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PREFACE FROM THE EDITOR

Designed for school districts, educators, and students seeking to maximize performance on standardized tests, Webster's paperbacks take advantage of the fact that classics are frequently assigned readings in English courses. By using a running thesaurus at the bottom of each page, this edition of *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen was edited for students who are actively building their vocabularies in anticipation of taking PSAT®, SAT®, AP® (Advanced Placement®), GRE®, LSAT®, GMAT® or similar examinations.¹

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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,

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bennet: (*n*) bent, avens, wood avens, white avens.

chaise: (*n*) shay, carriage, equipage, rig, coach, daybed, chaise longue, bed, cabriole chair, chair.

impatiently: (*adv*) petulantly, restlessly, keenly, intolerantly, hastily, avidly, uneasily, enthusiastically, edgily, fidgetily, restively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) uncomplainingly, calmly, unenthusiastically, lightly.

invitation: (*n*) call, bidding, temptation, lure, asking, request, attraction, enticement; (*v*) invite, solicitation; (*n, v*) supplication.

neighbourhood: (*n*) neighborhood, adjacency, locality, near, nearness, proximity, place, community, street, vicinity, nearby.

objection: (*n*) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe, disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) approval, agreement, praise, acceptance.

rightful: (*adj*) right, lawful, just, justifiable, proper, legal, equitable, licit, real, genuine, true.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wrongful, illegal, unlawful, fake.

universally: (*adv*) commonly, globally, ally, everywhere, totally, Catholicly, cosmically, ubiquitously, prevalently, regularly, usually. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) narrowly, locally.

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."

"Is that his design in **settling** here?"

"Design! Nonsense, how can you talk so! But it is very likely that he *may* fall in love with one of them, and therefore you must visit him as soon as he comes."

"I see no occasion for that. You and the girls may go, or you may send them by themselves, which perhaps will be still better, for as you are as handsome as any of them, Mr. Bingley may like you the best of the party."

"My dear, you **flatter** me. I certainly *have* had my share of beauty, but I do not pretend to be anything extraordinary now. When a woman has five **grown-up** daughters, she ought to give over thinking of her own beauty."

"In such cases, a woman has not often much beauty to think of."

"But, my dear, you must indeed go and see Mr. Bingley when he comes into the neighbourhood."

"It is more than I **engage** for, I **assure** you."

"But consider your daughters. Only think what an establishment it would be for one of them. Sir William and Lady Lucas are determined to go, merely on that account, for in general, you know, they visit no newcomers. Indeed you must go, for it will be impossible for *us* to visit him if you do not."

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assure: (*n, v*) certify, warrant, vouch; (*v*) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (*adj, v*) ensure. ANTONYMS: (*v*) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve, undermine.

engage: (*v*) contract, book, employ, retain, absorb, charter, draw, rent; (*n, v*) attract, enlist, betroth.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) disengage, release, evade, bore, can, discharge, disconnect, dismiss, eject, terminate,

escape.

flatter: (*v*) fawn, adulterate, wheedle, cajole, soap, kowtow, blandish, grovel, butter up; (*n, v*) court; (*n*) caress. ANTONYMS: (*v*) insult, disparage, criticize, discourage.

grown-up: (*adj*) mature, big, full-grown, ripe, grown, full-fledged.

marrying: (*adj*) married.

morris: (*n*) Robert Morris, Gouverneur Morris, Esther Hobart McQuigg slack Morris, William Morris, Esther

Morris.

settling: (*n*) settlement, subsidence, defecation, dregs, clearing, sinking, dredg, remission, cave in; (*adj*) determining, definitive.

tiresome: (*adj*) tedious, dull, laborious, irksome, monotonous, annoying, slow, dreary, bothersome; (*adj, v*) wearisome, troublesome.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stimulating, fun, varied, soothing, pleasant, brisk, exciting, convenient, refreshing.

"You are over-scrupulous, surely. I dare say Mr. Bingley will be very glad to see you; and I will send a few lines by you to assure him of my **hearty** consent to his marrying whichever he chooses of the girls; though I must throw in a good word for my little Lizzy."

"I desire you will do no such thing. Lizzy is not a bit better than the others; and I am sure she is not half so handsome as Jane, nor half so good-humoured as Lydia. But you are always giving *her* the preference."

"They have none of them much to recommend them," replied he; "they are all silly and ignorant like other girls; but Lizzy has something more of **quickness** than her sisters."

"Mr. Bennet, how *can* you abuse your own children in such a way? You take delight in **vexing** me. You have no compassion for my poor nerves."

"You mistake me, my dear. I have a high respect for your nerves. They are my old friends. I have **heard** you mention them with consideration these last twenty years at least."

Mr. Bennet was so odd a mixture of quick parts, sarcastic humour, reserve, and **caprice**, that the experience of three-and-twenty years had been insufficient to make his wife understand his character. *her* mind was less difficult to develop. She was a woman of mean understanding, little information, and uncertain temper. When she was **discontented**, she **fancied** herself nervous. The business of her life was to get her daughters married; its **solace** was visiting and news.

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caprice: (*n*) fancy, fantasy, humor, quirk, freak, notion, impulse, fit, capriccio, fad, vagary. ANTONYMS: (*n*) plan, strategy, blueprint, reality.

discontented: (*adj, v*) querulous, complaining; (*adj*) disaffected, disgruntled, malcontent, unsatisfied, dissatisfied, displeased, miserable, put out, ungratified. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleased, satisfied, happy, content.

fancied: (*adj*) unreal, chimerical,

fictional, fanciful, fictitious, fabricated, preferred, assumed, illusory, imagined, ideal.

heard: (*n*) hearing.

hearty: (*adj*) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (*adj, n*) well. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager.

quickness: (*n*) celerity, expedition, promptness, alacrity, agility, speed,

dispatch, dexterity, fleetness, hurry, readiness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) awkwardness, delay, ineptness.

solace: (*n*) consolation, relief, balm, solacement; (*v*) console, allay, relieve, recreate; (*n, v*) ease, cheer, support. ANTONYMS: (*n*) distress, grief.

vexing: (*adj*) irritating, infuriating, maddening, annoying, galling, troublesome, bothersome, aggravating, exasperating, irksome, pestiferous.

CHAPTER 2

Mr. Bennet was among the earliest of those who waited on Mr. Bingley. He had always intended to visit him, though to the last always **assuring** his wife that he should not go; and till the evening after the visit was paid she had no knowledge of it. It was then disclosed in the following manner. Observing his second daughter employed in **trimming** a hat, he suddenly addressed her with:

"I hope Mr. Bingley will like it, Lizzy."

"We are not in a way to know *what* Mr. Bingley likes," said her mother **resentfully**, "since we are not to visit."

"But you forget, mamma," said Elizabeth, "that we shall meet him at the assemblies, and that Mrs. Long promised to introduce him."

"I do not believe Mrs. Long will do any such thing. She has two nieces of her own. She is a selfish, **hypocritical** woman, and I have no opinion of her."

"No more have I," said Mr. Bennet; "and I am glad to find that you do not depend on her serving you."

Mrs. Bennet deigned not to make any reply, but, unable to contain herself, **began scolding** one of her daughters.

"Don't keep **coughing** so, Kitty, for Heaven's sake! Have a little **compassion** on my nerves. You tear them to pieces."

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assuring: (*adj*) ensuring, insure, insuring, assure, ensure, giving confidence, securing, likely, promising.

began: (*v*) Gan.
compassion: (*adj, n*) clemency, kindness; (*n*) mercy, charity, sympathy, commiseration, remorse, tenderness, forgiveness, feeling, grace. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, disregard, unconcern, severity, nastiness, harshness,

incomprehension, malevolence, coldness, roughness, inhumanity.

coughing: (*n*) coughs, breathing out.

don't: (*adv*) not; (*n*) taboo, prohibition.

hypocritical: (*adj, adv*) deceitful, false, counterfeit; (*adj*) insincere, disingenuous, dishonest, pharisaical, sanctimonious, hollow, hypocritic; (*n*) hypocrisy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) genuine, straightforward.

resentfully: (*adv*) bitterly, enviously, jealously, indignantly, angrily,

crossly, sulkily, maliciously, sullenly, petulantly, reluctantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gladly, contentedly, graciously, sweetly.

scolding: (*n*) rebuke, lecture, castigation, admonition, reproof, objurgation, chiding, dressing, jobation, scold, rating. ANTONYMS: (*n*) compliment, approval.

trimming: (*n*) decoration, dressing, adornment, ornament, fringe, border, clipping, cutting, frill, edging, lace.

"Kitty has no discretion in her coughs," said her father; "she times them ill."

"I do not cough for my own amusement," replied Kitty **fretfully**. "When is your next ball to be, Lizzy?"

"To-morrow **fortnight**."

"Aye, so it is," cried her mother, "and Mrs. Long does not come back till the day before; so it will be impossible for her to introduce him, for she will not know him herself."

"Then, my dear, you may have the advantage of your friend, and introduce Mr. Bingley to *her*."

"Impossible, Mr. Bennet, impossible, when I am not **acquainted** with him myself; how can you be so teasing?"

"I honour your **circumspection**. A fortnight's **acquaintance** is certainly very little. One cannot know what a man really is by the end of a fortnight. But if *we* do not venture somebody else will; and after all, Mrs. Long and her daughters must stand their chance; and, therefore, as she will think it an act of kindness, if you decline the office, I will take it on myself."

The girls stared at their father. Mrs. Bennet said only, "Nonsense, nonsense!"

"What can be the meaning of that **emphatic** exclamation?" cried he. "Do you consider the forms of introduction, and the stress that is laid on them, as nonsense? I cannot quite agree with you *there*. What say you, Mary? For you are a young lady of deep reflection, I know, and read great books and make extracts."

Mary wished to say something sensible, but **knew** not how.

"While Mary is **adjusting** her ideas," he continued, "let us return to Mr. Bingley."

"I am sick of Mr. Bingley," cried his wife.

"I am sorry to hear *that*; but why did not you tell me that before? If I had known as much this morning I certainly would not have called on him. It is very

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acquaintance: (*n*) connection, friend, acquaintanceship, mate, awareness, associate, buddy, friendship, intercourse, companion; (*n, v*) knowledge. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ignorance, inexperience, unfamiliarity, animosity, enemy. **acquainted:** (*adj*) knowledgeable, informed, aware, cognizant, conversant, hand and glove, intimate, thick; (*adv*) abreast; (*v*) inform, acquaint.

adjusting: (*v*) adjust; (*n*) adjusting operation. **circumspection:** (*n*) care, wariness, chariness, cautiousness, calculation, precaution, vigilance, discernment, judgment; (*adj, n*) discretion, prudence. ANTONYM: (*n*) recklessness. **emphatic:** (*adj*) decided, categorical, expressive, forceful, pronounced, assertive, loud, important, emphatical, insistent; (*adj, v*)

absolute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insignificant, unassertive, understated, unemphatic, halfhearted.

fortnight: (*n*) two weeks, period, amount of time.

fretfully: (*adv*) restlessly, uneasily, anxiously, querulously, testily, snappishly, fractiously, petulantly, crossly, nervously, worriedly.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) unconcernedly. **knew:** (*adj*) known; (*v*) recognize, wist.

unlucky; but as I have actually paid the visit, we cannot escape the acquaintance now."

The astonishment of the ladies was just what he wished; that of Mrs. Bennet perhaps **surpassing** the rest; though, when the first **tumult** of joy was over, she began to declare that it was what she had expected all the while.

"How good it was in you, my dear Mr. Bennet! But I knew I should persuade you at last. I was sure you loved your girls too well to neglect such an acquaintance. Well, how pleased I am! and it is such a good joke, too, that you should have gone this morning and never said a word about it till now."

"Now, Kitty, you may **cough** as much as you choose," said Mr. Bennet; and, as he spoke, he left the room, **fatigued** with the raptures of his wife.

"What an excellent father you have, girls!" said she, when the door was shut. "I do not know how you will ever make him **amends** for his kindness; or me, either, for that matter. At our time of life it is not so pleasant, I can tell you, to be making new **acquaintances** every day; but for your sakes, we would do anything. Lydia, my love, though you *are* the youngest, I dare say Mr. Bingley will dance with you at the next ball."

"Oh!" said Lydia **stoutly**, "I am not afraid; for though I *am* the youngest, I'm the tallest."

The rest of the evening was spent in conjecturing how soon he would return Mr. Bennet's visit, and determining when they should ask him to dinner.

acquaintances: (*n*) associates.
amends: (*n*) atonement, compensation, recompense, satisfaction, redress, damages, reprisal, indemnity, requital; (*n, v*) restitution, restoration.
cough: (*v*) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (*n*) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out.
fatigued: (*adj*) tired, weary, beat, worn, tired out, jaded, spent, worn out, done in, fagged, run-down.

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ANTONYMS: (*adj*) refreshed, alert, lively, energized, energetic.
stoutly: (*adv*) sturdily, robustly, strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. **ANTONYM:** (*adv*) feebly.
surpassing: (*adj*) excellent, superior, transcendent, exceptional, prodigious, fine, outstanding, extraordinary; (*v*) surpass; (*adv*) surpassingly; (*prep*) above.
tumult: (*adj, n, v*) hubbub, disturbance;

(*n*) stir, commotion, bustle, din, fuss, excitement; (*n, v*) clamor, disorder, brawl. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) peace, push, serenity, order, calm.
unlucky: (*adj*) luckless, hapless, unhappy, sinister, inauspicious, unsuccessful, ominous, adverse, disastrous, unfavorable; (*adj, v*) untoward. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) fortunate, happy, auspicious, successful.

CHAPTER 3

Not all that Mrs. Bennet, however, with the assistance of her five daughters, could ask on the subject, was sufficient to draw from her husband any satisfactory description of Mr. Bingley. They **attacked** him in various ways--with **barefaced** questions, **ingenious** suppositions, and distant surmises; but he eluded the skill of them all, and they were at last obliged to accept the **second-hand** intelligence of their neighbour, Lady Lucas. Her report was highly favourable. Sir William had been delighted with him. He was quite young, **wonderfully** handsome, extremely **agreeable**, and, to crown the whole, he meant to be at the next assembly with a large party. Nothing could be more delightful! To be fond of dancing was a certain step towards falling in love; and very lively hopes of Mr. Bingley's heart were **entertained**.

"If I can but see one of my daughters happily settled at Netherfield," said Mrs. Bennet to her husband, "and all the others equally well married, I shall have nothing to wish for."

In a few days Mr. Bingley returned Mr. Bennet's visit, and sat about ten minutes with him in his library. He had entertained hopes of being **admitted** to a sight of the young ladies, of whose beauty he had heard much; but he saw only the father. The ladies were somewhat more fortunate, for they had the advantage of ascertaining from an upper window that he wore a blue coat, and rode a black horse.

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admitted: (*v*) admitting, understood, of course; (*adj*) acknowledged, undisputed, known, orthodox.

agreeable: (*adj*) accordant, nice, sweet, consistent, suitable, amusing, enjoyable, affable; (*adj, v*) pleasant, desirable; (*adj, n*) acceptable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disagreeable, discordant, unpleasant, nasty, unwilling, resistant, aggressive, repugnant, averse, stubborn, unacceptable.

attacked: (*adj*) assaulted, corroded.

barefaced: (*adj*) insolent, brassy, open, bold, bald, audacious, blatant, impudent, overt, presumptuous, unconcealed. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) shamed, reserved, respectful, furtive, discreet, prudish, veiled, ashamed.

entertained: (*adj*) diverted, pleased.

ingenious: (*adj*) adroit, artful, clever, cunning, deft, expert, creative, imaginative, cute, acute, able.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impulsive, naive,

unoriginal, inept.

second-hand: (*adj*) hand-me-down, derivative, imitative, secondary.

wonderfully: (*adv*) superbly, astonishingly, terrifically, magnificently, fantastically, marvellously, wondrously, amazingly, excellently; (*adj, adv*) strangely, famously. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) awfully, unpleasantly, poorly, abysmally, unremarkably, mildly, horribly, badly, incompetently.

An invitation to dinner was soon afterwards **dispatched**; and already had Mrs. Bennet planned the courses that were to do credit to her housekeeping, when an answer arrived which deferred it all. Mr. Bingley was obliged to be in town the following day, and, consequently, unable to accept the honour of their invitation, etc. Mrs. Bennet was quite **disconcerted**. She could not imagine what business he could have in town so soon after his arrival in Hertfordshire; and she began to fear that he might be always flying about from one place to another, and never settled at Netherfield as he ought to be. Lady Lucas **quieted** her fears a little by starting the idea of his being gone to London only to get a large party for the ball; and a report soon followed that Mr. Bingley was to bring twelve ladies and seven gentlemen with him to the assembly. The girls **grieved** over such a number of ladies, but were **comforted** the day before the ball by hearing, that instead of twelve he brought only six with him from London--his five sisters and a cousin. And when the party entered the assembly room it consisted of only five altogether--Mr. Bingley, his two sisters, the husband of the eldest, and another young man.

Mr. Bingley was good-looking and **gentlemanlike**; he had a pleasant countenance, and easy, unaffected manners. His sisters were fine women, with an air of decided fashion. His brother-in-law, Mr. **Hurst**, merely looked the gentleman; but his friend Mr. Darcy soon drew the attention of the room by his fine, tall person, handsome features, noble **mien**, and the report which was in general circulation within five minutes after his entrance, of his having ten thousand a year. The gentlemen pronounced him to be a fine figure of a man, the ladies declared he was much handsomer than Mr. Bingley, and he was looked at with great admiration for about half the evening, till his manners gave a disgust which turned the tide of his popularity; for he was discovered to be proud; to be above his company, and above being pleased; and not all his large estate in Derbyshire could then save him from having a most forbidding, disagreeable countenance, and being **unworthy** to be compared with his friend.

Mr. Bingley had soon made himself acquainted with all the principal people in the room; he was lively and **unreserved**, danced every dance, was angry that

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comforted: (*adj*) thankful, pleased, comfortable, calmed.

disconcerted: (*adj*) confused, confounded, bewildered, blank, embarrassed, disturbed, troubled, worried, ashamed, discombobulated, bemused. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) composed, soothed, unabashed, relaxed.

dispatched: (*adj*) fulfilled, finished.

gentlemanlike: (*n*) genteel, comme il faut; (*adj*) urbane, gentle, refined,

courtly, chivalrous.

grieved: (*adj*) sore, sad, sorry, sorrowful, upset, woeful, pained, affected, brokenhearted.

hurst: (*n*) Holt, tote, grove.

mien: (*n, v*) deportment, carriage, bearing, demeanor; (*n*) look, countenance, appearance, guise, manner, aspect, air.

quieted: (*adj*) composed.

unreserved: (*adj*) open, unqualified, candid, unconditional, sincere,

complete, expansive, absolute, total, outgoing, familiar. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) qualified, reserved, uncertain, unenthusiastic, shy, rather, partial, inhibited, restrained.

unworthy: (*adj*) undeserving, base, disgraceful, ignoble, low, contemptible, despicable, ugly, unmerited, unseemly, shameful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) deserving, valuable, honorable, estimable, reputable.

the ball closed so early, and talked of giving one himself at Netherfield. Such amiable qualities must speak for themselves. What a contrast between him and his friend! Mr. Darcy danced only once with Mrs. Hurst and once with Miss Bingley, declined being introduced to any other lady, and spent the rest of the evening in walking about the room, speaking occasionally to one of his own party. His character was decided. He was the proudest, most disagreeable man in the world, and everybody hoped that he would never come there again. Amongst the most violent against him was Mrs. Bennet, whose dislike of his general behaviour was **sharpened** into particular resentment by his having **slighted** one of her daughters.

Elizabeth Bennet had been obliged, by the scarcity of gentlemen, to sit down for two dances; and during part of that time, Mr. Darcy had been standing near enough for her to hear a conversation between him and Mr. Bingley, who came from the dance for a few minutes, to press his friend to join it.

"Come, Darcy," said he, "I must have you dance. I hate to see you standing about by yourself in this stupid manner. You had much better dance."

"I certainly shall not. You know how I **detest** it, unless I am particularly acquainted with my partner. At such an assembly as this it would be **insupportable**. Your sisters are engaged, and there is not another woman in the room whom it would not be a punishment to me to stand up with."

"I would not be so **fastidious** as you are," cried Mr. Bingley, "for a kingdom! Upon my honour, I never met with so many pleasant girls in my life as I have this evening; and there are several of them you see **uncommonly** pretty."

"*You* are dancing with the only handsome girl in the room," said Mr. Darcy, looking at the **eldest** Miss Bennet.

"Oh! She is the most beautiful creature I ever **beheld!** But there is one of her sisters sitting down just behind you, who is very pretty, and I dare say very agreeable. Do let me ask my partner to introduce you."

"Which do you mean?" and turning round he looked for a moment at Elizabeth, till catching her eye, he withdrew his own and coldly said: "She is

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beheld: (*adj*) visual.

detest: (*n, v*) hate; (*v*) abominate, loathe, despise, execrate, dislike, nauseate, contemn, dislike intensely; (*n*) loathing, abhorrence.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) adore, like, cherish, admire.

eldest: (*adj*) elder, older, oldest, eigne; (*n*) offspring, progeny, doyen.

fastidious: (*adj, n*) exacting, critical, accurate; (*adj*) delicate, particular, careful, exigent, dainty,

discriminating, nice, fussy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sloppy, unfastidious, careless, uncouth, uncritical, easy, indifferent, undemanding, slapdash, relaxed, easygoing.

insupportable: (*adj, v*) insufferable, intolerable; (*adj*) indefensible, unbearable, excruciating, unjustifiable, unendurable, impossible, unsupportable, heavy, obnoxious. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*)

bearable.

sharpened: (*adj*) acute, pointed, acuate, sharper, better, sensual.

slighted: (*adj*) hurt, injured, insulted, heedless, careless, not regarded, offended, regardless, upset.

uncommonly: (*adv*) rarely, strangely, infrequently, scarcely, occasionally, exceptionally, oddly; (*adj, adv*) particularly, remarkably, singularly, curiously. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) frequently, typically.

tolerable, but not handsome enough to **tempt** me; I am in no humour at present to give consequence to young ladies who are slighted by other men. You had better return to your partner and enjoy her smiles, for you are wasting your time with me."

Mr. Bingley followed his advice. Mr. Darcy walked off; and Elizabeth remained with no very **cordial** feelings toward him. She told the story, however, with great spirit among her friends; for she had a lively, **playful** disposition, which delighted in anything ridiculous.

The evening altogether passed off pleasantly to the whole family. Mrs. Bennet had seen her eldest daughter much admired by the Netherfield party. Mr. Bingley had danced with her twice, and she had been distinguished by his sisters. Jane was as much **gratified** by this as her mother could be, though in a quieter way. Elizabeth felt Jane's pleasure. Mary had heard herself mentioned to Miss Bingley as the most accomplished girl in the neighbourhood; and Catherine and Lydia had been fortunate enough never to be without partners, which was all that they had yet **learnt** to care for at a ball. They returned, therefore, in good spirits to Longbourn, the village where they lived, and of which they were the principal inhabitants. They found Mr. Bennet still up. With a book he was regardless of time; and on the present occasion he had a good deal of curiosity as to the events of an evening which had raised such splendid expectations. He had rather hoped that his wife's views on the stranger would be disappointed; but he soon found out that he had a different story to hear.

"Oh! my dear Mr. Bennet," as she entered the room, "we have had a most delightful evening, a most excellent ball. I wish you had been there. Jane was so admired, nothing could be like it. Everybody said how well she looked; and Mr. Bingley thought her quite beautiful, and danced with her twice! Only think of *that*, my dear; he actually danced with her twice! and she was the only creature in the room that he asked a second time. First of all, he asked Miss Lucas. I was so **vexed** to see him stand up with her! But, however, he did not admire her at all; indeed, nobody can, you know; and he seemed quite struck with Jane as she was going down the dance. So he inquired who she was, and got introduced,

Thesaurus

cordial: (*adj*) genial, warm, affable, amiable, friendly, genuine, ardent, unaffected, gracious, honest; (*n*) liqueur. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfriendly, stern, cold, cool, disagreeable, aloof, reserved, distant, rude, uncordial, unpleasant.
gratified: (*adj*) glad, satisfied, pleased, delighted, happy, thankful, grateful, content, complacent, comfortable, cheerful.
learnt: (*adj*) learned.

playful: (*adj*) frisky, humorous, kittenish, mischievous, skittish, impish, naughty, merry, lighthearted, frivolous, frolicsome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) serious, lethargic, solemn, staid, subdued, heavy.
tempt: (*adj, v*) attract, allure; (*v*) entice, decoy, charm, inveigle, invite, coax, seduce, fascinate, attempt. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discourage, appall, repel.
tolerable: (*adj*) passable, mediocre,

bearable, fair, middling, reasonable, adequate, respectable, endurable, sufferable; (*adj, v*) satisfactory. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intolerable, exceptional, unbearable, unsatisfactory, bad, inadequate, appalling, inadmissible.
vexed: (*adj*) troubled, irritated, angry, pestered, peeved, harassed, sore, harried, uneasy, cross, offended. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, uncomplicated.

and asked her for the two next. Then the two third he danced with Miss King, and the two fourth with Maria Lucas, and the two fifth with Jane again, and the two sixth with Lizzy, and the Boulanger--"

"If he had had any compassion for *me*," cried her husband impatiently, "he would not have danced half so much! For God's sake, say no more of his partners. O that he had sprained his **ankle** in the first place!"

"Oh! my dear, I am quite delighted with him. He is so excessively handsome! And his sisters are charming women. I never in my life saw anything more elegant than their dresses. I dare say the lace upon Mrs. Hurst's gown--"

Here she was interrupted again. Mr. Bennet protested against any description of **finery**. She was therefore obliged to seek another branch of the subject, and related, with much bitterness of spirit and some exaggeration, the shocking **rudeness** of Mr. Darcy.

"But I can assure you," she added, "that Lizzy does not lose much by not **suiting** *his* fancy; for he is a most **disagreeable**, horrid man, not at all worth pleasing. So high and so **conceited** that there was no enduring him! He walked here, and he walked there, **fancying** himself so very great! Not handsome enough to dance with! I wish you had been there, my dear, to have given him one of your set-downs. I quite detest the man."

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ankle: (*n*) knuckle, kimbo, crane, fluke, crutch, crotch, zigzag, groin, sickle, scythe, malleolus.

conceited: (*adj*) arrogant, cocky, vain, boastful, proud, smug, affected, assuming, egotistical, haughty, pompous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modest, insecure, meek, selfless, unassuming.

disagreeable: (*adj*) nasty, offensive, uncomfortable, distasteful, cantankerous, cross, ungrateful,

abhorrent, horrible, bad, painful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasant, friendly, amiable, inoffensive, acceptable, desirable, easygoing, happy, pleasing, sweet, nice.

fancying: (*n*) daydream, fantasy.

finery: (*n*) regalia, clothing, attire, decoration, dress, pinchbeck, spangle, trimmings, gimcrack; (*adj, n*) tinsel, gewgaw. ANTONYM: (*n*) rags.

rudeness: (*n*) disrespect, audacity, insolence, impudence, discourtesy, incivility, effrontery, bad manners, impoliteness, impropriety, primitiveness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) civility, refinement, propriety, courteousness, courtesy, decency, respect, diplomacy, praise, thoughtfulness, gentleness.

suiting: (*n*) cloth, fabric, fitting, disposition, settlement, regulation, adaptation, adjustment; (*adj*) corresponding, conformable, answering.

CHAPTER 4

When Jane and Elizabeth were alone, the former, who had been **cautious** in her **praise** of Mr. Bingley before, expressed to her sister just how very much she **admired** him.

"He is just what a young man ought to be," said she, "sensible, good-humoured, lively; and I never saw such happy manners!--so much ease, with such perfect good breeding!"

"He is also handsome," replied Elizabeth, "which a young man ought **likewise** to be, if he possibly can. His character is **thereby** complete."

"I was very much **flattered** by his asking me to **dance** a second time. I did not expect such a compliment."

"Did not you? I did for you. But that is one great difference between us. Compliments always take *you* by surprise, and *me* never. What could be more natural than his asking you again? He could not help seeing that you were about five times as pretty as every other woman in the room. No thanks to his **gallantry** for that. Well, he certainly is very agreeable, and I give you leave to like him. You have liked many a stupider person."

"Dear Lizzy!"

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admired: (*adj*) respected, admirable, estimable, favorite, pet, beloved, honored, August, loved, accepted, popular. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disreputable.

cautious: (*adj*) guarded, conservative, prudent, watchful, attentive, reserved, shy, provident, judicious, circumspect, chary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rash, open, impulsive, impetuous, careless, irresponsible, wasteful, incautious, thoughtless,

imprudent, unwaried.
dance: (*v*) caper, bop, to dance, cavort, play, skip, to show courage, step; (*n*, *v*) hop, jump, shake.

flattered: (*adj*) pleased.

gallantry: (*adj, n*) prowess, daring, spirit, fearlessness; (*n*) heroism, bravery, valor, courage, chivalry, courtesy, courageousness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, cowardliness, rudeness.

likewise: (*adv*) besides, in addition,

furthermore, alike, moreover, further, too, similarly; (*adj, adv*) as well, equally; (*adj*) even.

praise: (*v*) approve, extol, flatter, celebrate, glorify; (*n, v*) commend, compliment, honor, glory, acclaim; (*n*) applause. ANTONYMS: (*n*) criticism, disparagement; (*v*) reprimand, disparage, reproach, scold, belittle, rebuke, chastise, denigrate, sully.

thereby: (*adv*) whereby, hereby.

"Oh! you are a great deal too apt, you know, to like people in general. You never see a fault in anybody. All the world are good and agreeable in your eyes. I never heard you speak ill of a human being in your life."

"I would not wish to be hasty in **censuring** anyone; but I always speak what I think."

"I know you do; and it is *that* which makes the wonder. With *your* good sense, to be so honestly blind to the follies and nonsense of others! Affectation of **candour** is common enough--one meets with it everywhere. But to be **candid** without **ostentation** or design--to take the good of everybody's character and make it still better, and say nothing of the bad--belongs to you alone. And so you like this man's **sisters**, too, do you? Their manners are not equal to his."

"Certainly not--at first. But they are very pleasing women when you converse with them. Miss Bingley is to live with her brother, and keep his house; and I am much mistaken if we shall not find a very charming neighbour in her."

Elizabeth listened in silence, but was not convinced; their behaviour at the assembly had not been calculated to please in general; and with more quickness of observation and less **pliancy** of temper than her sister, and with a judgement too **unassailed** by any attention to herself, she was very little disposed to approve them. They were in fact very fine ladies; not deficient in good humour when they were pleased, nor in the power of making themselves agreeable when they chose it, but proud and conceited. They were rather handsome, had been educated in one of the first private seminaries in town, had a fortune of twenty thousand pounds, were in the habit of spending more than they ought, and of **associating** with people of rank, and were therefore in every respect entitled to think well of themselves, and **meanly** of others. They were of a respectable family in the north of England; a **circumstance** more deeply impressed on their memories than that their brother's fortune and their own had been acquired by trade.

Mr. Bingley inherited property to the amount of nearly a hundred thousand pounds from his father, who had intended to purchase an estate, but did not live to do it. Mr. Bingley intended it likewise, and sometimes made choice of his

Thesaurus

associating: (n) connection, reference.
candid: (adj) blunt, outspoken, ingenuous, direct, sincere, open, forthright, artless, equitable, honest, guileless. ANTONYMS: (adj) scheming, tricky, artful, deceitful, dishonest, guarded, indirect, insincere, inhibited, disingenuous, evasive.
candour: (n) candidness, frankness, forthrightness, fairness, rectitude, purity, straightforwardness, equity,

truth, sincerity, simplicity.
censuring: (adj) culpatory.
circumstance: (n) affair, incident, matter, event, occasion, chance, accident, opportunity, adventure, casualty, fact.
meanly: (adv) poorly, nastily, averagely, humbly, ungenerously, tightly, rudely, stingily, parsimoniously, scurvily, mediocrey. ANTONYMS: (adv) generously, sympathetically, compassionately,

genially, respectfully, pleasantly, affluently.
ostentation: (n) affectation, bravado, parade, showiness, flourish, vanity, pomp, splendor, bluster, state, show. ANTONYM: (n) unpretentiousness.
pliancy: (n) pliability, suppleness, bendability, elasticity, complaisance, adaptability, advantage, aid, flexibility, ease, lissomeness.
sisters: (n) sistren.
unassailed: (adj) unforced.

county; but as he was now provided with a good house and the liberty of a manor, it was doubtful to many of those who best knew the **easiness** of his temper, whether he might not spend the remainder of his days at Netherfield, and leave the next generation to purchase.

His sisters were anxious for his having an estate of his own; but, though he was now only established as a tenant, Miss Bingley was by no means unwilling to **preside** at his table--nor was Mrs. Hurst, who had married a man of more fashion than fortune, less disposed to consider his house as her home when it suited her. Mr. Bingley had not been of age two years, when he was tempted by an accidental recommendation to look at Netherfield House. He did look at it, and into it for half-an-hour--was pleased with the situation and the principal rooms, satisfied with what the owner said in its praise, and took it immediately.

Between him and Darcy there was a very steady friendship, in **spite** of great opposition of character. Bingley was **endeared** to Darcy by the easiness, openness, and **ductility** of his temper, though no disposition could offer a greater contrast to his own, and though with his own he never appeared dissatisfied. On the strength of Darcy's regard, Bingley had the firmest reliance, and of his judgement the highest opinion. In understanding, Darcy was the superior. Bingley was by no means deficient, but Darcy was clever. He was at the same time **haughty**, reserved, and fastidious, and his manners, though **well-bred**, were not inviting. In that respect his friend had greatly the advantage. Bingley was sure of being liked **wherever** he appeared, Darcy was continually giving **offense**.

The manner in which they spoke of the Meryton assembly was sufficiently characteristic. Bingley had never met with more pleasant people or prettier girls in his life; everybody had been most kind and attentive to him; there had been no formality, no stiffness; he had soon felt acquainted with all the room; and, as to Miss Bennet, he could not conceive an angel more beautiful. Darcy, on the contrary, had seen a collection of people in whom there was little beauty and no fashion, for none of whom he had felt the smallest interest, and from none

Thesaurus

ductility: (*n*) plasticity, tractability, malleability, tractility.

easiness: (*n*) simplicity, effortlessness, dreaminess, calm, easy, quality, quietude, rest, comfort, lightness, tranquility. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intolerance, reserve.

endeared: (*adj*) dear.

haughty: (*adj*) supercilious, arrogant, assuming, contemptuous, proud, lordly, cavalier, vain, contumelious, grand; (*n*) boastful. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) modest, meek, subservient, unassuming, considerate, deferential.

offense: (*n, v*) crime, fault; (*n*) insult, misdemeanor, offence, aggression, attack, infringement, transgression, delinquency, misdemeanour.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) defense, virtue, praise.

preside: (*v*) manage, lead, conduct, command, control, direct, rule, moderate, guide, chair, preside over.

spite: (*n*) malice, grudge, hatred,

malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (*n, v*) pique. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please; (*n*) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony.

well-bred: (*adj*) courteous, mannerly, urbane, civil, genteel, gentlemanly, refined, nice, sophisticated, thoughtful, debonair.

wherever: (*adv*) anywhere, wheresoever, everywhere, where'er; (*n*) anyplace.

received either attention or pleasure. Miss Bennet he **acknowledged** to be pretty, but she smiled too much.

