

## HTML Basics: Pride and Prejudice

This exercise aims to familiarise you with some of the basic principles of marking up text using HTML to specify how it should be displayed. To solve this exercise edit the file provided using a standard text editor such as Notepad, Wordpad, etc. and view the result in a standard web browser such as Firefox, Internet Explorer, etc.

Some of the introductory paragraphs of the novel *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen have been provided in file **PrideAndPrejudice.html**. (This novel is in the public domain, so we are free to copy portions of it.) This file contains no HTML annotations at all. If you open it in a web browser it will most likely appear as a single block of text with no formatting.

Using your preferred text editor, add HTML annotations to **PrideAndPrejudice.html** to lay out the document in an easy-to-read format as shown overleaf. In the sentence beginning “You want to tell me ...” notice that the original file has the word “You” surrounded by underscores to indicate emphasis, so replace these characters with appropriate HTML tags to do the job properly.

Moreover, this opening passage consists of a long, rather dull, dialogue between Mr. Bennet and his wife. To make it easier to read, use some HTML annotations to display Mr. Bennet’s comments differently from those of his wife. In the example overleaf we have used different colours to distinguish them, but other options are possible.

## PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

by Jane Austen

### Chapter 1

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.

However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families, that he is considered the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.

"My dear Mr. Bennet," said his lady to him one day, "have you heard that Netherfield Park is let at last?"

Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.

"But it is," returned she; "for Mrs. Long has just been here, and she told me all about it."

Mr. Bennet made no answer.

"Do you not want to know who has taken it?" cried his wife impatiently.

"You want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it."

This was invitation enough.

"Why, my dear, you must know, Mrs. Long says that Netherfield is taken by a young man of large fortune from the north of England; that he came down on Monday in a chaise and four to see the place, and was so much delighted with it, that he agreed with Mr. Morris immediately; that he is to take possession before Michaelmas, and some of his servants are to be in the house by the end of next week."

"What is his name?"

"Bingley."

"Is he married or single?"

"Oh! Single, my dear, to be sure! A single man of large fortune; four or five thousand a year. What a fine thing for our girls!"

"How so? How can it affect them?"

"My dear Mr. Bennet," replied his wife, "how can you be so tiresome! You must know that I am thinking of his marrying one of them."