- 1--Lydia! Kitty!
- 2--My dear Mr Bennet, have you heard?
- 3--Netherfield Park is let at last. Do you not want to know who has taken it?
- 4--As you wish to tell me, my dear, I doubt I have any choice in the matter.
- 5--Kitty, what have I told you about listening at the door?
- 6--There's a Mr Bingley arrived from the North.
- 7--- Five thousand a year! Really?
- 8--- He's single! Who's single?
- 9--A Mr Bingley, apparently. Kitty!
- 10--How can that possibly affect them?
- 11--Mr Bennet, how can you be so tiresome?
- 12--You know he must marry one of them.
- 13--That is his design in settling here?
- 14--You must go and visit him at once.
- 15--Good heavens. People.
- 16--For we may not visit if you do not, as you well know, Mr Bennet.
- 17--- Are you listening? You never listen. You must, Papa! At once!
- 18--There's no need. I already have.
- 19--- You have? When?
- 20--Oh, Mr Bennet, how can you tease me so?
- 21--Have you no compassion for my poor nerves?
- 22--You mistake me, my dear. I have the highest respect for them.
- 23--They've been my constant companions these twenty years.
- 24--Papa!
- 25--- Is he amiable? Who?
- 26--- Is he handsome? He's sure to be.
- 27--With 5,000 a year, it would not matter if he had warts.
- 28--Who's got warts?
- 29--I will consent to his marrying whichever girl he chooses.
- 30--- So will he come to the ball tomorrow? I believe so.
- 31--- Mr Bennet! I have to have your muslin!
- 32--- I'll lend you my green slippers! They were mine.
- 33--- I'll do your mending for a week. I'll retrim your new bonnet.
- 34--Two weeks I'll do it for.
- 35--It's not the same! It's not the same.
- 36--I can't breathe.
- 37--I think one of my toes just came off.
- 38--If every man does not end the evening in love with you,
- 39--then I'm no judge of beauty.
- 40--- Or men. No, they are far too easy to judge.
- 41--They're not all bad.
- 42--Humourless poppycocks, in my limited experience.
- 43--One day, someone will catch your eye,
- 44--and then you'll have to watch your tongue.

- 45--How good of you to come.
- 46--Which of the painted peacocks is our Mr Bingley?
- 47--He's on the right. On the left is his sister.
- 48--- The person with the quizzical brow? That is his good friend, Mr Darcy.
- 49--- He looks miserable, poor soul. He may be, but poor he is not.
- 50--Tell me.
- 51--10,000 a year, and he owns half of Derbyshire.
- 52--The miserable half.
- 53--Mr Bennet, you must introduce him to the girls immediately.
- 54--Smile at Mr Bingley. Smile.
- 55--Mary.
- 56--Mr Bingley, my eldest daughter you know.
- 57--Mrs Bennet, Miss Jane Bennet, Elizabeth and Miss Mary Bennet.
- 58--It is a pleasure. I have two others, but they're already dancing.
- 59--I'm delighted to make your acquaintance.
- 60--And may I introduce Mr Darcy of Pemberley in Derbyshire.
- 61--How do you like it here in Hertfordshire?
- 62--Very much.
- 63--The library at Netherfield, I've heard, is one of the finest.
- 64--It fills me with guilt. I'm not a good reader. I prefer being out of doors.
- 65--Oh, I mean, I can read, of course.
- 66--And I'm not suggesting you can't read out of doors.
- 67--I wish I read more, but there seem to be so many other things to do.
- 68--That's exactly what I meant.
- 69--Mama, Mama! You will never, ever believe what we're about to tell you.
- 70--- Tell me! She's going to take the veil.
- 71--- The regiment are coming! Officers?
- 72--They're going to be stationed the whole winter, right here.
- 73--- Officers? As far as the eye can see.
- 74--Oh, look. Jane's dancing with Mr Bingley.
- 75--Mr Bennet.
- 76--- Do you dance, Mr Darcy? Not if I can help it.
- 77--I didn't know you were coming to see me. What's the matter?
- 78--We are a long way from Grosvenor Square, are we not, Mr Darcy?
- 79--I've never seen so many pretty girls.
- 80--You were dancing with the only handsome girl.
- 81--She is the most beautiful creature I have ever beheld.
- 82--- But her sister Elizabeth is agreeable. Perfectly tolerable.
- 83--Not handsome enough to tempt me. Return to your partner and enjoy her smiles.
- 84--You're wasting your time with me.
- 85--Count your blessings, Lizzie. If he liked you, you'd have to talk to him.
- 86--Precisely.
- 87--I wouldn't dance with him for all of Derbyshire,
- 88--let alone the miserable half.

- 89--Wait!
- 90--- I enjoyed that so much, Miss Lucas. How well you dance, Mr Bingley.
- 91--I've never enjoyed a dance so much.
- 92--My daughter Jane is a splendid dancer, is she not?
- 93--She is indeed.
- 94--Your friend Miss Lucas is a most amusing young woman.
- 95--Oh, yes, I adore her.
- 96--- It is a pity she's not more handsome. Mama!
- 97--Oh, but Lizzie would never admit that she's plain.
- 98--Of course, it's my Jane who's considered the beauty of the county.
- 99--Mama, please!
- 100--When she was 15, a gentleman was so much in love with her,
- 101--I was sure he would make her an offer.
- 102--However, he did write her some very pretty verses.
- 103--And that put paid to it.
- 104--I wonder who discovered the power of poetry in driving away love.
- 105--- I thought poetry was the food of love. Of a fine, stout love.
- 106--But if it is only a vague inclination, one poor sonnet will kill it.
- 107--So, what do you recommend to encourage affection?
- 108--Dancing. Even if one's partner is barely tolerable.
- 109--Mr Bingley is just what a young man ought to be.
- 110--- Sensible, good-humoured... Handsome, conveniently rich...
- 111--Marriage should not be driven by thoughts of money.
- 112--Only deep love will persuade me to marry.
- 113--- Which is why I'll end up an old maid. Do you really believe he liked me?
- 114--He danced with you most of the night, and stared at you the rest.
- 115--I give you leave to like him. You've liked many stupider.
- 116--You're a great deal too apt to like people in general.
- 117--All the world is good in your eyes.
- 118--Not his friend. I still can't believe what he said about you.
- 119--Mr Darcy?
- 120--I'd more easily forgive his vanity had he not wounded mine.
- 121--But no matter. I doubt we shall ever speak again.
- 122--He danced with Miss Lucas.
- 123--We were all there, dear.
- 124--It is a shame she's not more handsome.
- 125--There's a spinster in the making and no mistake.
- 126--The fourth with a Miss King of little standing,
- 127--and the fifth again with Jane.
- 128--If he had any compassion, he would've sprained his ankle.
- 129--The way you carry on,
- 130--you'd think our girls look forward to a grand inheritance.
- 131--When you die, which may be very soon,
- 132--they will be left without a roof over their head nor a penny to their name.

- 133--- Please, it's ten in the morning. A letter to Miss Bennet, ma'am.
- 134--From Netherfield Hall.
- 135--Praise the Lord. We are saved!
- 136--Make haste, Jane, make haste. Oh, happy day!
- 137--It is from Caroline Bingley.
- 138--She has invited me to dine with her.
- 139--- Her brother will be dining out. Dining out?
- 140--- Can I take the carriage? Let me see.
- 141--- It is too far to walk. This is unaccountable of him.
- 142--Mama, the carriage for Jane?
- 143--Certainly not. She'll go on horseback.
- 144--Horseback!
- 145--Lizzie.
- 146--Now she'll have to stay the night, exactly as I predicted.
- 147--Good grief, woman, your skills in the art of matchmaking
- 148--are positively occult.
- 149--Though I don't think, Mama, you can take credit for making it rain.
- 150--"My friends will not hear of me returning home until I am better.
- 151--Excepting a sore throat, a fever and a headache, nothing is wrong with me."
- 152--If Jane does die it will be a comfort to know it was in pursuit of Mr Bingley.
- 153--People do not die of colds.
- 154--But she may perish with the shame of having such a mother.
- 155--I must go to Netherfield at once.
- 156--Lady Bathurst is redecorating her ballroom in the French style.
- 157--A little unpatriotic, don't you think?
- 158--Miss Elizabeth Bennet.
- 159--Good Lord, did you walk here?
- 160--I did.
- 161--- I'm so sorry. How is my sister? She's upstairs.
- 162--Thank you.
- 163--My goodness, did you see her hem? Six inches deep in mud.
- 164--She looked positively mediaeval.
- 165--I feel such a terrible imposition. They're being so kind to me.
- 166--I don't know who is more pleased at your being here, Mama or Mr Bingley.
- 167--Thank you for tending to my sister so diligently.
- 168--She's in far better comfort than at home.
- 169--It's a pleasure.
- 170--I mean, it's not a pleasure that she's ill. Of course not.
- 171--It's a pleasure that she's here, being ill.
- 172--Not going to be famous, our pig.
- 173--Black on the back, but not related to the learned pig of Norwich.
- 174--- Now that pig is... Mr Bennet.
- 175--It's all going to plan. He's half in love with her already.
- 176--- Who is, blossom? Mr Bingley.