Mrs. Hurst and her sister allowed it to be so--but still they admired her and **liked** her, and **pronounced** her to be a **sweet** girl, and one whom they would not object to know more of. Miss Bennet was therefore established as a sweet girl, and their brother felt **authorized** by such **commendation** to think of her as he chose.

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acknowledged: (*adj*) accepted, renowned, recognized, avowed, known, customary, confirmed, admitted, affirmed, recognised; (*v*) received. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconventional, unacknowledged, questionable.

authorized: (*v*) allowed; (*adj*) authorised, official, accredited, competent, lawful, legal, legitimate, permissible, qualified; (*adj, v*) privileged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

unauthorized, illegal, unqualified.

commendation: (*n, v*) acclaim, applause, praise; (*n*) approval, citation, approbation, tribute, credit, plaudit, acclamation, admiration. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disapproval, criticism, censure, demotion.

liked: (*adj*) popular, loved, favorite, preferred. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disliked. **pronounced:** (*adj*) clear, emphatic, distinct, prominent, notable, obvious, salient, evident, definite, bold,

palpable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) faint, inconspicuous, indefinite, loose, slight, small.

sweet: (*adj*) fresh, mellow, lovable, dear, pleasant, musical, melodious, pleasing, sugary; (*adj, v*) lovely; (*adj, n*) beloved. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) discordant, bitter, acid, sharp, acidic, pungent, salty, harsh, detestable, cacophonous, dry.

CHAPTER 5

Within a short walk of Longbourn lived a family with whom the Bennets were particularly intimate. Sir William Lucas had been formerly in trade in Meryton, where he had made a tolerable fortune, and **risen** to the honour of **knighthood** by an address to the king during his **mayoralty**. The distinction had perhaps been felt too strongly. It had given him a disgust to his business, and to his residence in a small market town; and, in **quitting** them both, he had removed with his family to a house about a mile from Meryton, denominated from that period Lucas Lodge, where he could think with pleasure of his own importance, and, **unshackled** by business, occupy himself solely in being civil to all the world. For, though **elated** by his rank, it did not render him **supercilious**; on the contrary, he was all attention to everybody. By nature **inoffensive**, friendly, and **obliging**, his presentation at St. James's had made him courteous.

Lady Lucas was a very good kind of woman, not too clever to be a valuable neighbour to Mrs. Bennet. They had several children. The eldest of them, a sensible, intelligent young woman, about twenty-seven, was Elizabeth's intimate friend.

That the Miss Lucases and the Miss Bennets should meet to talk over a ball was absolutely necessary; and the morning after the assembly brought the former to Longbourn to hear and to communicate.

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elated: (*adj*) joyful, delighted, jubilant, exultant, gleeful, happy, triumphant, overjoyed, proud, ecstatic; (*n*) buoyant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dejected, disappointed, sad, unhappy, miserable, down, depressed, despairing, blue, sorrowful, desolate. **inoffensive:** (*adj, n*) harmless, innocent; (*adj*) innocuous, innoxious, safe, unoffending, euphemistic, hurtless, pleasant, gentle, tame. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rude, unsavory,

unpleasant, harmful, dysphemistic, malicious, exciting. **knighthood:** (*n*) chivalry, knight, nobility, aristocracy. **mayoralty:** (*n*) situation, office, place, post, spot, position, berth. **obliging:** (*adj, v*) complaisant, courteous; (*adj*) amiable, affable, gentle, kind, good, benign, pleasant, gracious, compliant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncooperative, unkind, contrary, reticent.

quitting: (*n*) departure, resignation. **risen:** (*v*) uprise. **supercilious:** (*adj*) proud, haughty, disdainful, lofty, contemptuous, contumelious, cavalier, lordly, arrogant, scornful, high and mighty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modest, affable. **unshackled:** (*adj*) unenthralled, unfettered, ungoverned, unenslaved, loose, exempt, untied, unbound, unreined, unmuzzled, unlaced.

"*You began the evening well, Charlotte,*" said Mrs. Bennet with civil self-command to Miss Lucas. "*You were Mr. Bingley's first choice.*"

"Yes; but he seemed to like his second better."

"Oh! you mean Jane, I suppose, because he danced with her twice. To be sure that *did* seem as if he admired her--indeed I rather believe he *did*--I heard something about it--but I hardly know what--something about Mr. **Robinson**."

"Perhaps you mean what I overheard between him and Mr. Robinson; did not I mention it to you? Mr. Robinson's asking him how he liked our Meryton assemblies, and whether he did not think there were a great many pretty women in the room, and *which* he thought the prettiest? and his **answering** immediately to the last question: 'Oh! the eldest Miss Bennet, beyond a doubt; there cannot be two opinions on that point!'"

"Upon my word! Well, that is very decided indeed--that does seem as if--but, however, it may all come to nothing, you know."

"My overhearings were more to the purpose than *yours*, Eliza," said Charlotte. "Mr. Darcy is not so well worth listening to as his friend, is he?--poor Eliza!--to be only just *tolerable*."

"I beg you would not put it into Lizzy's head to be vexed by his **ill-treatment**, for he is such a disagreeable man, that it would be quite a **misfortune** to be liked by him. Mrs. Long told me last night that he sat close to her for half-an-hour without once opening his lips."

"Are you quite sure, ma'am?--is not there a little mistake?" said Jane. "I certainly saw Mr. Darcy speaking to her."

"Aye--because she asked him at last how he liked Netherfield, and he could not help answering her; but she said he seemed quite angry at being spoke to."

"Miss Bingley told me," said Jane, "that he never **speaks** much, unless among his **intimate** acquaintances. With *them* he is **remarkably** agreeable."

"I do not believe a word of it, my dear. If he had been so very agreeable, he would have talked to Mrs. Long. But I can guess how it was; everybody says

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answering: (adj) respondent, responsive, according, agreeing, responsory; (n) respondency.

ill-treatment: (n) hurt.

intimate: (adj, adv, v) close; (n, v) express, imply; (v) hint, indicate, allude, suggest; (adj) informal, inner, internal; (adj, v) confidential.

ANTONYMS: (adj) formal, cold, unfriendly, external, outermost, public, superficial.

misfortune: (n) accident, hardship,

misadventure, disaster, calamity, mischance, catastrophe, mishap, bad luck, misery, affliction. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, bonus, opportunity, privilege, success, happiness.

remarkably: (adj, adv) outstandingly, markedly, conspicuously, particularly, prominently; (adv) signally, uncommonly, surprisingly, extremely, wonderfully, curiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) normally, slightly, poorly, unexceptionally.

robinson: (n) jack Roosevelt Robinson, James Harvey Robinson, Lennox Robinson, Ray Robinson, sir Robert Robinson, walker smith, Esme Stuart Lennox Robinson, Robert Robinson, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Edward Goldenberg Robinson.

self-command: (n) self-control, self-government, self-restraint, discipline, presence.

speaks: (n) talks.

that he is eat up with pride, and I dare say he had heard somehow that Mrs. Long does not keep a carriage, and had come to the ball in a **hack** chaise."

"I do not mind his not talking to Mrs. Long," said Miss Lucas, "but I wish he had danced with Eliza."

"Another time, Lizzy," said her mother, "I would not dance with *him*, if I were you."

"I believe, ma'am, I may safely promise you *never* to dance with him."

"His pride," said Miss Lucas, "does not **offend** me so much as pride often does, because there is an excuse for it. One cannot wonder that so very fine a young man, with family, fortune, everything in his favour, should think highly of himself. If I may so express it, he has a *right* to be proud."

"That is very true," replied Elizabeth, "and I could easily forgive *his* pride, if he had not **mortified** *mine*."

"Pride," observed Mary, who **piqued** herself upon the **solidity** of her reflections, "is a very common failing, I believe. By all that I have ever read, I am convinced that it is very common indeed; that human nature is particularly prone to it, and that there are very few of us who do not **cherish** a feeling of self-complacency on the score of some quality or other, real or imaginary. Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used **synonymously**. A person may be proud without being vain. Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves, vanity to what we would have **others** think of us."

"If I were as rich as Mr. Darcy," cried a young Lucas, who came with his sisters, "I should not care how proud I was. I would keep a pack of foxhounds, and drink a bottle of wine a day."

"Then you would drink a great deal more than you ought," said Mrs. Bennet; "and if I were to see you at it, I should take away your bottle directly."

The boy protested that she should not; she continued to declare that she would, and the argument ended only with the visit.

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cherish: (v) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (n, v) hug, foster. ANTONYMS: (v) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect.

hack: (v) chop, cut down, rip, gash, mutilate, fell; (adj, v) chop up; (n) hacker, drudge, nag, incision.

mortified: (adj) humiliated, embarrassed, abashed, gangrenous, sheepish, chagrined, feeling shame, feeling guilty, guilty, hangdog,

humbled. ANTONYM: (adj) unabashed.

offend: (v) irritate, affront, insult, contravene, injure, disgust, infringe, displease, abuse, wound, anger. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight, praise, attract.

others: (n) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission.

piqued: (adj) irritated, irate, hurt, irked, intoxicated, indignant, up in arms, in a huff, offended, huffy,

excited. ANTONYM: (adj) unconcerned.

solidity: (n) consistency, firmness, density, compactness, reliability, rigidity, substance, consistence, hardness; (adj, n) stiffness, soundness. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, hollowness, porosity, looseness, instability, slenderness, lightness, clearness, limpness.

synonymously: (adv) equivalently, similarly.

CHAPTER 6

The ladies of Longbourn soon waited on those of Netherfield. The visit was soon returned in due form. Miss Bennet's pleasing manners grew on the goodwill of Mrs. Hurst and Miss Bingley; and though the mother was found to be intolerable, and the younger sisters not worth speaking to, a wish of being better acquainted with *them* was expressed towards the two eldest. By Jane, this attention was received with the greatest pleasure, but Elizabeth still saw **superciliousness** in their treatment of everybody, hardly **excepting** even her sister, and could not like them; though their kindness to Jane, such as it was, had a value as arising in all probability from the influence of their brother's admiration. It was generally evident whenever they met, that he *did* admire her and to *her* it was equally evident that Jane was **yielding** to the preference which she had begun to entertain for him from the first, and was in a way to be very much in love; but she considered with pleasure that it was not likely to be discovered by the world in general, since Jane united, with great strength of feeling, a composure of temper and a uniform **cheerfulness** of manner which would guard her from the **suspicions** of the **impertinent**. She mentioned this to her friend Miss Lucas.

"It may perhaps be pleasant," replied Charlotte, "to be able to impose on the public in such a case; but it is sometimes a disadvantage to be so very guarded. If a woman conceals her affection with the same skill from the object of it, she

Thesaurus

cheerfulness: (*n*) glee, happiness, exhilaration, hilarity, mirth, merriment, gladness, cheer, good spirits, pleasure, joviality.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, grimness, seriousness, misery, resentment, uncheerfulness, solemnity, lethargy, bleakness, gravity, gloominess.

excepting: (*conj, prep*) but, bar; (*n, prep*) except for, exclusive of; (*prep*) aside from, besides, apart from, barring, excluding, with the exception of; (*v*)

saving. **ANTONYM:** (*prep*) including.

impertinent: (*adj*) fresh, pert, saucy, forward, audacious, brash, brazen, extraneous, discourteous, disrespectful, flippant. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) respectful, polite, courteous.

superciliousness: (*n*) arrogance, haughtiness, condescension, disdainfulness, pride, contemptuousness, condescendingness, airs, conceit, insult, loftiness. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*)

humility, respect.

suspicions: (*adj*) entertain doubts, have doubts; (*n*) doubts, misgivings, reservations, qualms, worries, fears, uncertainties.

yielding: (*adj, v*) flexible, pliable, supple, tractable, pliant; (*adj*) compliant, submissive, soft, obedient, docile; (*n*) submission. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) hard, firm, inflexible, solid, rigid, obstinate, stiff, stubborn, unyielding, rebellious.

may lose the opportunity of **fixing** him; and it will then be but poor consolation to believe the world equally in the dark. There is so much of gratitude or **vanity** in almost every attachment, that it is not safe to leave any to itself. We can all *begin* freely--a slight preference is natural enough; but there are very few of us who have heart enough to be really in love without encouragement. In nine cases out of ten a woman had better show *more* affection than she feels. Bingley **likes** your sister undoubtedly; but he may never do more than like her, if she does not help him on."

"But she does help him on, as much as her nature will allow. If I can perceive her regard for him, he must be a **simpleton**, indeed, not to discover it too."

"Remember, Eliza, that he does not know Jane's **disposition** as you do."

"But if a woman is partial to a man, and does not endeavour to conceal it, he must find it out."

"Perhaps he must, if he sees enough of her. But, though Bingley and Jane meet **tolerably** often, it is never for many hours together; and, as they always see each other in large mixed parties, it is impossible that every moment should be employed in conversing together. Jane should therefore make the most of every half-hour in which she can command his attention. When she is secure of him, there will be more leisure for falling in love as much as she chooses."

"Your plan is a good one," replied Elizabeth, "where nothing is in question but the desire of being well married, and if I were determined to get a rich husband, or any husband, I dare say I should adopt it. But these are not Jane's feelings; she is not acting by design. As yet, she cannot even be certain of the degree of her own regard nor of its **reasonableness**. She has known him only a fortnight. She danced four dances with him at Meryton; she saw him one morning at his own house, and has since dined with him in company four times. This is not quite enough to make her understand his character."

"Not as you represent it. Had she merely *dined* with him, she might only have discovered **whether** he had a good appetite; but you must remember that

Thesaurus

disposition: (*n*) attitude, character, disposal, tendency, predisposition, inclination, propensity, bias, arrangement, direction, aptitude.
fixing: (*n*) fixation, fix, adjustment, repair, mending, altering, emasculation, castration, furniture, fastener, fitting.

likes: (*n*) kind, sort, type.

reasonableness: (*n*) rationality, reason, equity, justice, fairness, moderation, sanity, likelihood, common sense,

modestness, moderateness.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) unreasonableness, excessiveness.

simpleton: (*n*) fool, blockhead, dolt, dunce, numskull, ninny, nincompoop, booby, sap, dummy, dullard.

tolerably: (*adv*) well enough, passably, acceptably, reasonably, enough, moderately, to a tolerable degree, pretty, to an adequate degree; (*adj*, *adv*) somewhat; (*adj*) pretty well.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unbearably, intolerably, unacceptably, unreasonably, insufficiently, inadequately.

vanity: (*n*) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceit, pretension, pomposity; (*adj, n*) amour propre.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness.

whether: (*pron*) where.

four evenings have also been spent together--and four evenings may do a great deal."

"Yes; these four evenings have enabled them to ascertain that they both like Vingt-un better than Commerce; but with respect to any other leading characteristic, I do not imagine that much has been unfolded."

"Well," said Charlotte, "I wish Jane success with all my heart; and if she were married to him to-morrow, I should think she had as good a chance of happiness as if she were to be studying his character for a **twelvemonth**. Happiness in marriage is entirely a matter of chance. If the dispositions of the parties are ever so well known to each other or ever so similar **beforehand**, it does not advance their **felicity** in the least. They always continue to grow sufficiently unlike afterwards to have their share of **vexation**; and it is better to know as little as possible of the defects of the person with whom you are to pass your life."

"You make me laugh, Charlotte; but it is not sound. You know it is not sound, and that you would never act in this way yourself."

Occupied in observing Mr. Bingley's attentions to her sister, Elizabeth was far from suspecting that she was herself becoming an object of some interest in the eyes of his friend. Mr. Darcy had at first scarcely allowed her to be pretty; he had looked at her without admiration at the ball; and when they next met, he looked at her only to **criticise**. But no sooner had he made it clear to himself and his friends that she hardly had a good feature in her face, than he began to find it was rendered uncommonly intelligent by the beautiful expression of her dark eyes. To this discovery succeeded some others equally **mortifying**. Though he had detected with a critical eye more than one failure of perfect symmetry in her form, he was forced to acknowledge her figure to be light and pleasing; and in spite of his **asserting** that her manners were not those of the fashionable world, he was caught by their easy **playfulness**. Of this she was perfectly unaware; to her he was only the man who made himself agreeable nowhere, and who had not thought her handsome enough to dance with.

Thesaurus

asserting: (v) affirm; (adj) declaratory, declarative, evidentiary; (n) assertion.

beforehand: (adv) previously, ahead, in advance, in anticipation, first; (adj, adv) early, beforehand; (adj) advance, already, afore; (n) prior.

ANTONYMS: (adv) afterwards, afterward, later, late, subsequently.

criticise: (v) comment, criminate, chide, berate, reprehend, knock, reprove, denounce, deplore, criticize; (adj) judge.

felicity: (n) happiness, bliss, blessedness, beatitude, luck, felicitousness, joy, fortune, ecstasy, enjoyment, appropriateness. ANTONYM: (n) infelicity.

mortifying: (adj) embarrassing, demeaning, humbling, undignified, off, awkward, unpleasant; (v) annoying, aggravating, irritating, stinging. ANTONYM: (adj) dignified.

playfulness: (n) mischief, impertinence, gaiety, archness,

friskiness, pertness, merriment, humor, impishness; (n, v) play, sport. ANTONYM: (n) seriousness.

twelvemonth: (n) calendar year, civil year, financial year, common year, amount of time, time period, period of time, bissextile year, class, yr, period.

vexation: (adj, n) annoyance, nuisance; (n) irritation, worry, aggravation, displeasure, chagrin, chafe, anger, frustration, botheration.

He began to wish to know more of her, and as a step towards conversing with her himself, **attended** to her conversation with others. His doing so drew her notice. It was at Sir William Lucas's, where a large party were assembled.

"What does Mr. Darcy mean," said she to Charlotte, "by listening to my conversation with Colonel Forster?"

"That is a question which Mr. Darcy only can answer."

"But if he does it any more I shall certainly let him know that I see what he is about. He has a very **satirical** eye, and if I do not begin by being impertinent myself, I shall soon grow afraid of him."

On his approaching them soon afterwards, though without **seeming** to have any intention of speaking, Miss Lucas defied her friend to mention such a subject to him; which immediately **provoking** Elizabeth to do it, she turned to him and said:

"Did you not think, Mr. Darcy, that I expressed myself uncommonly well just now, when I was **teasing** Colonel Forster to give us a ball at Meryton?"

"With great energy; but it is always a subject which makes a lady energetic."

"You are severe on us."

"It will be *her* turn soon to be teased," said Miss Lucas. "I am going to open the instrument, Eliza, and you know what follows."

"You are a very strange creature by way of a friend!--always wanting me to play and sing before anybody and everybody! If my vanity had taken a musical turn, you would have been invaluable; but as it is, I would really rather not sit down before those who must be in the habit of hearing the very best performers." On Miss Lucas's **persevering**, however, she added, "Very well, if it must be so, it must." And **gravely glancing** at Mr. Darcy, "There is a fine old saying, which everybody here is of course familiar with: 'Keep your breath to cool your porridge'; and I shall keep mine to swell my song."

Her performance was pleasing, though by no means capital. After a song or two, and before she could reply to the entreaties of several that she would sing

Thesaurus

attended: (*adj*) attent, fraught, tended to.

glancing: (*adj*) passing.

gravely: (*adv*) seriously, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, staidly, momentously, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (*adj*) soft.

persevering: (*adj*) diligent, firm, determined, constant, resolute, dogged, persistent, tenacious,

steadfast, industrious, insistent.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) irresolute.

provoking: (*adj*) provocative, annoying, aggravating, galling, maddening, vexatious, agitative, tempting, agitating; (*adj, v*) irritating, insulting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conciliatory, courteous, satisfying.

satirical: (*adj*) satiric, cutting, mordant, mocking, ironic, biting, scornful, sardonic, derisive; (*adj, n*) keen; (*n*) ironical. ANTONYM: (*adj*)

sympathetic.

seeming: (*adj*) ostensible, superficial, illusory, outward, probable, deceptive, specious; (*adj, n*) appearance, semblance; (*n*) aspect, show. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) actual, deep, inner.

teasing: (*n*) tease, play, joke, fun, banter; (*adj*) quizzical, vexatious, pestering, annoying, playful; (*v*) worrying. ANTONYM: (*n*) seriousness.

again, she was eagerly succeeded at the instrument by her sister Mary, who having, in consequence of being the only plain one in the family, worked hard for knowledge and **accomplishments**, was always impatient for display.

Mary had neither genius nor taste; and though vanity had given her application, it had given her likewise a **pedantic** air and conceited manner, which would have injured a higher degree of excellence than she had reached. Elizabeth, easy and unaffected, had been listened to with much more pleasure, though not playing half so well; and Mary, at the end of a long concerto, was glad to purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish **airs**, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three **officers**, joined eagerly in dancing at one end of the room.

Mr. Darcy stood near them in silent indignation at such a mode of passing the evening, to the exclusion of all conversation, and was too much **engrossed** by his thoughts to perceive that Sir William Lucas was his neighbour, till Sir William thus began:

"What a charming amusement for young people this is, Mr. Darcy! There is nothing like dancing after all. I consider it as one of the first refinements of polished society."

"Certainly, sir; and it has the advantage also of being in vogue amongst the less polished **societies** of the world. Every savage can dance."

Sir William only smiled. "Your friend performs delightfully," he continued after a pause, on seeing Bingley join the group; "and I doubt not that you are an **adept** in the science yourself, Mr. Darcy."

"You saw me dance at Meryton, I believe, sir."

"Yes, indeed, and received no **inconsiderable** pleasure from the sight. Do you often dance at St. James's?"

"Never, sir."

"Do you not think it would be a proper compliment to the place?"

"It is a compliment which I never pay to any place if I can avoid it."

Thesaurus

accomplishments: (*n*) benefit, actions, background, Comings and Goings, deeds, events, happenings, activities.

adept: (*adj, n*) expert; (*adj*) skillful, able, accomplished, experienced, capable, smart, clever, adroit; (*n*) virtuoso, whiz. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incompetent, inept, awkward, bumbling, fumbling, unskilled.

airs: (*n, v*) pretension; (*n*) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (*adj, n*) arrogance; (*v*) precianism,

euphuism, purism, pedantry. ANTONYMS: (*n*) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty.

engrossed: (*adj*) rapt, engaged, intent, occupied, preoccupied, busy, fascinated, obsessed, thoughtful, hooked; (*adj, v*) immersed.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disinterested, bored, distracted, indifferent, unconcerned, uninterested, inattentive, carefree.

inconsiderable: (*adj*) inconsequential, immaterial, small, petty, slight, negligible, trivial, fractional, minute, imperceptible, slender. ANTONYM: (*adj*) major.

officers: (*n*) executive committee, staff. **pedantic:** (*adj*) affected, donnish, learned, bookish, formal, scholastic, scholarly, didactic, full of affectation, fussy; (*adj, v*) pompous.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) basic, dilettante. **societies:** (*n*) society, community.

"You have a house in town, I conclude?"

Mr. Darcy bowed.

"I had once had some thought of fixing in town myself--for I am fond of superior society; but I did not feel quite certain that the air of London would agree with Lady Lucas."

He paused in hopes of an answer; but his companion was not disposed to make any; and Elizabeth at that instant moving towards them, he was struck with the action of doing a very **gallant** thing, and called out to her:

"My dear Miss Eliza, why are you not dancing? Mr. Darcy, you must allow me to present this young lady to you as a very desirable partner. You cannot refuse to dance, I am sure when so much beauty is before you." And, taking her hand, he would have given it to Mr. Darcy who, though extremely surprised, was not unwilling to receive it, when she instantly drew back, and said with some **discomposure** to Sir William:

"Indeed, sir, I have not the least intention of dancing. I **entreat** you not to suppose that I moved this way in order to beg for a partner."

Mr. Darcy, with grave **propriety**, **requested** to be allowed the honour of her hand, but in vain. Elizabeth was determined; nor did Sir William at all shake her purpose by his attempt at persuasion.

"You **excel** so much in the dance, Miss Eliza, that it is cruel to deny me the happiness of seeing you; and though this gentleman dislikes the amusement in general, he can have no objection, I am sure, to oblige us for one half-hour."

"Mr. Darcy is all politeness," said Elizabeth, smiling.

"He is, indeed; but, considering the **inducement**, my dear Miss Eliza, we cannot wonder at his complaisance--for who would object to such a partner?"

Elizabeth looked **archly**, and turned away. Her resistance had not injured her with the gentleman, and he was thinking of her with some complacency, when thus accosted by Miss Bingley:

"I can guess the subject of your reverie."

Thesaurus

archly: (*adv*) mischievously, sly, wickedly, playfully, waggishly, roguishly, shrewdly, wily, consummately, roundly, craftily.

discomposure: (*n*) discomfort, disconcertion, confusion, commotion, perturbation, embarrassment, unease, uneasiness, anxiety, temperament, disposition.

entreat: (*v*) beg, beseech, ask, implore, pray, adjure, appeal, request, conjure, crave, bid. ANTONYMS: (*v*) demand,

reject.

excel: (*v*) top, surpass, cap, outdo, pass, eclipse, beat, transcend, lead, outshine; (*adj, v*) better. ANTONYMS: (*v*) flunk, trail.

gallant: (*adj*) fearless, brave, daring, courageous, chivalrous, bold, manly, heroic, dashing, courteous, fine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) boorish, rude, selfish.

inducement: (*n*) enticement, attraction, cause, incitement, impulse,

temptation, bait, impetus, occasion, motive, goad. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disincentive, deterrent.

propriety: (*adj, n*) decency, modesty, correctness, aptitude; (*n*) decorum, fitness, etiquette, civility, grace, politeness, manners. ANTONYMS: (*n*) impropriety, rudeness, unsuitableness, indecorum, decadence, tactlessness, corruption, vulgarity, indecency.

requested: (*adj*) demanded.

"I should imagine not."

"You are considering how insupportable it would be to pass many evenings in this manner--in such society; and indeed I am quite of your opinion. I was never more annoyed! The **insipidity**, and yet the noise--the **nothingness**, and yet the **self-importance** of all those people! What would I give to hear your strictures on them!"

"You conjecture is totally wrong, I assure you. My mind was more **agreeably** engaged. I have been **meditating** on the very great pleasure which a pair of fine eyes in the face of a pretty woman can bestow."

Miss Bingley immediately fixed her eyes on his face, and desired he would tell her what lady had the credit of inspiring such reflections. Mr. Darcy replied with great **intrepidity**:

"Miss Elizabeth Bennet."

"Miss Elizabeth Bennet!" repeated Miss Bingley. "I am all astonishment. How long has she been such a favourite?--and pray, when am I to wish you joy?"

"That is exactly the question which I expected you to ask. A lady's imagination is very rapid; it **jumps** from admiration to love, from love to **matrimony**, in a moment. I knew you would be wishing me joy."

"Nay, if you are serious about it, I shall consider the matter is absolutely settled. You will be having a charming **mother-in-law**, indeed; and, of course, she will always be at Pemberley with you."

He listened to her with perfect indifference while she **chose** to entertain herself in this manner; and as his composure convinced her that all was safe, her wit flowed long.

Thesaurus

agreeably: (*adv*) enjoyably, pleasantly, sympathetically, pleasingly, suitably, well, melodically, accordingly, affably, genially; (*adv, v*) happily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disagreeably, incongruously, uncooperatively, unhelpfully, badly, stubbornly, harshly.

chose: (*v*) choose, opt, decide; (*n*) thing.

insipidity: (*n*) flatness, insipidness, blandness, insulsity, jargon,

platitude, depression, dejection, boredom, idiocy.

intrepidity: (*n*) bravery, dauntlessness, courage, audacity, valor, heroism, pluck, nerve; (*adj, n*) daring, prowess; (*adj*) fearlessness. **jumps:** (*n*) fit, nervousness, tension, anxiety, jitters.

matrimony: (*n*) wedding, union, marriage ceremony, nuptials, endogamy, bigamy, intermixture, alloyage, exogamy, intermarriage; (*n*,

v) wedlock.

meditating: (*n*) conception.

mother-in-law: (*n*) grandmother.

nothingness: (*n*) nothing, void, nullity, nihil, emptiness, insignificance, nonentity, blankness, vacuum, cipher; (*adj*) nonbeing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) being, importance, significance.

self-importance: (*n*) arrogance, pride, conceit, pretension, assumption, egoism, gall.

CHAPTER 7

Mr. Bennet's property consisted almost entirely in an estate of two thousand a year, which, unfortunately for his daughters, was **entailed**, in default of **heirs** male, on a distant relation; and their mother's fortune, though ample for her situation in life, could but ill supply the **deficiency** of his. Her father had been an attorney in Meryton, and had left her four thousand pounds.

She had a sister married to a Mr. Phillips, who had been a clerk to their father and succeeded him in the business, and a brother settled in London in a respectable line of trade.

The village of Longbourn was only one mile from Meryton; a most convenient distance for the young ladies, who were usually tempted **thither** three or four times a week, to pay their duty to their aunt and to a milliner's shop just over the way. The two youngest of the family, Catherine and Lydia, were particularly frequent in these attentions; their minds were more vacant than their sisters', and when nothing better offered, a walk to Meryton was necessary to **amuse** their morning hours and **furnish** conversation for the evening; and however bare of news the country in general might be, they always **contrived** to learn some from their aunt. At present, indeed, they were well supplied both with news and happiness by the recent arrival of a **militia regiment** in the neighbourhood; it was to remain the whole winter, and Meryton was the headquarters.

Thesaurus

amuse: (v) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, disport, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice. ANTONYMS: (v) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint.

contrived: (adj) affected, unnatural, false, forced, labored, spurious, feigned, unreal, strained, built, artificially formal. ANTONYM: (adj) sincere.

deficiency: (adj, n) defect, blemish,

imperfection; (n) dearth, lack, failing, deficit, shortcoming, inadequacy, absence; (n, v) want. ANTONYMS: (n) excess, perfection, provision, enough, adequacy, supply, strength, virtue, surplus, gain, glut.
entailed: (adj) eldest, eigne.
furnish: (v) afford, provide, contribute, render, offer, accommodate, supply, outfit, yield, decorate; (n, v) give. ANTONYM: (v) divest.

heirs: (n) family, posterity, issue.

militia: (n) trainband, Sabaoth, soldiery, standing army, territorial, the army, troops, troops of the line, reserves, regulars, military unit.

regiment: (n) corps, battalion, legion, host, brigade, division, multitude, cohort; (v) control, organize, regulate.

thither: (adv) hither, whither, on that point, in that respect, at that place, in that location; (adj) further, ulterior, remoter, succeeding, more distant.

Their visits to Mrs. Phillips were now productive of the most interesting intelligence. Every day added something to their knowledge of the officers' names and connections. Their **lodgings** were not long a secret, and at length they began to know the officers themselves. Mr. Phillips visited them all, and this opened to his nieces a store of felicity unknown before. They could talk of nothing but officers; and Mr. Bingley's large fortune, the mention of which gave **animation** to their mother, was **worthless** in their eyes when opposed to the **regimentals** of an ensign.

After listening one morning to their effusions on this subject, Mr. Bennet **coolly** observed:

"From all that I can collect by your manner of talking, you must be two of the silliest girls in the country. I have **suspected** it some time, but I am now convinced."

Catherine was disconcerted, and made no answer; but Lydia, with perfect indifference, continued to express her admiration of Captain Carter, and her hope of seeing him in the course of the day, as he was going the next morning to London.

"I am **astonished**, my dear," said Mrs. Bennet, "that you should be so ready to think your own children silly. If I wished to think **slightly** of anybody's children, it should not be of my own, however."

"If my children are silly, I must hope to be always sensible of it."

"Yes--but as it happens, they are all of them very clever."

"This is the only point, I flatter myself, on which we do not agree. I had hoped that our **sentiments** coincided in every particular, but I must so far differ from you as to think our two youngest daughters uncommonly foolish."

"My dear Mr. Bennet, you must not expect such girls to have the sense of their father and mother. When they get to our age, I dare say they will not think about officers any more than we do. I remember the time when I liked a red coat myself very well--and, indeed, so I do still at my heart; and if a smart young colonel, with five or six thousand a year, should want one of my girls I shall not

Thesaurus

animation: (*adj, n*) life, vivacity; (*n*) liveliness, vitality, activity, spirit, exhilaration, dash, energy, buoyancy; (*adj*) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lethargy, lifelessness, inertness, inertia, sluggishness, boredom.

astonished: (*adj*) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonished; (*v*) amaze. **coolly:** (*adv*) quietly, composedly,

coldly, collectedly, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically.

lodgings: (*n*) digs, accommodation, domiciliation, lodging, billet, housing, quarters, residence, pad, living quarters, launchpad.

regimentals: (*n*) military uniform. **sentiments:** (*n*) breast.

slightly: (*adv*) negligently, slightly, lightly.

suspected: (*adj*) supposed, doubted, suspicious, suspicion, inspiring distrust, distrusted.

worthless: (*adj, v*) futile, vain; (*adj*) vile, idle, empty, trifling, void, trivial, cheap, miserable, null. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) precious, useful, worthwhile, priceless, meaningful, helpful, invaluable, deserving, valid, worthy, substantial.

say nay to him; and I thought Colonel Forster looked very becoming the other night at Sir William's in his regimentals."

"Mamma," cried Lydia, "my aunt says that Colonel Forster and Captain Carter do not go so often to Miss Watson's as they did when they first came; she sees them now very often standing in Clarke's library."

Mrs. Bennet was prevented **replying** by the entrance of the **footman** with a note for Miss Bennet; it came from Netherfield, and the servant waited for an answer. Mrs. Bennet's eyes sparkled with pleasure, and she was eagerly calling out, while her daughter read,

"Well, Jane, who is it from? What is it about? What does he say? Well, Jane, make **haste** and tell us; make haste, my love."

"It is from Miss Bingley," said Jane, and then read it aloud.

"My Dear Friend,

"If you are not so **compassionate** as to **dine** to-day with Louisa and me, we shall be in danger of **hating** each other for the rest of our lives, for a whole day's **tete-a-tete** between two women can never end without a **quarrel**. Come as soon as you can on receipt of this. My brother and the **gentlemen** are to dine with the officers. Yours ever.

