

Pride and Prejudice

Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 around 1800
- 3 a soldier, a church minister, love
- 4 Open answers
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 - a Jane
 - b Elizabeth/Lizzy
 - c Mary
 - d Kitty
 - e Lydia
 - f Mr Bingley
 - g Mr Darcy
 - h Charlotte Lucas
- 6
 - a Mrs Bennet, talking about the arrival in the area of Mr Bingley, who is rich and single.
 - b Elizabeth, talking about Mr Darcy's comments about her at the ball.
 - c Mr Bennet, talking about Kitty and Lydia.
 - d Mr Darcy, talking about Elizabeth's eyes.
- 7–9 Open answers
- 10 a C b D c D d D e C
- 11 Open answers
- 12 Possible answer: She really likes him. He is good-looking and has a fine figure and a pleasing manner. He chooses to sit with her, although every girl in the room is interested in him.
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 - b
 - d
 - e
 - f
- 14–15 Open answers
- 16 a 2 b 6 c 3 d 4 e 1 f 2
- 17
 - a Mr Collins is speaking to Elizabeth. He will not listen to her refusal to marry him.
 - b Mr Bennet is speaking to Elizabeth. He tells her that if she marries Mr Collins he will never see her again, and if she doesn't marry him, her mother will never see her again.
 - c Charlotte Lucas is speaking to Elizabeth. She is explaining her decision to marry Mr Collins even though she doesn't like him very much.
 - d Mrs Gardiner is speaking to Elizabeth; she is warning her not to marry Mr Wickham.
 - e Elizabeth is speaking to Maria Lucas. She is describing Anne de Bourgh, who is expected to marry Mr Darcy.
- f Lady Catherine de Bourgh is speaking to Elizabeth. She is commenting on the fact that all Elizabeth's sisters are out in society at the same time. (Normally the oldest in the family would be married before the younger ones were allowed to attend balls and parties.)
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 - a Mr Bingley went away suddenly without saying goodbye, and now they don't see each other.
 - b Mr Wickham is now giving his attention to Mary King, who, unlike Elizabeth, has a large fortune.
- 19–20 Open answers
- 21
 - a F (She can be quite rude to her.)
 - b F (He is her nephew.)
 - c F
 - d F (He doesn't talk much.)
 - e T
 - f F (She refuses immediately.)
 - g T
 - h F (It was Georgiana Darcy.)
- 22 He talked about her bright eyes. He twice asked her to dance when he was still at Netherfield. He moved close to her when she was playing the piano at Rosings. He went for walks in her favourite place in the park at Rosings. He came to visit her at the parsonage for no obvious reason.
- 23–24 Open answers
- 25 Because she believed Mr Wickham's stories about Mr Darcy without really thinking about them.
- 26 Open answers
- 27
 - a aren't
 - b worried about
 - c Pemberley
 - d wonderful
 - e don't know
 - f sister
- 28
 - a Because the regiment will be there.
 - b Because he realises that Elizabeth now knows the truth about his disagreement with Mr Darcy.
 - c Because she was pretty and young, and seemed good-tempered.
 - d Because she doesn't want Mr Darcy to see her there. He will think she has come to look at what she lost when she refused his offer of marriage.
 - e Because she says a lot of nice things about Mr Darcy.
 - f Because the housekeeper says he is arriving the next day.