- 177--He doesn't mind that she hasn't a penny.
- 178--He has more than enough for the two of them.
- 179--- How will we meet them? Easy!
- 180--Wait for me!
- 181--You drop something. They pick it up. And then you're introduced.
- 182--Officers!
- 183--You write uncommonly fast, Mr Darcy.
- 184--You're mistaken. I write slowly.
- 185--How many letters you must have occasion to write, Mr Darcy.
- 186--Letters of business. How odious I should think them.
- 187--It is fortunate, then, they fall to me and not you.
- 188--Tell your sister I long to see her.
- 189--- I've already told her once. I do dote on her.
- 190--I was quite in raptures at her beautiful design for a table.
- 191--Perhaps you will give me leave to defer your raptures.
- 192--I have not room enough to do them justice.
- 193--You young ladies are so accomplished.
- 194--- What do you mean? You paint tables, play the piano
- 195--and embroider cushions.
- 196--I never heard of a lady, but people say she's accomplished.
- 197--The word is applied too liberally.
- 198--I do not know more than half a dozen women
- 199--- that are truly accomplished. Nor I.
- 200--Goodness, you must comprehend a great deal in the idea.
- 201--- I do. Absolutely.
- 202--She must have a knowledge of music, singing, drawing, dancing
- 203--and the modern languages to deserve the word.
- 204--And something in her air and manner of walking.
- 205--And she must improve her mind by extensive reading.
- 206--I'm no longer surprised at your knowing only six accomplished women.
- 207--- I wonder at you knowing any. Are you so severe on your own sex?
- 208--I never saw such a woman. She would certainly be a fearsome thing to behold.
- 209--Miss Elizabeth, let us take a turn about the room.
- 210--It's refreshing, is it not, after sitting so long in one attitude?
- 211--It is a small kind of accomplishment, I suppose.
- 212--Will you not join us, Mr Darcy?
- 213--You can only have two motives, and I would interfere with either.
- 214--What can he mean?
- 215--The surest way to disappoint him would be to ask him nothing.
- 216--Do tell us, Mr Darcy.
- 217--Either you are in each other's confidence
- 218--and you have secret affairs to discuss,
- 219--or you are conscious that your figures
- 220--appear to the greatest advantage by walking.

- 221--If the first, I should get in your way.
- 222--If the second, I can admire you much better from here.
- 223--How shall we punish him for such a speech?
- 224--- We could laugh at him. No. Mr Darcy is not to be teased.
- 225--Are you too proud, Mr Darcy? And would you consider pride a fault or a virtue?
- 226--- I couldn't say. We're trying to find a fault in you.
- 227--I find it hard to forgive the follies and vices of others,
- 228--or their offences against me.
- 229--My good opinion, once lost, is lost forever.
- 230--Oh, dear. I cannot tease you about that.
- 231--What a shame, for I dearly love to laugh.
- 232--A family trait, I think.
- 233--A Mrs Bennet, a Miss Bennet, a Miss Bennet and a Miss Bennet, sir.
- 234--Are we to receive every Bennet in the country?
- 235--What an excellent room you have, sir.
- 236--Such expensive furnishings.
- 237--I do hope you intend to stay here, Mr Bingley.
- 238--Absolutely, I find the country very diverting. Don't you agree, Darcy?
- 239--I find it perfectly adequate.
- 240--Even if society is a little less varied than in town.
- 241--Less varied? Not at all.
- 242--We dine with four and 20 families of all shapes and sizes.
- 243--Sir William Lucas, for instance, is a very agreeable man.
- 244--And a good deal less self-important than some people half his rank.
- 245--Mr Bingley, is it true you will hold a ball here?
- 246--A ball?
- 247--It would be an excellent way to meet new friends. You could invite the militia.
- 248--- Oh, do hold a ball! Kitty!
- 249--When your sister recovers, you shall name the day.
- 250--I think a ball is an irrational way to gain new acquaintance.
- 251--It would be better if conversation, not dancing, were the order of the day.
- 252--Indeed, much more rational, but rather less like a ball.
- 253--Thank you, Mary.
- 254--What a fine imposing place to be sure, is it not, my dears?
- 255--There's no house to equal it in the county.
- 256--- Mr Darcy. Miss Bennet.
- 257--- There she is. I don't know how to thank you.
- 258--You're welcome any time you feel the least bit poorly.
- 259--Thank you for your stimulating company. Most instructive.
- 260--Not at all. The pleasure is all mine.
- 261--- Mr Darcy. Miss Elizabeth.
- 262--And then there was one with great long lashes, like a cow.
- 263--Ask Mrs Hill to order us a sirloin, Betsy.
- 264--Just the one, mind. We're not made of money.

- 265--I hope, my dear, you've ordered a good dinner today.
- 266--I've reason to expect an addition to our family party.
- 267--His name's Mr Collins, the dreaded cousin.
- 268--- Who is to inherit? Everything.
- 269--Even my piano stool belongs to Mr Collins.
- 270--When?
- 271--He may turn us out of the house as soon as he pleases.
- 272--The estate passes directly to him and not to us poor females.
- 273--Mr Collins, at your service.
- 274--What a superbly featured room and what excellent potatoes.
- 275--It's many years since I've had such an exemplary vegetable.
- 276--To which fair cousin should I compliment the excellence of the cooking?
- 277--We are perfectly able to keep a cook.
- 278--Excellent.
- 279--I'm very pleased the estate can afford such a living.
- 280--I'm honoured to have as my patroness Lady Catherine de Bourgh.
- 281--You've heard of her, I presume?
- 282--My small rectory abuts her estate,
- 283--Rosings Park, and she often condescends
- 284--to drive by my humble dwelling in her little phaeton and ponies.
- 285--Does she have any family?
- 286--One daughter, the heiress of Rosings and very extensive property.
- 287--I've often observed to Lady Catherine
- 288--that her daughter seemed born to be a duchess,
- 289--for she has all the superior graces of elevated rank.
- 290--These kind of compliments are always acceptable to the ladies,
- 291--and which I conceive myself particularly bound to pay.
- 292--How happy for you, Mr Collins,
- 293--to possess the talent for flattering with such delicacy.
- 294--Do these attentions proceed from the impulse of the moment
- 295--or are they the result of previous study?
- 296--They arise from what is passing at the time.
- 297--And though I do sometimes amuse myself with arranging such little compliments,
- 298--I always wish to give them as unstudied an air as possible.
- 299--Oh, believe me, no one would suspect your manners to be rehearsed.
- 300--After dinner, I thought I might read to you for an hour or two.
- 301--<i>I have with me Fordyce's Sermons</i>
- 302--which speak very eloquently on all matters moral.
- 303--<i>Are you familiar with Fordyce's Sermons, Miss Bennet?</i>
- 304--Mrs Bennet, I have been bestowed by the good grace of Lady Catherine de Bourgh
- 305--a parsonage of no mean size.
- 306--I have become aware of the fact.
- 307--It is my avowed hope that soon I may find a mistress for it.
- 308--And I have to inform you that the eldest Miss Bennet

