



TITLE: ANITA & ME

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WRITERS: Meera Syal (novel)

STARS: Anna Brewster and Chandeepp Uppal

GOING TO THE MOVIES

1. Watch the trailer from *Anita & Me*, adapted from a novel by Meera Syal. Choose A, B or C according to the video.

1.1 When does the action take place?

- a. 1972 b. 1962 c. 1977

1.2 Where does the action take place?

- a. Dudley b. Oakham c. Tollington

1.3 What does Meena want to be when she grows up?

- a. A doctor b. A writer c. A housewife

1.4 Mrs Worrall thinks Meena is:

- a. Indian b. African c. Pakistani

1.5 Who is referred to as a "wild creature"?

- a. Anita b. Meena c. Tracey



2. Complete this short summary about Meena with the following words.

- Christmas
- friends
- daughter
- seventies
- change
- independence

Anita and Me

Meena is the ^(a) _____ of Indian parents who have come to England to give her a better life. As one of the few Punjabi inhabitants of her village, her daily struggle for ^(b) _____ is different from most. She wants fishfingers and chips, not chapati and dhal; she wants an English ^(c) _____, not the usual interminable Punjabi festivities – but more than anything, she wants to be ^(d) _____ with Anita Rutter and her gang. Blonde, cool, aloof, outrageous and sassy, Anita is everything Meena thinks she wants to be. *Anita and Me* is a unique vision of a British childhood in the ^(e) _____, a childhood caught between two cultures, each on the brink of ^(f) _____.

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