

## Spelling list: Characters in Anita and Me

*Anita and Me* by Meera Syal is a coming-of-age story set in the 1970s in a small English mining village. The protagonist, Meena, is a young Indian girl who befriends Anita, a rebellious and confident local girl. Through their friendship, Meena navigates issues of identity, racism, and cultural clashes, ultimately finding her place in a changing society. The novel explores the complexities of growing up in a multicultural world.

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| Meena    | <b>Meena</b> is the main character and narrator.                    |
| Anita    | <b>Anita</b> is three years older than Meena.                       |
| Nanima   | <b>Nanima</b> is Meena's grandmother.                               |
| Sam      | <b>Sam</b> Lowbridge is the leader of the village boys.             |
| Alan     | 'Uncle' <b>Alan</b> is the local methodist youth leader.            |
| Omerod   | Mr. <b>Omerod</b> is the shopkeeper.                                |
| Topsy    | Mr. <b>Topsy</b> only has this name because he calls Meena 'Topsy'. |
| Mireille | <b>Mireille</b> is the French lady who takes care of Meena.         |