

Pride and Prejudice

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While reading

Chapters 1–4

1 Who says what?

Who says the sentences below, and who do they say them to? What are they talking about?

- a 'They are my old friends. I have been listening to news of them for 20 years.'
- b 'Oh, she is the most beautiful creature that I ever saw!'
- c '... It must greatly lessen her chance of marrying a man of good position.'
- d '... and now think badly of me if you dare.'
- e 'Please do not talk of that hateful man.'

2 Answer the following questions.

- a Why is Mrs Bennet so pleased that Mr Bingley has arrived in the neighbourhood?
- b Why do the ladies begin to dislike Mr Darcy?
- c Why does Elizabeth, in particular, dislike him?
- d What does Bingley start to feel about Jane? What is Elizabeth's worry on this point?
- e What does Darcy start to feel about Elizabeth? Does Elizabeth feel the same?

Chapters 5–10

3 Explain why:

- a Jane is unhappy.
- b Elizabeth is angry with Mr Darcy and Bingley's sisters.
- c Mrs Gardiner is not happy to see how friendly Elizabeth and Wickham are.

- d Wickham has no real interest in Elizabeth.
- e Elizabeth is surprised by Charlotte.

4 Put these events in order.

- a Mr Bingley goes to London. ☐
- b Mr Collins proposes to Charlotte Lucas. ☐
- c The Bennet girls meet Mr Wickham. ☐
- d There is a ball at Netherfield. ☐
- e Mr Darcy meets Mr Wickham. ☐
- f Mr Collins proposes to Elizabeth. ☐
- g Jane goes to London. ☐
- h Darcy cheats Wickham out of his inheritance. ☐

Chapters 11–16

5 Finish these sentences.

- a Mr Collins showed Elizabeth around his house because
- b Lady Catherine's way of welcoming visitors did not let them
- c Mr Bingley has no intention of
- d Mr Darcy asks Elizabeth
- e When Elizabeth read Mr Darcy's letter she felt
- f Elizabeth decides to tell Jane

6 Put these events in the correct order. Write numbers 1–9.

- a Mr Darcy writes a letter to Elizabeth. ☐
- b Mr Darcy and Colonel Fitzwilliam arrive. ☐
- c Lady Catherine invites Elizabeth to dinner. ☐
- d Elizabeth goes to the theatre. ☐
- e Elizabeth tells Jane about Mr Darcy. ☐
- f Elizabeth learns that Mr Darcy was involved in the separation of Mr Bingley and Jane. ☐
- g Elizabeth visits the parsonage to see Charlotte and Mr Collins. ☐
- h Mr Darcy tells Elizabeth that he loves her. ☐
- i Jane, Elizabeth and Maria return to Hertfordshire. ☐

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7 Choose the correct response.

- 1 Elizabeth prefers the girls not to go to Meryton immediately because ...
 - a she is overtired.
 - b she feels they might appear to be forward.
 - c she doesn't want to gossip.
- 2 Lizzy did not dare to tell Jane ...
 - a that Bingham had really been in love.
 - b that Mr Darcy had only written half his letter.
 - c that Mr Wickham was not sincere.
- 3 Elizabeth's mother suggests ...
 - a that Elizabeth was wrong to reject Mr Collins's offer of marriage.
 - b that Mr Bennet will die shortly.
 - c that Charlotte should manage Longbourne.

Chapters 17–22

8 Match the words or expressions from the story to their meanings.

- 1 low spirits
- 2 jealous
- 3 dull
- 4 sensible
- 5 awkwardness
- 6 deathblow
- 7 foolishness
 - a final setback
 - b envious
 - c discomfort
 - d silly character
 - e reasonable
 - f poor morale
 - g boring

9 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Elizabeth was hated by Lydia for what she had done. ☐
- b Elizabeth suggested her father stop Lydia going to Brighton. ☐
- c Jane wanted Kitty to keep silent about her feelings. ☐
- d Mr Bennet thinks Colonel Forster is easy to upset. ☐
- e Wickham underestimates Elizabeth. ☐

Chapters 23–28

10 Answer the questions.

- a What news does Edward Gardiner's letter bring to Mr Bennet? How does Mr Bennet react to the letter?
.....
- b Why is Elizabeth sorry that she has told Mr Darcy about Lydia?
.....
- c What is Mrs Bennet's reaction to the news that Lydia is to be married? What is she concerned about?
.....