- 309--has captured my special attention.
- 310--Oh, Mr Collins.
- 311--Unfortunately, it is incumbent upon me
- 312--to hint that the eldest Miss Bennet is very soon to be engaged.
- 313--Engaged.
- 314--But Miss Lizzie, next to her in age and beauty,
- 315--would make anyone an excellent partner.
- 316--Do not you agree? Mr Collins?
- 317--Indeed. Indeed.
- 318--A very agreeable alternative.
- 319--Mr Collins is a man who makes you despair at the entire sex.
- 320--- Yours, I believe. Oh, Mr Wickham, how perfect you are.
- 321--He picked up my handkerchief. Did you drop yours on purpose?
- 322--Mr Wickham is a lieutenant.
- 323--- An enchanted lieutenant. What are you up to, Liddy?
- 324--- We happened to be looking for ribbon. White, for the ball.
- 325--Shall we all look for some ribbon together?
- 326--- Good afternoon, Mr James. Miss Lydia, Miss Bennet.
- 327--I shan't even browse.
- 328--I can't be trusted. I have poor taste in ribbons.
- 329--Only a truly confident man would admit that.
- 330--No, it's true.
- 331--And buckles. When it comes to buckles, I'm lost.
- 332--- You must be the shame of the regiment. The laughing stock.
- 333--What do your superiors do with you?
- 334--Ignore me. I'm of next to no importance, so it's easily done.
- 335--- Lizzie, lend me some money. You already owe me a fortune.
- 336--- Allow me to oblige. No, Mr Wickham, please...
- 337--I insist.
- 338--- I pity the French. So do I.
- 339--- Look, Mr Bingley. Mr Bingley!
- 340--I was just on my way to your house.
- 341--How do you like my ribbons for your ball?
- 342--- Very beautiful. She is. Look, she's blooming.
- 343--Oh, Lydia.
- 344--Be sure to invite Mr Wickham. He is a credit to his profession.
- 345--You can't invite people to other people's balls.
- 346--Of course, you must come, Mr Wickham.
- 347--If you'll excuse me, ladies, enjoy the day.
- 348--Do you plan to go to the Netherfield ball, Mr Wickham?
- 349--Perhaps. How long has Mr Darcy been a guest there?
- 350--About a month.
- 351--Forgive me, but are you acquainted with him, with Mr Darcy?
- 352--Indeed, I've been connected with his family since infancy.

- 353--You may well be surprised, given our cold greeting this afternoon.
- 354--I hope your plans in favour of Meryton will not be affected
- 355--- by your relations with the gentleman. It is not for me to be driven away.
- 356--If he wishes to avoid seeing me, he must go, not I.
- 357--I must ask, what is the manner of your disapproval of Mr Darcy?
- 358--My father managed his estate.
- 359--We grew up together, Darcy and I.
- 360--His father treated me like a second son, loved me like a son.
- 361--We were both with him the day he died.
- 362--With his last breath,
- 363--his father bequeathed me the rectory in his estate.
- 364--He knew I had my heart set on joining the Church.
- 365--But Darcy ignored his wishes and gave the living to another man.
- 366--- But why? Jealousy.
- 367--His father...
- 368--Well, he loved me better and Darcy couldn't stand it.
- 369--- How cruel. So now I'm a poor foot-soldier.
- 370--Too lowly even to be noticed.
- 371--- Breathe in! I can't anymore. You're hurting.
- 372--Betsy.
- 373--Betsy!
- 374--- There must've been a misunderstanding. Jane, you never think ill of anybody.
- 375--How could Mr Darcy do such a thing?
- 376--I will discover the truth from Mr Bingley this evening.
- 377--Let Mr Darcy contradict it himself.
- 378--Till he does, I hope never to encounter him.
- 379--Poor, unfortunate, Mr Wickham.
- 380--Wickham is twice the man Darcy is.
- 381--And, let us hope, a rather more willing dancer.
- 382--There they are, look.
- 383--- Oh, yes. Billy.
- 384--Jane Martin is here.
- 385--May I say what an immense pleasure it is to see you again.
- 386--- Mrs Bennet. Miss Bingley.
- 387--Charming.
- 388--I'm so pleased you're here.
- 389--So am I.
- 390--And how are you? Miss Elizabeth? Are you looking for someone?
- 391--No, not at all, I was just admiring the general splendour.
- 392--- It is breathtaking, Mr Bingley. Good.
- 393--You might have passed a few pleasantries with Mr Bingley.
- 394--I've never met a more pleasant gentleman in all my years.
- 395--Did you see how he dotes on her?
- 396--Dear Jane, always doing what's best for her family.

- 397--- Charlotte! Lizzie!
- 398--- Have you seen Mr Wickham? No. Perhaps he's through here.
- 399--Lizzie, Mr Wickham is not here. Apparently, he's been detained.
- 400--Detained where? He must be here.
- 401--- There you are. Mr Collins.
- 402--Perhaps you will do me the honour, Miss Elizabeth.
- 403--Oh, I did not think you danced, Mr Collins.
- 404--I do not think it incompatible with the office of a clergyman.
- 405--Several people, her Ladyship included, have complimented me
- 406--on my lightness of foot.
- 407--Apparently, your Mr Wickham has been called on some business to town.
- 408--Dancing is of little consequence to me, but it does...
- 409--...but it does afford the opportunity to lavish...
- 410--...upon one's partner attentions... My informer tells me...
- 411--...that he would be less inclined to be engaged, were it not for...
- 412--...the presence of a certain gentleman.
- 413--Which is my primary object.
- 414--That gentleman barely warrants the name.
- 415--It is my intention, if I may be so bold,
- 416--to remain close to you throughout the evening.
- 417--May I have the next dance, Miss Elizabeth?
- 418--You may.
- 419--- Did I agree to dance with Mr Darcy? I dare say you will find him amiable.
- 420--It would be most inconvenient since I've sworn to loathe him for all eternity.
- 421--- I love this dance. Indeed. Most invigorating.
- 422--It is your turn to say something, Mr Darcy.
- 423--I talked about the dance.
- 424--Now you ought to remark on the size of the room or the number of couples.
- 425--I'm perfectly happy to oblige. What would you like most to hear?
- 426--That reply will do for present.
- 427--Perhaps by and by I may observe
- 428--that private balls are much pleasanter than public ones.
- 429--For now, we may remain silent.
- 430--Do you talk as a rule while dancing?
- 431--No. No, I prefer to be unsociable and taciturn.
- 432--Makes it all so much more enjoyable, don't you think?
- 433--Tell me, do you and your sisters very often walk to Meryton?
- 434--Yes, we often walk to Meryton.
- 435--It's a great opportunity to meet new people.
- 436--When you met us, we'd just had the pleasure of forming a new acquaintance.
- 437--Mr Wickham's blessed with such happy manners, he's sure of making friends.
- 438--Whether he's capable of retaining them is less so.
- 439--He's been so unfortunate as to lose your friendship. That is irreversible?
- 440--- It is. Why do you ask such a question? To make out your character.

- 441--- What have you discovered? Very little.
- 442--I hear such different accounts of you as puzzle me exceedingly.
- 443--I hope to afford you more clarity in the future.
- 444--- Is that Mr Darcy of Pemberley? I believe so.
- 445--I must make myself known to him.
- 446--He's a nephew of my patroness, Lady Catherine.
- 447--He will consider it an impertinence.
- 448--Mr Darcy.
- 449--Mr Darcy.
- 450--Mr Darcy. Good evening...
- 451--What interesting relatives you have.
- 452--Mary, dear, you've delighted us long enough.
- 453--Let the other young ladies have a turn.
- 454--... since I was a child, and then she died.
- 455--I have a beautiful grey.
- 456--Of course, Caroline's a much better rider than I, of course.
- 457--Oh, yes. We fully expect a most advantageous marriage.
- 458--And my Jane, marrying so grand, must throw her sisters in the way.
- 459--Clearly my family are seeing who can expose themselves to the most ridicule.
- 460--- At least Bingley has not noticed. No.
- 461--- I think he likes her very much. But does she like him?
- 462--Few of us are secure enough to be in love without proper encouragement.
- 463--Bingley likes her enormously,
- 464--but might not do more if she does not help him on.
- 465--She's just shy. If he cannot perceive her regard, he is a fool.
- 466--We are all fools in love.
- 467--He does not know her character as we do.
- 468--She should move fast and snap him up.
- 469--There is plenty of time for us to get to know him afterwards.
- 470--I can't help feeling that someone's going to produce a piglet
- 471--and make us chase it.
- 472--- Oh, dear! I do apologise, sir.
- 473--I'm awfully sorry. Do forgive me.
- 474--Emily, please!
- 475--Mary, my dear Mary. Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear.
- 476--- I've been practising all week. I know, my dear.
- 477--I hate balls.
- 478--Mr Bennet, wake up.
- 479--Oh, I've never had such a good time!
- 480--Charles, you cannot be serious.
- 481--We'll have a wedding here in less than three months if you ask me, Mr Bennet.
- 482--Mr Bennet!
- 483--Mary, please.
- 484--Thank you, Mr Hill.

