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Author's Craft: Vivid Dialogue

Dialogue is used to reveal characters' personalities, relationships, and emotions. In *Anne of Green Gables*, Lucy Maud Montgomery uses lively and expressive dialogue to showcase Anne's imaginative and spirited nature. Dialogue brings characters to life and helps readers connect with their emotions and thoughts.

Read the excerpt from *Anne of Green Gables* and answer the questions about how dialogue shapes Anne's character and relationships.

Excerpt:

"Oh, Marilla," Anne exclaimed, her eyes shining with excitement, "isn't it splendid to think of all the things there are to find out about? It just makes me feel glad to be alive—it's such an interesting world! Don't you think so?" Marilla looked at her with a mixture of amusement and exasperation. "I suppose there's a lot to learn," she said, "but I've never thought of it as splendid." Anne clasped her hands dramatically. "Oh, but it is! It's wonderful, Marilla. You'll see!"

Meet the Author:

Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874–1942) was a Canadian author best known for *Anne of Green Gables*. Her works often celebrate rural life and the beauty of nature while exploring themes of imagination, identity, and belonging.

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Author's Craft: Vivid Dialogue – Answer Key

1. How does Anne's dialogue in the excerpt reflect her enthusiasm and curiosity about the world?

Anne's dialogue reflects her enthusiasm through phrases like "it's such an interesting world" and "it makes me feel glad to be alive." Her dramatic tone and excitement reveal her curiosity and imaginative spirit.

2. How does Marilla's response contrast with Anne's personality? What does this reveal about their relationship?

Marilla's practical and subdued response contrasts with Anne's dramatic excitement. This contrast highlights their differing personalities—Marilla is pragmatic, while Anne is imaginative. Their relationship is one of mutual affection despite their differences.

3. How does Montgomery's own imaginative spirit influence her portrayal of Anne?

Montgomery's own love for rural life and imagination is evident in Anne's character, who finds wonder in ordinary things and inspires others with her enthusiasm.

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