

Pride and Prejudice

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Chapter 1

The Fuss About The New Neighbour

It is true that a single wealthy man needs a good wife. There is such a man called Mr Bingley who is the new owner of Netherfield. Many think that he is just the right husband for their daughters. Mr Bennet and Mrs Bennet live in a village called Longbourn. They are Mr Bingley's neighbours with five marriageable daughters.

'My dear Mr Bennet,' said Mrs Bennet one day, 'We have a new neighbour now.'

Mr Bennet kept silent.

'Don't you want to know about the new owner of Netherfield?' she said impatiently.

'Tell me all about it,' Mr Bennet said indifferently.

'He is a young man of a large fortune from the North of England.'

'What is his name?'

'Bingley.'

Chapter 7

The Inheritor

Early in the morning Mr Bennet and Mrs Bennet had breakfast with their five daughters.

'I hope you will cook a nice meal because we have a guest for dinner,' Mr Bennet said in a calm manner. His wife's eyes sparkled.

'Who do you mean, my dear? Is it Charlotte Lucas?' asked Mrs Bennet impatiently.

'It is a gentleman. I mean a stranger,' replied Mr Bennet.

The girls and their mother got extremely excited. They asked many questions about the stranger. Mr Bennet found their curiosity very amusing.

'About a month ago, I received a letter from my cousin, Mr Collins.'

'What does he want from you?' asked his wife looking worriedly.

'When I die, he may get you all out of this house.'

'Oh! My dear!' cried his wife, 'I don't want him to come here. Please do something about it! This house belongs to my five daughters,' begged Mrs Bennet.

Chapter 14

Mr Darcy's Marriage Proposal

Mr and Mrs Collins were invited to have tea at Rosings with Lady Catherine. Mrs Collins wanted Elizabeth to go with them but Elizabeth was very angry with Mr Darcy so she did not join them. She was very worried about her sister so she decided to write to her. While she was writing she heard the sound of the doorbell. She thought it was Colonel Fitzwilliam but to her amazement, she saw Mr Darcy walking into the room.

'How are you, Miss Elizabeth,' he said immediately.

'I am very well. Thank you,' she said coldly.

Mr Darcy looked very nervous. He came towards her and fixed his eyes on her face.

'I must tell you something. You must allow me to tell you how passionately I admire and love you.'

Elizabeth was shocked by his declaration of love but she remained silent. She was confused and did not know what to say.

You only think of your pride, Mr Darcy. I cannot feel grateful for that. You have never been kind and friendly

'You are mistaken Mr Darcy. You always look down on people. You are arrogant and selfish. Your manners are always negative. I felt that from the very beginning, from the first moment I saw you. I am sorry but you would be the last man in the world whom I could marry.'

'You have said enough. I perfectly understand your feelings. I am sorry I have taken up so much of your time. I wish you all the happiness in the world.'

He said good-bye and left the room. Elizabeth felt confused and weak about what had happened between Mr Darcy and her. She was in great pain. She sat down and cried for half an hour.



‘Well, mother,’ Lydia said. ‘What do you think of my husband? Is he a charming man? I think my sisters all envy me because they are not as lucky as I am. They must all go to Brighton. That is the best place to get husbands,’ she said looking at her sisters.

Elizabeth could not bear her sister and ran out of the room. Mr Bennet left the room without saying a word. Later Elizabeth heard something strange from Lydia. She found out that Mr Darcy had attended their wedding. It was a secret but Lydia could not keep the secret to herself. Elizabeth hurriedly sent a note to her aunt in London for an explanation.

The next morning Elizabeth got a reply from her aunt.

My Dear Niece,

I am surprised that you want me to give an explanation about Mr Darcy. I must tell you all the details. Mr Darcy discovered where your sister and Mr Wickham were staying and without his help it was impossible for us to find them. He did his best to persuade Lydia to return to her family but Lydia told him that she only cared for Mr Wickham. He also talked to Mr Wickham privately. He had left the

Chapter 19

Happy Ending

Mr Wickham and Lydia left Longbourn happily and went to Newcastle but Mrs Bennet became depressed after her daughter's departure. But soon Mrs Bennet got very excited by the arrival of Mr Bingley. He returned to Netherfield for a couple of days. Elizabeth talked to Jane about Mr Bingley but she did not seem to be happy by his arrival.