- 485--Mrs Bennet, I was hoping, if it would not trouble you,
- 486--that I might solicit a private audience with Miss Elizabeth.
- 487--Oh, certainly, Lizzie would be very happy indeed.
- 488--Everyone, out. Mr Collins would like a private audience with your sister.
- 489--Wait, Mr Collins can have nothing to say to me that anybody need not hear.
- 490--I desire you will stay where you are. Everyone else to the drawing room.
- 491--- Mr Bennet. But...
- 492--Now.
- 493--- Jane. Jane, don't... Jane! Jane.
- 494--Papa, stay.
- 495--Dear Miss Elizabeth,
- 496--My attentions have been too marked to be mistaken.
- 497--Almost as soon as I entered the house,
- 498--I singled you out as the companion of my future life.
- 499--But before I am run away with my feelings,
- 500--perhaps I may state my reasons for marrying.
- 501--Firstly, that it is the duty of a clergyman
- 502--to set the example of matrimony in his parish.
- 503--Secondly, I am convinced it will add greatly to my happiness.
- 504--And thirdly, that it is at the urging
- 505--of my esteemed patroness, Lady Catherine,
- 506--that I select a wife.
- 507--My object in coming to Longbourn was to choose such a one
- 508--from among Mr Bennet's daughters,
- 509--for I am to inherit the estate
- 510--and such an alliance will surely...
- 511--...suit everyone.
- 512--And now nothing remains but for me to assure you in the most animated language
- 513--- of the violence of my affections. Mr Collins!
- 514--And no reproach on the subject of fortune
- 515--- will cross my lips once we're married. You forget I have given no answer.
- 516--Lady Catherine will thoroughly approve when I speak to her
- 517--of your modesty, economy and other amiable qualities.
- 518--Sir, I am honoured by your proposal, but I regret that I must decline it.
- 519--I know ladies don't seek to seem too eager...
- 520--Mr Collins, I am perfectly serious. You could not make me happy.
- 521--And I'm the last woman in the world who could make you happy.
- 522--I flatter myself that your refusal is merely a natural delicacy.
- 523--Besides, despite manifold attractions,
- 524--it is by no means certain another offer of marriage will ever be made to you.
- 525--I must conclude that you simply seek to increase my love by suspense,
- 526--according to the usual practice of elegant females.
- 527--I am not the sort of female to torment a respectable man.
- 528--Please understand me, I cannot accept you.

- 529--Headstrong, foolish child.
- 530--Don't worry, Mr Collins. We'll have this little hiccup dealt with immediately.
- 531--Lizzie. Lizzie!
- 532--Mr Bennet, we're all in an uproar!
- 533--You must come and make Lizzie marry Mr Collins.
- 534--Mr Collins has proposed to Lizzie,
- 535--but she vowed she will not have him, and now the danger is
- 536--Mr Collins may not have Lizzie.
- 537--- What am I to do? Well, come and talk to her.
- 538--Now!
- 539--- Tell her you insist they marry. Papa, please.
- 540--You will have this house and save your sisters from destitution.
- 541--- I can't marry him. Go and say you've changed your mind.
- 542--- Think of your family. You cannot make me.
- 543--Mr Bennet, say something.
- 544--Your mother insists upon you marrying Mr Collins.
- 545--Yes, or I shall never see her again.
- 546--From this day onward, you must be a stranger to one of your parents.
- 547--Who will maintain you when your father is dead?
- 548--Your mother will never see you again if you do not marry Mr Collins,
- 549--and I will never see you again if you do.
- 550--Thank you, Papa.
- 551--Ungrateful child! I shall never speak to you again.
- 552--Not that I take much pleasure in talking.
- 553--People who suffer as I do from nervous complaints
- 554--can have no pleasure in talking to anybody.
- 555--Jane!
- 556--What's the matter? Jane?
- 557--I don't understand what would take him from Netherfield.
- 558--Why does he not know when he'll return?
- 559--Read it.
- 560--"Mr Darcy is impatient to see his sister and we are scarcely less eager.
- 561--I do not think Georgiana Darcy has her equal for beauty,
- 562--elegance and accomplishment. I hope to call her hereafter my sister."
- 563--Is that not clear enough?
- 564--Caroline sees her brother in love with you
- 565--and has taken him off to persuade him otherwise.
- 566--But I know her to be incapable of wilfully deceiving anyone.
- 567--- It's more likely he does not love me. He loves you. Do not give up.
- 568--Go to our aunt and uncle's in London,
- 569--let it be known you are there and I am sure he will come to you.
- 570--Give my love to my sister and try not to be a burden, dear.
- 571--Poor Jane.
- 572--Still, a girl likes to be crossed in love now and then.

- 573--It gives her something to think of
- 574--and a sort of distinction amongst her companions.
- 575--- I'm sure that will cheer her up, Papa. It's your turn now, Lizzie.
- 576--You've turned down Collins.
- 577--You're free to go off and be jilted yourself.
- 578--What about Mr Wickham?
- 579--He's a pleasant fellow and he'd do the job credibly.
- 580--- Father... And you have an affectionate mother
- 581--who would make the most of it.
- 582--- Charlotte! My dear Lizzie.
- 583--I've come her to tell you the news. Mr Collins and I are... engaged.
- 584--- Engaged? Yes.
- 585--- To be married? What other kind of engaged is there?
- 586--For heaven's sake, Lizzie, don't look at me like that.
- 587--I should be as happy with him as any other.
- 588--- But he's ridiculous. Oh, hush.
- 589--Not all of us can afford to be romantic.
- 590--I've been offered a comfortable home and protection.
- 591--There's a lot to be thankful for.
- 592--I'm 27 years old. I've no money and no prospects.
- 593--I'm already a burden to my parents.
- 594--And I'm frightened.
- 595--Don't you dare judge me. So don't judge me, Lizzie.
- 596--<i>Dear Charlotte, thank you for your letter.</i>
- 597--<i>I'm glad the house, furniture and roads are to your taste,</i>
- 598--<i>and that Lady Catherine's behaviour is friendly and obliging.</i>
- 599--<i>What with your departure, Jane's to London</i>
- 600--<i>and the militia to the North with the colourful Mr Wickham,</i>
- 601--<i>I must confess, the view from where I sit has been rather grey.</i>
- 602--<i>As for the favour you ask, it is no favour at all.</i>
- 603--<i>I would be happy to visit you at your earliest convenience.</i>
- 604--Welcome to our humble abode.
- 605--My wife encourages me to spend time in the garden for my health.
- 606--I think our guest is tired after her journey.
- 607--I plan many improvements. I intend to throw out a bough and plant a lime walk.
- 608--I flatter myself that any young lady would be happy
- 609--to be the mistress of such a house.
- 610--We shan't be disturbed here.
- 611--This parlour is for my own particular use.
- 612--Oh, Lizzie, it's such a pleasure to run my own home.
- 613--- Charlotte, come here! What's happened?
- 614--Has the pig escaped again? Oh, it's Lady Catherine.
- 615--Come and see, Lizzie.
- 616--Great news.