"Caroline Bingley"

"With the officers!" cried Lydia. "I wonder my aunt did not tell us of *that*."

"Dining out," said Mrs. Bennet, "that is very unlucky."

"Can I have the carriage?" said Jane.

"No, my dear, you had better go on **horseback**, because it seems likely to rain; and then you must stay all night."

"That would be a good scheme," said Elizabeth, "if you were sure that they would not offer to send her home."

Thesaurus

caroline: (*adj*) Carolean; (*n*) carling.

compassionate: (*adj*) merciful, clement, benevolent, kind, humane, tender; (*adj, v*) pitiful; (*v*) pity; (*adj, n*) gentle, sympathetic, caring.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfeeling, harsh, severe, cruel, indifferent, mean, uncompassionate, nasty, merciless, uncaring, unhelpful.

dine: (*v*) feed, lunch, breakfast, dining, meal, give, have supper, take tea, grub, consume, entertain.

ANTONYM: (*v*) abstain.

footman: (*n*) attendant, butler, follower, flunkey, flunky, varlet, servitor, valet de chambre, boy, knave; (*n, v*) lackey.

gentlemen: (*n*) sirs, messieurs.

haste: (*n, v*) hurry, dash, dispatch, rush; (*n*) celerity, expedition, rapidity, speed, bustle, hastiness, quickness. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) delay, patience, forethought, caution.

hating: (*adj*) loathful, abhorring,

disgusting, misanthropic, vengeful; (*n*) venom.

horseback: (*n*) hogback, body part.

quarrel: (*adj, n, v*) dispute; (*n, v*) fight, feud, brawl, row, altercation, argue, conflict, squabble; (*n*) dissension, difference. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) agreement, reconciliation, acceptance, concord, consensus; (*v*) agree.

replying: (*adj*) respondent, responsive.

tete-a-tete: (*n*) gab, conversation, chat.

"Oh! but the gentlemen will have Mr. Bingley's chaise to go to Meryton, and the Hursts have no horses to theirs."

"I had much rather go in the coach."

"But, my dear, your father cannot spare the horses, I am sure. They are wanted in the farm, Mr. Bennet, are they not?"

"They are wanted in the farm much oftener than I can get them."

"But if you have got them to-day," said Elizabeth, "my mother's purpose will be answered."

She did at last **extort** from her father an **acknowledgment** that the horses were engaged. Jane was therefore obliged to go on horseback, and her mother attended her to the door with many cheerful prognostics of a bad day. Her hopes were answered; Jane had not been gone long before it rained hard. Her sisters were uneasy for her, but her mother was delighted. The rain continued the whole evening without **intermission**; Jane certainly could not come back.

"This was a lucky idea of mine, indeed!" said Mrs. Bennet more than once, as if the credit of making it rain were all her own. Till the next morning, however, she was not aware of all the felicity of her **contrivance**. Breakfast was scarcely over when a servant from Netherfield brought the following note for Elizabeth:

"My Dearest Lizzy,

"I find myself very **unwell** this morning, which, I suppose, is to be imputed to my getting wet through yesterday. My kind friends will not hear of my returning till I am better. They insist also on my seeing Mr. Jones--therefore do not be **alarmed** if you should hear of his having been to me--and, excepting a sore **throat** and **headache**, there is not much the matter with me. Yours, etc."

"Well, my dear," said Mr. Bennet, when Elizabeth had read the note aloud, "if your daughter should have a dangerous fit of illness--if she should die, it

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acknowledgment: (*n*) admission, acknowledgement, acceptance, confession, greeting, credit, allowance, declaration, agreement, thanks, gratitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rejection, ungratefulness, oversight, snub, ignoring, invoice, blame, defiance.

alarmed: (*adj*) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM:

extort: (*v*) exact, soak, compel, take, wring, force, extract, pry; (*adj*) bleed, fleece, overcharge.
contrivance: (*n*) device, appliance, gadget, artifice, plot, dodge, resource, plan, contraption, machine, apparatus.
headache: (*n*) cephalalgia, pain, encumbrance, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (*n, v*) twinge; (*v*) gripe.

intermission: (*n*) rest, pause, lull, cessation, suspension, interruption, abeyance, disruption, gap, discontinuance, respite. ANTONYM: (*n*) continuation.
throat: (*n*) orifice, pharynx, gorge, mouth, muzzle, nozzle, sucker, shaft, quarl, throat depth, nostril.
unwell: (*adj*) sick, ill, poorly, ailing, sickly, unhealthy, seedy, bad, diseased, frail; (*adj, v*) indisposed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, well, fit.

would be a comfort to know that it was all in pursuit of Mr. Bingley, and under your orders."

"Oh! I am not afraid of her dying. People do not die of little **trifling** colds. She will be taken good care of. As long as she stays there, it is all very well. I would go and see her if I could have the carriage."

Elizabeth, feeling really anxious, was determined to go to her, though the carriage was not to be had; and as she was no **horsewoman**, walking was her only alternative. She declared her resolution.

"How can you be so silly," cried her mother, "as to think of such a thing, in all this dirt! You will not be fit to be seen when you get there."

"I shall be very fit to see Jane--which is all I want."

"Is this a hint to me, Lizzy," said her father, "to send for the horses?"

"No, indeed, I do not wish to avoid the walk. The distance is nothing when one has a motive; only three miles. I shall be back by dinner."

"I admire the activity of your benevolence," observed Mary, "but every impulse of feeling should be guided by reason; and, in my opinion, **exertion** should always be in proportion to what is required."

"We will go as far as Meryton with you," said Catherine and Lydia. Elizabeth accepted their company, and the three young ladies set off together.

"If we make haste," said Lydia, as they walked along, "perhaps we may see something of Captain Carter before he goes."

In Meryton they **parted**; the two youngest **repaired** to the lodgings of one of the officers' wives, and Elizabeth continued her walk alone, crossing field after field at a quick pace, jumping over stiles and **springing** over puddles with impatient activity, and finding herself at last within view of the house, with weary ankles, dirty stockings, and a face **glowing** with the warmth of exercise.

She was shown into the breakfast-parlour, where all but Jane were assembled, and where her appearance created a great deal of surprise. That she should have walked three miles so early in the day, in such dirty weather, and by

Thesaurus

exertion: (*n*) application, exercise, endeavor, attempt, struggle, trouble, diligence, strain, labor, pull, essay.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) idleness, inactivity, inertia, relaxation, laziness, ease.
glowing: (*adj, n*) enthusiastic, cordial, passionate; (*adj*) burning, fervent, blazing, flaming, fiery, dazzling; (*adj, v*) warm; (*adj, adv*) aglow.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pale, wan, unhappy, unenthusiastic, derogatory, dispassionate, unwell.

horsewoman: (*n*) rider, equestrian, horseback rider, horseman.
parted: (*adj*) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible, disunited, compounder, compound, dividable.
repaired: (*adj*) reconditioned, maintained, mended, fastened, serviced, intent, frozen, flat, serviceable.
springing: (*v*) jumping, climbing, bounding, furious, conspicuous,

prominent, ascending, projecting outwardly; (*n*) growth, suspension, emanation.
trifling: (*adj*) paltry, slight, petty, negligible, immaterial, worthless, trivial, minor, small; (*adj, v*) inconsequential; (*adj, n*) frivolity.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) significant, worthwhile, major, considerable, crucial, enormous, great, mature, profound, substantial; (*n*) importance.

herself, was almost incredible to Mrs. Hurst and Miss Bingley; and Elizabeth was convinced that they held her in contempt for it. She was received, however, very politely by them; and in their brother's manners there was something better than politeness; there was good humour and kindness. Mr. Darcy said very little, and Mr. Hurst nothing at all. The former was divided between admiration of the **brilliancy** which exercise had given to her **complexion**, and doubt as to the occasion's **justifying** her coming so far alone. The latter was thinking only of his breakfast.

Her inquiries after her sister were not very favourably answered. Miss Bennet had slept ill, and though up, was very **feverish**, and not well enough to leave her room. Elizabeth was glad to be taken to her immediately; and Jane, who had only been **withheld** by the fear of giving alarm or inconvenience from expressing in her note how much she longed for such a visit, was delighted at her entrance. She was not equal, however, to much conversation, and when Miss Bingley left them together, could attempt little besides expressions of gratitude for the extraordinary kindness she was treated with. Elizabeth silently attended her.

When breakfast was over they were joined by the sisters; and Elizabeth began to like them herself, when she saw how much affection and **solicitude** they showed for Jane. The **apothecary** came, and having examined his patient, said, as might be supposed, that she had caught a violent cold, and that they must endeavour to get the better of it; advised her to return to bed, and promised her some **draughts**. The advice was followed readily, for the feverish symptoms increased, and her head ached acutely. Elizabeth did not quit her room for a moment; nor were the other ladies often absent; the gentlemen being out, they had, in fact, nothing to do elsewhere.

When the clock struck three, Elizabeth felt that she must go, and very **unwillingly** said so. Miss Bingley offered her the carriage, and she only wanted a little pressing to accept it, when Jane testified such concern in parting with her, that Miss Bingley was obliged to convert the offer of the chaise to an invitation to remain at Netherfield for the present. Elizabeth most thankfully consented, and

Thesaurus

apothecary: (*n*) druggist, pharmacy, chemist, caregiver, dispensing chemist, medical attendant, pothecary, potecary, pill pusher, pharmacopolist, pharmacologist.

brilliancy: (*n, v*) brightness; (*n*) brilliance, lustre, luster, splendor, glitter, glory, radiance, splendour; (*adj, n*) gorgeousness; (*v*) gloss.

complexion: (*n, v*) tint; (*n*) cast, character, appearance, look, hue, aspect, flush, glow, dye, fashion.

draughts: (*n*) solitaire, go bang, backgammon, misere chess, chess, dominos, board game.

feverish: (*adj*) febrile, feverous, fiery, frenzied, fevered, excited, sick, fanatical; (*adj, v*) hot, flushed; (*adj, n*) hysterical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, afebrile, collected, composed, mellow.

justifying: (*adj*) extenuating, mitigating; (*n*) justification, defense.

solicitude: (*n*) care, consideration,

anxiety, thought, apprehension, regard, attention, fear, disquietude, heed, fret. ANTONYMS: (*n*) negligence, serenity, thoughtlessness.

unwillingly: (*adv*) grudgingly, loathly, aversely, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, resentfully, involuntarily, recalcitrantly, refractorily, lothly, hesitatingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) wholeheartedly.

withheld: (*adj*) hidden, uncommitted. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ongoing.

a servant was **dispatched** to Longbourn to **acquaint** the family with her **stay** and bring back a **supply** of clothes.

Thesaurus

acquaint: (v) inform, familiarize, tell, advise, present, introduce, warn, bring out, report, accustom, communicate. ANTONYMS: (v) hide, mislead, misrepresent, withhold, falsify, conceal.

bring: (v) convey, get, take, bear, carry, put, conduct, return, reduce, set, bring in. ANTONYMS: (v) drop, free, leave, lose, remove, avoid.

dispatched: (adj) fulfilled, finished.

family: (adj, n) household, descent,

home; (n) name, genus, house, people, breed, brood, kin, lineage.

servant: (n) manservant, domestic, lackey, maid, employee, flunkey, retainer, boy, footman, flunky, menial. ANTONYMS: (n) master, mistress.

stay: (adj, n, v) remain; (n, v) rest, prop, stop, delay, abide, continue, pause, endure, halt, support. ANTONYMS: (v) change, abscond, depart, move, disappear, become, go.

supply: (n, v) furnish, stock, afford, store; (v) fill, feed, provide, offer, produce, satisfy; (n) purveyance. ANTONYMS: (v) requisition, recall, refuse, withhold, take, buy; (n) lack.

CHAPTER 8

At five o'clock the two ladies retired to dress, and at half-past six Elizabeth was summoned to dinner. To the civil inquiries which then **poured** in, and amongst which she had the pleasure of **distinguishing** the much superior solicitude of Mr. Bingley's, she could not make a very favourable answer. Jane was by no means better. The sisters, on hearing this, repeated three or four times how much they were grieved, how shocking it was to have a bad cold, and how **excessively** they **disliked** being ill themselves; and then thought no more of the matter: and their indifference towards Jane when not immediately before them restored Elizabeth to the enjoyment of all her former dislike.

Their brother, indeed, was the only one of the party whom she could regard with any **complacency**. His anxiety for Jane was evident, and his attentions to herself most pleasing, and they prevented her feeling herself so much an **intruder** as she believed she was considered by the others. She had very little notice from any but him. Miss Bingley was engrossed by Mr. Darcy, her sister scarcely less so; and as for Mr. Hurst, by whom Elizabeth sat, he was an **indolent** man, who lived only to eat, drink, and play at cards; who, when he found her to prefer a plain dish to a **ragout**, had nothing to say to her.

When dinner was over, she returned directly to Jane, and Miss Bingley began abusing her as soon as she was out of the room. Her manners were pronounced

Thesaurus

complacency: (*n*) contentment, conceit, satisfaction, self-satisfaction, comfort, entire satisfaction, peace of mind, gratification; (*adj*) amiability, soft tongue, mansuetude.

disliked: (*adj*) hated, detested, averse, lousy, loath, undesirable, companionless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) popular, liked.

distinguishing: (*adj*) distinctive, identifying, typical, discriminating, specific, distinct, peculiar; (*adv*)

distinguishingly; (*adj, v*) discriminative; (*v*) distinguish; (*n*) hearing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) common, typical.

excessively: (*adj, adv*) immoderately, exorbitantly, inordinately; (*adv*) extremely, enormously, exceedingly, very, profusely, overly, exaggeratedly, intemperately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) justifiably, moderately, insufficiently.

indolent: (*adj*) idle, lazy, slothful,

sluggish, careless, slow, dull, torpid, inert, drowsy, listless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) active, industrious, vigorous, diligent.

intruder: (*n*) trespasser, interloper, encroacher, raider, invader, aggressor, go between, gatecrasher, stalker, boarder; (*adj, n*) stranger.

o'clock: (*n*) period, hours.

poured: (*adj*) concrete.

ragout: (*v*) stew, hash, fricassee, mince, rechauffe, releve, remove.

to be very bad indeed, a mixture of pride and **impertinence**; she had no conversation, no style, no beauty. Mrs. Hurst thought the same, and added:

"She has nothing, in short, to recommend her, but being an excellent walker. I shall never forget her appearance this morning. She really looked almost wild."

"She did, indeed, Louisa. I could hardly keep my **countenance**. Very **nonsensical** to come at all! Why must *she* be **scampering** about the country, because her sister had a cold? Her hair, so untidy, so blowsy!"

"Yes, and her **petticoat**; I hope you saw her petticoat, six inches deep in mud, I am absolutely certain; and the **gown** which had been let down to hide it not doing its office."

"Your picture may be very exact, Louisa," said Bingley; "but this was all lost upon me. I thought Miss Elizabeth Bennet looked remarkably well when she came into the room this morning. Her dirty petticoat quite escaped my notice."

"*You* observed it, Mr. Darcy, I am sure," said Miss Bingley; "and I am inclined to think that you would not wish to see *your* sister make such an exhibition."

"Certainly not."

"To walk three **miles**, or four miles, or five miles, or whatever it is, above her ankles in dirt, and alone, quite alone! What could she mean by it? It seems to me to show an **abominable** sort of conceited independence, a most country-town indifference to decorum."

"It shows an affection for her sister that is very pleasing," said Bingley.

"I am afraid, Mr. Darcy," observed Miss Bingley in a half whisper, "that this adventure has rather affected your admiration of her fine eyes."

"Not at all," he replied; "they were brightened by the exercise." A short pause followed this speech, and Mrs. Hurst began again:

"I have a excessive regard for Miss Jane Bennet, she is really a very sweet girl, and I wish with all my heart she were well settled. But with such a father and mother, and such low connections, I am afraid there is no chance of it."

Thesaurus

abominable: (adj, v) odious, foul; (adj) abhorrent, detestable, dreadful, awful, execrable, terrible, loathsome, cursed, wicked. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, lovable, admirable, alluring, appealing, commendable, laudable, delightful, desirable, enjoyable, likable.

countenance: (n) aspect, expression, brow, complexion; (n, v) face, sanction, support, favor; (v) allow, tolerate, uphold. ANTONYMS: (v)

reject, oppose, discourage, disapprove, prohibit.

gown: (n) robe, clothing, cassock, vestment, wrapper, overclothes, outerwear, uniform, tunic, clothes; (v) clothe.

impertinence: (n) audacity, gall, impudence, insolence, disrespect, effrontery, brass, boldness, impertinency, sauciness, freshness. ANTONYMS: (n) politeness, seriousness, reticence.

miles: (adj) far.

nonsensical: (adj) meaningless, absurd, ludicrous, irrational, foolish, pointless, ridiculous, silly, preposterous, farcical, insensate. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, worthwhile.

petticoat: (adj, n) female; (n) underskirt, skirt, she, woman, her, crinoline, wife, undergarment, apron; (adj) petty.

scampering: (n) running.

"I think I have heard you say that their uncle is an **attorney** on Meryton."

"Yes; and they have another, who lives somewhere near Cheapside."

"That is capital," added her sister, and they both laughed heartily.

"If they had uncles enough to fill *all* Cheapside," cried Bingley, "it would not make them one jot less agreeable."

"But it must very **materially lessen** their chance of marrying men of any consideration in the world," replied Darcy.

To this speech Bingley made no answer; but his sisters gave it their hearty assent, and **indulged** their **mirth** for some time at the expense of their dear friend's **vulgar** relations.

With a renewal of **tenderness**, however, they returned to her room on leaving the dining-parlour, and sat with her till summoned to coffee. She was still very poorly, and Elizabeth would not quit her at all, till late in the evening, when she had the comfort of seeing her sleep, and when it seemed to her rather right than pleasant that she should go downstairs herself. On entering the drawing-room she found the whole party at *loo*, and was immediately invited to join them; but suspecting them to be playing high she declined it, and making her sister the excuse, said she would amuse herself for the short time she could stay below, with a book. Mr. Hurst looked at her with astonishment.

"Do you prefer reading to cards?" said he; "that is rather singular."

"Miss Eliza Bennet," said Miss Bingley, "despises cards. She is a great reader, and has no pleasure in anything else."

"I deserve neither such praise nor such censure," cried Elizabeth; "I am *not* a great reader, and I have pleasure in many things."

"In nursing your sister I am sure you have pleasure," said Bingley; "and I hope it will be soon increased by seeing her quite well."

Elizabeth thanked him from her heart, and then walked towards the table where a few books were lying. He immediately offered to fetch her others--all that his library afforded.

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attorney: (*n*) advocate, counsel, counselor, agent, legal representative, barrister, counsellor, solicitor, factor, prosecutor, ambulance chaser.

indulged: (*adj*) pet, privileged, cherished, admired.

lessen: (*v*) decrease, abate, fall, decline, dwindle, assuage, allay, alleviate; (*adj*, *v*) abridge, curtail, contract. ANTONYMS: (*v*) increase, exacerbate, intensify, raise, grow, aggravate, accelerate, bolster,

worsen, strengthen, rise.

materially: (*adv*) physically, substantially, corporeally, significantly, really, essentially, corporally, vitally, solidly, momentously, fundamentally.

mirth: (*adj*, *n*) merriment, jollity; (*n*) amusement, happiness, delight, joy, hilarity, cheerfulness, festivity, gladness, exhilaration. ANTONYMS: (*n*) gloom, sadness, misery.

tenderness: (*n*) fondness, soreness,

love, affection, sympathy; (*adj*, *n*) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment.

vulgar: (*adj*) rude, coarse, plebeian, nasty, common, foul, indecent, gross, unrefined; (*adj*, *n*) low, vile. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) refined, sophisticated, tasteful, polite, aesthetic, muted, fashionable, decent, artistic, pleasant, clean.

"And I wish my collection were larger for your benefit and my own credit; but I am an **idle** fellow, and though I have not many, I have more than I ever looked into."

Elizabeth assured him that she could suit herself perfectly with those in the room.

"I am astonished," said Miss Bingley, "that my father should have left so small a collection of books. What a **delightful** library you have at Pemberley, Mr. Darcy!"

"It ought to be good," he replied, "it has been the work of many generations."

"And then you have added so much to it yourself, you are always buying books."

"I cannot **comprehend** the **neglect** of a family library in such days as these."

"Neglect! I am sure you neglect nothing that can add to the beauties of that noble place. Charles, when you build *your* house, I wish it may be half as delightful as Pemberley."

"I wish it may."

"But I would really advise you to make your purchase in that neighbourhood, and take Pemberley for a kind of model. There is not a **finer** county in England than Derbyshire."

"With all my heart; I will buy Pemberley itself if Darcy will sell it."

"I am talking of possibilities, Charles."

"Upon my word, Caroline, I should think it more possible to get Pemberley by purchase than by imitation."

Elizabeth was so much caught with what passed, as to leave her very little attention for her book; and soon **laying** it wholly aside, she drew near the card-table, and stationed herself between Mr. Bingley and his eldest sister, to observe the game.

"Is Miss Darcy much grown since the spring?" said Miss Bingley; "will she be as tall as I am?"

Thesaurus

comprehend: (v) grasp, catch, see, comprise, appreciate, feel, sense, apperceive, read; (adj, v) understand; (n, v) embrace. ANTONYMS: (v) mistake, misapprehend, exclude, misunderstand, misconceive.
delightful: (adj) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing,

horrible, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying.
finer: (adj) superior, advanced, bigger, higher, more, greater.
idle: (adj) lazy, indolent, inactive, free, unfounded, fruitless, baseless, groundless, frivolous, empty, disengaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, employed, industrious, energetic, meaningful, productive, worthwhile, diligent; (v) change, run, work.

laying: (n) egg laying, placing, parturition, place, repose, setting, put, position, lay, oyster park, oviposition.
neglect: (n, v) disregard, slight, default; (v) ignore, fail, overlook, miss, forget, drop; (n) carelessness, omission. ANTONYMS: (n) development, surveillance, caution, affection, cherish; (v) do, protect, complete, remember, heed; (n, v) care.

"I think she will. She is now about Miss Elizabeth Bennet's height, or rather taller."

"How I long to see her again! I never met with anybody who delighted me so much. Such a countenance, such manners! And so extremely accomplished for her age! Her performance on the **pianoforte** is exquisite."

"It is amazing to me," said Bingley, "how young ladies can have patience to be so very accomplished as they all are."

"All young ladies accomplished! My dear Charles, what do you mean?"

"Yes, all of them, I think. They all paint tables, cover screens, and net **purses**. I scarcely know anyone who cannot do all this, and I am sure I never heard a young lady spoken of for the first time, without being informed that she was very accomplished."

"Your list of the common extent of accomplishments," said Darcy, "has too much truth. The word is applied to many a woman who deserves it no otherwise than by **netting** a purse or covering a screen. But I am very far from **agreeing** with you in your **estimation** of ladies in general. I cannot **boast** of knowing more than half-a-dozen, in the whole range of my acquaintance, that are really accomplished."

"Nor I, I am sure," said Miss Bingley.

"Then," observed Elizabeth, "you must comprehend a great deal in your idea of an accomplished woman."

"Yes, I do comprehend a great deal in it."

"Oh! certainly," cried his faithful assistant, "no one can be really **esteemed** accomplished who does not greatly **surpass** what is usually met with. A woman must have a thorough knowledge of music, singing, drawing, dancing, and the modern languages, to deserve the word; and besides all this, she must possess a certain something in her air and manner of walking, the tone of her voice, her address and expressions, or the word will be but half-deserved."

Thesaurus

agreeing: (adj) concurring, concordant, assentient, accordant, suitable, harmonious, in accord, in agreement; (n) assenting; (v) agree, accept. ANTONYM: (adj) conflicting.

boast: (v) bluster, brag, blow, crow, gasconade, show off, rodomontade, exult; (n, v) vaunt, pride; (n) arrogance. ANTONYMS: (n) depreciation; (v) downplay, lack.

esteemed: (adj) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored,

prestigious, important, distinguished, August, respect. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable.

estimation: (n) deference, assessment, calculation, approximation, appraisal, attention; (n, v) esteem, consideration, regard, reputation, credit. ANTONYMS: (n) calculation, disbelief, doubt.

netting: (n) mesh, gauze, network, web, lattice, cheesecloth, meshwork, plexus, grid, lace; (v) tissue.

pianoforte: (n) grand piano, pianissimo, percussive instrument, mechanical piano, percussion instrument.

purse: (n) bag, pouch, money, handbag, sac, currency, pocketbook, pelf; (v) wrinkle, pucker, crease. **surpass:** (v) beat, outdo, exceed, surmount, better, excel, outstrip, overcome, overrun, best, go beyond. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, follow, trail.

"All this she must possess," added Darcy, "and to all this she must yet add something more substantial, in the improvement of her mind by extensive reading."

"I am no longer surprised at your knowing *only* six accomplished women. I rather wonder now at your knowing *any*."

"Are you so severe upon your own sex as to doubt the possibility of all this?"

"I never saw such a woman. I never saw such capacity, and taste, and application, and elegance, as you describe united."

Mrs. Hurst and Miss Bingley both cried out against the injustice of her implied doubt, and were both **protesting** that they knew many women who answered this description, when Mr. Hurst called them to order, with bitter complaints of their **inattention** to what was going forward. As all conversation was thereby at an end, Elizabeth soon afterwards left the room.

"Elizabeth Bennet," said Miss Bingley, when the door was closed on her, "is one of those young ladies who seek to recommend themselves to the other sex by **undervaluing** their own; and with many men, I dare say, it succeeds. But, in my opinion, it is a **paltry** device, a very mean art."

"Undoubtedly," replied Darcy, to whom this remark was chiefly addressed, "there is a **meanness** in *all* the arts which ladies sometimes **descend** to employ for **captivation**. Whatever **bears** affinity to cunning is despicable."

Miss Bingley was not so entirely satisfied with this reply as to continue the subject.

Elizabeth joined them again only to say that her sister was worse, and that she could not leave her. Bingley urged Mr. Jones being sent for immediately; while his sisters, convinced that no country advice could be of any service, recommended an express to town for one of the most eminent physicians. This she would not hear of; but she was not so unwilling to comply with their brother's proposal; and it was settled that Mr. Jones should be sent for early in the morning, if Miss Bennet were not decidedly better. Bingley was quite uncomfortable; his sisters declared that they were miserable. They solaced their

Thesaurus

bears: (*n*) fissiped, badgers, Carnivora, order Carnivora.

captivation: (*n*) trance, enchantment, enthrallment, attraction, liking, bewitchment, absorption, interest, conquest; (*adj*) adorable.

descend: (*adj, v*) deign, vouchsafe; (*v*) stoop, patronize, patronise, descend, lower, interact, decline, bow, agree.

inattention: (*n*) neglect, heedlessness, carelessness, forgetfulness,

negligence, inobservance, inadvertence, indifference, oversight, slight, distraction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) attention, notice, caution, concentration.

meanness: (*n*) parsimony, closeness, pettiness, avarice, selfishness, baseness, stinginess, niggardliness, miserliness, nastiness; (*adj, n*) degeneracy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) generosity, extravagance, decency. **paltry:** (*adj, n*) mean; (*adj*)

contemptible, measly, trifling, abject, insignificant, inconsiderable, puny, little, trivial, low. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) generous, substantial, plentiful, enormous, important, profound.

protesting: (*adj*) disinclined, opposed; (*n*) clamor.

undervaluing: (*n*) contempt, neglect, mistake, misapprehension, misconception; (*adj*) expressing depreciation, deprecative, depreciatory.

wretchedness, however, by duets after supper, while he could find no better relief to his feelings than by giving his housekeeper directions that every attention might be paid to the sick lady and her sister.

Thesaurus

directions: (*n*) advice, instruction, guidance, instructions, briefing, commands, orders, will.

feelings: (*n*) emotions, opinion, bosom, emotion, thought, reputation, honor, feeling, sentiments, thoughts, manner.

housekeeper: (*n*) factotum, mistress, shepherd, householder, housewife, domestic, cleaning woman, croupier, domestic help, seneschal, house servant.

lady: (*n*) gentlewoman, Mrs, duchess, countess, spouse, madam, ma'am, milady, matron, woman; (*v*) squaw. ANTONYM: (*n*) Lord.

relief: (*n, v*) help, ease, aid, relaxation, assistance, solace; (*n*) consolation, release, respite, abatement, rest. ANTONYMS: (*n*) capture, discomfort, worry, aggravation, grief, hindrance, intensification, distress.

sick: (*adj*) ill, queasy, poorly, ailing, weary, diseased, sickly, morbid; (*adj*, *v*) indisposed, unwell; (*adj, n*) invalid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, fond, wholesome.

supper: (*n*) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (*v*) dejeuner, bever, whet.

wretchedness: (*n*) unhappiness, grief, distress, desolation, woe, sorrow, anguish, infelicity, tribulation, affliction, misfortune.

CHAPTER 9

Elizabeth passed the chief of the night in her sister's room, and in the morning had the pleasure of being able to send a tolerable answer to the **inquiries** which she very early received from Mr. Bingley by a **housemaid**, and some time afterwards from the two elegant ladies who waited on his sisters. In spite of this **amendment**, however, she requested to have a note sent to Longbourn, **desiring** her mother to visit Jane, and form her own judgement of her situation. The note was immediately dispatched, and its contents as quickly complied with. Mrs. Bennet, accompanied by her two youngest girls, reached Netherfield soon after the family breakfast.

Had she found Jane in any apparent danger, Mrs. Bennet would have been very miserable; but being satisfied on seeing her that her illness was not **alarming**, she had no wish of her **recovering** immediately, as her restoration to health would probably remove her from Netherfield. She would not listen, therefore, to her daughter's proposal of being **carried** home; neither did the apothecary, who arrived about the same time, think it at all **advisable**. After sitting a little while with Jane, on Miss Bingley's appearance and invitation, the mother and three daughter all attended her into the breakfast **parlour**. Bingley met them with hopes that Mrs. Bennet had not found Miss Bennet worse than she expected.

Thesaurus

advisable: (*adj*) eligible, desirable, advantageous, suitable, sound, prudent, acceptable, sensible, fitting, convenient, appropriate.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inappropriate, unwise, imprudent, improper, worthless.

alarming: (*adj*) scary, alarm, awful, formidable, shocking, appalling, awesome, dire, horrid, horrible, dreadful. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) soothing, lovely, normal.

amendment: (*n*) alteration, betterment, redress, improvement, revision, addition, supplement, addendum, appendix, transformation, adjustment.

carried: (*adj*) conveyed, imported.

desiring: (*adj*) envious, insatiable, desirous, eager; (*adv*) fleshly.

housemaid: (*n*) amah, maid, handmaiden, handmaid, maidservant, cleaning woman, girl, ayah, charwoman, biddy, maiden.

inquiries: (*n*) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration.

parlour: (*n*) living room, parlor, sitting room, front room, livingroom, room to meet guests, parlours, parlors, salon, reception room, room.

recovering: (*v*) recover, regain, restore; (*adj*) better; (*n*) rehabilitation, recovery, rescue, relaxation; (*adv*) getting better, on the road to recovery, improving.

"Indeed I have, sir," was her answer. "She is a great deal too ill to be moved. Mr. Jones says we must not think of moving her. We must **trespass** a little longer on your kindness."

"Removed!" cried Bingley. "It must not be thought of. My sister, I am sure, will not hear of her removal."

"You may depend upon it, Madam," said Miss Bingley, with cold **civility**, "that Miss Bennet will receive every possible attention while she remains with us."

Mrs. Bennet was **profuse** in her acknowledgments.

"I am sure," she added, "if it was not for such good friends I do not know what would become of her, for she is very ill indeed, and suffers a vast deal, though with the greatest patience in the world, which is always the way with her, for she has, without exception, the sweetest temper I have ever met with. I often tell my other girls they are nothing to *her*. You have a sweet room here, Mr. Bingley, and a charming prospect over the **gravel** walk. I do not know a place in the country that is equal to Netherfield. You will not think of quitting it in a hurry, I hope, though you have but a short lease."

"Whatever I do is done in a hurry," replied he; "and therefore if I should resolve to quit Netherfield, I should probably be off in five minutes. At present, however, I consider myself as quite fixed here."

"That is exactly what I should have supposed of you," said Elizabeth.

"You begin to comprehend me, do you?" cried he, turning towards her.

"Oh! yes--I understand you perfectly."

"I wish I might take this for a **compliment**; but to be so easily seen through I am afraid is pitiful."

"That is as it happens. It does not follow that a deep, intricate character is more or less **estimable** than such a one as yours."

"Lizzy," cried her mother, "remember where you are, and do not run on in the wild manner that you are suffered to do at home."

Thesaurus

civility: (*n*) politeness, courtesy,

comity, attention, propriety,

affability, amenity, cultivation,

complaisance, courteousness,

civilization. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

rudeness, incivility, coarseness.

compliment: (*n, v*) praise, honor; (*v*)

laud, flattery, applaud, greet,

adulation, congratulate, belaud; (*n*)

eulogy, tribute. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

criticism, reproach, disparagement;

(*n, v*) slander, libel; (*v*) criticize,

denounce, disparage, denigrate, complain, belittle.

estimable: (*adj*) creditable, reputable,

valuable, admirable, respectable,

computable, honorable, good; (*adj, n*)

worthy, meritorious, deserving.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dishonorable,

disliked, disregarded, disreputable,

disrespected, scorned, contemptible,

lamentable, unimpressive.

gravel: (*adj, v*) nonplus, bother; (*v*)

bedevil, rag, chevy, flumox,

bewilder, puzzle; (*adj*) grating; (*adj, n*)

dirt; (*n*) grit.

profuse: (*adj, n*) generous, liberal; (*adj*)

plentiful, ample, copious, lavish,

bounteous, exuberant, excessive, full,

prodigal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sparse,

meager, thin, scanty, restrained,

unhealthy, small.

trespass: (*adj, v*) offend; (*n, v*) sin,

breach; (*n*) offense, invasion,

infringement, encroachment; (*v*)

encroach, infringe, intrude, invade.

"I did not know before," continued Bingley immediately, "that your were a studier of character. It must be an **amusing** study."

"Yes, but **intricate** characters are the *most* amusing. They have at least that advantage."

"The country," said Darcy, "can in general supply but a few subjects for such a study. In a country neighbourhood you move in a very confined and **unvarying** society."

"But people themselves alter so much, that there is something new to be observed in them for ever."

"Yes, indeed," cried Mrs. Bennet, **offended** by his manner of mentioning a country neighbourhood. "I assure you there is quite as much of *that* going on in the country as in town."

Everybody was surprised, and Darcy, after looking at her for a moment, turned **silently** away. Mrs. Bennet, who fancied she had **gained** a complete victory over him, continued her triumph.

"I cannot see that London has any great advantage over the country, for my part, except the shops and public places. The country is a vast deal pleasanter, is it not, Mr. Bingley?"

