

Pride and Prejudice

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.

bridesmaids	a girl or woman, usually one of several, who accompanies a bride on her wedding day
clergyman	a person trained for religious service (priest)
intrusion	deliberately entering a place or situation when unwelcome or uninvited
marriage	a legal union of two people as partners in a personal relationship
persuaded	convinced someone to believe something
tolerable	fairly good but not the best
unfortunately	suggests a negative outcome

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Plot Sequencing Answer Sheet

These answers can be used to plan the next comic-strip storyboard activity.

1. Mrs Bennet is excited that Mr Bingley has rented a house in their neighbourhood. He *must* be looking for a wife and she has five single daughters.
2. Jane and Elizabeth Bennet meet Mr Bingley, who is taken to Jane, but his friend Mr William Darcy, is rude and cold towards Elizabeth.
3. Mr Bennet's cousin, Mr Collins, visits the Bennets at Longbourn, the family home that he will inherit. He announces he is looking for a wife, which excites Mrs Bennet.
4. Elizabeth is introduced to Mr Wickham, then Mr Darcy appears and there is tension between the two men. Elizabeth learns from Mr Wickham that Mr Darcy refused to give him the job that Mr Darcy's father promised him before he died.
5. Mr Collins proposes to Elizabeth but she refuses. Mrs Bennet is furious but Mr Bennet supports his daughter's decision.
6. Mr Bingley returns to London with no plans to return and Jane is left heartbroken. Elizabeth learns that Mr Darcy was responsible for this.
7. Mr Darcy proposes to Elizabeth but she refuses because of his behaviour towards Mr Wickham. In a letter, he tells her the truth how in fact Mr Wickham had run away to marry Mr Darcy's sister for her money.
8. Elizabeth finds out that her sister Lydia has run away to marry Mr Wickham. She now knows Mr Wickham only wants her money, although Mrs Bennet is happy to see one of her daughters married.
9. Elizabeth learns that Mr Darcy must have paid Wickham a large sum of money to protect Lydia's reputation. Her feelings towards him soften and she agrees to marry him.

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Reading Comprehension Answer Sheet

Q1: How many daughters does Mrs Bennet have?	
Answer:	5/five
Q2: Name all the Bennet sisters.	
Answer:	Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, Lydia
Q3: What reason does Mr Wickham tell Elizabeth to explain his cold relationship with Mr Darcy?	
Answer:	Mr Darcy's father offered Mr Wickham a job as clergyman at Pemberley when he died but Mr Darcy refused to give it to him.
Q4: Why is Mrs Bennet upset when Elizabeth refuses to marry Mr Collins?	
Answer:	As Mr Bennet doesn't have a male heir, Mr Collins will inherit their family home, Longbourn. If one of their daughters marry Mr Collins, at least the home will stay within the family.
Q5: Explain Miss Bingley's feelings towards Elizabeth.	
Answer:	It is implied that Miss Bingley wishes for Mr Darcy to love her, not Elizabeth. (This is apparent at the end of page 20.)
Q6: How is Mr Darcy responsible for Jane's heartbreak when Mr Bingley returns to London?	
Answer:	Mr Darcy persuaded Mr Bingley that Jane doesn't love him and only wants his money.
Q7: What is the name of Mr Darcy's estate in Derbyshire?	
Answer:	Pemberley
Q8: Why does Mr Darcy pay Mr Wickham a sum of money when he marries Lydia?	
Answer:	The Bennet family name would be ruined if Lydia and Mr Wickham don't marry after living together. But knowing that Mr Wickham will only marry a lady with money, Mr Darcy gave him a sum of money to protect Lydia and the Bennet family's reputation.

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Q9: How many of Mrs Bennet's daughters marry by the end of the story?	
Answer:	3/three (Jane, Elizabeth, Lydia)
Q10: Why does Mr Darcy write Elizabeth this letter?	
Answer:	To tell her the truth about his connection with Mr Wickham
Q11: What job did Mr Wickham turn down and where?	
Answer:	Clergyman at the church at Pemberley
Q12: What was Mr Wickham offered instead?	
Answer:	£1000
Q13: What is the name of Mr Darcy's sister?	
Answer:	Georgiana
Q14: Why did Wickham want to marry Mr Darcy's sister?	
Answer:	For her money
Q15: What does Mr Darcy admit in the letter?	
Answer:	That he told Mr Bingley that Jane was not in love with him
Q16: What 3 reasons does Mr Darcy give for his involvement in Jane's heartbreak?	
Answer:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He watched Jane closely and could not see any special affection from her for Mr Bingley 2. Like her mother, Jane only wanted Mr Bingley's money 3. He acted to protect his friend

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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 Elizabeth's thoughts and feelings in their writing.

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

- Darcy refusing to dance with Elizabeth at the ball in Meryton
- Elizabeth's journey to see Jane at Netherfield
- Elizabeth reading Mr Darcy's letter
- Elizabeth's softening feelings towards Mr Darcy
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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