- 617--We received an invitation to Rosings from Lady Catherine.
- 618--How wonderful!
- 619--Do not make yourself uneasy about your apparel.
- 620--Just put on the best you've brought.
- 621--Lady Catherine's never been averse to the truly humble.
- 622--One of the most extraordinary sights in all of Europe.
- 623--The glazing alone costs upwards of ?20,000.
- 624--Come along. Come along.
- 625--A little later we'll play cards.
- 626--Your Ladyship.
- 627--Miss de Bourgh.
- 628--- So, you are Elizabeth Bennet? I am, your Ladyship.
- 629--This is my daughter.
- 630--- It's kind of you to ask us to dine. The rug alone cost upwards of ?300.
- 631--Mr Darcy.
- 632--What are you doing here?
- 633--Mr Darcy, I had no idea we had the honour.
- 634--- Miss Elizabeth, I'm a guest here. You know my nephew?
- 635--I had the pleasure of meeting your nephew in Hertfordshire.
- 636--Colonel Fitzwilliam. How do you do?
- 637--Mr Collins, you can't sit next to your wife. Move. Over there.
- 638--Harvey, I wonder, could you get me the fish course...
- 639--I trust your family is in good health, Miss Elizabeth?
- 640--They are, thank you.
- 641--My eldest sister is in London. Perhaps you saw her there.
- 642--I haven't been fortunate enough...
- 643--Do you play the pianoforte, Miss Bennet?
- 644--- A little, ma'am, and very poorly. Do you draw?
- 645--No, not at all.
- 646--Your sisters, do they draw?
- 647--Not one.
- 648--That's very strange.
- 649--I suppose you had no opportunity.
- 650--Your mother should've taken you to town for the benefit of the masters.
- 651--My mother wouldn't have minded, but my father hates town.
- 652--- Has your governess left you? We never had a governess.
- 653--No governess? Five daughters brought up at home without a governess?
- 654--I never heard such a thing. Your mother must've been a slave to your education.
- 655--Not at all, Lady Catherine.
- 656--Your younger sisters, are they out in society?
- 657--- Yes, ma'am, all. All?
- 658--What, all five out at once? That's very odd.
- 659--And you second. The younger ones out before the elders are married?
- 660--Your youngest sisters must be very young.

- 661--Yes, my youngest is not 16.
- 662--But it would be hard on younger sisters
- 663--not to have their amusement because the elder is still unmarried.
- 664--It would hardly encourage sisterly affection.
- 665--Upon my word, you give your opinion very decidedly for so young a person.
- 666--Pray, what is your age?
- 667--With three younger sisters grown up, you can hardly expect me to own to it.
- 668--Come, Miss Bennet, and play for us.
- 669--- No, I beg you. For music is my delight.
- 670--In fact, there are few people in England
- 671--who have more true enjoyment of music.
- 672--Or better natural taste.
- 673--If I had ever learnt, I should've been a great proficient.
- 674--So would Anne, if her health would've allowed her.
- 675--I'm not afflicted with false modesty, when I say I play poorly...
- 676--Come, Lizzie, her Ladyship demands it.
- 677--How does Georgiana get along, Darcy?
- 678--- She plays very well. I hope she practises.
- 679--No excellence can be acquired without constant practice.
- 680--I've told Mrs Collins this.
- 681--Though you have no instrument, you're welcome to come to Rosings
- 682--and play on the pianoforte in the housekeeper's room.
- 683--You'll be in nobody's way in that part of the house.
- 684--You mean to frighten me by coming in all your state to hear me.
- 685--But I won't be alarmed, even if your sister does play so well.
- 686--I know that I cannot alarm you even should I wish it.
- 687--What was my friend like in Hertfordshire?
- 688--You really care to know?
- 689--Prepare yourself for something very dreadful.
- 690--The first time I saw him, he danced with nobody,
- 691--though gentlemen were scarce
- 692--and there was more than one lady without a partner.
- 693--- I knew nobody beyond my own party. Nobody can be introduced at a ball.
- 694--Fitzwilliam, I need you.
- 695--I do not have the talent
- 696--of conversing easily with people I have never met before.
- 697--Perhaps you should take your aunt's advice and practise.
- 698--<i>Dear Jane...</i>
- 699--Mr Darcy.
- 700--Please, do be seated.
- 701--Mr and Mrs Collins have gone to the village.
- 702--This is a charming house.
- 703--I believe my aunt did a great deal to it when Mr Collins first arrived.
- 704--I believe so.

- 705--She could not have bestowed her kindness on a more grateful subject.
- 706--- Shall I call for some tea? No, thank you.
- 707--Good day, Miss Elizabeth, it's been a pleasure.
- 708--What on earth have you done to poor Mr Darcy?
- 709--I have no idea.
- 710--Every mind must have some counsellor
- 711--to whom it may apply for consolation in distress.
- 712--There are many conveniences which others can supply and we cannot procure.
- 713--I have in view those objects
- 714--which are only to be obtained through intercourse...
- 715--Forgive me, through the intercourse of friendship or civility.
- 716--On such occasions, the proud man steps forth to meet you not with cordiality,
- 717--but with the suspicion of one who reconnoitres an enemy...
- 718--- How long do you plan to stay? As long as Darcy chooses.
- 719--- I am at his disposal. Everyone appears to be.
- 720--I wonder he does not marry and secure a lasting convenience of that kind.
- 721--- She would be a lucky woman. Really?
- 722--Darcy is a most loyal companion.
- 723--He recently came to the rescue of one of his friends.
- 724--What happened?
- 725--He saved him from an imprudent marriage.
- 726--Who's the man?
- 727--His closest friend, Charles Bingley.
- 728--Did Mr Darcy give a reason for this interference?
- 729--There were apparently strong objections to the lady.
- 730--What kind of objections? Her lack of fortune?
- 731--I think it was her family that was considered unsuitable.
- 732--- So he separated them? I believe so. I know nothing else.
- 733--Miss Elizabeth.
- 734--I have struggled in vain and can bear it no longer.
- 735--These past months have been a torment. I came to Rosings only to see you.
- 736--I have fought against judgement, my family's expectation,
- 737--the inferiority of your birth, my rank.
- 738--I will put them aside and ask you to end my agony.
- 739--- I don't understand. I love you.
- 740--Most ardently.
- 741--Please do me the honour of accepting my hand.
- 742--Sir, I appreciate the struggle you have been through,
- 743--and I am very sorry to have caused you pain.
- 744--It was unconsciously done.
- 745--- Is this your reply? Yes, sir.
- 746--- Are you laughing at me? No.
- 747--Are you rejecting me?
- 748--I'm sure the feelings which hindered your regard will help you overcome it.

- 749--Might I ask why with so little civility I am thus repulsed?
- 750--I might enquire why you told me you liked me against your better judgement?
- 751--If I was uncivil, then that is some excuse.
- 752--- But you know I have other reasons. What reasons?
- 753--Do you think anything might tempt me to accept the man who has ruined
- 754--the happiness of a most beloved sister?
- 755--Do you deny that you separated a young couple who loved each other,
- 756--exposing your friend to censure for caprice
- 757--and my sister to derision for disappointed hopes,
- 758--involving them both in acute misery?
- 759--- I do not deny it. How could you do it?
- 760--I believed your sister indifferent to him.
- 761--I realised his attachment was deeper than hers.
- 762--She's shy!
- 763--Bingley was persuaded she didn't feel strongly.
- 764--- You suggested it. For his own good.
- 765--My sister hardly shows her true feelings to me.
- 766--I suppose his fortune had some bearing?
- 767--I wouldn't do your sister the dishonour.
- 768--- It was suggested... What was?
- 769--It was clear an advantageous marriage...
- 770--- Did my sister give that impression? No!
- 771--- No. There was, however, your family... Our want of connection?
- 772--- No, it was more than that. How, sir?
- 773--The lack of propriety shown by your mother, younger sisters and your father.
- 774--Forgive me. You and your sister I must exclude from this.
- 775--And what about Mr Wickham?
- 776--Mr Wickham?
- 777--What excuse can you give for your behaviour?
- 778--- You take an eager interest. He told me of his misfortunes.
- 779--- Oh, they have been great. You ruin his chances
- 780--yet treat him with sarcasm.
- 781--So this is your opinion of me?
- 782--Thank you. Perhaps these offences might have been overlooked
- 783--had not your pride been hurt by my scruples about our relationship.
- 784--I am to rejoice in the inferiority of your circumstances?
- 785--And those are the words of a gentleman.
- 786--Your arrogance and conceit, your selfish disdain for the feelings of others
- 787--made me realise you were the last man in the world I could ever marry.
- 788--Forgive me, madam, for taking up so much of your time.
- 789--I came to leave you this.
- 790--I shall not renew the sentiments which were so disgusting to you.
- 791--But if I may, I will address the two offences you have laid against me.
- 792--<i>My father loved Mr Wickham as a son.</i>