"When I am in the country," he replied, "I never wish to leave it; and when I am in town it is pretty much the same. They have each their advantages, and I can be equally happy in either."

"Aye--that is because you have the right disposition. But that gentleman," looking at Darcy, "seemed to think the country was nothing at all."

"Indeed, Mamma, you are mistaken," said Elizabeth, **blushing** for her mother. "You quite mistook Mr. Darcy. He only meant that there was not such a variety of people to be met with in the country as in the town, which you must acknowledge to be true."

Thesaurus

amusing: (*adj*) humorous, fun, pleasant, entertaining, risible, comical, diverting, enjoyable, laughable, agreeable, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tragic, boring, unpleasant, unfunny, tiring, grim, depressing, sad, annoying, heavy, serious.

blushing: (*adj*) rosy, coy, blushful, flushed, red, shy, bashful, overmodest, ruddy; (*adv*) blushingly, abash. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pale.

gained: (*adj*) extrinsic.
intricate: (*adj, n*) complicated; (*adj*) difficult, knotty, hard, tricky, convoluted, tortuous, inextricable, elaborate, obscure; (*adj, v*) involved. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) simple, easy, plain.
offended: (*adj*) angry, affronted, aggrieved, pained, wronged, annoyed, insulted, shocked, vexed, resentful, injured. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, proud, unconcerned.

silently: (*adv*) mutely, stilly, quietly, noiselessly, soundlessly, taciturnly, wordlessly, secretly, speechlessly, placidly, tacitly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loudly, audibly, openly, brazenly.
unvarying: (*adj*) unchanging, invariable, constant, steady, uniform, invariant, changeless, consistent, unvaried, unchanged, equal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irregular, multiform, varied, dynamic, erratic, unequal.

"Certainly, my dear, nobody said there were; but as to not meeting with many people in this neighbourhood, I believe there are few **neighbourhoods** larger. I know we dine with four-and-twenty families."

Nothing but concern for Elizabeth could enable Bingley to keep his countenance. His sister was less delicate, and directed her eyes towards Mr. Darcy with a very **expressive** smile. Elizabeth, for the sake of saying something that might turn her mother's thoughts, now asked her if Charlotte Lucas had been at Longbourn since *her* coming away.

"Yes, she called yesterday with her father. What an agreeable man Sir William is, Mr. Bingley, is not he? So much the man of fashion! So **genteel** and easy! He had always something to say to everybody. *That* is my idea of good **breeding**; and those persons who fancy themselves very important, and never open their mouths, quite mistake the matter."

"Did Charlotte dine with you?"

"No, she would go home. I fancy she was wanted about the mince-pies. For my part, Mr. Bingley, I always keep **servants** that can do their own work; *my* daughters are brought up very **differently**. But everybody is to judge for themselves, and the Lucases are a very good sort of girls, I assure you. It is a pity they are not handsome! Not that I think Charlotte so *very* plain--but then she is our particular friend."

"She seems a very pleasant young woman."

"Oh! dear, yes; but you must own she is very plain. Lady Lucas herself has often said so, and envied me Jane's beauty. I do not like to boast of my own child, but to be sure, Jane--one does not often see anybody better looking. It is what everybody says. I do not trust my own **partiality**. When she was only fifteen, there was a man at my brother Gardiner's in town so much in love with her that my **sister-in-law** was sure he would make her an offer before we came away. But, however, he did not. Perhaps he thought her too young. However, he wrote some verses on her, and very pretty they were."

Thesaurus

breeding: (*n*) education, upbringing, nurture, manners, reproduction, generation, propagation, culture, fostering, cultivation, multiplication.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) unsophistication, vulgarity.

differently: (*adv*) variously, otherwise, divergently, dissimilarly, disparately, distinctly, unlikely, contrarily, individually, unusually, oppositely.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) alike, correspondingly.

expressive: (*adj*) significant, meaningful, descriptive, mobile, revelatory, indicative, articulate, graphic, emphatic, suggestive, vivid.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unemotional, undemonstrative, nondescript, cold, expressionless, empty, emotionless, inarticulate, innocent, impassive, reserved.

genteel: (*adj*) elegant, polite, cultured, refined, graceful, courtly, courteous, fashionable, nice, civil, ladylike.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncouth, improper, vulgar.

neighbourhoods: (*n*) neighbourhood.

partiality: (*n*) favor, fondness, leaning, fancy, favour, predilection, liking, prejudice, favoritism, bias, affection.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) impartiality, fairness, indifference, horror, antipathy.

servants: (*n*) staff, suite.

sister-in-law: (*n*) the wife of one's elder brother.

"And so ended his affection," said Elizabeth impatiently. "There has been many a one, I fancy, overcome in the same way. I wonder who first discovered the efficacy of poetry in driving away love!"

"I have been used to consider poetry as the *food* of love," said Darcy.

"Of a fine, stout, healthy love it may. Everything nourishes what is strong already. But if it be only a slight, thin sort of inclination, I am convinced that one good **sonnet** will starve it entirely away."

Darcy only smiled; and the general pause which ensued made Elizabeth **tremble** lest her mother should be exposing herself again. She longed to speak, but could think of nothing to say; and after a short silence Mrs. Bennet began repeating her thanks to Mr. Bingley for his kindness to Jane, with an apology for **troubling** him also with Lizzy. Mr. Bingley was **unaffectedly** civil in his answer, and forced his younger sister to be civil also, and say what the occasion required. She performed her part indeed without much **graciousness**, but Mrs. Bennet was satisfied, and soon afterwards ordered her carriage. Upon this signal, the youngest of her daughters put herself forward. The two girls had been whispering to each other during the whole visit, and the result of it was, that the youngest should tax Mr. Bingley with having promised on his first coming into the country to give a ball at Netherfield.

Lydia was a stout, well-grown girl of fifteen, with a fine complexion and good-humoured countenance; a favourite with her mother, whose affection had brought her into public at an early age. She had high animal spirits, and a sort of natural self-consequence, which the attention of the officers, to whom her uncle's good dinners, and her own easy manners recommended her, had increased into assurance. She was very equal, therefore, to address Mr. Bingley on the subject of the ball, and abruptly reminded him of his promise; adding, that it would be the most **shameful** thing in the world if he did not keep it. His answer to this sudden attack was delightful to their mother's ear:

"I am perfectly ready, I assure you, to keep my engagement; and when your sister is recovered, you shall, if you please, name the very day of the ball. But you would not wish to be dancing when she is ill."

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graciousness: (*n*) benignity, goodness, kindness, gentleness, good manners, blandness, benignancy, gallantry, civility, grace, benevolence.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) ungraciousness, impoliteness, malignity, unkindness, cruelty, incivility.

shameful: (*adj*) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking, ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (*adj, v*) foul, base, gross, black. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) honorable,

noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent.

sonnet: (*n*) ode, verse, poem, elegy, canzonet, eclogue, lay, Anacreontic, poesy, quatorzain; (*v*) poetize.

tremble: (*adj, n, v*) shiver; (*n, v*) quiver, shudder, thrill, palpitate; (*adj, v*) totter, quake; (*n*) throb; (*v*) flutter, quail, falter. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) steady, calm.

troubling: (*adj*) worrying, disquieting, distressing, distressful, disconcerting, alarming, perturbing, bad, annoying, sad, worrisome. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) reassuring.

unaffectedly: (*adv*) artlessly, untouchedly, sincerely, genuinely, unsophisticatedly, impassively, naively, spontaneously, unfeignedly, plainly, simply. **ANTONYM:** (*adv*) pretentiously.

Lydia declared herself satisfied. "Oh! yes--it would be much better to wait till Jane was well, and by that time most likely Captain Carter would be at Meryton again. And when you have given *your* ball," she added, "I shall insist on their giving one also. I shall tell Colonel Forster it will be quite a **shame** if he does not."

Mrs. Bennet and her daughters then **departed**, and Elizabeth returned **instantly** to Jane, leaving her own and her relations' behaviour to the **remarks** of the two ladies and Mr. Darcy; the latter of whom, however, could not be prevailed on to join in their **censure** of *her*, in spite of all Miss Bingley's **witticisms** on *fine eyes*.

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censure: (*n, v*) accuse, reprimand, reproach, attack, animadversion, abuse; (*n*) accusation, condemnation; (*v*) carp, condemn, berate.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) approve, commend, allow, endorse, laud, permit, sanction; (*n*) approval, blessing, commendation; (*n, v*) compliment.
departed: (*adj*) dead, bygone, late, former, bypast, defunct, past, left; (*adj, v*) gone, extinct; (*n*) deceased.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) remaining, alive.
insist: (*v*) affirm, assert, contend, demand, claim, asseverate, declare, maintain, urge, importune, press.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) request, deny.
instantly: (*adv, n*) directly; (*adj, adv*) immediately, at once; (*adv*) instantaneously, promptly, forthwith, now, readily, quickly, momentily, momentarily. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) later, slowly, gradually.
remarks: (*n*) commentary,

explanation.
shall: (*n*) must, necessity; (*v*) require, bequeath, leave.
shame: (*n, v*) disgrace, dishonor, discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (*n*) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (*v*) abash.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (*v*) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignify.
witticisms: (*n*) facetiae.

CHAPTER 10

The day passed much as the day before had done. Mrs. Hurst and Miss Bingley had spent some hours of the morning with the invalid, who continued, though slowly, to **mend**; and in the evening Elizabeth joined their party in the drawing-room. The loo-table, however, did not appear. Mr. Darcy was writing, and Miss Bingley, **seated** near him, was watching the progress of his letter and repeatedly calling off his attention by messages to his sister. Mr. Hurst and Mr. Bingley were at **pique**, and Mrs. Hurst was observing their game.

Elizabeth took up some **needlework**, and was sufficiently amused in attending to what passed between Darcy and his companion. The perpetual commendations of the lady, either on his **handwriting**, or on the **evenness** of his lines, or on the length of his letter, with the perfect **unconcern** with which her praises were received, formed a curious dialogue, and was exactly in union with her opinion of each.

“How delighted Miss Darcy will be to receive such a letter!”

He made no answer.

“You write uncommonly fast.”

“You are mistaken. I write rather slowly.”

“How many letters you must have occasion to write in the course of a year! Letters of business, too! How **odious** I should think them!”

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evenness: (*n*) monotony, balance, equilibrium, regularity, equivalence, uniformity, consistency, level, composure, steadiness, flatness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) inconsistency, asymmetry, variety.

handwriting: (*n*) calligraphy, writing, fist, script, permanence, longhand, chirography, cursive, cacography, book, ability.

mend: (*adj, v*) improve; (*v*) correct, cure, heal, doctor, better, amend,

restore, convalesce; (*n, v*) fix, patch. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) worsen, tear, smash, decline, deteriorate; (*n*) fracture.

needlework: (*n*) stitchery, sewing, needlecraft, stitching, knitwork, crochet, crocheting, knit, knitting, fancywork, creation.

odious: (*adj, v*) hateful, obnoxious; (*adj*) detestable, hideous, nasty, execrable, disgusting, abhorrent, abominable, heinous, forbidding.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasant, delightful, agreeable, lovable, nice.

pique: (*v*) garrison; (*n*) rank, pique, cards, card game.

seated: (*adj*) sat, sedentary.

unconcern: (*n*) apathy, nonchalance, insouciance, coldness, detachment, impassiveness, insensibility, disregard, phlegm, carelessness, lethargy. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) responsiveness, worry, anxiety, interest.

"It is fortunate, then, that they fall to my lot instead of yours."

"Pray tell your sister that I long to see her."

"I have already told her so once, by your desire."

"I am afraid you do not like your pen. Let me mend it for you. I mend pens remarkably well."

"Thank you--but I always mend my own."

"How can you **contrive** to write so even?"

He was silent.

"Tell your sister I am delighted to hear of her improvement on the **harp**; and pray let her know that I am quite in raptures with her beautiful little design for a table, and I think it infinitely superior to Miss Grantley's."

"Will you give me leave to **defer** your raptures till I write again? At present I have not room to do them justice."

"Oh! it is of no consequence. I shall see her in January. But do you always write such charming long letters to her, Mr. Darcy?"

"They are generally long; but whether always charming it is not for me to determine."

"It is a rule with me, that a person who can write a long letter with ease, cannot write ill."

"That will not do for a compliment to Darcy, Caroline," cried her brother, "because he does *not* write with ease. He studies too much for words of four syllables. Do not you, Darcy?"

"My style of writing is very different from yours."

"Oh!" cried Miss Bingley, "Charles writes in the most careless way **imaginable**. He leaves out half his words, and blots the rest."

"My ideas flow so rapidly that I have not time to express them--by which means my letters sometimes convey no ideas at all to my correspondents."

"Your **humility**, Mr. Bingley," said Elizabeth, "must **disarm** reproof."

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contrive: (v) plan, invent, design, concoct, devise, cast, concert, excogitate, frame, formulate; (*n, v*) manage. ANTONYMS: (v) demolish, destroy, ruin, waste, wreck, fail. **defer:** (v) adjourn, postpone, comply, procrastinate, bow, suspend, retard, accede, protract; (*adj, v*) put off; (*n, v*) delay. ANTONYMS: (v) advance, rush, hurry, hasten, forge, disagree, expedite, continue, resist. **disarm:** (v) disable, demilitarize,

demilitarise, convince, divest; (*adj, v*) invalidate, disqualify; (*adj, n*) propitiate; (*adj*) conciliate, tie the hands, unfit. ANTONYMS: (v) fortify, dissuade, discourage, annoy. **harp:** (*n*) lyre, harmonica, harper, lute, mouth harp; (*v*) dwell, ingeminate, iterate, restate, reiterate, retell. **humility:** (*n*) diffidence, modesty, submission, shyness, meekness, lowliness, timidity, trait, humiliation, resignation; (*adj*) veneration.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) haughtiness, affectation, conceit, arrogance. **imaginable:** (*adj*) conceivable, possible, thinkable, plausible, earthly, believable, credible, feasible, immediate, likely, near. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimaginable, implausible. **pray:** (*v*) beg, implore, entreat, crave, invite, plead, beseech, appeal, importune, adjure, invoke. ANTONYM: (*v*) reject.

"Nothing is more deceitful," said Darcy, "than the appearance of humility. It is often only carelessness of opinion, and sometimes an indirect boast."

"And which of the two do you call *my* little recent piece of modesty?"

"The indirect boast; for you are really proud of your defects in writing, because you consider them as proceeding from a **rapidity** of thought and carelessness of execution, which, if not estimable, you think at least highly interesting. The power of doing anything with quickness is always prized much by the **possessor**, and often without any attention to the **imperfection** of the performance. When you told Mrs. Bennet this morning that if you ever resolved upon quitting Netherfield you should be gone in five minutes, you meant it to be a sort of **panegyric**, of compliment to yourself--and yet what is there so very **laudable** in a **precipitance** which must leave very necessary business undone, and can be of no real advantage to yourself or anyone else?"

"Nay," cried Bingley, "this is too much, to remember at night all the foolish things that were said in the morning. And yet, upon my honour, I believe what I said of myself to be true, and I believe it at this moment. At least, therefore, I did not assume the character of needless precipitance merely to show off before the ladies."

"I dare say you believed it; but I am by no means convinced that you would be gone with such **celerity**. Your conduct would be quite as dependent on chance as that of any man I know; and if, as you were mounting your horse, a friend were to say, 'Bingley, you had better stay till next week,' you would probably do it, you would probably not go--and at another word, might stay a month."

"You have only proved by this," cried Elizabeth, "that Mr. Bingley did not do justice to his own disposition. You have shown him off now much more than he did himself."

"I am exceedingly gratified," said Bingley, "by your **converting** what my friend says into a compliment on the sweetness of my temper. But I am afraid you are giving it a turn which that gentleman did by no means intend; for he

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celerity: (*n*) rapidity, speed, dispatch, velocity, swiftness, quickness, expedition, fleetness, alacrity, pace, promptness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) leisureliness, sluggishness.

converting: (*n*) conversion, converting operation.

imperfection: (*adj, n*) frailty; (*n*) fault, blemish, defect, deficiency, flaw, weakness, disadvantage, vice, foible, shortcoming. ANTONYMS: (*n*) perfection, strength.

laudable: (*adj*) commendable, creditable, admirable, praiseworthy, worthy, deserving, good, honorable, meritorious, applaudable, estimable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shameful, regrettable, unimpressive, lamentable, poor, despicable.

panegyric: (*n, v*) encomium, praise, commendation, applause; (*adj, n*) encomiastic; (*v*) laud, laudation; (*adj*) panegyrical; (*n*) kudos, paean, eloge. **possessor:** (*n*) owner, holder,

proprietor, householder, occupant, landowner, landholder, proprietary, somebody, someone, soul.

precipitance: (*n*) haste, hurriedness, rush, precipitancy, hastiness, abruptness, dispatch, expedition, speed, swiftness, gruffness.

rapidity: (*n*) expedition, quickness, promptness, dispatch, celerity, haste, velocity, pace, fleetness, promptitude, speed. ANTONYM: (*n*) tardiness.

would certainly think better of me, if under such a circumstance I were to give a flat denial, and ride off as fast as I could."

"Would Mr. Darcy then consider the **rashness** of your original intentions as atoned for by your **obstinacy** in **adhering** to it?"

"Upon my word, I cannot exactly explain the matter; Darcy must speak for himself."

"You expect me to account for opinions which you choose to call mine, but which I have never acknowledged. Allowing the case, however, to stand **according** to your representation, you must remember, Miss Bennet, that the friend who is supposed to desire his return to the house, and the delay of his plan, has merely desired it, asked it without offering one argument in favour of its propriety."

"To yield readily--easily--to the *persuasion* of a friend is no merit with you."

"To yield without conviction is no compliment to the understanding of either."

"You appear to me, Mr. Darcy, to allow nothing for the influence of friendship and affection. A regard for the **requester** would often make one readily yield to a request, without waiting for arguments to reason one into it. I am not particularly speaking of such a case as you have supposed about Mr. Bingley. We may as well wait, perhaps, till the circumstance occurs before we discuss the discretion of his behaviour **thereupon**. But in general and ordinary cases between friend and friend, where one of them is desired by the other to change a resolution of no very great moment, should you think ill of that person for **complying** with the desire, without waiting to be argued into it?"

"Will it not be advisable, before we proceed on this subject, to arrange with rather more precision the degree of importance which is to **appertain** to this request, as well as the degree of intimacy **subsisting** between the parties?"

"By all means," cried Bingley; "let us hear all the particulars, not forgetting their comparative height and size; for that will have more weight in the argument, Miss Bennet, than you may be aware of. I assure you, that if Darcy

according: (*adj*) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (*adv*) correspondingly, accordingly.
adhering: (*adj, v*) adhesive; (*n*) adherence; (*adj*) partisan; (*prep*) on; (*v*) cohesive.
appertain: (*v*) belong, relate, apply, dwell, lie, consist, regard, touch, refer, concern.
complying: (*adj*) compliant,

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submissive, consenting, complaisant, assentive; (*adj, v*) tractable; (*v*) willing, commodious, chosen, causing ease; (*n*) agreement.
obstinacy: (*n*) stubbornness, firmness, bullheadedness, determination, contumacy, mulishness, impenitence, resolve, resoluteness, impenitency, pertinacity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cooperation, compliance.
rashness: (*n*) temerity, precipitation, recklessness, hastiness, imprudence,

heedlessness, folly, precipitancy, indiscretion, carelessness, adventurism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) caution, consideration, deliberation, patience, discretion, carefulness, forethought.
requester: (*n*) supplicant.
subsisting: (*adj*) extant, living.
thereupon: (*adv*) hereupon, next, then, immediately, therefore, therewith, in the sequel, close upon, upon which, whereupon, accordingly.

were not such a great tall fellow, in comparison with myself, I should not pay him half so much deference. I declare I do not know a more awful object than Darcy, on particular occasions, and in particular places; at his own house especially, and of a Sunday evening, when he has nothing to do."

Mr. Darcy smiled; but Elizabeth thought she could perceive that he was rather offended, and therefore checked her laugh. Miss Bingley warmly resented the **indignity** he had received, in an **expostulation** with her brother for talking such nonsense.

"I see your design, Bingley," said his friend. "You dislike an argument, and want to silence this."

"Perhaps I do. Arguments are too much like disputes. If you and Miss Bennet will defer yours till I am out of the room, I shall be very thankful; and then you may say whatever you like of me."

"What you ask," said Elizabeth, "is no sacrifice on my side; and Mr. Darcy had much better finish his letter."

Mr. Darcy took her advice, and did finish his letter.

When that business was over, he applied to Miss Bingley and Elizabeth for an indulgence of some music. Miss Bingley moved with some **alacrity** to the pianoforte; and, after a polite request that Elizabeth would lead the way which the other as politely and more earnestly negatived, she seated herself.

Mrs. Hurst **sang** with her sister, and while they were thus employed, Elizabeth could not help observing, as she turned over some music-books that lay on the instrument, how frequently Mr. Darcy's eyes were fixed on her. She hardly knew how to suppose that she could be an object of admiration to so great a man; and yet that he should look at her because he disliked her, was still more strange. She could only imagine, however, at last that she drew his notice because there was something more wrong and **reprehensible**, according to his ideas of right, than in any other person present. The supposition did not pain her. She liked him too little to care for his **approbation**.

Thesaurus

alacrity: (*n*) rapidity, speed, promptness, activity, preparedness, velocity, haste, swiftness, quickness, expedition; (*adj*) life. ANTONYMS: (*n*) aversion, reservation, reluctance, indifference, hesitation, dullness, disinclination, apathy, tardiness, delay.

approbation: (*n, v*) praise; (*n*) applause, agreement, approval, acclaim, sanction, commendation, admiration, permission, appreciation,

favor. ANTONYMS: (*n*) condemnation, disapproval, criticism.

expostulation: (*n*) dissuasion, deprecation, objection, admonition, reprehension, dehortation, increpation, reprobation, rebuke, reproach, reproof.

indignity: (*n*) dishonor, contumely, humiliation, contempt, outrage, disdain, offence, disgrace, degradation; (*n, v*) insult, abuse.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) honor, glory, pride.

reprehensible: (*adj*) censurable, deplorable, guilty, blameworthy, criminal, offensive, inexcusable, abominable, objectionable, obnoxious; (*adj, v*) uncommendable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honorable, praiseworthy, noble, good, creditable, admirable, excusable, innocent, reputable, proper.

sang: (*n*) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant.

After playing some Italian songs, Miss Bingley varied the charm by a lively Scotch air; and soon afterwards Mr. Darcy, drawing near Elizabeth, said to her:

"Do not you feel a great inclination, Miss Bennet, to seize such an opportunity of dancing a reel?"

She smiled, but made no answer. He repeated the question, with some surprise at her silence.

"Oh!" said she, "I heard you before, but I could not immediately determine what to say in reply. You wanted me, I know, to say 'Yes,' that you might have the pleasure of **despising** my taste; but I always delight in **overthrowing** those kind of schemes, and cheating a person of their **premeditated** contempt. I have, therefore, made up my mind to tell you, that I do not want to dance a reel at all--and now despise me if you dare."

"Indeed I do not dare."

Elizabeth, having rather expected to affront him, was amazed at his gallantry; but there was a mixture of sweetness and **archness** in her manner which made it difficult for her to affront anybody; and Darcy had never been so **bewitched** by any woman as he was by her. He really **believed**, that were it not for the inferiority of her connections, he should be in some danger.

Miss Bingley saw, or suspected enough to be jealous; and her great anxiety for the recovery of her dear friend Jane received some assistance from her desire of getting rid of Elizabeth.

She often tried to provoke Darcy into **disliking** her guest, by talking of their supposed marriage, and planning his happiness in such an alliance.

"I hope," said she, as they were walking together in the **shrubbery** the next day, "you will give your mother-in-law a few hints, when this desirable event takes place, as to the advantage of holding her tongue; and if you can compass it, do sure the younger girls of running after officers. And, if I may mention so delicate a subject, endeavour to check that little something, bordering on **conceit** and impertinence, which your lady possesses."

"Have you anything else to propose for my domestic felicity?"

Thesaurus

archness: (n) playfulness, craftiness, cunning, wiliness, slyness, perkiness, flippancy, hatred, astuteness, malice, pertness. ANTONYM: (n) humility.
believed: (adj) whispered, alleged, thought, held.

bewitched: (adj) enchanted, fascinated, infatuated, magical, ensorcelled, doomed, captive, rapt, enamored, obsessed. ANTONYM: (adj) disgusted.

conceit: (n) pretension, vanity, self-

esteem, pride, assumption, egotism, fancy, haughtiness, conception, caprice, quip. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, timidity, selflessness, humbleness, reserve.

despising: (n) despisal, contempt, despisement; (adj) disdainful.

disliking: (adj) averse, disinclined; (n) aversion, disfavor, dissatisfaction, disinclination, displeasure, distaste.

overthrowing: (adj) defeating, subversive; (n) oppression.

premeditated: (adj) intentional, planned, designed, conscious, calculated, studied, intended, prearranged; (v) prepense; (adj, v) aforesighted, premeditate. ANTONYMS: (adj) accidental, ingenuous, spontaneous, unintentional, unpremeditated, automatic, casual.

shrubbery: (n) brush, plantation, flora, parterre, shrub, scrub, brushwood, hedge, thicket, bushes, area.

"Oh! yes. Do let the portraits of your uncle and aunt Phillips be placed in the gallery at Pemberley. Put them next to your great-uncle the judge. They are in the same profession, you know, only in different lines. As for your Elizabeth's picture, you must not have it taken, for what painter could do justice to those beautiful eyes?"

"It would not be easy, indeed, to catch their expression, but their colour and shape, and the **eyelashes**, so remarkably fine, might be copied."

At that moment they were met from another walk by Mrs. Hurst and Elizabeth herself.

"I did not know that you intended to walk," said Miss Bingley, in some confusion, lest they had been overheard.

"You used us **abominably** ill," answered Mrs. Hurst, "running away without telling us that you were coming out."

Then taking the **disengaged** arm of Mr. Darcy, she left Elizabeth to walk by herself. The path just admitted three. Mr. Darcy felt their rudeness, and immediately said:

"This walk is not wide enough for our party. We had better go into the avenue."

But Elizabeth, who had not the least inclination to remain with them, **laughingly** answered:

"No, no; stay where you are. You are **charmingly grouped**, and appear to uncommon advantage. The picturesque would be **spoilt** by admitting a fourth. Good-bye."

She then ran **gaily** off, **rejoicing** as she rambled about, in the hope of being at home again in a day or two. Jane was already so much recovered as to intend leaving her room for a couple of hours that evening.

Thesaurus

abominably: (*adv*) atrociously, awfully, terribly, repulsively, badly, frightfully, awful, sadly, hideously, sickeningly, rottenly.

charmingly: (*adv*) pleasingly, prettily, alluringly, attractively, fascinatingly, pleasantly, enchantingly, temptingly, engagingly, sweetly, beautifully.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unpleasantly, unattractively, horribly, awkwardly.

disengaged: (*adj*) vacant, unemployed, disentangled, free, freed,

untrammeled, devoid, unreserved, detached, liberated, loosened.

eyelashes: (*n*) cilia.

gaily: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly, anxiously, dully, despondently.

grouped: (*adj*) sorted, classified, collective, gather.

laughingly: (*adv*) merrily, gaily,

lightheartedly, playfully, dizzily, giddily, perkily, flippantly, smilingly, riantly.

rejoicing: (*n*) exultation, jubilation, happiness, joy, mirth, pleasure, elation; (*adj*) jubilant, exultant; (*v*) rejoice; (*adv*) rejoicingly. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) sadness.

spoilt: (*adj*) spoiled, blighted, be stunted, destroyed, unsound, corrupt, disordered, reproduced fraudulently, defective, defiled, big.

CHAPTER 11

When the ladies removed after dinner, Elizabeth ran up to her sister, and seeing her well **guarded** from cold, attended her into the drawing-room, where she was welcomed by her two friends with many professions of pleasure; and Elizabeth had never seen them so agreeable as they were during the hour which passed before the gentlemen appeared. Their powers of conversation were considerable. They could describe an entertainment with accuracy, relate an **anecdote** with humour, and laugh at their acquaintance with spirit.

But when the gentlemen entered, Jane was no longer the first object; Miss Bingley's eyes were instantly turned toward Darcy, and she had something to say to him before he had advanced many steps. He addressed himself to Miss Bennet, with a polite **congratulation**; Mr. Hurst also made her a slight bow, and said he was "very glad;" but **diffuseness** and warmth remained for Bingley's **salutation**. He was full of joy and attention. The first half-hour was spent in **piling** up the fire, lest she should suffer from the change of room; and she removed at his desire to the other side of the **fireplace**, that she might be further from the door. He then sat down by her, and talked scarcely to anyone else. Elizabeth, at work in the opposite corner, saw it all with great delight.

When tea was over, Mr. Hurst reminded his sister-in-law of the card-table--but in **vain**. She had obtained private intelligence that Mr. Darcy did not wish for cards; and Mr. Hurst soon found even his open petition rejected. She assured

Thesaurus

anecdote: (*n*) tale, account, yarn, narrative, story, fable, relation, ana, fiction, trait, gossip.

congratulation: (*n*) compliment, greeting, congratulate, congratulations, acknowledgement, gratulation, acknowledgment.

diffuseness: (*n*) pleonasm, circumlocution, verbosity, spread, prolixity, redundancy, weakness, faintness, softness. ANTONYM: (*n*) brightness.

fireplace: (*n*) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside, kitchen, niche, recess, furnace.

guarded: (*adj*) wary, careful, chary, circumspect, cagey, vigilant, watchful, conditional, discreet, gingerly, conservative. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frank, careless, trusting, reckless, open, unwary, natural.

piling: (*n*) pile, stacking, pillar, spile, heap, buttress, caking, stack, stilt, cumulus, mess.

salutation: (*n, v*) salute; (*n*) reception, hail, hello, welcome, address, compliment, hullo, recognition, interpellation, pax.

vain: (*adj*) proud, arrogant, conceited, fruitless, idle, empty, abortive, ineffectual, unproductive, narcissistic; (*adj, v*) useless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shy, successful, possible, persuasive, selfless, fruitful, humble, useful, responsible, worthwhile, effective.

him that no one intended to play, and the silence of the whole party on the subject seemed to justify her. Mr. Hurst had therefore nothing to do, but to stretch himself on one of the sofas and go to sleep. Darcy took up a book; Miss Bingley did the same; and Mrs. Hurst, principally occupied in playing with her **bracelets** and **rings**, joined now and then in her brother's conversation with Miss Bennet.

Miss Bingley's attention was quite as much engaged in watching Mr. Darcy's progress through *his* book, as in reading her own; and she was **perpetually** either making some inquiry, or looking at his page. She could not win him, however, to any conversation; he merely answered her question, and read on. At length, quite exhausted by the attempt to be **amused** with her own book, which she had only chosen because it was the second volume of his, she gave a great **yawn** and said, "How pleasant it is to spend an evening in this way! I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one **tires** of anything than of a book! When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library."

No one made any reply. She then yawned again, threw aside her book, and cast her eyes round the room in quest for some amusement; when hearing her brother mentioning a ball to Miss Bennet, she turned suddenly towards him and said:

"By the bye, Charles, are you really serious in meditating a dance at Netherfield? I would advise you, before you determine on it, to consult the wishes of the present party; I am much mistaken if there are not some among us to whom a ball would be rather a punishment than a pleasure."

"If you mean Darcy," cried her brother, "he may go to bed, if he chooses, before it begins--but as for the ball, it is quite a settled thing; and as soon as Nicholls has made white soup enough, I shall send round my cards."

"I should like balls **infinitely** better," she replied, "if they were carried on in a different manner; but there is something **insufferably tedious** in the usual process of such a meeting. It would surely be much more rational if conversation instead of dancing were made the order of the day."

Thesaurus

amused: (*adj*) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted.

bracelets: (*n*) trinkets, jewels, necklaces, charms, costume jewelry, ornaments.

infinitely: (*adv*) greatly, vastly, immensely, immeasurably, boundlessly, enormously, unboundedly, hugely, ceaselessly, unendingly; (*adj, adv*) incalculably. ANTONYM: (*adv*) finitely.

insufferably: (*adv*) hatefully,

hopelessly, agonizingly, disagreeably, dreadfully, unfeasibly, trip, ridiculously, intolerably, impossibly, horrendously.

perpetually: (*adv*) eternally, everlasting, always, incessantly, continually, endlessly, permanently, unceasingly, ceaselessly, ever; (*adj, adv*) forever. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) erratically, sporadically.

rings: (*n*) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets.

tedious: (*adj*) tiresome, boring, dreary, slow, heavy, humdrum, irksome, lifeless; (*adj, v*) monotonous, arid, dry. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exciting, varied, easy, readable, lively, entertaining, enthralling, brisk, concise, exotic, pleasant.

tires: (*v*) pressure release valve, safety valve.

yawn: (*v*) open, ope, yaw, look stupidly, breathe; (*n*) yawning, nod, get sleep, tedium, bore, boredom.

"Much more rational, my dear Caroline, I dare say, but it would not be near so much like a ball."

Miss Bingley made no answer, and soon afterwards she got up and **walked** about the room. Her figure was elegant, and she walked well; but Darcy, at whom it was all aimed, was still **inflexibly studious**. In the desperation of her feelings, she resolved on one effort more, and, turning to Elizabeth, said:

"Miss Eliza Bennet, let me persuade you to follow my example, and take a turn about the room. I assure you it is very **refreshing** after sitting so long in one attitude."

Elizabeth was surprised, but agreed to it immediately. Miss Bingley succeeded no less in the real object of her civility; Mr. Darcy looked up. He was as much awake to the **novelty** of attention in that quarter as Elizabeth herself could be, and **unconsciously** closed his book. He was directly invited to join their party, but he **declined it**, **observing** that he could imagine but two motives for their choosing to walk up and down the room together, with either of which motives his joining them would interfere. "What could he mean? She was dying to know what could be his meaning?"--and asked Elizabeth whether she could at all understand him?

"Not at all," was her answer; "but depend upon it, he means to be severe on us, and our surest way of disappointing him will be to ask nothing about it."

Miss Bingley, however, was incapable of disappointing Mr. Darcy in anything, and persevered therefore in requiring an explanation of his two motives.

"I have not the smallest objection to explaining them," said he, as soon as she allowed him to speak. "You either choose this method of passing the evening because you are in each other's confidence, and have secret affairs to discuss, or because you are conscious that your figures appear to the greatest advantage in walking; if the first, I would be completely in your way, and if the second, I can admire you much better as I sit by the fire."

