

Group Three July 23<sup>rd</sup> 'Pink Rabbit' 8 and 9

(School system from US? More info?)

Are you happy to proceed using this method for the book?

Next week I'm not there and would suggest you read the *Nachwort* and chapters 10 - 12 for August 6th. That takes them to arriving in Paris.

Do you remember your own 10<sup>th</sup> birthday? Or that of children and children's children? Double figures?

**1. Lang/grammar:** Your comments?

For fear of God, for fear of her father, for fear of upsetting..... (p. 87)

Used to being a refugee (p. 87)

at a pinch - *in der Not* - (pinch of salt; to pinch = to steal; to pinch = kneifen, damit die andere aufjault) (p. 89)

meticulous handwriting - whose? (p. 83) You have to be meticulous to bake good cakes like all the women here present. You have to weigh meticulously, for a start.

**The text:**

What is the context? Who is speaking?

- 'But it's not the same as usual, ...We're not at home' p. 82/10

- '...but when Max was ten his birthday present had been a new bicycle' p. 83/12

- 'Happy Birthday', said the young man briefly and at once went back to talking to Papa. p. 84/11

- '...grown-up fillings' p. 85/2

- Heimpi would have made a birthday cake with strawberries p. 85/20

- '...all she could think of was that her birthday had been spoilt and that nothing would ever be any good again.' p. 86/15

- '...someone who's had to leave their home?'

'...who seeks refuge in another country'

'I don't think I'm quite used to being one yet.' p. 87/3 (cf p 89)

- Perhaps at a pinch it might even count as a difficult childhood.... p. 89/5

The feeling that everybody else (here Max) has it good. Just you/I are the ones having a bad time!

**Chapter Nine:** What was it like for you when school finished for Christmas, for Easter, for the summer - and for what else? In Britain it's called 'breaking up' or 'the end of term'. 'When do the Berlin schools break up for Easter?' 'When did the schools break up for the summer in 2020?'

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| ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES         | Penelope has a good general knowledge and contributes to discussions and displays. She undertakes independent research and presents her findings well.                                  |
| CULTURAL ACTIVITIES           | Penelope has a talent for producing attractive art and craft work. She makes imaginative use of scrap materials.  |
| PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT | Penelope is a confident, co-operative class member well-liked by her peers. She is resourceful and uses her own initiative. She does find it difficult to accept correction cheerfully. |

Did you get a report which said how hard you worked or just how good or bad you were? ('Does not try'; 'Shows no interest' p. 91. )

Talk about fishing - and whether it is fun if you don't catch anything? Is it better when the water - lake - river - is filled up for the anglers? (Inchmahome) 'Bathing worms again?' p. 91

When do have to keep your voice down?

'...waved his hands apologetically' p. 93/10  
 '...shambles' p. 93/ 17  
 'Then...keeping as far away from Anna as possible...' p. 93  
 ('Keeping' has the function of an adjective, it's a present participle. There is no proper verb. That would be: she was keeping....)

'Anna and Max can't play! Anna and Max can't play!' p. 94/93  
 'Indignation' - imagine what Mama looks like and learn the word! (96/13)  
 'And you want me to keep my voice down?' p. 96/14  
 'Swiss neutrality is all very well but it can be taken too far'. p. 96, 25  
 'It was difficult to know what to do with the rest of the day.' p. 97/6

'She wondered what the German boy was thinking.... And what he would be like when he grew up', p.99

This chapter brings up the real life practice of discrimination. Do you want to talk about it (more)? In its present form? BAME etc.

Next week (30<sup>th</sup>) there will be no class. We meet again on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Lo is also back then! Please read the comments at the back of the book a n d

Chapters Ten and Eleven and Twelve : pp. 100 - 134

Please make a mark or a list of things to talk about and pickout interesting language.



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