- 793--<i>He left him a generous living. But upon my father's death,</i>
- 794--<i>Mr Wickham announced he had no intention of taking orders.</i>
- 795--<i>He demanded the value of the living, which he'd gambled away within weeks.</i>
- 796--<i>He then wrote, demanding more money, which I refused.</i>
- 797--<i>After which, he severed all acquaintance.</i>
- 798--<i>He came back to see us last summer, and declared passionate love for my sister,</i>
- 799--<i>whom he tried to persuade to elope with him.</i>
- 800--<i>She is to inherit ?30,000.</i>
- 801--<i>When it was made clear he would never receive a penny of it, he disappeared.</i>
- 802--<i>I will not attempt to convey the depth of Georgiana's despair.</i>
- 803--<i>She was 15 years old.</i>
- 804--<i>As to the other matter, of your sister and Mr Bingley,</i>
- 805--<i>though the motives which governed me may appear insufficient,</i>
- 806--<i>they were in the service of a friend.</i>
- 807--Lizzie.
- 808--Are you all right?
- 809--I hardly know.
- 810--Lizzie. How fortunate you have arrived.
- 811--Your aunt and uncle are here to deliver Jane from London.
- 812--- How is Jane? She's in the drawing room.
- 813--I'm quite over him. If he passed me in the street, I'd hardly notice.
- 814--London is so diverting. It's true.
- 815--There's so much to entertain.
- 816--What news from Kent?
- 817--Nothing.
- 818--At least not much to entertain.
- 819--Lizzie, tell Mama!
- 820--Stop making such a fuss.
- 821--- Why didn't she ask me as well? Because I'm better company.
- 822--- What's the matter? I've just as much right.
- 823--Let's all go.
- 824--Lydia's been invited to Brighton with the Forsters.
- 825--Sea-bathing would set me up nicely.
- 826--I shall dine with the officers every night.
- 827--Papa, don't let her go.
- 828--Lydia will never be easy until she's exposed herself in some public place.
- 829--And we could never expect her to do it with so little inconvenience.
- 830--If you do not check her,
- 831--she'll be fixed as the silliest flirt who ever made her family ridiculous.
- 832--And Kitty will follow, as always.
- 833--Lizzie, we shall have no peace until she goes.
- 834--Is that really all you care about?
- 835--Colonel Forster is a sensible man.
- 836--He will keep her out of any real mischief.

- 837--And she's too poor to be an object of prey to anyone.
- 838--It's dangerous.
- 839--I am certain the officers will find women better worth their while.
- 840--Let us hope, in fact, that her stay in Brighton
- 841--will teach her her own insignificance.
- 842--At any rate, she can hardly grow any worse.
- 843--If she does, we'd be obliged to lock her up for the rest of her life.
- 844--Lizzie, you're welcome to accompany us.
- 845--The Peak District is not Brighton.
- 846--Officers are thin on the ground which may influence your decision.
- 847--Come to the Peak District with us, Lizzie, and get some fresh air.
- 848--The glories of nature. What are men compared to rocks and mountains?
- 849--Men are either eaten up with arrogance or stupidity.
- 850--If they are amiable, they have no minds of their own.
- 851--Take care, my love. That savours strongly of bitterness.
- 852--I saw Mr Darcy when I was at Rosings.
- 853--Why did you not tell me?
- 854--Did he mention Mr Bingley?
- 855--No.
- 856--No, he did not.
- 857--Oh, what are men compared to rocks and mountains?
- 858--Or carriages that work?
- 859--Where exactly are we?
- 860--Quite close to Pemberley.
- 861--- Mr Darcy's home? That's the fellow.
- 862--Very well-stocked lake. I've a hankering to see it.
- 863--Oh, no, let's not.
- 864--Well, he's so...
- 865--I'd rather not, he's so... he's so...
- 866--- So what? So rich.
- 867--By heavens, Lizzie, what a snob you are!
- 868--Objecting to Mr Darcy because of his wealth. The poor man can't help it.
- 869--He won't be there anyway. These great men are never at home.
- 870--Keep up.
- 871--- Is your master much at home? Not as much as I would wish.
- 872--He dearly loves it here.
- 873--If he should marry, you might see more of him.
- 874--He's a lot like his father.
- 875--When my husband was ill, Mr Darcy couldn't do enough.
- 876--He just organised the servants for me.
- 877--This is he, Mr Darcy.
- 878--A handsome face.
- 879--Lizzie, is it a true likeness?
- 880--Does the young lady know Mr Darcy?

- 881--Only a little.
- 882--Do you not think him a handsome man, miss?
- 883--Yes.
- 884--Yes, I dare say he is.
- 885--This is his sister, Miss Georgiana.
- 886--She sings and plays all day long.
- 887--Is she at home?
- 888--Miss Elizabeth.
- 889--- I thought you were in London. No.
- 890--No, I'm not.
- 891--No.
- 892--- We would not have come... I came back a day early...
- 893--I'm with my aunt and uncle.
- 894--And are you having a pleasant trip?
- 895--Very pleasant.
- 896--- Tomorrow we go to Matlock. Tomorrow?
- 897--- Are you staying at Lambton? Yes, at the Rose and Crown.
- 898--Yes.
- 899--I'm so sorry to intrude.
- 900--They said the house was open for visitors. I had no idea.
- 901--- May I see you back to the village? No.
- 902--- I'm very fond of walking. Yes.
- 903--Yes, I know.
- 904--Goodbye, Mr Darcy.
- 905--This way, sir.
- 906--Are you sure you wouldn't like to join us?
- 907--We've just met Mr Darcy. You didn't tell us that you'd seen him.
- 908--He's asked us to dine with him tomorrow. He was very civil, was he not?
- 909--- Very civil. Not at all how you'd painted him.
- 910--To dine with him?
- 911--There's something pleasant about his mouth when he speaks.
- 912--You don't mind delaying our journey another day?
- 913--He particularly wants you to meet his sister.
- 914--His sister.
- 915--Miss Elizabeth!
- 916--My sister, Miss Georgiana.
- 917--My brother has told me so much about you,
- 918--- I feel as if we are friends already. Thank you.
- 919--- What a beautiful pianoforte. My brother gave it to me.
- 920--- He shouldn't have. I should have.
- 921--- Very well then. Easily persuaded, is she not?
- 922--He once had to put up with my playing.
- 923--- He says you play so well. Then he has perjured himself.
- 924--- I said "quite well". "Quite well" is not "very well".