Thesaurus

declined: (*adj*) less.

inflexibly: (*adv*) firmly, uncompromisingly, unbendingly, obstinately, rigidly, stubbornly, unalterably, inelastically, unwaveringly, strictly, sternly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) amenably, flexibly, loosely, helpfully, gently. **novelty:** (*adj*) news; (*n*) freshness, mutation, newness, trinket, curiosity, originality, oddity, bauble; (*n, v*) change, difference.

observing: (*adj*) observant, mindful, watchful, commemorative, conscious, observational, perceptive, thoughtful; (*n*) investigation.

refreshing: (*adj*) bracing, invigorating, refreshing, pleasant, fresh, cool, refresh, refreshingly, crisp, tonic, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwelcome, soporific, tiring, relaxing, musty.

studious: (*adj*) scholarly, bookish, academic, assiduous, erudite,

diligent, learned, careful, deliberate; (*adj, v*) thoughtful, reflective. ANTONYM: (*adj*) negligent.

unconsciously: (*adv*) instinctively, unintentionally, unthinkingly, unwittingly, ignorantly, innocently, comatosely, automatically, obliviously, unsuspectingly, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) consciously, deliberately, knowingly, purposely.

walked: (*adj*) exempt; (*v*) yode.

"Oh! shocking!" cried Miss Bingley. "I never heard anything so abominable. How shall we punish him for such a speech?"

"Nothing so easy, if you have but the inclination," said Elizabeth. "We can all **plague** and punish one another. Tease him--laugh at him. Intimate as you are, you must know how it is to be done."

"But upon my honour, I do *not*. I do assure you that my intimacy has not yet taught me *that*. Tease **calmness** of manner and presence of mind! No, no--feel he may **defy** us there. And as to laughter, we will not expose ourselves, if you please, by attempting to laugh without a subject. Mr. Darcy may hug himself."

"Mr. Darcy is not to be laughed at!" cried Elizabeth. "That is an uncommon advantage, and uncommon I hope it will continue, for it would be a great loss to *me* to have many such acquaintances. I **dearly** love a laugh."

"Miss Bingley," said he, "has given me more credit than can be. The wisest and the best of men--nay, the wisest and best of their actions--may be rendered ridiculous by a person whose first object in life is a joke."

"Certainly," replied Elizabeth--"there are such people, but I hope I am not one of *them*. I hope I never **ridicule** what is wise and good. Follies and nonsense, **whims** and inconsistencies, *do divert* me, I own, and I laugh at them whenever I can. But these, I suppose, are precisely what you are without."

"Perhaps that is not possible for anyone. But it has been the study of my life to avoid those weaknesses which often expose a strong understanding to ridicule."

"Such as vanity and pride."

"Yes, vanity is a weakness indeed. But pride--where there is a real superiority of mind, pride will be always under good regulation."

Elizabeth turned away to hide a smile.

"Your examination of Mr. Darcy is over, I presume," said Miss Bingley; "and pray what is the result?"

Thesaurus

calmness: (*n*) calm, composure, quietness, poise, serenity, stillness, quiet, silence, placidity, peace; (*adj, n*) coolness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) anxiety, nervousness, restlessness, panic, fury, unrest, intensity, discomposure, bustle, annoyance, noise.
dearly: (*adv*) affectionately, preciously, darlingly, sweetly, petly, expensively, belovedly, intimately, highly, heartfelly, lovely.
defy: (*n, v*) dare; (*v*) brave, resist,

ignore, confront, revolt, oppose, withstand, disobey, contradict; (*n*) defiance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) obey, acquiesce, surrender, yield, comply, accept.
divert: (*adj, v*) distract; (*v*) entertain, avert, delight, deflect, deviate, beguile, depart, disport, digress, sidetrack. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bore, irritate, maintain, set, upset, stay, displease, sadden.
plague: (*v*) molest, harass, afflict,

hassle, annoy, badger, pester, disturb, beleaguer; (*n, v*) worry; (*adj, n, v*) bother. ANTONYM: (*v*) comfort.
ridicule: (*n, v*) laugh at, deride, banter, insult, taunt, scorn, scoff; (*n*) derision, mockery; (*adj, n*) irony; (*v*) jeer. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) praise, respect; (*v*) approve; (*n*) approval, admiration.
whims: (*n*) vagaries, freaks, humor, ill humor, mood, facetiousness, caprices, disposition, temper.

"I am perfectly convinced by it that Mr. Darcy has no defect. He owns it himself without disguise."

"No," said Darcy, "I have made no such **pretension**. I have faults enough, but they are not, I hope, of understanding. My temper I dare not **vouch** for. It is, I believe, too little yielding--certainly too little for the convenience of the world. I cannot forget the follies and vices of other so soon as I ought, nor their offenses against myself. My feelings are not **puffed** about with every attempt to move them. My temper would perhaps be called **resentful**. My good opinion once lost, is lost forever."

"*That* is a failing indeed!" cried Elizabeth. "*Implacable resentment* is a shade in a character. But you have chosen your fault well. I really cannot *laugh* at it. You are safe from me."

"There is, I believe, in every disposition a tendency to some particular evil--a natural defect, which not even the best education can overcome."

"And *your* defect is to hate everybody."

"And *yours*," he replied with a smile, "is **willfully** to **misunderstand** them."

"Do let us have a little music," cried Miss Bingley, tired of a conversation in which she had no share. "Louisa, you will not mind my **waking** Mr. Hurst?"

Her sister had not the smallest objection, and the pianoforte was opened; and Darcy, after a few moments' recollection, was not sorry for it. He began to feel the danger of paying Elizabeth too much attention.

Thesaurus

misunderstand: (v) misinterpret, misconstrue, mistake, misread, misjudge, miscomprehend, miscalculate, confuse, misapply; (n, v) misconceive; (n) misunderstanding. ANTONYMS: (v) grasp, appreciate, interpret.
pretension: (n) ostentation, pretence, affectation, pretense, claim, assertion, title, pretentiousness, feint, pride, requirement. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, humility, honesty.

puffed: (adj) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, bepuffed, overflowing, out of breath.

resentful: (adj) angry, indignant, malicious, resent, embittered, rancorous, envious, jealous, offended, hurt, mad. ANTONYMS: (adj) resigned, unresentful, willing, sweet, pleased.

vouch: (v) guarantee, secure, promise, certify, attest, pledge, swear, testify,

protest, confirm, affirm.

ANTONYMS: (v) deny, disavow, refute.

waking: (adj) wakeful; (n) awakening, wakefulness, consciousness.

willfully: (adv) intentionally, waywardly, designedly, wilfully, obstinately, stubbornly, disobediently, knowingly, perversely, doggedly, purposefully. ANTONYM: (adv) obediently.

CHAPTER 12

In consequence of an agreement between the sisters, Elizabeth wrote the next morning to their mother, to beg that the carriage might be sent for them in the course of the day. But Mrs. Bennet, who had calculated on her daughters remaining at Netherfield till the following Tuesday, which would exactly finish Jane's week, could not bring herself to receive them with pleasure before. Her answer, therefore, was not **propitious**, at least not to Elizabeth's wishes, for she was impatient to get home. Mrs. Bennet sent them word that they could not possibly have the carriage before Tuesday; and in her **postscript** it was added, that if Mr. Bingley and his sister pressed them to stay longer, she could spare them very well. Against staying longer, however, Elizabeth was positively resolved--nor did she much expect it would be asked; and fearful, on the **contrary**, as being considered as **intruding** themselves **needlessly** long, she urged Jane to borrow Mr. Bingley's carriage immediately, and at length it was settled that their original design of leaving Netherfield that morning should be **mentioned**, and the request made.

The communication excited many professions of concern; and enough was said of wishing them to stay at least till the following day to work on Jane; and till the **morrow** their going was **deferred**. Miss Bingley was then sorry that she had proposed the delay, for her jealousy and dislike of one sister much exceeded her affection for the other.

Thesaurus

contrary: (*adj. n*) contradictory, reverse; (*adj*) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable.
deferred: (*adj*) put off, delayed, belated, late, later than usual. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hurried, hastened,

expedited, advanced, early.
intruding: (*adj*) aggressive, interfering, intrusive.
mentioned: (*adj*) spoken.
morrow: (*n*) morning, future, mean solar day, day.
needlessly: (*adv*) uselessly, redundantly, unnecessarily, gratuitously, superfluously, unwantedly, to no avail, meaninglessly, groundlessly, excessively, without need.

postscript: (*n*) appendix, addendum, supplement, addition, continuation, epilogue, codicil, PS, annotation, footnote, late addition. ANTONYMS: (*n*) introduction, preface.
propitious: (*adj*) fortunate, lucky, good, benign, happy, opportune; (*adj, v*) auspicious; (*adj, n, v*) friendly; (*adj, n*) promising, advantageous, kind. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfortunate, unlucky, unpropitious, inopportune, hopeless.

The master of the house heard with real sorrow that they were to go so soon, and repeatedly tried to persuade Miss Bennet that it would not be safe for her--that she was not enough recovered; but Jane was firm where she felt herself to be right.

To Mr. Darcy it was welcome intelligence--Elizabeth had been at Netherfield long enough. She attracted him more than he liked--and Miss Bingley was **uncivil** to *her*, and more teasing than usual to himself. He wisely resolved to be particularly careful that no sign of admiration should *now* escape him, nothing that could **elevate** her with the hope of **influencing** his felicity; sensible that if such an idea had been suggested, his behaviour during the last day must have material weight in confirming or crushing it. Steady to his purpose, he scarcely spoke ten words to her through the whole of Saturday, and though they were at one time left by themselves for half-an-hour, he adhered most **conscientiously** to his book, and would not even look at her.

On Sunday, after morning service, the separation, so agreeable to almost all, **took** place. Miss Bingley's civility to Elizabeth increased at last very rapidly, as well as her affection for Jane; and when they parted, after assuring the latter of the pleasure it would always give her to see her either at Longbourn or Netherfield, and embracing her most tenderly, she even shook hands with the former. Elizabeth took leave of the whole party in the liveliest of spirits.

They were not welcomed home very **cordially** by their mother. Mrs. Bennet wondered at their coming, and thought them very wrong to give so much trouble, and was sure Jane would have caught cold again. But their father, though very **laconic** in his expressions of pleasure, was really glad to see them; he had felt their importance in the family circle. The evening conversation, when they were all assembled, had lost much of its animation, and almost all its sense by the absence of Jane and Elizabeth.

They found Mary, as usual, deep in the study of thorough-bass and human nature; and had some extracts to admire, and some new observations of **threadbare** morality to listen to. Catherine and Lydia had information for them of a different sort. Much had been done and much had been said in the regiment

Thesaurus

conscientiously: (*adv*) carefully, thoroughly, painstakingly, faithfully, religiously, meticulously, dutifully, assiduously, closely, diligently, industriously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) irresponsibly, hastily.
cordially: (*adv*) warmly, genially, kindly, sincerely, heartily, ardently, friendly, jovially, earnestly, affectionately, harmoniously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disagreeably, frostily.

elevate: (*v*) advance, lift, hoist, erect, exalt, boost, rear, cheer, promote, dignify, uphold. ANTONYMS: (*v*) demote, drop, downgrade, depress, decrease, reduce.
influencing: (*adj*) affecting, infusive.
laconic: (*adj*) curt, brief, terse, compendious, succinct, pithy, compact, taciturn, laconical, summary, short. ANTONYM: (*adj*) voluble.
threadbare: (*adj, v*) stale, shabby,

dilapidated, bald, frayed, faded; (*adj*) hackneyed, worn, banal, trite, tattered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) new, unused, reliable, fresh, unworn, pristine, original.
took: (*adj*) taken; (*v*) receive.
uncivil: (*adj*) discourteous, disrespectful, impolite, coarse, brusque, curt, blunt, barbarous, short; (*adj, n*) rough, harsh. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, courteous, gracious.

since the **preceding** Wednesday; **several** of the officers had dined **lately** with their **uncle**, a **private** had been flogged, and it had **actually** been **hinted** that Colonel Forster was going to be married.

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actually: (*adv*) genuinely, substantially, positively, authentically, certainly, truly, physically, presently, absolutely, exactly, in reality. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) seemingly, falsely, hypothetically, nominally, mentally.

hinted: (*adj*) veiled, roundabout, not explicit, implicit, coded, oblique.

lately: (*adv*) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadly; (*adj, adv*) anew, late, afresh; (*adj*)

recent.
preceding: (*adj, adv*) anterior, earlier; (*adj*) foregoing, former, previous, prior, past, precedent, prevenient; (*adv*) forward; (*prep*) before. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) following, succeeding, next, present.

private: (*adj*) clandestine, personal, secret, individual, hidden, inner, exclusive, intimate, esoteric; (*adj, v*) covert, close. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) official, nationalized, community,

communal, shared, civic, state, open, external, commercial, collective.

several: (*adj, v*) diverse, divers, sundry; (*adj, n*) a few, some; (*adj*)

various, individual, different, particular, special, numerous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) joint, all, none. **uncle:** (*n*) father's younger brother, elder uncle, father's older brother, father's sister's husband, husband of paternal aunt, maternal uncle, niece, benefactor, EME, helper, kinsman.

CHAPTER 13

"I hope, my dear," said Mr. Bennet to his wife, as they were at **breakfast** the next morning, "that you have ordered a good dinner to-day, because I have reason to expect an addition to our family party."

"Who do you mean, my dear? I know of nobody that is coming, I am sure, unless Charlotte Lucas should happen to call in--and I hope *my* dinners are good enough for her. I do not believe she often sees such at home."

"The person of whom I speak is a gentleman, and a stranger."

Mrs. Bennet's eyes sparkled. "A gentleman and a stranger! It is Mr. Bingley, I am sure! Well, I am sure I shall be extremely glad to see Mr. Bingley. But--good Lord! how unlucky! There is not a bit of fish to be got to-day. Lydia, my love, ring the bell--I must speak to Hill this moment."

"It is *not* Mr. Bingley," said her husband; "it is a person whom I never saw in the whole course of my life."

This **roused** a general **astonishment**; and he had the pleasure of being **eagerly** questioned by his wife and his five daughters at once.

After amusing himself some time with their **curiosity**, he thus explained:

"About a month ago I received this letter; and about a fortnight ago I answered it, for I thought it a case of some **delicacy**, and **requiring** early

Thesaurus

astonishment: (*n*) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, belief, contempt.

breakfast: (*n*) repast, banquet, dejeuner, mealtime, feast, meal; (*v*) sup, take tea, eat, have a meal, dine.

curiosity: (*n*) curiousness, rarity, interest, curio, oddity, prying, nosiness, peculiarity, novelty,

marvel; (*adj, n*) prodigy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) emotionlessness, indifference, disinterest.

delicacy: (*adj, n*) weakness, fragility, tidbit; (*n*) finesse, daintiness, delicate, elegance, sensitivity, luxury, treat, airiness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sturdiness, toughness, durability, frankness, inelegance, ruggedness, vulgarity, tactlessness, insensitivity, inaccuracy, clumsiness.

eagerly: (*adv*) zealously, readily,

keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically.

requiring: (*v*) require; (*adv*) demandingly; (*adj*) demanding, pressing.

roused: (*adj*) excited, awake, susceptible, emotional, elated, interested.

attention. It is from my cousin, Mr. Collins, who, when I am dead, may turn you all out of this house as soon as he pleases."

"Oh! my dear," cried his wife, "I cannot bear to hear that mentioned. Pray do not talk of that odious man. I do think it is the hardest thing in the world, that your estate should be **entailed** away from your own children; and I am sure, if I had been you, I should have tried long ago to do something or other about it."

Jane and Elizabeth tried to explain to her the nature of an entail. They had often attempted to do it before, but it was a subject on which Mrs. Bennet was beyond the reach of reason, and she continued to rail bitterly against the cruelty of settling an estate away from a family of five daughters, in favour of a man whom nobody cared anything about.

"It certainly is a most **iniquitous** affair," said Mr. Bennet, "and nothing can clear Mr. Collins from the guilt of **inheriting** Longbourn. But if you will listen to his letter, you may perhaps be a little **softened** by his manner of expressing himself."

"No, that I am sure I shall not; and I think it is very impertinent of him to write to you at all, and very hypocritical. I hate such false friends. Why could he not keep on **quarreling** with you, as his father did before him?"

"Why, indeed; he does seem to have had some **filial scruples** on that head, as you will hear."

Hunsford, near Westerham, Kent, 15th October.

Dear Sir,

The disagreement subsisting between yourself and my late **honoured** father always gave me much **uneasiness**, and since I have had the misfortune to lose him, I have frequently wished to heal the breach; but for some time I was kept back by my own doubts, fearing lest it might seem **disrespectful** to his memory for me to be on good terms with anyone with whom it had always pleased him to be at variance.--'There, Mrs. Bennet!'--My mind, however, is now made up on the subject, for

Thesaurus

disrespectful: (adj) impertinent, insolent, impolite, impious, irreverent, contemptuous, sacrilegious, audacious, uncivil, rude, bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) deferential, gracious, reverent, courteous, mannered, mannerly, pious, polite.
entail: (v) imply, involve, demand, mean, need, induce, evoke, implicate, require, to bar an entail, draw down.
filial: (adj) dutiful.
honoured: (adj) esteemed, respected,

worthy.
inheriting: (adj) heritable.
iniquitous: (adj) sinful, immoral, evil, wrong, injurious, heinous, bad, criminal; (adj, adv) impious, infamous, nefarious. ANTONYMS: (adj) right, fair.
quarreling: (adj) brawling, noisy, discordant; (n) disagreement; (v) argue.
scruples: (n) conscience, moral sense, sense of right and wrong, morality,

ethical motive, principle, ethics, moral fiber, morals.
softened: (adj) diffused, muffled, muted, quiet, slow, touched, sluggish, soften, pultaceous, subdued, low-key.
uneasiness: (n) disquiet, discomfort, inquietude, anxiety, unease, malaise, disquietude, apprehension, unrest, impatience; (n, v) agitation. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, calm, confidence.

having received ordination at Easter, I have been so fortunate as to be distinguished by the patronage of the Right Honourable Lady Catherine de Bourgh, widow of Sir Lewis de Bourgh, whose bounty and **beneficence** has preferred me to the valuable **rectory** of this parish, where it shall be my earnest endeavour to **demean** myself with grateful respect towards her **ladyship**, and be ever ready to perform those **rites** and ceremonies which are instituted by the Church of England. As a clergyman, moreover, I feel it my duty to promote and establish the blessing of peace in all families within in the reach of my influence; and on these grounds I flatter myself that my present **overtures** are highly commendable, and that the circumstance of my being next in the entail of Longbourn estate will be kindly overlooked on your side, and not lead you to reject the offered olive-branch. I cannot be otherwise than concerned at being the means of injuring your amiable daughters, and beg leave to apologise for it, as well as to assure you of my readiness to make them every possible amends--but of this **hereafter**. If you should have no objection to receive me into your house, I propose myself the satisfaction of waiting on you and your family, Monday, November 18th, by four o'clock, and shall probably trespass on your hospitality till the Saturday se'ennight following, which I can do without any inconvenience, as Lady Catherine is far from **objecting** to my occasional absence on a Sunday, provided that some other clergyman is engaged to do the duty of the day.--I remain, dear sir, with respectful compliments to your lady and daughters, your **well-wisher** and friend,

"William Collins"

"At four o'clock, therefore, we may expect this peace-making gentleman," said Mr. Bennet, as he folded up the letter. "He seems to be a most conscientious and polite young man, upon my word, and I doubt not will prove a valuable acquaintance, especially if Lady Catherine should be so **indulgent** as to let him come to us again."

Thesaurus

beneficence: (*n*) benefaction, grace, charity, benevolence, goodness, generosity, bounty, munificence, almsgiving, alms; (*adj, n*) kindness. ANTONYM: (*n*) maleficence.

demean: (*v*) abase, lower, disgrace, debase, humiliate, conduct, cheapen, disparage, humble, behave, mortify. ANTONYMS: (*v*) heighten, dignify, boost, idolize, upgrade, honor, enhance, elevate, uplift, praise, glorify.

hereafter: (*adv*) thereafter, from now on, hence, henceforth, hereinafter, afterwards; (*n*) afterlife, futurity, time to come, great beyond, future life.

indulgent: (*adj*) forgiving, gentle, clement, lenient, soft, kind, gracious, tolerant, merciful, compassionate; (*adj, v*) permissive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intolerant, unsympathetic, severe, restrained, harsh, hardhearted, abstemious, disapproving.

ladyship: (*n*) madam.

objecting: (*adj*) disappointed, disinclined, opposed.

overtures: (*n*) overture.

rectory: (*n*) parsonage, manse, vicarage, residence, habitation, home, glebe house, glebe, dwelling house, domicile, deanery.

rites: (*n*) money, finances, wake, religion.

well-wisher: (*n*) friend, patron, support, benefactor.

"There is some sense in what he says about the girls, however, and if he is disposed to make them any amends, I shall not be the person to discourage him."

"Though it is difficult," said Jane, "to guess in what way he can mean to make us the **atonement** he thinks our due, the wish is certainly to his credit."

Elizabeth was chiefly struck by his extraordinary deference for Lady Catherine, and his kind intention of **christening**, marrying, and **burying** his **parishioners** whenever it were required.

"He must be an **oddity**, I think," said she. "I cannot make him out.--There is something very pompous in his style.--And what can he mean by apologising for being next in the entail?--We cannot suppose he would help it if he could.--Could he be a sensible man, sir?"

"No, my dear, I think not. I have great hopes of finding him quite the reverse. There is a mixture of **servility** and self-importance in his letter, which promises well. I am impatient to see him."

"In point of composition," said Mary, "the letter does not seem defective. The idea of the olive-branch perhaps is not wholly new, yet I think it is well expressed."

To Catherine and Lydia, neither the letter nor its writer were in any degree interesting. It was next to impossible that their cousin should come in a **scarlet** coat, and it was now some weeks since they had received pleasure from the society of a man in any other colour. As for their mother, Mr. Collins's letter had done away much of her **ill-will**, and she was preparing to see him with a degree of composure which astonished her husband and daughters.

Mr. Collins was **punctual** to his time, and was received with great **politeness** by the whole family. Mr. Bennet indeed said little; but the ladies were ready enough to talk, and Mr. Collins seemed neither in need of encouragement, nor inclined to be silent himself. He was a tall, heavy-looking young man of five-and-twenty. His air was grave and stately, and his manners were very formal. He had not been long seated before he complimented Mrs. Bennet on having so fine a family of daughters; said he had heard much of their beauty, but that in

Thesaurus

atonement: (*n*) amends, reparation, satisfaction, compensation, penance, redress, redemption, reconciliation, recompense, propitiation, penitence.

burying: (*n*) entombment, inhumation. **christening:** (*n*) naming, denomination, chrism, designation, identification.

ill-will: (*n*) enmity.

oddity: (*n*) curiosity, peculiarity, crotchet, curio, novelty, original, quirk, eccentric, character, aberration;

(*adj, n*) idiosyncrasy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) normality, conformist, regularity. **parishioners:** (*n*) people attending worship, worshippers.

politeness: (*n*) civility, courteousness, courtliness, manners, decorum, gentility, good manners, niceness, refinement, gallantry, decency. ANTONYMS: (*n*) vulgarity, rudeness, incivility, neglect.

punctual: (*adj*) accurate, exact, punctilious, prompt, timely, definite,

rigorous, precise, nice, mathematical; (*adj, v*) regular. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) early, unpunctual, slow.

scarlet: (*adj*) crimson, ruddy, carmine, ruby, sanguine, rubicund, reddish, cerise; (*n*) vermilion, orange red, redness.

servility: (*n*) sycophancy, obsequiousness, subservience, meanness, abjectness, flattery, obedience, humility, submissiveness, servileness, yoke.

this instance fame had fallen short of the truth; and added, that he did not doubt her seeing them all in due time disposed of in marriage. This gallantry was not much to the taste of some of his hearers; but Mrs. Bennet, who quarreled with no compliments, answered most readily.

"You are very kind, I am sure; and I wish with all my heart it may prove so, for else they will be **destitute** enough. Things are settled so oddly."

"You **allude**, perhaps, to the entail of this estate."

"Ah! sir, I do indeed. It is a grievous affair to my poor girls, you must confess. Not that I mean to find fault with *you*, for such things I know are all chance in this world. There is no **knowing** how estates will go when once they come to be entailed."

"I am very sensible, madam, of the hardship to my fair cousins, and could say much on the subject, but that I am cautious of appearing forward and precipitate. But I can assure the young ladies that I come prepared to admire them. At present I will not say more; but, perhaps, when we are better acquainted--"

He was interrupted by a summons to dinner; and the girls smiled on each other. They were not the only objects of Mr. Collins's admiration. The hall, the dining-room, and all its furniture, were examined and praised; and his commendation of everything would have touched Mrs. Bennet's heart, but for the mortifying **supposition** of his viewing it all as his own future property. The dinner too in its turn was highly admired; and he begged to know to which of his fair cousins the **excellency** of its cooking was owing. But he was set right there by Mrs. Bennet, who assured him with some **asperity** that they were very well able to keep a good cook, and that her daughters had nothing to do in the kitchen. He begged pardon for having **displeased** her. In a softened tone she declared herself not at all offended; but he continued to apologise for about a quarter of an hour.

Thesaurus

allude: (*v*) advert, refer, hint, glance, intimate, suggest, touch, bring up, mean, notice, pertain.

asperity: (*adj, n*) acerbity; (*n*) austerity, hardship, rigor, bitterness, rigidity, severity, grimness, rigorousness, rigour, ruggedness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) softness, amenity, dullness, mildness, friendliness.

destitute: (*adj*) impoverished, needy, bankrupt, broke, poor, helpless, impecunious, penniless, necessitous;

(*adj, v*) forlorn, devoid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wealthy, privileged, prosperous, solvent.

displeased: (*adj*) disgruntled, dissatisfied, angry, annoyed, unhappy, peeved, irritated, disgusted, indignant; (*v*) pained, afflicted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) contented, satisfied, calm.

excellency: (*n*) highness, merit, majesty, mightiness, virtue, splendor, superiority, worship, grace, chastity,

glory.

owing: (*adj*) due, unpaid, unsettled, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, undischarged, indebted, fulfilling obligation, lawful. ANTONYM: (*adj*) settled.

supposition: (*n, v*) conjecture; (*n*) assumption, hypothesis, presumption, premise, speculation, surmise, guess, supposal, thought, imagination. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fact, knowledge, proof, reality, practice.

CHAPTER 14

During dinner, Mr. Bennet scarcely spoke at all; but when the servants were withdrawn, he thought it time to have some conversation with his guest, and therefore started a subject in which he expected him to shine, by observing that he seemed very fortunate in his **patroness**. Lady Catherine de Bourgh's attention to his wishes, and consideration for his comfort, appeared very remarkable. Mr. Bennet could not have chosen better. Mr. Collins was eloquent in her praise. The subject elevated him to more than usual **solemnity** of manner, and with a most important aspect he protested that "he had never in his life witnessed such behaviour in a person of rank--such **affability** and **condescension**, as he had himself experienced from Lady Catherine. She had been **graciously** pleased to approve of both of the **discourses** which he had already had the honour of preaching before her. She had also asked him twice to dine at Rosings, and had sent for him only the Saturday before, to make up her pool of **quadrille** in the evening. Lady Catherine was reckoned proud by many people he knew, but *he* had never seen anything but affability in her. She had always spoken to him as she would to any other gentleman; she made not the smallest objection to his joining in the society of the neighbourhood nor to his leaving the parish occasionally for a week or two, to visit his relations. She had even condescended to advise him to marry as soon as he could, provided he chose with discretion; and had once paid him a visit in his humble **parsonage**, where she had perfectly

Thesaurus

affability: (*n*) geniality, courtesy, cordiality, amiability, affableness, politeness, friendliness, amenity, sociability, kindness, amiableness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unfriendliness, frostiness, incivility, remoteness, reserve, rudeness.

condescension: (*n*) arrogance, lordliness, disparagement, patronage, affability, disdain, pride, superciliousness, contempt, stoop, depreciation. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

respect, acceptance, admiration.
discourses: (*n*) talks.

graciously: (*adv*) gracefully, mildly, politely, courteously, benevolently, benignantly, civilly, sympathetically, mercifully, leniently, suavely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) bitterly, coarsely, poorly, ungraciously, harshly.

parsonage: (*n*) vicarage, rectory, residence, habitation, glebe house, glebe, dwelling house, dwelling, domicile, deanery, church house.

patroness: (*n*) supporter, sponsor, benefactress, support, donor, fairy godmother.

quadrille: (*n*) picquet, loo, euchre, drole, cribbage, allfours, lancers, reverse, music, cotillion, commit.

solemnity: (*n*) seriousness, sobriety, earnestness, formality, ceremony, impressiveness, austerity, sedateness, display, pomp, grandeur. ANTONYMS: (*n*) humor, levity, cheerfulness, understatement.

approved all the alterations he had been making, and had even vouchsafed to suggest some herself--some **shelves** in the **closet** upstairs."

"That is all very proper and civil, I am sure," said Mrs. Bennet, "and I dare say she is a very agreeable woman. It is a pity that great ladies in general are not more like her. Does she live near you, sir?"

"The garden in which stands my humble **abode** is separated only by a lane from Rosings Park, her ladyship's residence."

"I think you said she was a widow, sir? Has she any family?"

"She has only one daughter, the **heiress** of Rosings, and of very extensive property."

"Ah!" said Mrs. Bennet, shaking her head, "then she is better off than many girls. And what sort of young lady is she? Is she handsome?"

"She is a most charming young lady indeed. Lady Catherine herself says that, in point of true beauty, Miss de Bourgh is far superior to the handsomest of her sex, because there is that in her features which marks the young lady of distinguished birth. She is unfortunately of a **sickly** constitution, which has prevented her from making that progress in many accomplishments which she could not have otherwise failed of, as I am informed by the lady who superintended her education, and who still resides with them. But she is perfectly amiable, and often condescends to drive by my humble abode in her little **phaeton** and ponies."

"Has she been presented? I do not remember her name among the ladies at court."

"Her indifferent state of health **unhappily** prevents her being in town; and by that means, as I told Lady Catherine one day, has deprived the British court of its brightest **ornaments**. Her ladyship seemed pleased with the idea; and you may imagine that I am happy on every occasion to offer those little delicate **compliments** which are always acceptable to ladies. I have more than once observed to Lady Catherine, that her charming daughter seemed born to be a duchess, and that the most elevated rank, instead of giving her consequence,

Thesaurus

abode: (*n*) dwelling, house, residence, place, domicile, lodge, abidance, mansion, lodging, address, seat.

closet: (*n*) cupboard, cubicle, cell, latrine, bathroom, wardrobe, water closet; (*adj*) clandestine, confidential, secret, private. ANTONYM: (*adj*) open.

compliments: (*n*) respects, commendation, wish, greetings, salutation, respect, applause, flattery, acclamation, regards, approbation.

heiress: (*n*) inheritress, inheratrix, inheritor, heritor, owner, beneficiary.

ornaments: (*n*) stuff, trim, ornamentation, equipments, dress, disposition, custom, curios, condition, clothing, gaudery.

phaeton: (*n*) coach, tourer, automobile, chariot, holidaymaker, car, machine, auto, touring car, motorcar.

shelves: (*n*) shelf, rack, shelving.

sickly: (*adj, adv*) poorly; (*n*) invalid; (*adj*) sick, ailing, pale, sallow,

indisposed, morbid, diseased; (*adj, n, v*) infirm; (*adj, v*) faint. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, bitter, robust.

unhappily: (*adv*) wretchedly, unluckily, disconsolately, badly, woefully, forlornly, sorrowfully, unfortunately, dismally, dejectedly, despondently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, contentedly, luckily, willingly, enthusiastically, fortunately.

would be **adorned** by her. These are the kind of little things which please her ladyship, and it is a sort of attention which I conceive myself peculiarly bound to pay."

"You judge very properly," said Mr. Bennet, "and it is happy for you that you possess the talent of **flattering** with delicacy. May I ask whether these pleasing attentions proceed from the impulse of the moment, or are the result of previous study?"

"They arise chiefly from what is passing at the time, and though I sometimes amuse myself with suggesting and arranging such little elegant compliments as may be adapted to ordinary occasions, I always wish to give them as **unstudied** an air as possible."

Mr. Bennet's expectations were fully answered. His cousin was as absurd as he had hoped, and he listened to him with the keenest enjoyment, maintaining at the same time the most **resolute** composure of countenance, and, except in an occasional glance at Elizabeth, requiring no partner in his pleasure.

By tea-time, however, the dose had been enough, and Mr. Bennet was glad to take his guest into the drawing-room again, and, when tea was over, glad to invite him to read aloud to the ladies. Mr. **Collins** readily assented, and a book was produced; but, on **beholding** it (for everything announced it to be from a **circulating library**), he started back, and begging pardon, protested that he never read novels. Kitty stared at him, and Lydia exclaimed. Other books were produced, and after some deliberation he chose Fordyce's Sermons. Lydia gaped as he opened the volume, and before he had, with very monotonous solemnity, read three pages, she interrupted him with:

"Do you know, **mamma**, that my uncle Phillips talks of turning away Richard; and if he does, Colonel Forster will hire him. My aunt told me so herself on Saturday. I shall walk to Meryton to-morrow to hear more about it, and to ask when Mr. Denny comes back from town."

Lydia was bid by her two eldest sisters to hold her tongue; but Mr. Collins, much offended, laid aside his book, and said:

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adorned: (adj) decorated, ornate, bedecked, decked out, fancy, garnished, ornamented, decked, beautiful, inscribed, festooned.

beholding: (n) fusion, seeing, visual perception, look.

circulating: (v) circulate; (adj) cyclic, circulative, moving; (n) distribution.

collins: (n) William Wilkie collins, Wilkie collins.

flattering: (adj) ingratiating,

complimentary, courtly, obsequious,

adulatory, fulsome, bland, candied, smooth, encouraging; (n) flattery. ANTONYMS: (adj) assertive, critical, unflattering, unattractive, wounding, uncomplimentary, negative; (adv) partially.

mamma: (n) breast, mother, ma, knocker, boob, mum, mammy, mom, momma, mommy, mummy.

resolute: (adj, n) constant, firm, fixed, steady; (adj, v) determined; (adj) inflexible, brave, adamant, dogged,

unbending, courageous.

ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, uncertain, uncommitted, timid, fickle, feeble, indecisive, flexible, flippant, hesitant, undecided.

unstudied: (adj) natural, careless, uncontrived, unaffected, informal, unsophisticated, candid, unmindful, unexplored; (v) unexamined, unweighed. ANTONYM: (adj) affected.

"I have often observed how little young ladies are interested by books of a serious stamp, though written solely for their benefit. It amazes me, I confess; for, certainly, there can be nothing so advantageous to them as instruction. But I will no longer importune my young cousin."