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- g Because they have heard that he is very proud. Although they are of a lower social class, he is actually very friendly and welcoming towards them.
- 29–31** Open answers
- 32** a Mr Bingley
b Elizabeth
c Mr Darcy
d Mr Wickham
e Mr Darcy
f Mr Gardiner
g Mr Collins
h Mr Gardiner
i Mrs Bennet
- 33** a Because Lydia has no money, Wickham will not want to spend the rest of his life with her. He will live with her, destroy her respectability, then leave her for a richer woman. After she has lived with Wickham, she will have no chance of finding a husband of her social class.
b She knew from Mr Darcy that Wickham was a bad person, but she didn't make this information public. If she had, people wouldn't have trusted him, and perhaps he would have moved to a different regiment.
c If they don't see people, they have more chance of keeping Lydia's disappearance a secret. If they can make Wickham marry her, no one needs to know the circumstances that led to the wedding.
- 34–35** Open answers
- 36** a F b F (It was Jane and Elizabeth.) c F d T
e T f T g F h T
- 37–40** Open answers
- 41** a Lady Catherine de Bourgh
b Elizabeth
c Mr Collins
d Mr Bennet
e Mr Darcy
f Jane
g Mrs Bennet
h Mr Bennet
i Mrs Bennet
- 42–52** Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1–2** Open answers
- 3** Possible answers:
a Mrs and Mrs Bennet are married and are the parents of five daughters – Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Lydia.
Jane and Elizabeth are the elder daughters of Mr and Mrs Bennet.
Mr Bingley is a wealthy man who has recently moved into Netherfield, a large house close to where the Bennets live.
Mr Darcy is a friend of Mr Bingley.
b–c Open answers
- 4–11** Open answers
- 12** Possible answers:
a fashionable, narrow-minded, melodramatic, anxious, garrulous
b witty, clever, irresponsible, unpredictable
- 13–19** Open answers
- 20** Possible answers:
Elizabeth: gentle, good-natured, principled,
Jane: gentle, good-natured, charming
Darcy: principled, gentle, arrogant
Lydia: lively, foolish, superficial
Wickham: charming, unreliable, immoral
- 21–24** Open answers
- 25** Open answers. Note particularly the film *Bride and Prejudice*, a version of Austen's story set in modern India, and the film *Bridget Jones's Diary* loosely based on the story of *Pride and Prejudice*, but presented as a fairly knockabout comedy.
Students may know about films presenting 'typical France' such as *Jean de Florette*, *Manon des Sources*, or *Amélie Poulain*.
- 26–29** Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1** a Mr Bennet says this to Mrs Bennet. He is talking about her nerves.
b Mr Bingley says this to Mr Darcy. He is talking about Jane Bennet.
c Mr Darcy says this to Mr Bingley's sister, Mrs Hurst. He is talking about Jane's inferior social position.
d Elizabeth says this to Mr Darcy. She is refusing to dance with him so that he will not have another opportunity to criticise her.

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- e Mrs Bennet says this to Mr Bennet. She is talking about Mr Collins, who will inherit all their property.
- 2 a Because she wants him to marry one of her daughters.
b Because he hardly speaks at all and is very rude to them.
c Because he says that she is not very pretty. He says this when he knows that she can hear him.
d He begins to feel that he is in love with her. Elizabeth is worried that Jane loves him more than he loves her.
e Darcy begins to fall in love with Elizabeth but Elizabeth hates him for the way he has treated her.
- 3 a Jane is unhappy because Mr Bingley has gone to London and probably will not return. This means that her hopes of marrying him are gone.
b Elizabeth is angry because the Bingley sisters and Mr Darcy do not think that Jane is worthy of marrying Mr Bingley and that they have persuaded Mr Bingley to leave.
c She is unhappy because Mr Wickham does not have a large fortune and therefore would not be a suitable husband for Elizabeth.
d Because he is no doubt incapable of forming a real loving relationship.
e She is surprised that Charlotte has accepted Mr Collins' proposal and because Charlotte tells her she expects very little from marriage and clearly does not love Mr Collins.
- 4 a 6 b 7 c 2 d 4 e 3 f 5 g 8 h 1
- 5 Possible answers:
a he wanted to show her what she had lost by not marrying him.
b forget that they were of a lower social class.
c returning to Netherfield.
d to marry him.
e completely ashamed of the way she had thought of Mr Darcy and behaved towards him.
f what the letter contained, especially the truth about Mr Wickham.

6 a 7 b 4 c 3 d 1 e 9 f 5 g 2
h 6 i 8

7 1 b 2 a 3 a

8 1 f 2 b 3 g 4 e 5 c 6 a 7 d

9 a F b T c T d F e T

10 a Gardiner's letter tells Mr Bennet that Lydia is not married but will be married if Mr Bennet agrees to give her her share of her inheritance and one hundred pounds a year.

Mr Bennet is angry that Wickham will marry her for so little.

b Because she thinks that he will think even less of her family because of the shame that Lydia has brought on them.

c She is overjoyed. She is concerned about the clothes to be bought.

11 a Jane says this to Elizabeth.

b Mrs Bennet says this to Jane.

c Lady Catherine says this to Elizabeth.

12 a pretentious

b a flatterer

c gullible

d uncomfortable

e patient

13–14 Open answers

Progress test key

1 a ? b ✓ c ✓ d X e ? f X

2 1 b 2 a 3 a 4 b

3 a Charlotte

b Elizabeth

c Maria

d Sir William

e Colonel Fitzwilliam

f Colonel Fitzwilliam

4 a leave b jealous c unwise d loved e girls

f shown g keen h admitted

5 a knew b agrees at once to c ecstatic d furious

e relented f surprised g suspects

6 1 b 2 b 3 a