- 925--I'm satisfied.
- 926--- Mr Gardiner, are you fond of fishing? Very much.
- 927--Would you accompany me to the lake this afternoon?
- 928--Its occupants have been left in peace too long.
- 929--- I would be delighted. Do you play duets, Miss Elizabeth?
- 930--- Only when forced. Brother, you must force her.
- 931--Splendid fishing, good company. What a capital fellow.
- 932--Thank you so much, Mr Darcy.
- 933--A letter for you, madam.
- 934--Oh, it's from Jane.
- 935--It is the most dreadful news.
- 936--Lydia has run away...
- 937--...with Mr Wickham.
- 938--They are gone to Lord knows where.
- 939--She has no money, no connections. I fear she is lost forever.
- 940--This is my fault.
- 941--If only I had exposed Wickham when I should.
- 942--No, this is my fault.
- 943--I might have prevented all this by being open with my sisters.
- 944--Has anything been done to recover her?
- 945--My father has gone to London, but I know nothing can be done.
- 946--We have not the smallest hope.
- 947--Would I could help you.
- 948--Sir, I think it is too late.
- 949--This is grave indeed. I will leave you. Goodbye.
- 950--We must go at once.
- 951--I will join Mr Bennet and find Lydia before she ruins the family.
- 952--Why did the Forsters let her out of their sight?
- 953--I always said they were unfit to take charge of her.
- 954--- And now she is ruined. You are all ruined.
- 955--Who will take you now with a fallen sister?
- 956--Poor Mr Bennet will now have to fight the perfidious Wickham
- 957--and then be killed.
- 958--He hasn't found him yet, Mama.
- 959--Mr Collins will turn us out before he is cold.
- 960--Do not be so alarmed. Our uncle is in London helping in the search.
- 961--Lydia must know what this must be doing to my nerves.
- 962--Such flutterings and spasms all over me!
- 963--My baby Lydia, my baby!
- 964--How could she do such a thing to her poor mama?
- 965--- You can't do that! Don't be such a baby.
- 966--- Kitty, give it to me. Who's it for?
- 967--It's addressed to Papa.
- 968--It's in Uncle's writing.

- 969--Papa, there's a letter.
- 970--- Let me catch my breath. It's in Uncle's writing.
- 971--- He's found them. Are they married?
- 972--- I can't make out his script. Give it to me.
- 973--Are they married?
- 974--They will be if Father settles ?100 a year on her. That is his condition.
- 975--- You will agree to this, Father? Of course.
- 976--God knows how much your uncle must've laid on that wretched man.
- 977--What do you mean?
- 978--No man would marry Lydia
- 979--under so slight a temptation as ?100 a year.
- 980--Your uncle must've been very generous.
- 981--Do you think it a large sum?
- 982--Wickham's a fool if he accepts less than ?10,000.
- 983--- Heaven forbid! Father!
- 984--Lydia married and at 15 too!
- 985--Ring the bell, Kitty.
- 986--I must put on my things and tell Lady Lucas. Oh, to see her face.
- 987--Tell the servants they will have a bowl of punch.
- 988--- We should thank our uncle. So he should help.
- 989--He's far richer than us and has no children. Daughter married!
- 990--Is that really all you think about?
- 991--When you have five daughters, tell me what else will occupy your thoughts.
- 992--Then perhaps you'll understand.
- 993--You don't know what he's like.
- 994--- Lydia! Oh, Mama!
- 995--We passed Sarah Sims in her carriage.
- 996--So I took off my glove so she might see the ring.
- 997--Then I bowed and smiled like anything...
- 998--I'm sure she was not half as radiant as you, my dear.
- 999--You must all go to Brighton.
- 1000--That is the place to get husbands. I hope you have half my good luck.
- 1001--Lydia.
- 1002--I want to hear every little detail, Lydia, dear.
- 1003--I've been enlisted in a regiment in the North of England.
- 1004--Glad to hear it.
- 1005--Near Newcastle. We travel there next week.
- 1006--- Can I come and stay with you? That is out of the question.
- 1007--Monday morning came and I was in such a fuss.
- 1008--I don't want to hear.
- 1009--There was my aunt preaching away as if reading a sermon.
- 1010--- She was horrid unpleasant. Can't you understand why?
- 1011--But I didn't hear a word because I was thinking of my dear Wickham.
- 1012-- I longed to know if he'd be married in his bluecoat.

- 1013--The North of England, I believe, boasts some spectacular scenery.
- 1014--So I thought, who is to be our best man if he doesn't come back?
- 1015--Lucky, he did, or I would've had to ask Mr Darcy.
- 1016--- Mr Darcy! I forgot!
- 1017--- But I shouldn't have said a word. Mr Darcy was at your wedding?
- 1018--He was the one that discovered us.
- 1019--He paid for the wedding, Wickham's commission, everything.
- 1020--But he told me not to tell.
- 1021--- Mr Darcy? Stop it, Lizzie.
- 1022--Mr Darcy's not half as high and mighty as you sometimes.
- 1023--Kitty, have you seen my ring?
- 1024--Write to me often, my dear.
- 1025--Married women never have much time for writing.
- 1026--I dare say you won't.
- 1027--When I married your father, there didn't seem to be enough hours in the day.
- 1028--My sisters may write to me, for they'll have nothing else to do.
- 1029--There's nothing so bad as parting with one's children.
- 1030--One seems so forlorn without them.
- 1031--- Goodbye. Goodbye, Lydia. Goodbye, Mr Wickham.
- 1032--Bye, Kitty. Bye, Papa.
- 1033--I can't imagine what your father does with all that ink.
- 1034--Mrs Bennet.
- 1035--Did you hear the news, madam? Mr Bingley is returning to Netherfield.
- 1036--Mrs Nichols is ordering a haunch of pork. She expects him tomorrow.
- 1037--Tomorrow?
- 1038--Not that I care. Mr Bingley's nothing to us.
- 1039--I'm sure I never want to see him again, no.
- 1040--We shan't mention a word about it. Is it quite certain he's coming?
- 1041--Yes, madam. I believe he's alone. His sister remains in town.
- 1042--Why he thinks we should be interested, I've no idea. Come along, girls.
- 1043--We better go home at once and tell Mr Bennet.
- 1044--The impudence of the man. I wonder he dare show his face.
- 1045--It's all right, Lizzie.
- 1046--I'm just glad he's alone because we shall see less of him.
- 1047--Not that I'm afraid of myself. But I dread other people's remarks.
- 1048--Oh, I'm sorry.
- 1049--He's here. He's here. He's at the door.
- 1050--- Mr Bingley! Mr Bingley?
- 1051--Oh, my goodness! Everybody behave naturally.
- 1052--And whatever you do, do not appear overbearing.
- 1053--There's someone with him. Mr Whatsisname, the pompous one.
- 1054--Mr Darcy? The insolence of it. What does he think of, coming here?
- 1055--Keep still, Jane. Mary, put that away at once. Find some useful employment.
- 1056--Oh, my Lord, I shall have a seizure, I'm sure I shall.

- 1057--Kitty.
- 1058--- We can't have this here. Mary, the ribbons, the ribbons.
- 1059--Mary, sit down at once. Mary!
- 1060--Mr Darcy and Mr Bingley, ma'am.
- 1061--How glad we are to see you, Mr Bingley.
- 1062--There have been many changes since you went away.
- 1063--Miss Lucas is married and settled. And one of my own daughters too.
- 1064--You will have seen it in the papers,
- 1065--though it was not put in as it ought to have been.
- 1066--Very short. Nothing about her family.
- 1067--Yes, I did hear of it. I offer my congratulations.
- 1068--But it is very hard to have my Lydia taken away from me.
- 1069--Mr Wickham has been transferred to Newcastle, wherever that is.
- 1070--Will you stay long in the country?
- 1071--Just a few weeks. For the shooting.
- 1072--When you've killed all your own birds,
- 1073--I beg you will come here and shoot as many as you please.
- 1074--Mr Bennet will be vastly happy to oblige and will save the best coveys for you.
- 1075--Excellent.
- 1076--- Are you well, Mr Darcy? Quite well, thank you.
- 1077--I hope the weather stays fine for your sport.
- 1078--- I return to town tomorrow. So soon?
- 1079--My Jane looks well, does she not?
- 1080--She does indeed.
- 1081--Well, we must be going, I think.
- 1082--Darcy. It's been very pleasant to see you all again.
- 1083--Miss Elizabeth. Miss Bennet.
- 1084--You must come again.
- 1085--Last winter, you promised to have a family dinner with us.
- 1086--I've not forgot, you see. At least three courses.
- 1087--Excuse me.
- 1088--Most extraordinary.
- 1089--We were going to walk in and she was going to say, "Sit down."
- 1090--So, I feel...
- 1091--Oh, it's a disaster, isn't it?
- 1092--It's been...
- 1093--- Miss Bennet. Mr Bingley.
- 1094--I'll just go in and I'll just say it.
- 1095--Yes, exactly.
- 1096--I'm glad that's over. Now we can meet as indifferent acquaintances.
- 1097--Oh, yes.
- 1098--You cannot think me so weak as to be in danger now.
- 1099--You are in great danger of making him as much in love with you as ever.
- 1100--- I'm sorry he came with Mr Darcy. Don't say that.