Then turning to Mr. Bennet, he offered himself as his **antagonist** at **backgammon**. Mr. Bennet accepted the challenge, observing that he acted very wisely in leaving the girls to their own trifling amusements. Mrs. Bennet and her daughters apologised most **civilly** for Lydia's **interruption**, and promised that it should not occur again, if he would resume his book; but Mr. Collins, after assuring them that he bore his young cousin no ill-will, and should never **resent** her behaviour as any **afront**, seated himself at another table with Mr. Bennet, and prepared for backgammon.

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afront: (*n, v*) insult, abuse, outrage, slight, snub; (*v*) face, offend; (*n*) disgrace, slur, offense, mortification. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) praise; (*v*) please, placate, mollify, gratify, flatter, assuage, appease, adulate; (*n*) pleasantry, appeasement.

antagonist: (*n*) opponent, adversary, enemy, foe, rival, match, opposition, opposer, assailant, opposite, competitor. ANTONYMS: (*n*) supporter, advocate, colleague,

synergist, ally, defender.

backgammon: (*n*) go bang, dominos, gammon, draughts, misere chess, checkers.

civilly: (*adv*) politely, respectfully, graciously, complaisantly, urbanely, polishedly, considerably, domestically, genteelly, obligingly, refinedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) abruptly, uncivilly.

importune: (*v*) beseech, implore, beg, entreat, badger, besiege, worry,

annoy, press, pester, tease.

interruption: (*n*) disruption, intermission, halt, pause, suspension, discontinuance, hiatus; (*n, v*) break, hindrance, impediment; (*v*) interrupt. ANTONYMS: (*n*) permanence, help, respect.

resent: (*v*) resentful, envy, grudge, begrudge, embittered, angry, abhor, take offense, take umbrage, take exception, loathe. ANTONYMS: (*v*) welcome, wish, accept.

CHAPTER 15

Mr. Collins was not a sensible man, and the deficiency of nature had been but little **assisted** by education or society; the greatest part of his life having been spent under the guidance of an **illiterate** and **miserly** father; and though he belonged to one of the universities, he had merely kept the necessary terms, without forming at it any useful acquaintance. The **subjection** in which his father had brought him up had given him originally great humility of manner; but it was now a good deal counteracted by the **self-conceit** of a weak head, living in retirement, and the consequential feelings of early and unexpected prosperity. A fortunate chance had recommended him to Lady Catherine de Bourgh when the living of Hunsford was vacant; and the respect which he felt for her high rank, and his **veneration** for her as his patroness, **mingling** with a very good opinion of himself, of his authority as a clergyman, and his right as a rector, made him altogether a mixture of pride and **obsequiousness**, self-importance and humility.

Having now a good house and a very sufficient income, he intended to marry; and in seeking a reconciliation with the Longbourn family he had a wife in view, as he meant to choose one of the daughters, if he found them as handsome and amiable as they were represented by common report. This was his plan of amends--of atonement--for inheriting their father's estate; and he

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assisted: (*adj*) aided.

illiterate: (*adj*) uneducated, rude, unschooled, unlearned, untaught, empty, green, letterless, uninstructed, unread; (*n*) analphabetic.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) educated, economical.

mingling: (*adj*) blending, merging, confluent, blended; (*n*) mixture, mixing, commixtion, interchange, exchange, commixture; (*adv*) minglingly.

miserly: (*adj*) mean, close, parsimonious, closefisted, grasping, mingy, tight, measly, penurious; (*adj, adv*) niggardly; (*adv*) ungenerous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) extravagant, graceful.
obsequiousness: (*n, v*) flattery; (*n*) subservience, sycophancy, servility, reverence, submissiveness, admiration, smooth talk; (*v*) coquetry, captation, toadeating. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) insult, disrespect.

self-conceit: (*n*) conceit.

subjection: (*n*) conquest, oppression, captivity, bondage, confinement, servitude, dependence, enslavement, slavery, repression, subjugation.

veneration: (*n*) respect, awe, honor, devotion, esteem, adoration, deference, estimation, worship, admiration, thaumatalotry. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) contempt, disapproval.

thought it an excellent one, full of eligibility and **suitableness**, and excessively generous and disinterested on his own part.

His plan did not vary on seeing them. Miss Bennet's lovely face confirmed his views, and established all his strictest notions of what was due to seniority; and for the first evening *she* was his settled choice. The next morning, however, made an alteration; for in a quarter of an hour's tete-a-tete with Mrs. Bennet before breakfast, a conversation beginning with his parsonage-house, and leading naturally to the **avowal** of his hopes, that a mistress might be found for it at Longbourn, produced from her, amid very **complaisant** smiles and general encouragement, a caution against the very Jane he had fixed on. "As to her *younger* daughters, she could not take upon her to say--she could not positively answer--but she did not *know* of any **prepossession**; her *eldest* daughter, she must just mention--she felt it incumbent on her to hint, was likely to be very soon engaged."

Mr. Collins had only to change from Jane to Elizabeth--and it was soon done--done while Mrs. Bennet was stirring the fire. Elizabeth, equally next to Jane in birth and beauty, succeeded her of course.

Mrs. Bennet **treasured** up the hint, and trusted that she might soon have two daughters married; and the man whom she could not bear to speak of the day before was now high in her good graces.

Lydia's intention of walking to Meryton was not forgotten; every sister except Mary agreed to go with her; and Mr. Collins was to attend them, at the request of Mr. Bennet, who was most anxious to get rid of him, and have his library to himself; for thither Mr. Collins had followed him after breakfast; and there he would continue, nominally engaged with one of the largest folios in the collection, but really talking to Mr. Bennet, with little cessation, of his house and garden at Hunsford. Such **doings** **discomposed** Mr. Bennet exceedingly. In his library he had been always sure of leisure and tranquillity; and though prepared, as he told Elizabeth, to meet with folly and conceit in every other room of the house, he was used to be free from them there; his civility, therefore, was most prompt in inviting Mr. Collins to join his daughters in their walk; and Mr.

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avowal: (*n*) declaration, assertion, affirmation, admission, statement, recognition, acknowledgement, announcement, confession, testimony; (*n, v*) profession.
complaisant: (*adj, v*) civil, polite; (*adj*) benign, accommodating, amiable, debonair, friendly, courteous, tractable, attentive, affable.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) antagonistic, contrary, difficult, disagreeable, discontented.

discomposed: (*adj*) disturbed, perturbed, doubtful, excited, distraught, uncomfortable, fearful.
doings: (*n*) conduct, behavior, behaviour, deportment, demeanour, proceeding, episode, traffic; (*v*) act, deed, job.
prepossession: (*n*) preconception, prejudice, predilection, preoccupation, bent, inclination, preconceived opinion, prevention, preconceived idea, parti pris,

prenotion.
suitableness: (*n*) fitness, appropriateness, convenience, consonance, navigability, pertinency, adaptableness, congruity, agreeableness; (*adj, n*) propriety; (*n, v*) agreement.
treasured: (*adj*) precious, prized, dear, beloved, loved, valued, appreciated, favorite, etched in your mind, esteemed, invited. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) unremarkable.

Collins, being in fact much better fitted for a walker than a reader, was extremely pleased to close his large book, and go.

In **pompous nothings** on his side, and civil assents on that of his cousins, their time passed till they entered Meryton. The attention of the younger ones was then no longer to be gained by him. Their eyes were immediately wandering up in the street in quest of the officers, and nothing less than a very smart **bonnet** indeed, or a really new **muslin** in a shop window, could recall them.

But the attention of every lady was soon caught by a young man, whom they had never seen before, of most gentlemanlike appearance, walking with another officer on the other side of the way. The officer was the very Mr. Denny concerning whose return from London Lydia came to **inquire**, and he bowed as they passed. All were struck with the stranger's air, all wondered who he could be; and Kitty and Lydia, determined if possible to find out, led the way across the street, under **pretense** of wanting something in an opposite shop, and fortunately had just gained the pavement when the two gentlemen, turning back, had reached the same spot. Mr. Denny addressed them directly, and entreated permission to introduce his friend, Mr. Wickham, who had returned with him the day before from town, and he was happy to say had accepted a commission in their corps. This was exactly as it should be; for the young man wanted only regimentals to make him completely charming. His appearance was greatly in his favour; he had all the best part of beauty, a fine countenance, a good figure, and very pleasing address. The introduction was followed up on his side by a happy readiness of conversation--a readiness at the same time perfectly correct and **unassuming**; and the whole party were still standing and talking together very agreeably, when the sound of horses drew their notice, and Darcy and Bingley were seen riding down the street. On distinguishing the ladies of the group, the two gentlemen came directly towards them, and began the usual **civilities**. Bingley was the principal spokesman, and Miss Bennet the principal object. He was then, he said, on his way to Longbourn on purpose to inquire after her. Mr. Darcy **corroborated** it with a bow, and was beginning to determine

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bonnet: (*n*) cap, protection, chapeau, tile, wimple, beret, lid, cowling, castor, poke bonnet, sunbonnet.

civilities: (*n*) propriety.

corroborated: (*adj*) corroborate, substantiated, verified.

inquire: (*v*) demand, ask, explore, enquire, inspect, research, consult, pry, request, wonder; (*n, v*) question. ANTONYM: (*v*) answer.

muslin: (*v*) linen, cloth; (*n*) mousseline, organdy, cambric, crash,

fabric, nainsook, organdie.

nothings: (*n*) honeyed words, conversation.

pompous: (*adj*) grand, arrogant, ostentatious, affected, pretentious, overblown, showy, inflated, majestic, lordly; (*adj, prep*) bloated.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modest, straightforward, unceremonious, quiet, unassuming, natural, deferential, relaxed, meek.

pretense: (*n*) affectation, pretension,

deception, show, cover, masquerade, hypocrisy, mask, facade, sham; (*adj, n*) feint. ANTONYMS: (*n*) reality, honesty, humility, sincerity, genuine.

unassuming: (*adj*) humble, retiring, unobtrusive, lowly, quiet, diffident, unpretentious, meek, simple, inconspicuous, unaffected.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conspicuous, elaborate, bold, confident, presumptuous, pretentious, brash, wild.

not to fix his eyes on Elizabeth, when they were suddenly arrested by the sight of the **stranger**, and Elizabeth happening to see the countenance of both as they looked at each other, was all astonishment at the effect of the meeting. Both changed colour, one looked white, the other red. Mr. Wickham, after a few moments, touched his hat--a salutation which Mr. Darcy just deigned to return. What could be the meaning of it? It was impossible to imagine; it was impossible not to long to know.

In another minute, Mr. Bingley, but without seeming to have noticed what passed, took leave and rode on with his friend.

Mr. Denny and Mr. Wickham walked with the young ladies to the door of Mr. Phillip's house, and then made their bows, in spite of Miss Lydia's pressing entreaties that they should come in, and even in spite of Mrs. Phillips's throwing up the parlour window and **loudly** seconding the invitation.

Mrs. Phillips was always glad to see her nieces; and the two eldest, from their recent absence, were particularly welcome, and she was eagerly **expressing** her surprise at their sudden return home, which, as their own carriage had not fetched them, she should have known nothing about, if she had not happened to see Mr. Jones's shop-boy in the street, who had told her that they were not to send any more draughts to Netherfield because the Miss Bennets were come away, when her civility was claimed towards Mr. Collins by Jane's introduction of him. She received him with her very best politeness, which he returned with as much more, apologising for his **intrusion**, without any previous acquaintance with her, which he could not help flattering himself, however, might be **justified** by his relationship to the young ladies who introduced him to her notice. Mrs. Phillips was quite **awed** by such an excess of good breeding; but her **contemplation** of one stranger was soon put to an end by exclamations and inquiries about the other; of whom, however, she could only tell her nieces what they already knew, that Mr. Denny had brought him from London, and that he was to have a lieutenant's commission in the ----shire. She had been watching him the last hour, she said, as he walked up and down the street, and had Mr. Wickham appeared, Kitty and Lydia would certainly have continued the

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awed: (*adj*) frightened, groveling, reverential, reverent, overwhelmed, overcome, intimidated, worshipful, impressed, fearful, abominable.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unawed, irreverent.

contemplation: (*n*) consideration, reflection, thought, attention, cogitation, musing, introspection, speculation, animus, deliberation; (*n*, *v*) study.

expressing: (*adj*) significant; (*n*)

speech.

intrusion: (*n*) infringement, encroachment, disturbance, interruption, irroad, trespass, invasion, violation, incursion, disruption, entry.

justified: (*adj*) correct, right, proper, elected, adopted, due, righteous, sanctified, unearthly, regenerated, even. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unfounded, unjustified, unreasonable, wrong, unworthy.

loudly: (*adv*) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (*adj, adv*) forte. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly.

stranger: (*n*) foreigner, outsider, newcomer, outlander, immigrant, intruder, unknown, tramontane, trespasser; (*adj*) foreign, strange. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) pal, native, associate, resident, familiar.

occupation, but **unluckily** no one passed windows now except a few of the officers, who, in comparison with the stranger, were become "stupid, disagreeable fellows." Some of them were to dine with the Phillipses the next day, and their aunt promised to make her husband call on Mr. Wickham, and give him an invitation also, if the family from Longbourn would come in the evening. This was agreed to, and Mrs. Phillips protested that they would have a nice comfortable noisy game of **lottery** tickets, and a little bit of hot supper afterwards. The prospect of such **delights** was very **cheering**, and they parted in mutual good spirits. Mr. Collins repeated his apologies in quitting the room, and was assured with **unwearying** civility that they were perfectly needless.

As they walked home, Elizabeth related to Jane what she had seen pass between the two gentlemen; but though Jane would have defended either or both, had they appeared to be in the wrong, she could no more explain such behaviour than her sister.

Mr. Collins on his return highly gratified Mrs. Bennet by **admiring** Mrs. Phillips's manners and politeness. He protested that, except Lady Catherine and her daughter, he had never seen a more elegant woman; for she had not only received him with the **utmost** civility, but even **pointedly** included him in her invitation for the next evening, although utterly unknown to her before. Something, he supposed, might be attributed to his connection with them, but yet he had never met with so much attention in the whole course of his life.

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admiring: (*adj*) admire, admiringly, loving, respectful, glowing, affectionate, amatory, appreciative, enthusiastic, flattering, approving. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) defamatory, critical, disdainful, disapproving, disrespectful, uncomplimentary. **cheering:** (*adj, n*) encouraging, inspiring; (*adj*) comforting, hearty, exhilarating, heartening, amusing; (*n*) applause, acclaim, ovation, cheers. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disheartening,

heartbreaking, discouraging, depressing, dejecting, disturbing. **delights:** (*n*) delices. **lottery:** (*n*) drawing, raffle, sweepstakes, draft, chance, allotment, tombola, draw, bet, brag, cassino. **pointedly:** (*adv*) penetratingly, poignantly, piquantly, markedly; (*adj*) particularly, by design, peculiarly, on purpose, notably, knowingly, designedly. **unluckily:** (*adv*) unfortunately,

inauspiciously, lucklessly, unhappily, untowardly, unsuccessfully, alas, regrettably, ill-fatedly, tragically, haplessly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) luckily. **unwearying:** (*adj*) tireless, untiring, unflagging, unceasing, hardworking, energetic, industrious, unfailing. **utmost:** (*adj, n*) maximum, extreme, uttermost, furthest, best, highest; (*adj, adv*) farthest; (*adj, v*) supreme; (*adj*) last, furthest; (*adj, n, v*) greatest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) moderate, worst.

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As no objection was made to the young people's engagement with their aunt, and all Mr. Collins's scruples of leaving Mr. and Mrs. Bennet for a single evening during his visit were most steadily resisted, the coach **conveyed** him and his five cousins at a suitable hour to Meryton; and the girls had the pleasure of hearing, as they entered the drawing-room, that Mr. Wickham had accepted their uncle's invitation, and was then in the house.

When this information was given, and they had all taken their seats, Mr. Collins was at leisure to look around him and admire, and he was so much struck with the size and furniture of the apartment, that he declared he might almost have supposed himself in the small summer breakfast parlour at Rosings; a comparison that did not at first convey much **gratification**; but when Mrs. Phillips understood from him what Rosings was, and who was its proprietor--when she had listened to the description of only one of Lady Catherine's drawing-rooms, and found that the chimney-piece alone had cost eight hundred pounds, she felt all the force of the compliment, and would hardly have resented a comparison with the housekeeper's room.

In describing to her all the **grandeur** of Lady Catherine and her **mansion**, with occasional digressions in praise of his own humble abode, and the improvements it was receiving, he was happily employed until the gentlemen joined them; and he found in Mrs. Phillips a very **attentive listener**, whose

attentive: (*adj*) assiduous, diligent, heedful, watchful, observant, advertent, mindful, careful, aware, alert, respectful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfocused, negligent, neglectful, forgetful, heedless, unobservant, rude, unprepared, unconscious, uncaring, inconsiderate.
convey: (*v*) communicate, channel, bring, conduct, transfer, fetch, express, transmit, bear, transport, take. ANTONYMS: (*v*) keep,

maintain, withhold, retain, refrain, hold, absorb, receive.
conveyed: (*v*) borne, sent.
grandeur: (*n*) dignity, splendor, magnitude, brilliance, glory, pomp, elegance, majesty, magnificence, grandness; (*adj, n*) solemnity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) modesty, simplicity.
gratification: (*adj, n*) delight; (*n, v*) content; (*n*) enjoyment, pleasure, satisfaction, fruition, complacency,

joy, luxury, treat, fulfillment. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dissatisfaction, disenchantment, dismay, discontent, anxiety.
listener: (*n, v*) auditor; (*n*) eavesdropper, audience, observer, perceiver, hearer, attender, attendee, attendant, beholder.
mansion: (*n*) house, manor, residence, castle, home, manor house, hall, building, palace, villa, abode. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hovel, shack, hut.

opinion of his consequence increased with what she heard, and who was resolving to retail it all among her neighbours as soon as she could. To the girls, who could not listen to their cousin, and who had nothing to do but to wish for an instrument, and examine their own indifferent imitations of china on the **mantelpiece**, the interval of waiting appeared very long. It was over at last, however. The gentlemen did approach, and when Mr. Wickham walked into the room, Elizabeth felt that she had neither been seeing him before, nor thinking of him since, with the smallest degree of unreasonable admiration. The officers of the ---shire were in general a very **creditable**, gentlemanlike set, and the best of them were of the present party; but Mr. Wickham was as far beyond them all in person, countenance, air, and walk, as *they* were superior to the broad-faced, stuffy uncle Phillips, breathing port wine, who followed them into the room.

Mr. Wickham was the happy man towards whom almost every female eye was turned, and Elizabeth was the happy woman by whom he finally seated himself; and the agreeable manner in which he immediately fell into conversation, though it was only on its being a wet night, made her feel that the commonest, dullest, most threadbare topic might be rendered interesting by the skill of the speaker.

With such rivals for the notice of the fair as Mr. Wickham and the officers, Mr. Collins seemed to sink into insignificance; to the young ladies he certainly was nothing; but he had still at intervals a kind listener in Mrs. Phillips, and was by her **watchfulness**, most abundantly supplied with coffee and **muffin**. When the card-tables were placed, he had the opportunity of obliging her in turn, by sitting down to **whist**.

"I know little of the game at present," said he, "but I shall be glad to improve myself, for in my situation in life--" Mrs. Phillips was very glad for his compliance, but could not wait for his reason.

Mr. Wickham did not play at whist, and with ready delight was he received at the other table between Elizabeth and Lydia. At first there seemed danger of Lydia's **engrossing** him entirely, for she was a most determined **talker**; but being likewise extremely fond of lottery tickets, she soon grew too much interested in

creditable: (*adj. v*) reputable, respectable; (*adj. n*) meritorious; (*adj*) praiseworthy, laudable, worthy, admirable, believable; (*n*) estimable, dignity; (*v*) up to the mark.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unworthy, disrespected, disgraceful, discreditable, lamentable, poor, blameworthy.
engrossing: (*adj*) fascinating, riveting, gripping, captivating, entrancing, enthralling, beguiling, charming,

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enchanting; (*adj. v*) interesting; (*v*) engross. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) uninteresting, dull, monotonous, tiresome, unexciting.

mantelpiece: (*n*) chimneypiece, mantelpiece, shelf, chimneybreast, blanket, cape, sill, clavy, curtain, drape, drapery.

muffin: (*n*) gem, cake, jewel, gemstone, English muffin, bran muffin, corn muffin.

talker: (*n*) speaker, conversationalist,

orator, chatterbox, babbler, raver, stammerer, chatterer, speechmaker, caller, mutterer.

watchfulness: (*n*) care, caution, alertness, heed, wariness, jealousy, attentiveness, attention, solicitude, concern, anxiety. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) recklessness, inattentiveness.

whist: (*adj*) quiet, noiseless; (*n*) long whist, short whist, whisk, tut, tush, dummy whist, cards, card game; (*v*) shut up.

the game, too eager in making bets and **exclaiming** after prizes to have attention for anyone in particular. Allowing for the common demands of the game, Mr. Wickham was therefore at leisure to talk to Elizabeth, and she was very willing to hear him, though what she **chiefly** wished to hear she could not hope to be told--the history of his acquaintance with Mr. Darcy. She dared not even mention that gentleman. Her curiosity, however, was unexpectedly relieved. Mr. Wickham began the subject himself. He inquired how far Netherfield was from Meryton; and, after receiving her answer, asked in a **hesitating** manner how long Mr. Darcy had been **staying** there.

"About a month," said Elizabeth; and then, unwilling to let the subject drop, added, "He is a man of very large property in Derbyshire, I understand."

"Yes," replied Mr. Wickham; "his estate there is a noble one. A clear ten thousand per annum. You could not have met with a person more capable of giving you certain information on that head than myself, for I have been connected with his family in a particular manner from my infancy."

Elizabeth could not but look surprised.

"You may well be surprised, Miss Bennet, at such an **assertion**, after seeing, as you probably might, the very cold manner of our meeting yesterday. Are you much acquainted with Mr. Darcy?"

"As much as I ever wish to be," cried Elizabeth very **warmly**. "I have spent four days in the same house with him, and I think him very disagreeable."

"I have no right to give *my* opinion," said Wickham, "as to his being agreeable or otherwise. I am not qualified to form one. I have known him too long and too well to be a fair judge. It is impossible for *me* to be **impartial**. But I believe your opinion of him would in general astonish--and perhaps you would not express it quite so strongly **anywhere** else. Here you are in your own family."

"Upon my word, I say no more *here* than I might say in any house in the neighbourhood, except Netherfield. He is not at all liked in Hertfordshire."

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anywhere: (*adv, n*) anyplace; (*adv*) someplace, wherever, everywhere.
assertion: (*n*) statement, argument, claim, avowal, contention, charge, testimony, profession, allegation, accusation, position. ANTONYMS: (*n*) denial, disavowal, uncertainty.
chiefly: (*adv*) principally, primarily, above all, especially, headly, mostly, largely, primely, predominantly; (*adj, adv*) mainly, particularly.
ANTONYM: (*adv*) partially.

exclaiming: (*n*) deuce, Dickens, ejaculation, exclaim, devil, interjection, ephonesis.
hesitating: (*adj*) indecisive, irresolute, undecided, doubtful, hesitate, reluctant, faltering, unwilling, hesitancy, backward, hesitatingly.
impartial: (*adj*) just, equitable, disinterested, unprejudiced, unbiased, dispassionate, even-handed, candid, even, evenhanded, detached. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) partial,

partisan, prejudiced, subjective, unfair, unjust.
staying: (*n*) stays, arrest; (*adj*) continual, old, left.
warmly: (*adv*) cordially, ardently, hotly, genially, affectionately, vigorously, fervently, zealously, eagerly, strongly, pleasantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) coolly, inhospitably, sourly, disagreeably, indifferently, frostily, roughly, rudely, apathetically.

Everybody is disgusted with his pride. You will not find him more favourably spoken of by anyone."

"I cannot pretend to be sorry," said Wickham, after a short interruption, "that he or that any man should not be estimated beyond their **deserts**; but with *him* I believe it does not often happen. The world is **blinded** by his fortune and consequence, or frightened by his high and imposing manners, and sees him only as he chooses to be seen."

"I should take him, even on *my* slight acquaintance, to be an **ill-tempered** man." Wickham only shook his head.

"I wonder," said he, at the next opportunity of speaking, "whether he is likely to be in this country much longer."

"I do not at all know; but I *heard* nothing of his going away when I was at Netherfield. I hope your plans in favour of the ----shire will not be affected by his being in the neighbourhood."

"Oh! no--it is not for *me* to be driven away by Mr. Darcy. If *he* wishes to avoid seeing *me*, he must go. We are not on friendly terms, and it always gives me pain to meet him, but I have no reason for avoiding *him* but what I might **proclaim** before all the world, a sense of very great ill-usage, and most painful regrets at his being what he is. His father, Miss Bennet, the late Mr. Darcy, was one of the best men that ever breathed, and the truest friend I ever had; and I can never be in company with this Mr. Darcy without being grieved to the soul by a thousand tender **recollections**. His behaviour to myself has been **scandalous**; but I **verily** believe I could forgive him anything and everything, rather than his disappointing the hopes and **disgracing** the memory of his father."

Elizabeth found the interest of the subject increase, and listened with all her heart; but the delicacy of it prevented further inquiry.

Mr. Wickham began to speak on more general topics, Meryton, the neighbourhood, the society, appearing highly pleased with all that he had yet seen, and speaking of the latter with gentle but very **intelligible** gallantry.

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blinded: (adj) blindfolded, blinder, blindly, reckless, unsighted, blindfold, dizzy.

deserts: (n) desert, just deserts, due, compensation, comeupance.

disgracing: (adj) opprobrious, disgracive; (n) dehonestation.

ill-tempered: (adj) morose, sour, cross, crabby, churlish, moody, grouchy, mean, huffy, angry, hot.

intelligible: (adj) clear, understandable, articulate, luminous,

apprehensible, graspable, simple, lucid, definite, distinct, perspicuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) difficult, illegible.

proclaim: (v) declare, assert, advertise, broadcast, promulgate, enunciate, herald, decree, divulge, notify, annunciate.

recollections: (n) memories, reminiscences, recollection, biography.

scandalous: (adj) infamous, disgraceful, ignominious,

outrageous, opprobrious, shocking, disreputable, disgusting, dishonorable; (adj, v) base, foul.

ANTONYMS: (adj) proper, seemly, honorable, appealing, complimentary, reputable, admirable.

verily: (adj, adv) really; (adv) indeed, in reality, genuinely, quite, actually, selfly, truly, identically, exactly; (adv, int) in truth.

"It was the prospect of constant society, and good society," he added, "which was my chief inducement to enter the ---shire. I knew it to be a most respectable, agreeable corps, and my friend Denny tempted me further by his account of their present quarters, and the very great attentions and excellent acquaintances Meryton had procured them. Society, I own, is necessary to me. I have been a disappointed man, and my spirits will not bear solitude. I *must* have employment and society. A military life is not what I was intended for, but circumstances have now made it eligible. The church *ought* to have been my profession--I was brought up for the church, and I should at this time have been in possession of a most valuable living, had it pleased the gentleman we were speaking of just now."

"Indeed!"

"Yes--the late Mr. Darcy **bequeathed** me the next presentation of the best living in his gift. He was my **godfather**, and excessively attached to me. I cannot do justice to his kindness. He meant to provide for me amply, and thought he had done it; but when the living fell, it was given elsewhere."

"Good heavens!" cried Elizabeth; "but how could *that* be? How could his will be disregarded? Why did you not seek legal redress?"

"There was just such an **informality** in the terms of the **bequest** as to give me no hope from law. A man of honour could not have **doubted** the intention, but Mr. Darcy chose to doubt it--or to treat it as a merely conditional recommendation, and to assert that I had **forfeited** all claim to it by **extravagance**, imprudence--in short anything or nothing. Certain it is, that the living became vacant two years ago, exactly as I was of an age to hold it, and that it was given to another man; and no less certain is it, that I cannot accuse myself of **having** really done anything to deserve to lose it. I have a warm, **unguarded** temper, and I may have spoken my opinion of him, and *to* him, too freely. I can recall nothing worse. But the fact is, that we are very different sort of men, and that he hates me."

"This is quite shocking! He deserves to be publicly disgraced."

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bequeathed: (*adj*) hereditary.

bequest: (*n, v*) will; (*n*) endowment, patrimony, estate, inheritance, heirloom, heritage, donation, gift, allowance, bequeathal.

doubted: (*adj*) distrusted, suspected.

extravagance: (*n*) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness, squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) economy, frugality, parsimony,

prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness.

forfeited: (*adj*) forfeit, lost, disfranchised, confiscated, appropriated, condemned.

godfather: (*n*) godchild, supporter, patron, godparent, godmother, gangster, executive; (*v*) christen.

having: (*n*) estate, possession, acceptance, enjoyment.

informality: (*n*) familiarity, casualness, anomaly, freedom,

evasion, failure, easiness, intimacy, unceremoniousness; (*adj*) illegality, unlawfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) formality, reserve.

unguarded: (*adj*) vulnerable, incautious, defenseless, careless, unprotected, exposed, insecure, undefended; (*v*) thoughtless, thriftless, shiftless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thoughtful, careful, safe, guarded, armed, invulnerable, secure.

"Some time or other he *will* be--but it shall not be by *me*. Till I can forget his father, I can never defy or expose *him*."

Elizabeth honoured him for such feelings, and thought him handsomer than ever as he expressed them.

"But what," said she, after a pause, "can have been his motive? What can have induced him to behave so cruelly?"

"A thorough, determined dislike of me--a dislike which I cannot but attribute in some measure to jealousy. Had the late Mr. Darcy liked me less, his son might have **borne** with me better; but his father's uncommon attachment to me irritated him, I believe, very early in life. He had not a temper to bear the sort of competition in which we stood--the sort of preference which was often given me."

"I had not thought Mr. Darcy so bad as this--though I have never liked him. I had not thought so very ill of him. I had supposed him to be despising his fellow-creatures in general, but did not suspect him of descending to such **malicious** revenge, such injustice, such **inhumanity** as this."

After a few minutes' reflection, however, she continued, "I *do* remember his **boasting** one day, at Netherfield, of the **implacability** of his resentments, of his having an **unforgiving** temper. His disposition must be dreadful."

"I will not trust myself on the subject," replied Wickham; "I can hardly be just to him."

Elizabeth was again deep in thought, and after a time exclaimed, "To treat in such a manner the godson, the friend, the favourite of his father!" She could have added, "A young man, too, like *you*, whose very countenance may vouch for your being amiable"--but she **contented** herself with, "and one, too, who had probably been his companion from childhood, connected together, as I think you said, in the closest manner!"

"We were born in the same parish, within the same park; the greatest part of our youth was passed together; inmates of the same house, sharing the same amusements, objects of the same parental care. *my* father began life in the

Thesaurus

boasting: (*n*) bluster, bravado, rodomontade, swagger, braggadocio, ostentation, show; (*v*) brag; (*adj*) swaggering, vaporizing, strutting.

borne: (*adj*) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited.

contented: (*adj*) content, happy, comfortable, quiet, cheerful, smug, complacent, satisfied, easy, proud, delighted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) discontented, unhappy, depressed, unsatisfied, sad, anxious.

implacability: (*n*) malice, implacableness, revenge, vindictiveness.

inhumanity: (*n*) brutality, atrocity, barbarism, cruelty, barbarousness, heinousness, atrociousness, savagery, inhuman treatment, inhumaneness, outrage. ANTONYMS: (*n*) kindness, humaneness, humanity.

malicious: (*adj*) evil, vicious, venomous, spiteful, unkind, cruel, poisonous, mean, mischievous,

pernicious, nasty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) kind, harmless, kindhearted, loving, unmalicious, compassionate, good, merciful, pleasant, provoked.

unforgiving: (*adj*) uncharitable, implacable, relentless, unrelenting, stern, merciless, grim, unappeasable, inexorable, cruel, intransigent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) charitable, merciful, forgiving, kind, considerate, gentle, tolerant.

profession which your uncle, Mr. Phillips, appears to do so much credit to--but he gave up everything to be of use to the late Mr. Darcy and devoted all his time to the care of the Pemberley property. He was most highly esteemed by Mr. Darcy, a most intimate, confidential friend. Mr. Darcy often acknowledged himself to be under the greatest obligations to my father's active **superintendence**, and when, immediately before my father's death, Mr. Darcy gave him a voluntary promise of providing for me, I am convinced that he felt it to be as much a debt of gratitude to *him*, as of his affection to myself."

"How strange!" cried Elizabeth. "How abominable! I wonder that the very pride of this Mr. Darcy has not made him just to you! If from no better motive, that he should not have been too proud to be dishonest--for **dishonesty** I must call it."

"It is wonderful," replied Wickham, "for almost all his actions may be traced to pride; and pride had often been his best friend. It has connected him nearer with virtue than with any other feeling. But we are none of us consistent, and in his behaviour to me there were stronger impulses even than pride."

"Can such abominable pride as his have ever done him good?"

"Yes. It has often led him to be liberal and generous, to give his money freely, to display hospitality, to assist his tenants, and relieve the poor. Family pride, and *filial* pride--for he is very proud of what his father was--have done this. Not to appear to disgrace his family, to **degenerate** from the popular qualities, or lose the influence of the Pemberley House, is a powerful motive. He has also *brotherly* pride, which, with *some* brotherly affection, makes him a very kind and careful guardian of his sister, and you will hear him generally cried up as the most attentive and best of brothers."

"What sort of girl is Miss Darcy?"

He shook his head. "I wish I could call her **amiable**. It gives me pain to speak ill of a Darcy. But she is too much like her brother--very, very proud. As a child, she was affectionate and pleasing, and extremely fond of me; and I have devoted hours and hours to her amusement. But she is nothing to me now. She

Thesaurus

amiable: (*adj*) friendly, genial, agreeable, benign, complaisant, sweet, cordial, pleasant, likable, nice, lovely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disagreeable, argumentative, aggressive, antisocial, unkind, hateful, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, cold.

brotherly: (*adj*) brotherlike, sympathetic, cordial, neighborly, harmonious, amicable, affectionate, sisterly, fatherly; (*adv*)

sympathetically, fraternally. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sisterly, uncompassionate, unfriendly, unneighborly, sororal, antagonistic, uncompanionable.

degenerate: (*adj*) corrupt, debauched, depraved, dissolute; (*v*) decay, degrade, relapse, decline, drop, rot; (*adj, n*) profligate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) upright, honorable, moral, healthy, virtuous, regenerate; (*v*) develop, flourish, recuperate, uplift, upgrade.

dishonesty: (*n*) corruption, betrayal, crookedness, injustice, deceitfulness, treachery, deviousness, duplicity, falsehood, racket, trick.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) frankness, sincerity, truthfulness, honesty, reliability.

superintendence: (*n*) oversight, direction, management, inspection, control, government, surveillance, supervising, care, guidance, invigilation.

is a handsome girl, about fifteen or sixteen, and, I understand, highly accomplished. Since her father's death, her home has been London, where a lady lives with her, and superintends her education."

