-</b>	<b>conceal</b> (छुपाना) ।
<b>Trimmings-</b>	<b>ornamentation of a dress</b> (पोशाक की सजावट);
<b>accord-</b>	<b>wish</b> (इच्छा);
<b>blonde hair-</b>	<b>golden hair</b> (सुनहरी बाल);
<b>scarcely-</b>	<b>hardly</b> (मुश्किल से ही);
<b>brilliant-</b>	<b>shining</b> (चमकता हुआ);
<b>sash-</b>	<b>scarf</b> (स्कार्फ);
<b>pretended-</b>	<b>false</b> (झूठ);
<b>admiration-</b>	<b>praise</b> (तारीफ);
<b>probably-</b>	<b>perhaps</b> (शायद);
<b>announce-</b>	<b>declare</b> (घोषणा करना);

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3. Theme: Reconciliation, bullying, inequality, social Isolation, Class difference, remorse and poverty

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drizzling-

light rain  
(बूँदा-बाँदी)।

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Eagerly-

with eagerness (उत्सुकता से);

gasp-

breathed with open mouth (खुले मुँह से साँस लेना);

ledge-

outer part (बाहरी भाग);

window-sill-

lower portion of a window (खिड़की का नीचे का भाग);

dazzling-

shining (चमकता हुआ);

lavish-

grand (भव्य);

wrapping-

outer cover of something wrapped (बाहरी कवर);

contest-

competition  
(प्रतियोगिता);

<b>murmured-</b>	<b>muttered</b> (बुड़बुड़ाना);
<b>admiringly-</b>	<b>in a praising manner</b> (प्रशंसात्मक रूप से );
<b>assembled-</b>	<b>gathered</b> (इकट्ठे हुए)
<b>exhibition-</b>	<b>on show</b> (दिखाना);
<b>sketches-</b>	<b>drawings</b> (ड्राइंग) ।
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<b>Unfortunately-</b>	<b>unluckily</b> (दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण);
<b>applause-</b>	<b>praise</b> (तारीफ);
<b>exquisite-</b>	<b>beautiful</b> (सुंदर);
<b>stamp-</b>	<b>strike floor with feet</b> (पैरों से फर्श थपथपाना);
<b>whispered-</b>	<b>spoke in a low voice</b> (काना— फूसी करना) ।

## KEY WORDS:

**Scuffling of feet-** noisy, dragging movements of the feet on the ground

**Hopscotch-** a game in which children hop into and over squares marked on the ground

**Nudge-** a gentle push

**Incredulously-** showing unwillingness to believe

**Courteous-** polite, respectful

**Stolidly-** calm, dependable, and showing little emotion and animation

**Shrieks-** scream

**Exaggerated-** overemphasize

**Shuddered-** shake, tremble

**Disguise-** to give a different appearance to conceal its identity

**Scarcely-** hardly; barely

**Trimnings-** decoration

**Sash-** a long strip or loop of cloth worn over one shoulder or round the

waist, especially as part of a uniform or official dress

**Pretended-** not genuine

**Admiration-** respect and warm approval

**Drizzling-** rain lightly

**Hurried-** quick

### 1. Wanda Petronski

a polish girl whose parents had settled down in America.

Americans did not have such names

a source of fun because of her last name

teased by her classmates

belongs to a very poor family

Sensitive and simple

Quiet and shy

**2. Setting: A school in an American town**

**3. Theme: Reconciliation, bullying, inequality, social Isolation, Class difference, remorse and poverty**

**4. Peggy and Maddie:**

Wanda's classmates.

Peggy was rich and the most popular girl in school. She was pretty and she had many pretty clothes.

Maddie herself was poor and therefore, felt that if she spoke against the others, they would target her next

**5. Wanda is teased by her classmates. Because she always claims to have one hundred dresses. Her classmates, especially Peggy and Maddie, always made fun of her. As her claim was in contradiction to the fact that she always came to school wearing the same dress.**

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Wanda was a very quiet girl who rarely said anything to anybody.

She had no friends and came to school and went home alone.