11 Who says these sentences? Who are they speaking to?

- a 'I am beginning to be sorry that he is coming at all.'
..... to
- b 'I knew that you could not be so beautiful for nothing.'
..... to
- c 'I will not be interrupted. Hear me in silence.'
..... to

12 Read Chapter 25 again. Choose the correct word to finish each sentence.

- gullible pretentious a flatterer patient uncomfortable
- a Lydia showed herself to be rather
 - b Wickham showed himself to be something of
 - c Mrs Bennet showed herself to be, once again,
 - d Elizabeth is made to feel rather
 - e Mr Bingley showed he could be

After reading

13 Artwork:

Design a new cover for the book. Draw or paint it, or make a collage.

14 Write a diary

It is five years later. Elizabeth keeps a diary. Write the entry for her fifth wedding anniversary. Invent information about what has happened to her and Darcy, to Lydia and Wickham, to Jane and Bingley. Say how each of them has changed, or has not changed.

Begin in the following manner: 'Dear diary, it is hard to believe it is five years since I was married.'

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Chapters 1–4

1 Mark the sentences as right (✓), wrong (X) or it doesn't say (?).

- a Mr Bingley has moved into the area in search of a wife. ☐
- b Mrs Bennet does not address her husband by his first name. ☐
- c Mr Bennet visits Bingley before most other people do. ☐
- d Mr Bennet describes Bingley in detail before Bingley meets his daughters. ☐
- e Miss Bingley's least favourite Bennet was Kitty. ☐
- f Jane prefers to go to Netherfield on horseback. ☐

Chapters 5–10

2 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Mr Collins turned out to be ...
 - a interested in fishing.
 - b very talkative.
 - c most gentlemanly.
- 2 Elizabeth felt ...
 - a flattered by Wickham's attentions.
 - b bored by the story of his past.
 - c honoured by her feelings.
- 3 Elizabeth ...
 - a accepted Mr Collins's invitation to dance reluctantly.
 - b managed to avoid dancing with Mr Collins.
 - c refused to dance and preferred to sing.
- 4 Mr Collins's proposal of marriage is presented ...
 - a in a rather romantic fashion.
 - b in a rather calculating fashion.
 - c in a rather hesitant fashion.

Chapters 11–16

3 Complete the sentences with the name of one of the characters.

- a invites Elizabeth to visit.
- b sat next to her aunt at the theatre.
- c shouted to Elizabeth to come.
- d was as full of compliments as was Mr Collins.
- e is Mr Darcy's cousin.
- f tells Elizabeth a story which makes her angry.

Chapters 17–22

4 Fill in the gaps with the correct words from the box.

jealous	admitted	leave	shown
unwise	loved	girls	keen

- a The regiment was due to for Brighton soon after.
- b Kitty was of her sister's planned trip.
- c Elizabeth felt Lydia's trip was.....
- d Mr Bennet no longer his wife really.
- e The Gardiners had two of six and eight years old.
- f Elizabeth is around Darcy's house.
- g Darcy was..... to know the Gardiners.
- h Elizabeth she had been mistaken about Wickham.

Chapters 23–25

5 Circle the right words or expressions. Use your dictionary.

- a The housekeeper *knew* / *did not know* / *did not care* about the story about Lydia and Wickham.
- b Mr Bennet *agrees at once to* / *refuses angrily* / *hesitates about* Mr Gardiner's suggestion in his letter.
- c Mrs Bennet is *ashamed* / *fearful* / *ecstatic* about Lydia's future.
- d Mr Bennet is *furious* / *compassionate* / *confused* about his daughter's new situation.
- e After the marriage Mr Bennet *relented* / *remained stubborn* about the question of a visit from Lydia.
- f Elizabeth was *amused* / *surprised* / *horrified* to hear that Darcy had been present at Lydia's wedding.
- g Mrs Gardiner *denies* / *suspects* / *fears* that Darcy is in love with Elizabeth.

Chapters 26–28

6 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Lady Catherine ...
 - a does not like to face West.
 - b is determined to make Elizabeth feel inferior.
 - c feels very close to Elizabeth's mother.
- 2 Elizabeth replies to Lady Catherine ...
 - a with careful politeness.
 - b sarcastically.
 - c relaxedly.
- 3 Elizabeth ...
 - a thanks Darcy warmly on Lydia's behalf.
 - b wishes to wound Darcy's feelings.
 - c proposes marriage to Darcy.