- 1101--Why ever not?
- 1102--Jane.
- 1103--- I've been so blind. What do you mean?
- 1104--Look, it's him. He's back. He's come again.
- 1105--I know this is all very untoward,
- 1106--but I would like to request the privilege of speaking to Miss Bennet.
- 1107--Alone.
- 1108--Everybody to the kitchen immediately.
- 1109--Except you, Jane, dear, of course.
- 1110--Oh, Mr Bingley, it's so good to see you again so soon.
- 1111--First, I must tell you I've been the most unmitigated and comprehensive ass.
- 1112--Kitty, be quiet.
- 1113--Yes.
- 1114--A thousand times yes.
- 1115--Thank the Lord for that. I thought it would never happen.
- 1116--I am confident they will do well together.
- 1117--Their tempers are much alike.
- 1118--They will be cheated assiduously by their servants.
- 1119--And be so generous with the rest, they will always exceed their income.
- 1120--Exceed their income? He has 5,000 a year.
- 1121--I knew she did not be so beautiful for nothing.
- 1122--"...must be free from all insincerity.
- 1123--She only can address herself effectually to the feelings of others
- 1124--whose mind glows with the warmth of sensibility
- 1125--and whose arguments result from conviction.
- 1126--She must feel the influence of those passions and emotions
- 1127--which she wishes to inspire..."
- 1128--Can you die of happiness?
- 1129--He was ignorant of my being in town in the spring.
- 1130--- How did he account for it? He thought me indifferent.
- 1131--- Unfathomable. No doubt poisoned by his sister.
- 1132--Bravo. That's the most unforgiving speech you've ever made.
- 1133--Oh, Lizzie, if I could but see you so happy.
- 1134--If there was such a man for you.
- 1135--Perhaps Mr Collins has a cousin.
- 1136--- What is that? What?
- 1137--Maybe he's changed his mind.
- 1138--Coming!
- 1139--Yes.
- 1140--Lady Catherine.
- 1141--The rest of your offspring, I presume?
- 1142--All but one. The youngest has been lately married, your Ladyship.
- 1143--My eldest was proposed to only this afternoon.
- 1144--- You have a very small garden. Could I offer you a cup of tea?

- 1145--Absolutely not. I need to speak to Miss Elizabeth Bennet alone.
- 1146--As a matter of urgency.
- 1147--You can be at no loss to understand why I am here.
- 1148--I cannot account for this honour at all.
- 1149--I warn you, I am not to be trifled with.
- 1150--A most alarming report has reached me.
- 1151--That you intend to be united with my nephew, Mr Darcy.
- 1152--I know this to be a falsehood. Though not wishing to injure him
- 1153--by supposing it possible, I instantly set off to make my sentiments known.
- 1154--If you believed it impossible, I wonder that you came so far.
- 1155--To hear it contradicted.
- 1156--Your coming will be a confirmation if such a report exists.
- 1157--If? You pretend to be ignorant of it?
- 1158--Has it not been industriously circulated by yourself?
- 1159--I have never heard of it.
- 1160--Can you declare there is no foundation for it?
- 1161--I do not pretend to possess equal frankness with your Ladyship.
- 1162--You may ask a question which I may choose not to answer.
- 1163--Has my nephew made you an offer of marriage?
- 1164--Your Ladyship has declared it to be impossible.
- 1165--Mr Darcy is engaged to my daughter. Now what have you to say?
- 1166--If that is the case, you cannot suppose he would make an offer to me.
- 1167--Selfish girl. This union has been planned since their infancy.
- 1168--Do you think it can be prevented by a woman of inferior birth
- 1169--whose own sister's elopement resulted in a scandalously patched-up marriage
- 1170--only achieved at the expense of your uncle.
- 1171--Heaven and Earth! Are the shades of Pemberley to be thus polluted?
- 1172--Tell me once and for all, are you engaged to him?
- 1173--I am not.
- 1174--Will you promise never to enter into such an engagement?
- 1175--I will not and I certainly never shall.
- 1176--You have insulted me in every possible way
- 1177--and can now have nothing further to say.
- 1178--I must ask you to leave immediately.
- 1179--Goodnight.
- 1180--I have never been thus treated in my entire life!
- 1181--- What is going on? Just a small misunderstanding.
- 1182--For once in your life, leave me alone!
- 1183--- I couldn't sleep. Nor I. My aunt...
- 1184--Yes, she was here.
- 1185--How can I ever make amends for such behaviour?
- 1186--After what you've done for Lydia
- 1187--and, I suspect, for Jane, it is I who should be making amends.
- 1188--You must know. Surely you must know it was all for you.

- 1189--You are too generous to trifle with me.
- 1190--You spoke with my aunt last night and it has taught me to hope
- 1191--as I'd scarcely allowed myself before.
- 1192--If your feelings are still what they were last April, tell me so at once.
- 1193--My affections and wishes have not changed.
- 1194--But one word from you will silence me for ever.
- 1195--If, however, your feelings have changed...
- 1196--...I would have to tell you,
- 1197--you have bewitched me, body and soul, and I love...
- 1198--I love... I love you.
- 1199--I never wish to be parted from you from this day on.
- 1200--Well, then.
- 1201--Your hands are cold.
- 1202--Shut the door, please.
- 1203--Lizzie, are you out of your senses? I thought you hated the man.
- 1204--- No, Papa. He is rich, to be sure.
- 1205--And you will have more fine carriages than Jane.
- 1206--But will that make you happy?
- 1207--Have you no other objection than your belief in my indifference?
- 1208--None at all.
- 1209--We all know him to be a proud, unpleasant sort of fellow.
- 1210--But this would be nothing if you liked him.
- 1211--I do like him.
- 1212-- I love him.
- 1213--He's not proud. I was wrong. I was entirely wrong about him.
- 1214--You don't know him, Papa. If I told you what he was really like,
- 1215--what he's done...
- 1216--What has he done?
- 1217--But she doesn't like him. I thought she didn't like him.
- 1218--So did I. So did we all.
- 1219--We must have been wrong.
- 1220--- It won't be the first time, will it? No, nor the last, I dare say.
- 1221--Good Lord.
- 1222--- I must pay him back. No.
- 1223--You mustn't tell anyone. He wouldn't want it.
- 1224--We misjudged him, Papa. Me more than anyone. In every way.
- 1225--Not just in this matter.
- 1226--I've been nonsensical.
- 1227--But he's been a fool about Jane, about so many other things.
- 1228--But then, so have I.
- 1229--You see, he and I are...
- 1230--He and I are so similar.
- 1231--We're both so stubborn.
- 1232--Papa, I...

- 1233--You really do love him, don't you?
- 1234--Very much.
- 1235--I cannot believe that anyone can deserve you.
- 1236--But it seems I am overruled.
- 1237--So I heartily give my consent.
- 1238--I could not have parted with you, my Lizzie, to anyone less worthy.
- 1239--Thank you.
- 1240--If any young men come for Mary or Kitty, for heaven's sake, send them in.
- 1241--I'm quite at my leisure.
- 1242--How are you this evening, my dear?
- 1243--Very well.
- 1244--Only I wish you would not call me 'my dear.'
- 1245--Why?
- 1246--'Cause it's what my father always calls my mother
- 1247--when he's cross about something.
- 1248--What endearments am I allowed?
- 1249--Well, let me think.
- 1250--Lizzie, for everyday.
- 1251--My pearl, for Sundays.
- 1252--And Goddess Divine, but only on very special occasions.
- 1253--And what shall I call you when I'm cross?
- 1254--Mrs. Darcy?
- 1255--No. No.
- 1256--You may only call me Mrs. Darcy
- 1257--when you are completely
- 1258--and perfectly, and incandescently happy.
- 1259--And how are you this evening, Mrs. Darcy?
- 1260--Mrs. Darcy.
- 1261--Mrs. Darcy.
- 1262--Mrs. Darcy.
- 1263--Mrs. Darcy.