Peggy was the most popular girl in the class.

She was pretty, had many dresses and curly hair.

Wanda was a poor girl who always wore a faded blue dress which was never ironed properly.

Her name Wanda Petronski was difficult to pronounce and looked funny to the children.

Maddie was poor and wore old clothes given to her by Peggy.

She didn't like Peggy's questioning of Wanda about her hundred dresses, shoes and hats.

She wished Peggy would not tease and mock Wanda in such an insulting manner.

Drawing competition: Everybody thought that Peggy would be the winner

Miss Mason declared that Wanda was the winner of the girls' medal.

Unfortunately, Wanda was not present to hear the applause that was due to her.

**8. Conclusion: Tears of regret and thankfulness welled up in their (Peggy and Maddie) eyes. This story teaches us we should never make fun of the unique differences of our fellow human beings. We should try to accept them as they are and be cooperative with them.**

### MCQ:

1. Who lived in Boggins Heights?

- (a) Maddie
- (b) Peggy
- (c) Wanda
- (d) Cecile

**Ans. (c)**

2. How do other girls treat Wanda?

- (a) they make fun of Wanda.
- (b) they like Wanda a lot.
- (c) they hated Wanda a lot.
- (d) None of the Above

**Ans. (a)**

3. Who won the drawing contest for boys at school?

- (a) Jake
- (b) Maddie
- (c) Wanda
- (d) Michael

**Ans. (a)**

4. Who secretly disliked how Wanda was being treated?

- (a) Peggy
- (b) Cecile
- (c) Maddie
- (d) Jake

**Ans. (c)**

5. How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls?

- (a) Because of her nature
- (b) Because of her tasks
- (c) Because of her name and dress
- (d) None of the Above

**Ans. (c)**

6. Why does Maddie stand by and not do anything?

- (a) Because she was herself victim
- (b) Because she doesn't have courage
- (c) Because she doesn't want to
- (d) None of the Above

**Ans. (b)**

7. How is Maddie different from Peggy?

- (a) She doesn't make fun of Wanda.
- (b) She likes Wanda a lot.
- (c) She hated Wanda a lot.
- (d) None of the Above

**Ans. (a)**

8. What does Miss Mason think of Wanda's drawing?

- (a) Exquisite
- (b) Ugly

(c) Average

(d) None of the Above

**Ans. (a)**

9. Why does Wanda say that she has a hundred dresses?

(a) Because she has.

(b) To counter other girls.

(c) She loves to rant.

(d) None of the Above

**Ans. (b)**

10. Who is the author of "The Hundred Dresses"?

A) Liam O' Flaherty

B) Frederick Forsyth

C) Roal Dahl

D) Eleanor Estes

**Ans. (D)**

11. Who were the two best friends?

A) Peggy, Maddie

B) Wanda, Peggy

C) Maddie, Wanda

D) Willie, Wanda

**Ans. (A)**

12. Where in the classroom does Wanda sit?

A) end corner B) middle

C) front D) rotational

**Ans. (A)**

13. Which classroom did they all sit in?

A) Room fifteen

B) Room thirteen

C) Room twelve

D) Room eleven

**Ans. (B)**

14. Who was the most popular girl in school?

A) Wanda

B) Maddie

C) Peggy

D) all of them

**Ans. (C)**

15. How would you describe Wanda's dress?

A) faded blue

B) not ironed properly

C) clean

D) all of the above

**Ans. (D)**

16. What tells you that Peggy wasn't cruel?

A) protected small children

from bullies

- B) couldn't stand animals getting mistreated
- C) did not make Wanda cry
- D) all of the above

**Ans. (D)**

17. Why was Peggy's game bothering Maddie?

- A) she cared about Wanda
- B) Peggy was harsh on Wanda
- C) she feared she'd be next to get teased
- D) all of the above

**Ans. (C)**

18. How many shoes did Wanda say she had?

- A) 50
- B) 100
- C) 10
- D) 60

**Ans. (D)**

19. Why was Maddie glad even when she was late for school?

- A) she didn't want to attend the class
- B) they could not make fun of Wanda
- C) she liked going late
- D) both 1 and 3