'I never want to see him again. Mr Bingley does not mean anything to me. You know, sister, we agreed long time ago not to mention his name again,' Jane said calmly. In fact she was very nervous to see him again. He came to Netherfield with Mr Darcy and Elizabeth felt uncomfortable about him.

When Mr Darcy and Mr Bingley came to visit the Bennets, Elizabeth was quite surprised by his attitude. He hardly spoke and looked very thoughtful. He was not as warm as in Derbyshire. Mrs Bennet embarrassed Elizabeth with her manners as usual. She had a deep conversation with Mr Bingley and did not wish to talk to Mr Darcy. Jane was not very pleased with her mother's manners, too but she seemed happy to see Mr Bingley again.

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Activities

Chapters 1-3

Read Chapters 1-3 and circle the correct answer for each question.

1. **How many daughters did Mrs Bennet have?**

- a) five
- b) seven

2. **Who was a single man of large fortune?**

- a) Mr Bennet
- b) Mr Bingley

3. **Why were the sisters very excited?**

- a) They were excited about the ball.
- b) They were excited about their holiday.

4. **Who invited Mr Bingley to dinner?**

- a) Lady Lucas
- b) Mr Bennet

5. **Why did not people like Mr Darcy?**

- a) Because he was friendly and kind.
- b) Because he was cold and disagreeable.

6. **What did Jane and Elizabeth talk about?**

- a) They talked about Lady Lucas.
- b) They talked about Mr Bingley.

7. **How are Mr Darcy's and Mr Bingley's characters?**

- a) They have different characters.
- b) They have the same character.

2. What do you know about these people? Write the correct name next to each sentence.

Jane

Lady Catherine

Mr Wickham

Lydia

Charlotte

Mr Bingley

Mr Gardiner

Mr Darcy

1. He was the nephew of Lady Catherine.

2. He was an officer.

3. She was Elizabeth's friend.

4. He was Mrs Bennet's brother.

5. He was the owner of Netherfield.

6. She was the youngest daughter of the Bennets.

7. She was in love with Mr Bingley.

8. She was the patroness of Mr Collins.

3. How do you feel about the people in the story? Circle the best answer for each character.

1. Mr Darcy

He is a real gentleman.

He is selfish and arrogant.

2. Elizabeth

She has a strong character.

She is unfair and prejudiced.

PUZZLE

Find the words in the puzzle.

newcomer

selfish

opportunity

curious

manner

propose

agreeable

arrogant

behaviour

officer

judge

inheritor

patroness

pride

prejudice

blush

n h b e h a v i o u r k u o
e e r j u s e l f i s h l p
w x j u d g e c f v n m m p
c u r i o u s s i d w e k o
o p r o p o s e c w o y u r
m a n n e r e c e f s a a t
e q w w e e r p r i d e y u
r t e a r r o g a n t g u n
a g r e e a b l e z x x v i
i n h e r i t o r r j h b t
a q o p p f b l u s h j u y
p r e j u d i c e j n b c x
p a t r o n e s s k h i i o

Glossary

absence	being away from a place * The <i>absence</i> of her mother made everybody miserable.
accept	give a positive answer * He did not <i>accept</i> their offer.
admire	regard with respect * I <i>admire</i> her sense of humour.
affection	feeling of love * The child needs his mother's <i>affection</i> .
agreeable	pleasant * I found her very <i>agreeable</i> .
amazing	very good, wonderful * This city is <i>amazing</i> , it's fun, easy to live in, and has many historical places.
amusing	entertaining * I find your brother <i>amusing</i> , he's a funny guy.
annoying	irritating * Mr Green's behaviour was very <i>annoying</i> , he never stopped talking.
arrogant	unpleasantly proud * I cannot stand <i>arrogant</i> people; they think they are better than everyone.

suitable	right for someone or something * This dress isn't <i>suitable</i> for the party.
tremble	shake * The poor child was <i>trembling</i> with fear.
two-faced	not sincere * <i>Two-faced</i> people cannot be my friends.
upper-class	a very high status in society * <i>Upper-class</i> people are really rich and they live easy lives.
urge	try to persuade someone to do something * The teacher <i>urged</i> her students to try hard on the test and not give up.
valley	low land between hills or mountains * The <i>valley</i> looked amazing from a distance.
wealthy	rich * She has <i>wealthy</i> parents to look after her.
willing	happy to do something * I'm not <i>willing</i> to take part in this task.