After many pauses and many trials of other subjects, Elizabeth could not help **reverting** once more to the first, and saying:

"I am astonished at his **intimacy** with Mr. Bingley! How can Mr. Bingley, who seems good humour itself, and is, I really believe, truly amiable, be in friendship with such a man? How can they suit each other? Do you know Mr. Bingley?"

"Not at all."

"He is a **sweet**-tempered, amiable, charming man. He cannot know what Mr. Darcy is."

"Probably not; but Mr. Darcy can please where he chooses. He does not want abilities. He can be a **conversible** companion if he thinks it worth his while. Among those who are at all his **equals** in consequence, he is a very different man from what he is to the less prosperous. His pride never deserts him; but with the rich he is liberal-minded, just, **sincere**, rational, honourable, and perhaps agreeable--allowing something for fortune and figure."

The whist party soon afterwards breaking up, the players gathered round the other table and Mr. Collins took his station between his cousin Elizabeth and Mrs. Phillips. The usual inquiries as to his success was made by the latter. It had not been very great; he had lost every point; but when Mrs. Phillips began to express her concern thereupon, he assured her with much **earnest** gravity that it was not of the least importance, that he considered the money as a mere **trifle**, and begged that she would not make herself uneasy.

"I know very well, madam," said he, "that when persons sit down to a card-table, they must take their chances of these things, and happily I am not in such circumstances as to make five shillings any object. There are undoubtedly many who could not say the same, but thanks to Lady Catherine de Bourgh, I am removed far beyond the necessity of regarding little matters."

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conversible: (*adj*) companionable, communicative, accessible, social.
earnest: (*adj, v*) devout; (*adj*) eager, solemn, heartfelt, diligent, studious, sincere, intense, ardent, staid; (*n*) guarantee. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flippant, halfhearted, uncertain, insincere, unimportant, nonchalant, lethargic, apathetic, unenthusiastic, indifferent, frivolous.

equals: (*n*) classmates, colleagues, contemporaries, generation, age

group.
intimacy: (*adj, n*) familiarity, acquaintance; (*n*) closeness, fellowship, association, friendship, intercourse, affair, camaraderie, conversation, confidence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) distance, formality.
reverting: (*n*) reversion, relapse, relapsing, recidivism, lapse, backsliding, lapsing, regress, reversal; (*adj*) returning, reverisive.
sincere: (*adj, v*) earnest, devout; (*adj*

genuine, faithful, heartfelt, honest, serious, open, artless, candid; (*adj, n*) cordial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insincere, dishonest, guarded, flippant, affected, disingenuous, hypocritical, cunning, unfaithful, unenthusiastic, unbelievable.

sweet-tempered: (*adj*) sweet, amiable.
trifle: (*n, v*) play; (*adj, n, v*) trinket; (*v*) dally, fiddle, flirt, fool, frivol; (*n*) nothing, triviality, detail; (*adj, n*) bagatelle.

Mr. Wickham's attention was caught; and after observing Mr. Collins for a few moments, he asked Elizabeth in a low voice whether her relation was very **intimately** acquainted with the family of de Bourgh.

"Lady Catherine de Bourgh," she replied, "has very lately given him a living. I hardly know how Mr. Collins was first introduced to her notice, but he certainly has not known her long."

"You know of course that Lady Catherine de Bourgh and Lady Anne Darcy were sisters; consequently that she is aunt to the present Mr. Darcy."

"No, indeed, I did not. I knew nothing at all of Lady Catherine's connections. I never heard of her existence till the day before yesterday."

"Her daughter, Miss de Bourgh, will have a very large fortune, and it is believed that she and her cousin will **unite** the two estates."

This information made Elizabeth smile, as she thought of poor Miss Bingley. Vain indeed must be all her attentions, vain and useless her affection for his sister and her praise of himself, if he were already self-destined for another.

"Mr. Collins," said she, "speaks highly both of Lady Catherine and her daughter; but from some **particulars** that he has related of her ladyship, I suspect his gratitude misleads him, and that in spite of her being his patroness, she is an **arrogant**, conceited woman."

"I believe her to be both in a great degree," replied Wickham; "I have not seen her for many years, but I very well remember that I never liked her, and that her manners were **dictatorial** and **insolent**. She has the reputation of being remarkably sensible and clever; but I rather believe she derives part of her abilities from her rank and fortune, part from her authoritative manner, and the rest from the pride for her nephew, who chooses that everyone connected with him should have an understanding of the first class."

Elizabeth allowed that he had given a very rational account of it, and they continued talking together, with mutual satisfaction till supper put an end to cards, and gave the rest of the ladies their share of Mr. Wickham's attentions. There could be no conversation in the noise of Mrs. Phillips's supper party, but

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arrogant: (*adj*) imperious, proud, haughty, presumptuous, dogmatic, insolent, conceited, overbearing, hoity-toity, egotistical, domineering.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modest, unassuming, insecure, subservient, meek, considerate, deferential.
dictatorial: (*adj*) despotic, absolute, autocratic, authoritarian, imperious, bossy, authoritative, domineering, peremptory, magisterial, arrogant.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) democratic,

tolerant, reasonable, passive, docile, polite, meek, lenient, flexible.
insolent: (*adj*) impertinent, abusive, disrespectful, impudent, fresh, arrogant, brazen, defiant, offensive, brassy, bold.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, modest, gracious, meek, submissive.
intimately: (*adv*) nearly, familiarly, personally, secretly, internally, privately, narrowly, thoroughly, near, well, thickly.
ANTONYM: (*adv*) superficially.

particulars: (*n*) specification, data, nicety, minutiae, terms, consideration, workings, fine points, ins and outs.
unite: (*v*) associate, meet, connect, link, blend, join, coalesce, unify, tie, amalgamate; (*adj, v*) fuse.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) divide, cut, disband, disconnect, diverge, segregate, split, undo, unpick.

his **manners** recommended him to everybody. Whatever he said, was said well; and whatever he did, done **gracefully**. Elizabeth went away with her head full of him. She could think of nothing but of Mr. Wickham, and of what he had told her, all the way home; but there was not time for her even to mention his name as they went, for neither Lydia nor Mr. Collins were once silent. Lydia talked **incessantly** of lottery tickets, of the fish she had lost and the fish she had won; and Mr. Collins in **describing** the civility of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, protesting that he did not in the least regard his losses at whist, enumerating all the **dishes** at supper, and **repeatedly** fearing that he **crowded** his cousins, had more to say than he could well manage before the carriage stopped at Longbourn House.

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crowded: (*adj*) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (*adj, n*) thronged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose.

describing: (*n*) telling, unfolding, relating, recounting, recitation.

dishes: (*n*) food, meal, crockery, dinner service, dishware, menu, plates.

gracefully: (*adv*) prettily, graciously, neatly, delicately, smoothly,

charmingly, refinedly, lithely, easily, daintily, nicely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) awkwardly, ungraciously, clumsily, gracelessly, vigorously, unpleasantly, unkindly, heavily.

incessantly: (*adv*) constantly, endlessly, continually, perpetually, continuously, unceasingly, eternally, persistently, unremittingly, unendingly, steadily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sporadically, briefly.

manners: (*n*) conduct, etiquette,

propriety, behavior, deportment, manner, courtesy, custom, decorum, good manners, usage. ANTONYM: (*n*) vulgarity.

repeatedly: (*adv*) often, recurrently, again, time and again, commonly, again and again, successively, regularly, repetitively, habitually, continually. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) intermittently, never, simultaneously, spasmodically, rarely, manually, infrequently.

CHAPTER 17

Elizabeth related to Jane the next day what had **passed** between Mr. Wickham and herself. Jane listened with astonishment and concern; she knew not how to believe that Mr. Darcy could be so unworthy of Mr. Bingley's regard; and yet, it was not in her nature to question the **veracity** of a young man of such amiable appearance as Wickham. The possibility of his having endured such **unkindness**, was enough to interest all her tender feelings; and nothing remained therefore to be done, but to think well of them both, to defend the conduct of each, and throw into the account of accident or mistake whatever could not be otherwise explained.

"They have both," said she, "been **deceived**, I dare say, in some way or other, of which we can form no idea. Interested people have perhaps **misrepresented** each to the other. It is, in short, impossible for us to **conjecture** the causes or circumstances which may have **alienated** them, without actual blame on either side."

"Very true, indeed; and now, my dear Jane, what have you got to say on behalf of the interested people who have probably been concerned in the business? Do clear *them* too, or we shall be obliged to think ill of somebody."

"Laugh as much as you choose, but you will not laugh me out of my opinion. My **dearest** Lizzy, do but consider in what a disgraceful light it places Mr. Darcy, to be **treating** his father's favourite in such a manner, one whom his father had

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alienated: (adj) disaffected, antisocial, bitter, confused, contumacious, cool, disloyal, anomic, disturbed, far, factious.

conjecture: (n) supposition, speculation, assumption, surmise, hypothesis; (v) suppose, believe, anticipate, assume, speculate; (n, v) estimate. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty; (v) demonstrate, know, learn, prove.

dearest: (n) dear, darling, love, honey, lover, sweetheart, loved one, baby;

(adj) precious, intimate, sweet.

deceived: (adj) mistaken, misguided.

misrepresented: (adj) distorted, twisted, malformed, perverted, tainted, artful, kinky, immoral, disingenuous, depraved, deformed.

passed: (adj) accepted, approved, legal, gone.

treating: (adj) remedial.

unkindness: (n) heartlessness, callousness, thoughtlessness, inconsideration, inconsiderateness,

diskindness, insensitivity, unpleasantness, unfriendliness, unkindliness, insensitiveness.

ANTONYMS: (n) goodwill, diplomacy, gentleness, humanity, thoughtfulness.

veracity: (n) truth, accuracy, exactness, truthfulness, fact, reality, precision; (adj) probity; (adj, n) faithfulness, sincerity, candor. ANTONYMS: (n) mendacity, falsehood, falsity, dishonesty.

promised to provide for. It is impossible. No man of common humanity, no man who had any value for his character, could be capable of it. Can his most intimate friends be so excessively deceived in him? Oh! no."

"I can much more easily believe Mr. Bingley's being imposed on, than that Mr. Wickham should **invent** such a history of himself as he gave me last night; names, facts, everything mentioned without ceremony. If it be not so, let Mr. Darcy **contradict** it. Besides, there was truth in his looks."

"It is difficult indeed--it is **distressing**. One does not know what to think."

"I beg your pardon; one knows exactly what to think."

But Jane could think with certainty on only one point--that Mr. Bingley, if he *had* been imposed on, would have much to suffer when the affair became public.

The two young ladies were summoned from the shrubbery, where this conversation passed, by the arrival of the very persons of whom they had been speaking; Mr. Bingley and his sisters came to give their personal invitation for the long-expected ball at Netherfield, which was fixed for the following Tuesday. The two ladies were delighted to see their dear friend again, called it an age since they had met, and repeatedly asked what she had been doing with herself since their separation. To the rest of the family they paid little attention; **avoiding** Mrs. Bennet as much as possible, saying not much to Elizabeth, and nothing at all to the others. They were soon gone again, rising from their seats with an activity which took their brother by surprise, and **hurrying** off as if eager to escape from Mrs. Bennet's civilities.

The prospect of the Netherfield ball was extremely agreeable to every female of the family. Mrs. Bennet chose to consider it as given in compliment to her eldest daughter, and was particularly flattered by receiving the invitation from Mr. Bingley himself, instead of a **ceremonious** card. Jane pictured to herself a happy evening in the society of her two friends, and the attentions of her brother; and Elizabeth thought with pleasure of dancing a great deal with Mr. Wickham, and of seeing a confirmation of everything in Mr. Darcy's look and **behavior**.

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avoiding: (n) shunning; (adj) fugitive, antisocial.

behavior: (n, v) bearing, demeanor; (n) carriage, conduct, deportment, act, behaviour, manner, character, action, morality.

ceremonious: (adj) formal, solemn, stately, stiff, precise, starchy, prim, punctilious, majestic, dignified; (adj, v) decorous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unceremonious, simple, relaxed, casual, informal.

contradict: (v) deny, oppose, belie, conflict, confute, controvert, contravene, disprove, refute, invalidate, impugn. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, match, correspond, approve, corroborate, prove, support, reinforce.

distressing: (adj) sorrowful, deplorable, pitiful, painful, bad, depressing, disturbing, sore, lamentable, hurtful, worrying. ANTONYMS: (adj) reassuring,

heartwarming, pleasing, unemotional, soothing, comforting, comfortable, cheerful, appealing, happy.

hurrying: (n) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager.

invent: (v) devise, form, create, exogitate, concoct, imagine, contrive; (n, v) forge, fabricate, design, coin.

The happiness anticipated by Catherine and Lydia depended less on any single event, or any particular person, for though they each, like Elizabeth, meant to dance half the evening with Mr. Wickham, he was by no means the only partner who could satisfy them, and a ball was, at any rate, a ball. And even Mary could assure her family that she had no **disinclination** for it.

"While I can have my mornings to myself," said she, "it is enough—I think it is no sacrifice to join occasionally in evening engagements. Society has claims on us all; and I **profess** myself one of those who consider intervals of recreation and amusement as desirable for everybody."

Elizabeth's spirits were so high on this occasion, that though she did not often speak unnecessarily to Mr. Collins, she could not help asking him whether he intended to accept Mr. Bingley's invitation, and if he did, whether he would think it proper to join in the evening's amusement; and she was rather surprised to find that he entertained no **scruple** whatever on that head, and was very far from **dreading** a rebuke either from the Archbishop, or Lady Catherine de Bourgh, by venturing to dance.

"I am by no means of the opinion, I assure you," said he, "that a ball of this kind, given by a young man of character, to respectable people, can have any evil tendency; and I am so far from objecting to dancing myself, that I shall hope to be honoured with the hands of all my fair cousins in the course of the evening; and I take this opportunity of **soliciting yours**, Miss Elizabeth, for the two first dances especially, a preference which I trust my cousin Jane will attribute to the right cause, and not to any **disrespect** for her."

Elizabeth felt herself completely taken in. She had fully proposed being engaged by Mr. Wickham for those very dances; and to have Mr. Collins instead! her **liveliness** had never been worse timed. There was no help for it, however. Mr. Wickham's happiness and her own were **perforce** delayed a little longer, and Mr. Collins's proposal accepted with as good a grace as she could. She was not the better pleased with his gallantry from the idea it suggested of something more. It now first struck her, that *she* was selected from among her sisters as worthy of being mistress of Hunsford Parsonage, and of assisting to form a

Thesaurus

disinclination: (*n*) dislike, distaste, indisposition, reluctance, antipathy, opposition, disaffection, disrelish, unwillingness, disfavor; (*n, v*) disgust. ANTONYMS: (*n*) inclination, disposition, desire, tendency, keenness, willingness.
disrespect: (*n*) contempt, cheek, impertinence, neglect, blasphemy, impudence, disdain, insolence; (*n, v*) insult, slight; (*v*) disesteem. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) respect; (*n*)

admiration, regard, value, reverence, politeness, civility, approval, decency, seriousness.
dreading: (*adj*) anxious.
liveliness: (*adj, n*) animation, briskness; (*n*) life, effervescence, buoyancy, exuberance, vigor, activity, agility, cheerfulness, enthusiasm. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lethargy, awkwardness, lifelessness, laziness, sadness, apathy.
perforce: (*n*) on compulsion; (*adv*)

needs.
profess: (*v*) assert, feign, affirm, avow, state, pretend, claim, confess, allege, aver; (*n, v*) protest. ANTONYM: (*v*) repress.
scruple: (*adj, v*) hesitate, demur, pause; (*n*) hesitation, qualm, misgiving, distrust, objection; (*n, v*) mistrust; (*v*) falter, question.
soliciting: (*n*) traffic, suit; (*adj*) petitory, petitioning.
yours: (*adj*) own.

quadrille table at Rosings, in the absence of more eligible **visitors**. The idea soon reached to conviction, as she observed his increasing civilities **toward** herself, and heard his frequent attempt at a compliment on her wit and **vivacity**; and though more astonished than gratified herself by this effect of her **charms**, it was not long before her mother gave her to understand that the probability of their marriage was extremely agreeable to *her*. Elizabeth, however, did not choose to take the hint, being well aware that a serious dispute must be the consequence of any reply. Mr. Collins might never make the offer, and till he did, it was useless to quarrel about him.

If there had not been a Netherfield ball to prepare for and talk of, the younger Miss Bennets would have been in a very **pitiable** state at this time, for from the day of the invitation, to the day of the ball, there was such a succession of rain as **prevented** their walking to Meryton once. No aunt, no officers, no news could be sought after--the very shoe-roses for Netherfield were got by **proxy**. Even Elizabeth might have found some trial of her **patience** in weather which totally suspended the improvement of her acquaintance with Mr. Wickham; and nothing less than a dance on Tuesday, could have made such a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday **endurable** to Kitty and Lydia.

charms: (*n*) trinkets, jewelry, jewels.
endurable: (*adj*) bearable, supportable, tolerable, livable, sufferable, acceptable, sustainable, unobjectionable, manageable, patible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intolerable, unbearable, unendurable.
patience: (*n*) endurance, fortitude, longanimity, equanimity, tolerance, resignation, restraint, composure, sufferance; (*n, v*) moderation, calmness. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

impatience, eagerness, intolerance, annoyance.
pitiable: (*adj*) forlorn, abject, pathetic, miserable, pitiful, wretched, lamentable, poor, squalid; (*adj, v*) deplorable, mournful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) privileged, strong.
prevented: (*adj*) disallowed, barred, banned. ANTONYM: (*adj*) legitimate.
proxy: (*n*) attorney, deputy, agent, agency, delegate, alternate, surrogate, procurator, authority, vicar; (*adj, n*)

replacement.
toward: (*prep*) to, towards, approaching, headed for, just before, of, in the direction of; (*adv, prep*) on; (*adv*) about, around, by. ANTONYMS: (*prep*) from, away.
visitors: (*n*) visitation.
vivacity: (*adj, n*) life, liveliness; (*n*) energy, vitality, enthusiasm, dash, spirit, vigor, happiness, sparkle, effervescence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, dullness, sluggishness.

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CHAPTER 18

Till Elizabeth entered the drawing-room at Netherfield, and looked in vain for Mr. Wickham among the cluster of red coats there assembled, a doubt of his being present had never occurred to her. The certainty of meeting him had not been checked by any of those recollections that might not unreasonably have alarmed her. She had dressed with more than usual care, and prepared in the highest spirits for the conquest of all that remained **unsubdued** of his heart, trusting that it was not more than might be won in the course of the evening. But in an instant **arose** the dreadful suspicion of his being **purposely omitted** for Mr. Darcy's pleasure in the Bingleys' invitation to the officers; and though this was not exactly the case, the absolute fact of his absence was pronounced by his friend Denny, to whom Lydia eagerly applied, and who told them that Wickham had been obliged to go to town on business the day before, and was not yet returned; adding, with a significant smile, "I do not imagine his business would have called him away just now, if he had not wanted to avoid a certain gentleman here."

This part of his intelligence, though **unheard** by Lydia, was caught by Elizabeth, and, as it assured her that Darcy was not less **answerable** for Wickham's absence than if her first **surmise** had been just, every feeling of **displeasure** against the former was so sharpened by immediate disappointment, that she could hardly reply with tolerable civility to the polite inquiries which he

Thesaurus

answerable: (*adj.*, *v*) amenable, liable, responsible, subject, exposed, bound; (*v*) uncommendable, exceptionable; (*adj*) conformable, adequate, responsal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irrefutable, unaccountable.
arose: (*v*) happen, occur.
displeasure: (*n*) resentment, discomfort, dissatisfaction, dislike, discontent, exasperation, disfavor, annoyance, offense, pique, disapproval. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

satisfaction, pleasure, enjoyment, happiness, delight, contentment, equanimity, approval.
omitted: (*adj*) absent, forgotten, misplaced, wanting, not there, away, gone astray, lost, mislaid, gone.
purposely: (*adj*, *adv*) designedly, advisedly, knowingly; (*adv*) intentionally, on purpose, by design, consciously, by choice, calculatedly, explicitly; (*adj*) wittingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) unintentionally.

surmise: (*n*, *v*) guess; (*v*) suppose, suspect, presume, imagine, divine, doubt; (*n*) hypothesis, supposition, speculation, assumption. ANTONYMS: (*n*) knowledge, measurement.
unheard: (*adj*) aspirated, atonic, deaf, indistinct, involving surds, nonvocal, radical, sharp, silent, surd, irrational.
unsubdued: (*adj*) unbroken, continuous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) subdued.

directly afterwards approached to make. Attendance, **forbearance**, patience with Darcy, was injury to Wickham. She was resolved against any sort of conversation with him, and turned away with a degree of ill-humour which she could not wholly **surmount** even in speaking to Mr. Bingley, whose blind partiality provoked her.

But Elizabeth was not formed for ill-humour; and though every prospect of her own was destroyed for the evening, it could not dwell long on her spirits; and having told all her griefs to Charlotte Lucas, whom she had not seen for a week, she was soon able to make a voluntary transition to the oddities of her cousin, and to point him out to her particular notice. The first two dances, however, brought a return of distress; they were dances of **mortification**. Mr. Collins, awkward and solemn, apologising instead of attending, and often moving wrong without being aware of it, gave her all the shame and misery which a disagreeable partner for a couple of dances can give. The moment of her release from him was ecstasy.

She danced next with an officer, and had the **refreshment** of talking of Wickham, and of hearing that he was universally liked. When those dances were over, she returned to Charlotte Lucas, and was in conversation with her, when she found herself suddenly addressed by Mr. Darcy who took her so much by surprise in his application for her hand, that, without knowing what she did, she accepted him. He walked away again immediately, and she was left to **fret** over her own want of presence of mind; Charlotte tried to **console** her:

“I dare say you will find him very agreeable.”

“Heaven **forbid!** *that* would be the greatest misfortune of all! To find a man agreeable whom one is determined to hate! Do not wish me such an evil.”

When the dancing recommenced, however, and Darcy approached to claim her hand, Charlotte could not help **cautioning** her in a whisper, not to be a simpleton, and allow her fancy for Wickham to make her appear unpleasant in the eyes of a man ten times his consequence. Elizabeth made no answer, and took her place in the set, amazed at the dignity to which she was arrived in being allowed to stand opposite to Mr. Darcy, and reading in her neighbours' looks,

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cautioning: (adj) admonishing, cautionary, threatening.
console: (v) cheer, soothe, quiet, relieve, reassure, encourage; (n, v) solace; (n) cabinet, allay, control console, control panel. ANTONYMS: (v) hurt, discourage, grieve, sadden, distress, dispirit, dishearten, upset.
forbearance: (n) patience, clemency, pardon, abstention, abstinence, mercy, longanimity, avoidance, postponement, indulgence, restraint.

ANTONYMS: (n) impatience, intolerance.
forbid: (v) prohibit, ban, disallow, bar, obstruct, exclude, deny, avert, frustrate, to prohibit, enjoin. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, let, approve, authorize, stand.
fret: (n, v) gall, irritate, trouble, worry, (v) agitate, chafe, rub, fray, upset, annoy; (n) anxiety.
mortification: (n) chagrin, embarrassment, shame, gangrene,

disappointment, disgrace, corruption, necrosis, degradation; (adj, n) vexation; (adj) grievance.
refreshment: (n) bite, drink, recreation, collation, repose, relief, rest, entertainment, treat; (v) invigoration; (n, v) regalement.
surmount: (v) overcome, conquer, subdue, defeat, master, excel, transcend, outstrip, surpass, vanquish, outmatch. ANTONYMS: (v) yield, fail.

their equal **amazement** in beholding it. They stood for some time without speaking a word; and she began to imagine that their silence was to last through the two dances, and at first was resolved not to break it; till suddenly fancying that it would be the greater punishment to her partner to oblige him to talk, she made some slight observation on the dance. He replied, and was again silent. After a pause of some minutes, she addressed him a second time with:—"It is *your* turn to say something now, Mr. Darcy. I talked about the dance, and *you* ought to make some sort of remark on the size of the room, or the number of couples."

He smiled, and assured her that whatever she wished him to say should be said.

"Very well. That reply will do for the present. Perhaps by and by I may observe that private balls are much pleasanter than public ones. But *now* we may be silent."

"Do you talk by rule, then, while you are dancing?"

"Sometimes. One must speak a little, you know. It would look odd to be entirely silent for half an hour together; and yet for the advantage of *some*, conversation ought to be so arranged, as that they may have the trouble of saying as little as possible."

"Are you **consulting** your own feelings in the present case, or do you imagine that you are **gratifying** mine?"

"Both," replied Elizabeth archly; "for I have always seen a great similarity in the turn of our minds. We are each of an **unsocial**, **taciturn** disposition, unwilling to speak, unless we expect to say something that will amaze the whole room, and be handed down to **posterity** with all the **eclat** of a proverb."

"This is no very striking resemblance of your own character, I am sure," said he. "How near it may be to *mine*, I cannot pretend to say. *you* think it a faithful portrait undoubtedly."

"I must not decide on my own performance."

Thesaurus

amaze: (*adj, v*) astonish, surprise; (*v*) dumbfound, baffle, astound, stagger, puzzle, dazzle, discombobulate, alarm; (*adj*) astonished. ANTONYM: (*v*) expect.
consulting: (*adj*) consultative; (*n*) consultation; (*v*) consult.
eclat: (*n*) acclamation, celebrity, brilliance, elegance, grandness, vogue, magnificence; (*v*) commendation, praise, laud; (*n, v*) acclaim.

gratifying: (*adj*) agreeable, pleasant, enjoyable, delightful, pleasurable, rewarding, welcome, satisfying, nice; (*adj, v*) grateful; (*v*) gratify. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disappointing, unwelcome, unrewarding, frustrating, disagreeable, heartbreaking, annoying, unpleasant.
posterity: (*n*) race, descendants, issue, offspring, descendant, future, generation, progeny, breed, descendent, spat.

taciturn: (*adj*) silent, quiet, reserved, uncommunicative, speechless, secretive, mute, withdrawn, distant, mum, incommunicative. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wordy, voluble, communicative, forthcoming, fluent, open.
unsocial: (*adj*) unsociable, antisocial, shy, reserved, indifferent, lonely, incommunicative, inconvivial, solitary.

He made no answer, and they were again silent till they had gone down the dance, when he asked her if she and her sisters did not very often walk to Meryton. She answered in the **affirmative**, and, unable to resist the temptation, added, "When you met us there the other day, we had just been forming a new acquaintance."

The effect was immediate. A deeper shade of **hauteur overspread** his features, but he said not a word, and Elizabeth, though blaming herself for her own weakness, could not go on. At length Darcy spoke, and in a constrained manner said, "Mr. Wickham is blessed with such happy manners as may ensure his *making* friends--whether he may be equally capable of *retaining* them, is less certain."

"He has been so unlucky as to lose *your* friendship," replied Elizabeth with emphasis, "and in a manner which he is likely to suffer from all his life."

Darcy made no answer, and seemed **desirous** of changing the subject. At that moment, Sir William Lucas appeared close to them, meaning to pass through the set to the other side of the room; but on **perceiving** Mr. Darcy, he stopped with a bow of superior courtesy to compliment him on his dancing and his partner.

"I have been most highly gratified indeed, my dear sir. Such very superior dancing is not often seen. It is evident that you belong to the first circles. Allow me to say, however, that your fair partner does not disgrace you, and that I must hope to have this pleasure often repeated, especially when a certain desirable event, my dear Eliza (glancing at her sister and Bingley) shall take place. What congratulations will then flow in! I appeal to Mr. Darcy:--but let me not interrupt you, sir. You will not thank me for detaining you from the **bewitching** converse of that young lady, whose bright eyes are also **upbraiding** me."

The latter part of this address was scarcely heard by Darcy; but Sir William's allusion to his friend seemed to strike him forcibly, and his eyes were directed with a very serious expression towards Bingley and Jane, who were dancing together. Recovering himself, however, shortly, he turned to his partner, and said, "Sir William's interruption has made me forget what we were talking of."

Thesaurus

affirmative: (*adj*) positive, affirmatory, assertive, ratifying, concurring; (*adv*) yes; (*n*) affirmation, avowal, assenting; (*adj, v*) predicator, declaratory. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dissenting; (*n*) no.

bewitching: (*adj, v*) charming, fascinating, captivating, engaging; (*adj*) attractive, seductive, lovely, winning, entrancing, enthralling; (*v*) bewitch.

desirous: (*adj*) wistful, avid,

ambitious, greedy, longing, eager, hungry, covetous, envious, agog; (*adj, v*) willing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undesirous, reluctant, undesiring, unconcerned.

hauteur: (*n*) arrogance, pride, disdain, conceit, assumption, conceitedness, insolence, loftiness, lordliness, airs, elegance. ANTONYM: (*n*) modesty.

overspread: (*v*) cover, spread, disseminate, distribute, scatter, diffuse, disperse, broadcast, overlay,

mantle, clothe.

perceiving: (*n*) feeling, sensing, hearing, looking at, recognition, thought, vision, lipreading; (*adj*) conscious, percipient, reasonable.

retaining: (*adj*) retentive; (*n*) employment, reservation.

upbraiding: (*n*) chewing out, bawling out, castigation, dressing down, earful; (*adj*) abusive, reproachful, base, expressing reproach; (*v*) chiding, admonish.

"I do not think we were speaking at all. Sir William could not have **interrupted** two people in the room who had less to say for themselves. We have tried two or three subjects already without success, and what we are to talk of next I cannot imagine."

"What think you of books?" said he, smiling.

"Books--oh! no. I am sure we never read the same, or not with the same feelings."

"I am sorry you think so; but if that be the case, there can at least be no want of subject. We may compare our different opinions."

"No--I cannot talk of books in a ball-room; my head is always full of something else."

"The *present* always **occupies** you in such scenes--does it?" said he, with a look of doubt.

"Yes, always," she replied, without knowing what she said, for her thoughts had wandered far from the subject, as soon afterwards **appeared** by her suddenly exclaiming, "I remember hearing you once say, Mr. Darcy, that you hardly ever **forgave**, that you **resentment** once created was **unappeasable**. You are very cautious, I suppose, as to its *being created*."

"I am," said he, with a firm voice.

"And never allow yourself to be blinded by prejudice?"

"I hope not."

"It is particularly **incumbent** on those who never change their opinion, to be secure of **judging** properly at first."

"May I ask to what these questions tend?"

"Merely to the illustration of *your character*," said she, endeavouring to shake off her gravity. "I am trying to make it out."

"And what is your success?"

She shook her head. "I do not get on at all. I hear such different accounts of you as **puzzle** me exceedingly."

Thesaurus

appeared: (*n*) appearing.

forgave: (*v*) to excuse.

incumbent: (*adj, v*) superimposed; (*n*) functionary, official, householder, occupant, parson, locum tenens, sojourner; (*adj*) compulsory; (*v*) supernatant, overlying.

interrupted: (*adj*) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (*prep*) interrupt.

judging: (*n*) judge, judgment, judged, decision making, assessment, thought, deciding, prejudgetment, discernment.

occupies: (*v*) acquisition, Addison, engross, absorb, etymology, Milman, misery, multiplied, attainment. **puzzle:** (*adj, v*) perplex, confuse, embarrass; (*n*) enigma, riddle, mystery, maze; (*n, v*) nonplus; (*v*) confound, mystify, baffle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) clarify, placate,

explain; (*n*) explanation.

resentment: (*n*) grudge, displeasure, indignation, anger, ill will, rancor, umbrage, rage, envy, grievance, passion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) friendliness, happiness, contentment, calm.

unappeasable: (*adj*) implacable, relentless, insatiable, irreconcilable, stern, grim, unquenchable, inspiring horror, gruesome; (*v*) headstrong, unmitigable.

"I can readily believe," answered he gravely, "that reports may vary greatly with respect to me; and I could wish, Miss Bennet, that you were not to sketch my character at the present moment, as there is reason to fear that the performance would reflect no credit on either."

"But if I do not take your **likeness** now, I may never have another opportunity."

"I would by no means suspend any pleasure of yours," he coldly replied. She said no more, and they went down the other dance and parted in silence; and on each side **dissatisfied**, though not to an equal degree, for in Darcy's breast there was a tolerable powerful feeling towards her, which soon procured her pardon, and directed all his anger against another.

They had not long separated, when Miss Bingley came towards her, and with an expression of civil **disdain** accosted her:

"So, Miss Eliza, I hear you are quite delighted with George Wickham! Your sister has been talking to me about him, and asking me a thousand questions; and I find that the young man quite forgot to tell you, among his other communication, that he was the son of old Wickham, the late Mr. Darcy's steward. Let me recommend you, however, as a friend, not to give implicit confidence to all his assertions; for as to Mr. Darcy's using him ill, it is perfectly false; for, on the contrary, he has always been remarkably kind to him, though George Wickham has treated Mr. Darcy in a most **infamous** manner. I do not know the particulars, but I know very well that Mr. Darcy is not in the least to blame, that he cannot bear to hear George Wickham mentioned, and that though my brother thought that he could not well avoid including him in his invitation to the officers, he was excessively glad to find that he had taken himself out of the way. His coming into the country at all is a most insolent thing, indeed, and I wonder how he could presume to do it. I pity you, Miss Eliza, for this discovery of your favourite's guilt; but really, considering his descent, one could not expect much better."

"His guilt and his descent appear by your account to be the same," said Elizabeth angrily; "for I have heard you **accuse** him of nothing worse than of

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accuse: (v) charge, incriminate, arraign, denounce, defame, criminate, indict, fault, betray, condemn, inculpate. ANTONYMS: (v) absolve, exculpate, exonerate, praise, support, clear.
disdain: (n, v) despise, contemn, slight, ridicule; (n) contempt, derision, arrogance, haughtiness, pride; (v) scoff, disparage. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, admiration, reverence, worship,

approval, regard; (v) approve, admire, praise, accept, participate.
dissatisfied: (adj) discontent, disgruntled, disappointed, put out, displeased, malcontent, grumpy, annoyed, disaffected; (adj, v) querulous, complaining. ANTONYMS: (adj) content, contented, happy, fulfilled, gratified, pleased, idealistic.
infamous: (adj) disreputable, flagrant, notorious, disgraceful,

dishonourable, contemptible; (adj, v) foul, shameful, base; (adj, n, v) scandalous; (adj, adv, v) nefarious. ANTONYMS: (adj) reputable, famous.
likeness: (n) resemblance, copy, effigy, image, affinity, similarity, correspondence, facsimile; (adj, n) figure, form, semblance. ANTONYMS: (n) difference, diversity, dissimilarity, unlikeness, contrast.

being the son of Mr. Darcy's **steward**, and of *that*, I can assure you, he informed me himself."

