

# Emma

## Vocabulary List

Below is a list of words that can be found in the story. Use the definitions to explain to children what these words mean. For an extra activity, you can use these words in a spelling test.

<b>ball</b>	a formal social gathering for dancing
<b>clergyman</b>	a person trained for religious service (priest)
<b>downhearted</b>	feeling sad and disappointed
<b>governess</b>	a woman employed to teach children in a private household
<b>high society</b>	the behaviour and lifestyle of people with the highest levels of wealth and social status
<b>unfortunately</b>	suggests a negative outcome

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## Plot Sequencing Activity

1. Emma prides herself on matchmaking: her sister is now happily married to Mr John Knightley and her governess Miss Taylor is marrying her family friend Mr Weston.
2. Emma Woodhouse befriends Harriet Smith and tries to set her up with Mr Elton.
3. Robert Martin, Harriet's farmer friend, proposes to her. Emma persuades her to refuse in an attempt to match her with Mr Elton.
4. Mr Elton proposes to Emma; she is shocked that she never realised he is in love with her.
5. Miss Bates' niece, Jane Fairfax, comes to visit. Emma's feelings for Mr Knightley start to develop.
6. Mr Elton introduces his new wife, Augusta. Everyone finds them an annoying couple but Mr Elton is bitter towards Emma for rejecting him.
7. After a picnic, Harriet declares to Emma that she is in love with Mr Knightley.
8. Emma finds out that Frank Churchill is engaged to Jane Fairfax, although to Emma he had acted as though he doesn't care for her.
9. Mr Knightley tells Emma he is in love with her and she accepts his proposal to marry.
10. Robert Martin proposes to Harriet again, and this time she accepts.

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### Matchmaking Activity

Emma Woodhouse ————— George Knightley

Harriet Smith ————— Robert Martin

Augusta ————— Philip Elton

Jane Fairfax ————— Frank Churchill

Anne Taylor ————— Mr Weston

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## Reading Comprehension Answer Sheet

<b>Q1: What did Emma like to do when she was little?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	Play with her dolls
<b>Q2: How long has Miss Taylor been Emma's governess?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	Sixteen/16 years
<b>Q3: Whose marriage occurs at the opening of the story?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	Miss Taylor and Mr Weston's marriage
<b>Q4: Why does Mr Knightley tell Emma to not force Harriet to mix with high society?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	He says it may make her feel uncomfortable because she is not used to it.
<b>Q5: Robert Martin is a...</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	Farmer
<b>Q6: How is Jane Fairfax related to Miss Bates?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	Jane is Miss Bates's niece.
<b>Q7. Turn to page 40. How does Emma describe Frank Churchill?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	Handsome; well dressed; a similar age to Emma; a warm smile
<b>Q8: How did Emma insult Miss Bates at the picnic?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	She makes a joke that implies she is dull; Miss Bates tells Mr Knightley that she is worried that Emma finds her boring company.
<b>Q9: Why is Emma surprised that Frank Churchill proposed to Jane Fairfax?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	Because during the ball he acted as though he didn't care for her.
<b>Q10: What does Mr Knightley offer Emma when she is concerned about leaving her father all alone after marriage?</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	He says he will move to Hartfield to be with Emma and her Father instead of her moving out to be with him.

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## Diary Entry Activity

Jane Austen's stories are told by a third person narrator. In this activity, pupils are encouraged to think more about Emma's thoughts and feelings in their writing.

Choose a scene in *Emma* from the list below and ask your class to write it from Emma's point of view.

- Emma befriending Harriet Smith
- Mr Elton proposing to Emma but she rejects
- Emma and Frank planning the ball
- George Knightley asking Emma to marry him
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The following checklist can be used as guidance or assessment for this activity:

- Written in first person
- Recalls the events of the story/scene
- Includes personal feelings/emotions
- Adopts the tone of the character