

ANNELIE DREWSEN
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The Diary



THE DIARY

Questions

1. How is Tarek introduced in the first chapter? What do we learn about him?
2. What are Tarek's thoughts about languages?
3. What do the teacher's red pencil marks make Tarek think of?
4. How does Tarek feel about home?
5. What happens one day at school?
6. What is different with Åsa and how does that change for Tarek?
7. Suddenly, Tarek feels happy. Why?
8. With Åsa, Tarek changes. How?
9. In chapter six, Åsa does something that is important for Tarek and for students in general. What is it?
10. What happens during the lesson?
11. What do you write about in a diary?
12. In chapter nine, there are words that make us understand the problems in Tarek's life. What words?
13. What does it feel like for Tarek to write in this new language?
14. What does Åsa say when Tarek says that he hates Swedish?
15. Why does she say that?
16. Tarek starts writing. What does he write about?
17. Åsa surprises Tarek. How?
18. What does Åsa ask Tarek?
19. Why does the word "goldsmith" make Tarek think of his father?



20. Tarek is smoking. What does Åsa tell Tarek to do? How does she say it?
21. Tarek says that he is going to quit. What does he mean?
22. Again, Åsa surprises Tarek. How?
23. How does the book end?

Words

Here are 25 Swedish words. Find them in the text. They come in this order.

1. trappan _____
2. knacka _____
3. armbandsur _____
4. minnen _____
5. smaker _____
6. lukta _____
7. smak _____
8. rättat _____
9. sår _____
10. panna _____
11. huvudvärkstablett _____
12. sluta _____
13. vikarie _____
14. rem _____
15. klinga _____
16. prassla _____



17. tankar _____
18. somna _____
19. uppehållstillstånd _____
20. låna av _____
21. byggnad _____
22. viska _____
23. i stället _____
24. fortsätt _____
25. öva _____