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.

Meena is the main character and narrator.

Anita Anita is three years older than Meena.

Nanima Nanima is Meena's grandmother.

Sam Lowbridge is the leader of the village boys.

Alan 'Uncle' **Alan** is the local methodist youth leader.

Omerod Mr. **Omerod** is the shopkeeper.

Topsy Mr. **Topsy** only has this name because he calls Meena 'Topsy'.

Mireille is the French lady who takes care of Meena.