**Ans. (B)**

20. What reason did Maddie give herself to justify teasing Wanda?

- A) Wanda used to lie about her dresses
- B) Wanda deserved it
- C) Peggy was the best-liked girl and couldn't do anything wrong
- D) both 1 and 2

**Ans. (C)**

21. What did the drawing and coloring contest mean for the girls and boys?

- A) designing dresses and motorboats
- B) designing interiors and bikes
- C) designing dresses and bikes
- D) designing interiors and motorboats

**Ans. (A)**

22. Where did they used to wait for Wanda?

- A) Bakers street
- B) Boggins Heights
- C) Boggins street
- D) Oliver street

**Ans. (D)**

23. Who did Maddie think would win the contest?

- A) Wanda
- B) Maddie
- C) Peggy
- D) None of the above

**Ans. (C)**

24. What was the room covered with?

- A) drawings of girls
- B) drawings of boys
- C) 100 drawings of Wanda
- D) All of the above

**Ans. (D)**

25. Miss Mason said, "look at her exquisite drawings". What is the meaning of "Exquisite"?

- A) luxurious
- B) neatly made
- C) superior
- D) extremely beautiful and well-made

**Ans. (D)**

26. What was Maddie's full name?

- A) Madeline B) Madeline
- C) Maddeline D) Madger

**Ans. (B)**

27. Who won the drawing contest?

- A) Peggy
- B) Wanda
- C) Maddie
- D) None of them

**Ans. (B)**

28. How many drawings did Wanda draw?

- A) 100 B) 10
- C) 50 D) 150

**Ans. (A)**

29. How many dresses did Wanda say were lined up in her closet?

- A) 100 B) 40
- C) 50 D) 60

**Ans. (A)**

30. What was Wanda's full name?

- A) Wanda Polenski
- B) Wanda Petronski
- C) Wanda Patrick
- D) Wanda Polish

**Ans. (B)**

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Where in the classroom does Wanda sit and why?

**Ans.** Wanda sat in the seat next to the last seat, in the last row, in Room Thirteen. She sat in the corner of the room where the rough boys who did not get good marks sat. It was also the place where there was the most scuffling of feet, most roars of laughter when anything funny was said, and most mud and dirt on the floor.

2. Where does Wanda live? What kind of a place do you think it is?

**Ans.** Wanda lived at Boggins Heights. It seems that it was a place far away from the school and also, where there was a lot of dry mud, thereby indicating that it was not a very rich locality.

3. When and why do Peggy and Maddie notice Wanda's absence?

**Ans.** Peggie and Maddie noticed Wanda's absence after three days, i.e., on Wednesday. They finally noticed her absence because Wanda had got them late for school. They had waited for her in order to have some fun, but she did not turn up.

4. What do you think "to have fun with her" means?

**Ans.** In this context, 'to have fun with her' means that Peggy and Maddie would have made fun of Wanda and teased her for their own pleasure.

5. In what way was Wanda different from the other children?

**Ans.** Wanda was different from other children. She did not have any friends. She came to school alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that did not fit her properly. Unlike other children, she did not talk to anybody.

6. Did Wanda have a hundred dresses? Why do you think she said she did?

**Ans.** No, she did not have a hundred dresses because she was poor and wore the same faded dress to school everyday. Probably, it was a child's fantasy to possess a hundred dresses—a child who had only one dress to wear for school. The other children used to make fun of her poverty, and would have laughed at her whatever she might have said. This could have been the reason for her exaggerating everything.

7. Why is Maddie embarrassed by the questions Peggy asks Wanda? Is she also like Wanda, or is she different?

**Ans.** Maddie was embarrassed by the questions Peggy asked Wanda

because she was poor herself. She usually wore old clothes, which were handed down by someone else. She did not feel sorry for Wanda. She was worried that perhaps later, everyone would start teasing her too. She thought she was different from Wanda in the sense that she would never claim that she had a hundred dresses. She was not as poor as Wanda. Yet she was afraid that the others might mock her too.

8. Why didn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda? What was she afraid of?

**Ans.** Maddie tried to tell Peggy to stop teasing Wanda by writing a note to her. She knew she would never have the courage to speak to Peggy about this matter. As she was writing the note, she pictured herself in the school yard as a new target for Peggy and the girls. She thought Peggy might ask her where she got the dress she had on and she would have to say that it was one of Peggy's old ones. This was what she was afraid of. Consequently, she ended up tearing the note.

9. Who did Maddie think would win the drawing contest? Why?

**Ans.** Maddie thought that Peggy would win the drawing contest because Peggy drew better than anyone else. She could copy a picture in a magazine, or some film star's face so well that one could tell who it was.

10. Who won the drawing contest? What had the winner drawn?

**Ans.** Wanda won the drawing contest. She had drawn a hundred dresses, which were dazzling with colours, and had brilliant and lavish designs. They were all drawn on great sheets of wrapping paper. They were all different from each other and all beautiful. The judges said that any one of the drawings was worthy of winning the prize.

## LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls? How do they treat her?

**Ans.** Wanda was different from other girls. She did not have any friends. She came to school alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that did not fit her properly. Unlike others, she did not talk to anybody. The other girls teased her and had fun with her. They would surround her, and Peggy would ask how many dresses she had. Wanda would reply that she had a hundred and they would continue teasing her. Then, they would let her go. Before she could go very far, they would burst into laughter. They kept asking her how many hats she had, or shoes, etc. All of them mocked her and made fun of her.

2. How does Wanda feel about the dresses game? Why does she say that she has a hundred dresses?

**Ans.** Wanda did not show any feelings regarding the dresses game. It is most likely that she was deeply hurt. It could have been one of the reasons why her family left the place and moved to the city.

Probably, it was a child's fantasy to possess a hundred dresses—a child who had only one dress to wear for school. The other children used to make fun of her poverty, and would have laughed at her whatever she might have said. This could have been the reason for her exaggerating everything.

3. Why does Maddie stand by and not do anything? How is she different from Peggy? (Was Peggy's friendship important to Maddie? Why? Which lines in the text tell you this?)

**Ans.** Maddie always stood by and never did anything as she was afraid that if she did, she would be the next target of the children. She herself was poor and therefore, felt that if she spoke against the others, they would target her next. Unlike her, Peggy was a rich girl. This was also the reason why Maddie could think from Wanda's point of view, but Peggy could not. Maddie was Peggy's best friend. It seemed as if she was in awe of Peggy. She admired her quite a lot as she said that Peggy was the most liked girl in the room and that she drew better than anyone else. She did not have the courage to go against her. Some of the lines from the

text which show that Peggy's friendship was important to Maddie are as follows.

(i) Peggy, who had thought up this game, and Maddie, her inseparable friend, were always the last to leave.

(ii) She was Peggy's best friend, and Peggy was the best-liked girl in the whole room.

(iii) Peggy could not possibly do anything that was really wrong, she thought.

(iv) Oh, Maddie was sure Peggy would win.

4. What does Miss Mason think of Wanda's drawings? What do the children think of them? How do you know?

**Ans.** Miss Mason said that Room Thirteen should be proud of Wanda as she had drawn one hundred designs of dresses, all of which were beautiful and different. She told the students that in the opinion of the judges,

any one of the drawings was worthy of winning the prize. She was very happy to announce Wanda as the winner. As Wanda was absent that day, Miss Mason hoped that she would be back the next day. She then asked the entire class to look at Wanda's exquisite drawings.

The children also admired the drawings. Everybody stopped and whistled or murmured admiringly. After Miss Mason had announced that Wanda was the winner, they burst into applause, and even the boys were glad to have a chance to stamp on the floor and whistle. Also, just as Peggy and Maddie entered the room, they stopped short and gasped. Later they recognized the designs as those which Wanda had described to them. And in the end, Peggy exclaimed, "...and I thought I could draw." This shows that she also realized how good Wanda's drawings were.