"I beg your pardon," replied Miss Bingley, turning away with a **sneer**. "Excuse my interference--it was kindly meant."

"Insolent girl!" said Elizabeth to herself. "You are much mistaken if you expect to influence me by such a paltry attack as this. I see nothing in it but your own **wilful** ignorance and the **malice** of Mr. Darcy." She then sought her eldest sister, who has undertaken to make inquiries on the same subject of Bingley. Jane met her with a smile of such sweet complacency, a glow of such happy expression, as sufficiently marked how well she was satisfied with the occurrences of the evening. Elizabeth instantly read her feelings, and at that moment solicitude for Wickham, resentment against his enemies, and everything else, gave way before the hope of Jane's being in the fairest way for happiness.

"I want to know," said she, with a countenance no less smiling than her sister's, "what you have learnt about Mr. Wickham. But perhaps you have been too **pleasantly** engaged to think of any third person; in which case you may be sure of my pardon."

"No," replied Jane, "I have not forgotten him; but I have nothing satisfactory to tell you. Mr. Bingley does not know the whole of his history, and is quite ignorant of the circumstances which have principally offended Mr. Darcy; but he will vouch for the good conduct, the **probity**, and honour of his friend, and is perfectly convinced that Mr. Wickham has deserved much less attention from Mr. Darcy than he has received; and I am sorry to say by his account as well as his sister's, Mr. Wickham is by no means a respectable young man. I am afraid he has been very **imprudent**, and has deserved to lose Mr. Darcy's regard."

"Mr. Bingley does not know Mr. Wickham himself?"

"No; he never saw him till the other morning at Meryton."

"This account then is what he has received from Mr. Darcy. I am satisfied. But what does he say of the living?"

Thesaurus

imprudent: (*adj*) foolish, foolhardy, indiscreet, hasty, improvident, impolitic, heedless, unadvised, injudicious, unwary, unwise.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, prudent, cautious, wise, deliberate, discreet, guarded, judicious, advisable.

malice: (*n*) spite, animosity, enmity, venom, ill will, hatred, malevolence, cruelty, envy, hate, spleen.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodwill, benevolence, affection, goodness.

pleasantly: (*adv*) pleasingly, nicely, cheerily, enjoyably, agreeably, delightfully, sunnily, genially, gratifyingly, kindly; (*adv, v*) happily.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disagreeably, offensively, awfully, discordantly, dreadfully, shockingly, unkindly, irritably, harshly, curtly, nastily.

probity: (*adj, n*) integrity, honor, candor, decency; (*n*) goodness, morality, principle, sincerity, virtue, veracity; (*adj*) faithfulness.

ANTONYM: (*n*) untrustworthiness.

sneer: (*n, v*) deride, jeer, scorn, flout, ridicule, scoff, mock, leer, grimace, gird; (*n*) smirk.

steward: (*n*) flight attendant, waiter, keeper, warden, attendant, curator, caretaker, administrator, janitor, chamberlain, stewardess.

wilful: (*adj*) headstrong, deliberate, intentional, knowing, designed, wayward, obstinate, willful, stubborn, studied, persistent.

"He does not exactly **recollect** the circumstances, though he has heard them from Mr. Darcy more than once, but he believes that it was left to him **conditionally** only."

"I have not a doubt of Mr. Bingley's sincerity," said Elizabeth warmly; "but you must excuse my not being convinced by assurances only. Mr. Bingley's defense of his friend was a very able one, I dare say; but since he is **unacquainted** with several parts of the story, and has learnt the rest from that friend himself, I shall venture to still think of both gentlemen as I did before."

She then changed the discourse to one more gratifying to each, and on which there could be no difference of sentiment. Elizabeth listened with delight to the happy, though modest hopes which Jane entertained of Mr. Bingley's regard, and said all in her power to heighten her confidence in it. On their being joined by Mr. Bingley himself, Elizabeth withdrew to Miss Lucas; to whose inquiry after the **pleasantness** of her last partner she had scarcely replied, before Mr. Collins came up to them, and told her with great **exultation** that he had just been so fortunate as to make a most important discovery.

"I have found out," said he, "by a singular accident, that there is now in the room a near relation of my patroness. I happened to **overhear** the gentleman himself mentioning to the young lady who does the **honours** of the house the names of his cousin Miss de Bourgh, and of her mother Lady Catherine. How wonderfully these sort of things occur! Who would have thought of my meeting with, perhaps, a nephew of Lady Catherine de Bourgh in this assembly! I am most thankful that the discovery is made in time for me to pay my respects to him, which I am now going to do, and trust he will excuse my not having done it before. My total ignorance of the connection must plead my apology."

"You are not going to introduce yourself to Mr. Darcy!"

"Indeed I am. I shall entreat his pardon for not having done it earlier. I believe him to be Lady Catherine's *nephew*. It will be in my power to assure him that her ladyship was quite well yesterday se'nnight."

Thesaurus

conditionally: (adv) provisionally, qualifiedly, contingently, dependently, supposing, guardedly, hypothetically, temporarily; (n) if, in case, provided.

exultation: (n) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee. ANTONYMS: (n) depression, desolation, misery, sorrow.

honours: (n) first, honors, degree, academic degree.

overhear: (v) catch, eavesdrop, listen, overheard, understand, fold up, befool, fascinate, entrance, enchant, enamour.

pleasantness: (n) agreeableness, sweetness, niceness, suavity, disagreeableness, attractiveness, gaiety, kindness, delightfulness, geniality, charm. ANTONYMS: (n) atrociousness, harshness, ghastliness, gruesomeness, grumpiness, repulsiveness, nastiness, unkindness.

recollect: (v) recall, remember, recognize, call to mind, remind, mind, think, call up, reminisce, refresh, retrieve. ANTONYM: (v) forget.

unacquainted: (adj) unaware, unaccustomed, strange, oblivious, ignorant, unapprized, unapprised, unweeting, inexperienced, innocent, not learned. ANTONYMS: (adj) accustomed, knowledgeable, conscious, informed.

Elizabeth tried hard to **dissuade** him from such a scheme, assuring him that Mr. Darcy would consider his addressing him without introduction as an impertinent freedom, rather than a compliment to his aunt; that it was not in the least necessary there should be any notice on either side; and that if it were, it must belong to Mr. Darcy, the superior in consequence, to begin the acquaintance. Mr. Collins listened to her with the determined air of following his own inclination, and, when she **ceased** speaking, replied thus:

"My dear Miss Elizabeth, I have the highest opinion in the world in your excellent judgement in all matters within the scope of your understanding; but permit me to say, that there must be a wide difference between the established forms of ceremony amongst the **laity**, and those which regulate the clergy; for, give me leave to observe that I consider the clerical office as equal in point of dignity with the highest rank in the kingdom--provided that a proper humility of behaviour is at the same time maintained. You must therefore allow me to follow the dictates of my conscience on this occasion, which leads me to perform what I look on as a point of duty. Pardon me for **neglecting** to profit by your advice, which on every other subject shall be my constant guide, though in the case before us I consider myself more fitted by education and **habitual** study to decide on what is right than a young lady like yourself." And with a low bow he left her to attack Mr. Darcy, whose reception of his **advances** she eagerly watched, and whose astonishment at being so addressed was very evident. Her cousin prefaced his speech with a solemn bow and though she could not hear a word of it, she felt as if hearing it all, and saw in the motion of his lips the words "apology," "Hunsford," and "Lady Catherine de Bourgh." It vexed her to see him expose himself to such a man. Mr. Darcy was eyeing him with **unrestrained** wonder, and when at last Mr. Collins allowed him time to speak, replied with an air of distant civility. Mr. Collins, however, was not discouraged from speaking again, and Mr. Darcy's contempt seemed **abundantly** increasing with the length of his second speech, and at the end of it he only made him a slight bow, and moved another way. Mr. Collins then returned to Elizabeth.

Thesaurus

abundantly: (*adv*) copiously, richly, fully, generously, bounteously, plentifully, plenteously, freely, exuberantly, largely, bountifully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) fruitlessly, insufficiently, stingily, meagerly, scantily.

advances: (*v*) access, approach.

ceased: (*adj*) finished.

dissuade: (*v*) discourage, deter, advise, remonstrate, divert, expostulate, dehort, hinder, repress, reason,

detain. ANTONYMS: (*v*) persuade, encourage, induce, influence.

habitual: (*adj, n*) common, frequent, usual; (*adj*) chronic, conventional, confirmed, accustomed, natural, commonplace, everyday, ordinary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) occasional, infrequent, mild, irregular, exceptional, erratic, abnormal, innovative.

laity: (*n*) temporality, congregation, layman, mass, multitude, masses, hoi

pollo, assembly, brethren, flock, fold. ANTONYM: (*n*) clergy.

neglecting: (*n*) neglect, disregard.

unrestrained: (*adj, n, v*) loose; (*adj*) unconstrained, wild, uncontrolled, immoderate, extravagant, unconfined, mad, uninhibited; (*adj, v*) dissolute, wanton. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) restrained, restricted, contained, limited, partial, biddable, frugal, hidden, inhibited, manageable, reserved.

"I have no reason, I assure you," said he, "to be dissatisfied with my reception. Mr. Darcy seemed much pleased with the attention. He answered me with the utmost civility, and even paid me the compliment of saying that he was so well convinced of Lady Catherine's **discernment** as to be certain she could never **bestow** a favour **unworthily**. It was really a very handsome thought. Upon the whole, I am much pleased with him."

As Elizabeth had no longer any interest of her own to pursue, she turned her attention almost entirely on her sister and Mr. Bingley; and the train of agreeable reflections which her observations gave birth to, made her perhaps almost as happy as Jane. She saw her in idea settled in that very house, in all the felicity which a marriage of true affection could bestow; and she felt capable, under such circumstances, of endeavouring even to like Bingley's two sisters. Her mother's thoughts she plainly saw were bent the same way, and she determined not to venture near her, lest she might hear too much. When they sat down to supper, therefore, she considered it a most unlucky **perverseness** which placed them within one of each other; and deeply was she vexed to find that her mother was talking to that one person (Lady Lucas) freely, openly, and of nothing else but her expectation that Jane would soon be married to Mr. Bingley. It was an **animating** subject, and Mrs. Bennet seemed incapable of fatigue while enumerating the advantages of the match. His being such a charming young man, and so rich, and living but three miles from them, were the first points of self-gratulation; and then it was such a comfort to think how fond the two sisters were of Jane, and to be certain that they must desire the connection as much as she could do. It was, moreover, such a promising thing for her younger daughters, as Jane's marrying so greatly must throw them in the way of other rich men; and lastly, it was so pleasant at her time of life to be able to **consign** her single daughters to the care of their sister, that she might not be obliged to go into company more than she liked. It was necessary to make this circumstance a matter of pleasure, because on such occasions it is the **etiquette**; but no one was less likely than Mrs. Bennet to find comfort in staying home at any period of her life. She concluded with many good wishes that Lady Lucas might soon be

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animating: (*adj*) enlivening, invigorating, inspiring, inspiring, procelesmatic, stirring, exhilarating, glad, animated, exciting; (*n*) awakening.
bestow: (*v*) give, confer, grant, impart, contribute, donate, apply, award; (*adj, v*) accord, allow, present. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deprive, refuse, withhold, retrieve, withdraw.
consign: (*v*) confide, commit, assign, forward, commission, transfer,

delegate, give, send, hand over, relegate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hold, receive, withdraw.
discernment: (*n, v*) appreciation, sense, apprehension; (*n*) comprehension, discretion, taste, understanding, insight, discrimination, perception, recognition. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ignorance, tastelessness, uncouthness, clumsiness.
etiquette: (*n*) decorum, rite, civility,

protocol, label, form, convention, decency, formality, tag, custom.
perverseness: (*n*) perversity, cussedness, unruliness, wilfulness, willfulness, contumacy, obliquity, degeneracy, depravity, deliberate unruliness, crotchetiness.
unworthily: (*adv*) basely, unbecomingly, vilely, meanly, indignly, degenerately, improperly, worthlessly, shamefully, disgracefully, unseemly.

equally fortunate, though evidently and **triumphantly** believing there was no chance of it.

In vain did **Elizabeth** endeavour to check the rapidity of her mother's words, or persuade her to describe her felicity in a less audible whisper; for, to her **inexpressible** vexation, she could perceive that the chief of it was overheard by Mr. Darcy, who sat opposite to them. Her mother only scolded her for being nonsensical.

"What is Mr. Darcy to me, pray, that I should be afraid of him? I am sure we owe him no such particular civility as to be obliged to say nothing *he* may not like to hear."

"For heaven's sake, madam, speak lower. What advantage can it be for you to offend Mr. Darcy? You will never recommend yourself to his friend by so doing!"

Nothing that she could say, however, had any influence. Her mother would talk of her views in the same intelligible tone. Elizabeth blushed and blushed again with shame and vexation. She could not help frequently glancing her eye at Mr. Darcy, though every glance convinced her of what she dreaded; for though he was not always looking at her mother, she was convinced that his attention was invariably fixed by her. The expression of his face changed gradually from **indignant** contempt to a composed and steady gravity.

At length, however, Mrs. Bennet had no more to say; and Lady Lucas, who had been long **yawning** at the repetition of delights which she saw no likelihood of sharing, was left to the **comforts** of cold ham and chicken. Elizabeth now began to revive. But not long was the interval of tranquillity; for, when supper was over, singing was talked of, and she had the mortification of seeing Mary, after very little **entreaty**, preparing to oblige the company. By many significant looks and silent entreaties, did she endeavour to prevent such a proof of **complaisance**, but in vain; Mary would not understand them; such an opportunity of **exhibiting** was delightful to her, and she began her song. Elizabeth's eyes were fixed on her with most painful sensations, and she watched her progress through the several stanzas with an impatience which was very ill

Thesaurus

comforts: (*n*) amenities, bread and butter, convenience, conveniences.

complaisance: (*adj, n*) affability, civility; (*n*) courtesy, deference, respect, compliancy, agreeableness, submission, amenity, politeness; (*adj*) gallantry.

elizabeth: (*n*) Elizabeth I, Elizabeth II.

entreaty: (*n*) plea, prayer, request, petition, adjuration, supplication, suit, demand, desire, invocation; (*v*) solicitation.

exhibiting: (*n*) advertising; (*adj*) exhibitory, ostensive.

indignant: (*adj*) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cool, content, unaffected.

inexpressible: (*adj, v*) indescribable; (*adj*) ineffable, unspeakable, unutterable, indefinable, incomunicable, nameless, untold, beyond description, unexpressible,

undefinable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) definite.

triumphantly: (*adv*) exultantly, winningly, jubilantly, elatedly, proudly, successfully, triumphally, conqueringly, gleefully, delightedly, gloriously.

yawning: (*adj, v*) gaping, oscitant; (*n*) yawn, hiation, pandiculation, oscitancy; (*adj*) cavernous, open, drowsy, profound, sleepy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cramped, narrow.

rewarded at their close; for Mary, on receiving, amongst the thanks of the table, the hint of a hope that she might be prevailed on to favour them again, after the pause of half a minute began another. Mary's powers were by no means fitted for such a display; her voice was weak, and her manner affected. Elizabeth was in agonies. She looked at Jane, to see how she bore it; but Jane was very **composedly** talking to Bingley. She looked at his two sisters, and saw them making signs of **derision** at each other, and at Darcy, who continued, however, **imperturbably** grave. She looked at her father to entreat his interference, lest Mary should be singing all night. He took the hint, and when Mary had finished her second song, said aloud, "That will do extremely well, child. You have delighted us long enough. Let the other young ladies have time to exhibit."

Mary, though pretending not to hear, was somewhat disconcerted; and Elizabeth, sorry for her, and sorry for her father's speech, was afraid her anxiety had done no good. Others of the party were now applied to.

"If I," said Mr. Collins, "were so fortunate as to be able to sing, I should have great pleasure, I am sure, in obliging the company with an air; for I consider music as a very innocent diversion, and perfectly compatible with the profession of a clergyman. I do not mean, however, to assert that we can be justified in devoting too much of our time to music, for there are certainly other things to be attended to. The rector of a parish has much to do. In the first place, he must make such an agreement for tithes as a may be beneficial to himself and not offensive to his patron. He must write his own sermons; and the time that remains will not be too much for his parish duties, and the care and improvement of his dwelling, which he cannot be **excused** from making as a comfortable as possible. And I do not think it of light importance that he should have attentive and **conciliatory** manner towards everybody, especially towards those to whom he owes his **preferment**. I cannot **acquit** him of that duty; nor could I think well of the man who should omit an occasion of testifying his respect towards anybody connected with the family." And with a bow to Mr. Darcy, he concluded his speech, which had been spoken so loud as a to be heard by half the room. Many stared--many smiled; but no one looked more amused

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acquit: (*adj, v*) release; (*v*) exculpate, exonerate, discharge, excuse, clear, pardon, free, conduct, forgive, vindicate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, damn, censure, blame, sentence.

composedly: (*adv*) serenely, calmly, quietly, placidly, coolly, sedately, steadily, soberly, unperturbedly, staidly, relaxedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) nervously.

conciliatory: (*adj*) complaisant, pacific,

mollifying, propitiatory, friendly, appeasing, conciliating, compromising, pacificatory, assuaging, quiet. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) provocative, challenging, hostile, aggressive, stubborn, bellicose, belligerent, fighting, antagonizing, uncompromising, antagonistic. **derision:** (*n*) contempt, mockery, scorn, banter, jeering, disdain, scoff, insult, irony, sport, gibe. ANTONYMS: (*n*) applause, esteem,

admiration, praise, approval. **excused:** (*adj*) privileged, immune. **imperturbably:** (*adv*) dispassionately, unflappably, serenely, indifferently, impassively, emotionlessly, coolly, casually. **preferment:** (*n*) advancement, elevation, priority, preference, consecration, induction, institution, ordination, holy orders, translation; (*n, v*) promotion. ANTONYM: (*n*) demotion.

than Mr. Bennet himself, while his wife seriously **commended** Mr. Collins for having spoken so sensibly, and observed in a half-whisper to Lady Lucas, that he was a remarkably clever, good kind of young man.

To Elizabeth it appeared that, had her family made an agreement to expose themselves as much as they could during the evening, it would have been impossible for them to play their parts with more spirit or finer success; and happy did she think it for Bingley and her sister that some of the exhibition had escaped his notice, and that his feelings were not of a sort to be much **distressed** by the folly which he must have witnessed. That his two sisters and Mr. Darcy, however, should have such an opportunity of **ridiculing** her relations, was bad enough, and she could not determine whether the silent contempt of the gentleman, or the insolent smiles of the ladies, were more intolerable.

The rest of the evening brought her little amusement. She was teased by Mr. Collins, who continued most **perseveringly** by her side, and though he could not **prevail** on her to dance with him again, put it out of her power to dance with others. In vain did she entreat him to stand up with somebody else, and offer to introduce him to any young lady in the room. He assured her, that as to dancing, he was perfectly indifferent to it; that his chief object was by delicate attentions to recommend himself to her and that he should therefore make a point of remaining close to her the whole evening. There was no arguing upon such a project. She owed her greatest relief to her friend Miss Lucas, who often joined them, and **good-naturedly** engaged Mr. Collins's conversation to herself.

She was at least free from the offense of Mr. Darcy's further notice; though often standing within a very short distance of her, quite disengaged, he never came near enough to speak. She felt it to be the probable consequence of her allusions to Mr. Wickham, and rejoiced in it.

The Longbourn party were the last of all the company to **depart**, and, by a manoeuvre of Mrs. Bennet, had to wait for their carriage a quarter of an hour after everybody else was gone, which **gave** them time to see how **heartily** they were wished away by some of the family. Mrs. Hurst and her sister scarcely opened their mouths, except to complain of fatigue, and were evidently

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commended: (*adj*) highly praised.

depart: (*v*) go, deviate, decease, diverge, start, stray, wander, leave, die, vary, part. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stay, arrive, enter, come, abide, conform, continue, remain, appear, converge, return.

distressed: (*adj*) worried, distraught, anxious, sad, disturbed, downcast, hurt, distracted, wretched, shocked, troubled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) composed, content, euphoric, happy,

comforted, glad, joyful, collected, unconcerned, unaffected.

gave: (*v*) deliver, allow, allot, provide, furnish, impart, administer; (*n*) gives.

good-naturedly: (*adv*) friendly, obligingly, graciously, nicely, kindly, heartedly, genially, agreeably.

heartily: (*adv*) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly,

languorously.

perseveringly: (*adv*) patiently, doggedly, tenaciously, persistently, determinedly, constantly, resolutely, steadily, insistently, busily, stubbornly.

prevail: (*n, v*) triumph, control, govern; (*v*) dominate, overcome, outweigh, obtain, persist, carry, vanquish; (*adj*) preponderate. ANTONYM: (*v*) lose.

ridiculing: (*adj*) sneering, satirical.

impatient to have the house to themselves. They repulsed every attempt of Mrs. Bennet at conversation, and by so doing threw a **languor** over the whole party, which was very little relieved by the long speeches of Mr. Collins, who was complimenting Mr. Bingley and his sisters on the **elegance** of their entertainment, and the hospitality and politeness which had marked their behaviour to their **guests**. Darcy said nothing at all. Mr. Bennet, in equal silence, was enjoying the scene. Mr. Bingley and Jane were standing together, a little detached from the rest, and talked only to each other. Elizabeth preserved as steady a silence as either Mrs. Hurst or Miss Bingley; and even Lydia was too much fatigued to utter more than the occasional **exclamation** of "Lord, how tired I am!" accompanied by a violent yawn.

When at length they arose to take leave, Mrs. Bennet was most **pressingly** civil in her hope of seeing the whole family soon at Longbourn, and addressed herself especially to Mr. Bingley, to assure him how happy he would make them by eating a family dinner with them at any time, without the ceremony of a formal invitation. Bingley was all grateful pleasure, and he readily engaged for taking the earliest opportunity of waiting on her, after his return from London, **whither** he was obliged to go the next day for a short time.

Mrs. Bennet was perfectly satisfied, and quitted the house under the delightful **persuasion** that, allowing for the necessary preparations of settlements, new **carriages**, and wedding clothes, she should undoubtedly see her daughter settled at Netherfield in the course of three or four months. Of having another daughter married to Mr. Collins, she thought with equal certainty, and with considerable, though not equal, pleasure. Elizabeth was the least dear to her of all her children; and though the man and the match were quite good enough for *her*, the worth of each was eclipsed by Mr. Bingley and Netherfield.

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carriages: (*n*) carriage.

elegance: (*adj, n*) daintiness; (*n*) refinement, beauty, chic, grace, style, flair, courtliness, courtesy, polish, panache. ANTONYMS: (*n*) awkwardness, ugliness, inelegance, bareness, roughness, scruffiness, untidiness, rudeness, vulgarity, tackiness, tastelessness.

exclamation: (*n*) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce,

Dickens, ephonesis.

guests: (*n*) guest, visitors.

impatient: (*adj*) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow.

languor: (*adj, n*) inactivity, inertia, feebleness; (*n*) lethargy, fatigue, infirmity, lassitude, weakness, indifference, ennui; (*adj*) atony.

ANTONYM: (*n*) energy.

persuasion: (*n*) belief, opinion, faith, inducement, creed, idea, exhortation, enticement, view, sentiment; (*adj, n*) conviction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) force, punishment, dissuasion.

pressingly: (*adv*) instantly, earnestly, critically, imperiously, immediately, insistently, necessarily, imperatively, quickly, seriously, importunately.

whither: (*adv*) hither, thither, whereunto, whereto, for.

CHAPTER 19

The next day opened a new scene at Longbourn. Mr. Collins made his declaration in form. Having resolved to do it without loss of time, as his leave of absence extended only to the following Saturday, and having no feelings of **diffidence** to make it distressing to himself even at the moment, he set about it in a very **orderly** manner, with all the observances, which he supposed a regular part of the business. On finding Mrs. Bennet, Elizabeth, and one of the younger girls together, soon after breakfast, he addressed the mother in these words:

"May I hope, **madam**, for your interest with your fair daughter Elizabeth, when I **solicit** for the honour of a private audience with her in the course of this morning?"

Before Elizabeth had time for anything but a **blush** of surprise, Mrs. Bennet answered instantly, "Oh dear!--yes--certainly. I am sure Lizzy will be very happy--I am sure she can have no objection. Come, Kitty, I want you upstairs." And, **gathering** her work together, she was **hastening** away, when Elizabeth called out:

"Dear madam, do not go. I beg you will not go. Mr. Collins must excuse me. He can have nothing to say to me that anybody need not hear. I am going away myself."

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blush: (*n, v*) glow, color; (*v*) redden, crimson; (*n*) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (*adj*) bashful; (*adv*) blushingly. ANTONYMS: (*v*) blanch, pale, blench; (*n*) paleness.
diffidence: (*n*) reserve, modesty, shyness, pudency, coyness, timorousness, doubt, humility, timidity, uncertainty, constraint. ANTONYMS: (*n*) approachability, arrogance, security, brashness.
gathering: (*n*) collection,

accumulation, concourse, congregation, assemblage, crowd, compilation, meeting, crew, gather, throng. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dismantling, scattering.
hastening: (*n*) quickening, speed, hurrying, speeding up, faster, fast, stepping up.
madam: (*n*) dame, lady, ma'am, gentlewoman, missis, Mrs, brothel keeper, madames, signora, female, bawd.

orderly: (*adj*) neat, tidy, exact, regular, ordered, systematic, logical, coherent, businesslike; (*adv*) systematically; (*n*) attendant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unmanageable, rowdy, wild, disorganized, untidy, disorderly, confused, lawless, messy, defiant, haphazard.
solicit: (*v*) crave, request, petition, ask, pray, importune, require, apply, implore, demand; (*adj, v*) court.

"No, no, nonsense, Lizzy. I desire you to stay where you are." And upon Elizabeth's seeming really, with vexed and embarrassed looks, about to escape, she added: "Lizzy, I insist upon your staying and hearing Mr. Collins."

Elizabeth would not oppose such an injunction--and a moment's consideration making her also sensible that it would be wisest to get it over as soon and as quietly as possible, she sat down again and tried to conceal, by **incessant** employment the feelings which were divided between distress and diversion. Mrs. Bennet and Kitty walked off, and as soon as they were gone, Mr. Collins began.

"Believe me, my dear Miss Elizabeth, that your modesty, so far from doing you any **disservice**, rather adds to your other perfections. You would have been less amiable in my eyes had there *not* been this little unwillingness; but allow me to assure you, that I have your respected mother's permission for this address. You can hardly doubt the **purport** of my discourse, however your natural delicacy may lead you to **dissemble**; my attentions have been too marked to be mistaken. Almost as soon as I entered the house, I singled you out as the companion of my future life. But before I am run away with by my feelings on this subject, perhaps it would be advisable for me to state my reasons for marrying--and, moreover, for coming into Hertfordshire with the design of **selecting** a wife, as I certainly did."

The idea of Mr. Collins, with all his solemn **composure**, being run away with by his feelings, made Elizabeth so near laughing, that she could not use the short pause he allowed in any attempt to stop him further, and he continued:

"My reasons for marrying are, first, that I think it a right thing for every **clergyman** in easy circumstances (like myself) to set the example of matrimony in his parish; secondly, that I am convinced that it will add very greatly to my happiness; and thirdly--which perhaps I ought to have mentioned earlier, that it is the particular advice and recommendation of the very noble lady whom I have the honour of calling patroness. Twice has she condescended to give me her opinion (unasked too!) on this subject; and it was but the very Saturday night before I left Hunsford--between our pools at quadrille, while Mrs. Jenkinson was

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clergyman: (n) minister, chaplain, priest, pastor, churchman, preacher, parson, rector, dominie, vicar; (adj) divine. ANTONYMS: (n) layman, layperson.

composure: (n) calmness, serenity, poise, calm, equanimity, temper, aplomb, tranquillity, peace, temperament, disposition.

ANTONYMS: (n) panic, discomposure, anger, nervousness, perturbation, anxiety, agitation,

turbulence, awkwardness.

dissemble: (v) feign, assume, conceal, disguise, camouflage, dissimulate, act, hide, sham, pretend, mask. ANTONYMS: (v) show, demonstrate, expose, reveal.

disservice: (n) disadvantage, hurt, injury, harm, damage, detriment, injustice, spoliation, mischief, wrong, bad turn. ANTONYMS: (n) kindness, help, benevolence.

incessant: (adj) endless, continual,

everlasting, eternal, constant, continuous, perpetual, unremitting, interminable, persistent; (adj, v) frequent. ANTONYMS: (adj) intermittent, occasional, sporadic, broken, finite.

purport: (n, v) aim, amount; (n) intent, drift, intention, meaning, end, effect, design; (v) mean, propose.

selecting: (n) picking, option; (v) choose; (adj) selective, electoral, elective, eclectic.

arranging Miss de Bourgh's **footstool**, that she said, 'Mr. Collins, you must marry. A clergyman like you must marry. Choose properly, choose a **gentlewoman** for *my* sake; and for your *own*, let her be an active, useful sort of person, not brought up high, but able to make a small income go a good way. This is my advice. Find such a woman as soon as you can, bring her to Hunsford, and I will visit her.' Allow me, by the way, to observe, my fair cousin, that I do not reckon the notice and kindness of Lady Catherine de Bourgh as among the least of the advantages in my power to offer. You will find her manners beyond anything I can describe; and your wit and vivacity, I think, must be acceptable to her, especially when tempered with the silence and respect which her rank will inevitably excite. Thus much for my general intention in favour of matrimony; it remains to be told why my views were directed towards Longbourn instead of my own neighbourhood, where I can assure you there are many amiable young women. But the fact is, that being, as I am, to inherit this estate after the death of your honoured father (who, however, may live many years longer), I could not satisfy myself without resolving to choose a wife from among his daughters, that the loss to them might be as little as possible, when the **melancholy** event takes place--which, however, as I have already said, may not be for several years. This has been my motive, my fair cousin, and I flatter myself it will not sink me in your esteem. And now nothing remains but for me but to assure you in the most animated language of the violence of my affection. To fortune I am perfectly indifferent, and shall make no demand of that nature on your father, since I am well aware that it could not be complied with; and that one thousand pounds in the four per cents, which will not be yours till after your mother's **decease**, is all that you may ever be entitled to. On that head, therefore, I shall be **uniformly** silent; and you may assure yourself that no **ungenerous reproach** shall ever pass my lips when we are married."

It was absolutely necessary to interrupt him now.

"You are too hasty, sir," she cried. "You forget that I have made no answer. Let me do it without further loss of time. Accept my thanks for the compliment

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decease: (v) go, die, perish, pass, pass away, exit, expire; (n) demise, passing, departure, expiration.
ANTONYMS: (n) nascency; (v) survive.

footstool: (n) footrest, hassock, footboard, Ottoman.

gentlewoman: (n) lady, madam, dame, woman, noblewoman, doll, bird, adult female, noble, chick, ma'am.

melancholy: (adj, v) dreary; (adj, n)

gloom, melancholic; (adj) depressed, dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (n, v) low spirits; (n) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (adj) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied.

reproach: (n, v) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, invective; (v) accuse, chide, condemn; (n) condemnation. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) commend, approve; (n)

compliment, commendation, approval.

ungenerous: (adj, v) illiberal; (adj) stingy, parsimonious, miserly, cheap, uncharitable, close, narrow, tightfisted, closefisted, penurious. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, kind.
uniformly: (adv) equally, evenly, consistently, regularly, homogeneously, identically, steadily, unvaryingly; (adj, adv) ever, always, invariably.

you are paying me. I am very sensible of the honour of your proposals, but it is impossible for me to do otherwise than to decline them."

"I am not now to learn," replied Mr. Collins, with a formal wave of the hand, "that it is usual with young ladies to reject the **addresses** of the man whom they secretly mean to accept, when he first applies for their favour; and that sometimes the refusal is repeated a second, or even a third time. I am therefore by no means **discouraged** by what you have just said, and shall hope to lead you to the altar ere long."

"Upon my word, sir," cried Elizabeth, "your hope is a rather extraordinary one after my declaration. I do assure you that I am not one of those young ladies (if such young ladies there are) who are so **daring** as to risk their happiness on the chance of being asked a second time. I am perfectly serious in my refusal. You could not make *me* happy, and I am convinced that I am the last woman in the world who could make you so. Nay, were your friend Lady Catherine to know me, I am persuaded she would find me in every respect ill qualified for the situation."

"Were it certain that Lady Catherine would think so," said Mr. Collins very gravely--"but I cannot imagine that her ladyship would at all **disapprove** of you. And you may be certain when I have the honour of seeing her again, I shall speak in the very highest terms of your **modesty**, economy, and other amiable qualification."

"Indeed, Mr. Collins, all praise of me will be unnecessary. You must give me leave to judge for myself, and pay me the compliment of believing what I say. I wish you very happy and very rich, and by **refusing** you hand, do all in my power to prevent your being otherwise. In making me the offer, you must have satisfied the delicacy of your feelings with regard to my family, and may take possession of Longbourn estate whenever it falls, without any **self-reproach**. This matter may be considered, therefore, as finally settled." And rising as she thus spoke, she would have quitted the room, had Mr. Collins not thus addressed her:

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addresses: (*n*) wooing, suit, courtship.
daring: (*adj, n*) bold, courageous, adventurous; (*adj*) audacious, venturesome, intrepid; (*n*) bravery, audacity, boldness, courage, adventurousness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, timidity; (*adj*) timid, cautious, dull, afraid, chicken, fearful, unadventurous, wimpy.

disapprove: (*v*) deprecate, object, blame, repudiate, censure, disallow, reject, turn down, refuse,

discountenance, deny. ANTONYMS: (*v*) approve, endorse, accept, embrace, praise, agree, sanction, pass.

discouraged: (*adj*) despondent, downhearted, downcast, demoralized, dejected, dispirited, disheartened, frustrated, crestfallen, pessimistic, depressed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uplifted, heartened, cheered, inspired, cheerful, encouraged, hopeful, happy, calm, positive, enthusiastic.

modesty: (*n*) reserve, bashfulness, humility, diffidence, humbleness, demureness, coyness, gentleness, continence; (*adj, n*) decency, honesty. ANTONYMS: (*n*) arrogance, immodesty, spectacle, flamboyance, abandon, bigheadedness, pretension, decadence, boldness.

refusing: (*adj*) negative, dismissive, denying, recusative, noncompliant. **self-reproach:** (*n*) regret, repentance, shame, penitence, contrition, guilt.

"When I do myself the honour of speaking to you next on the subject, I shall hope to receive a more favourable answer than you have now given me; though I am far from accusing you of cruelty at present, because I know it to be the established custom of your sex to reject a man on the first application, and perhaps you have even now said as much to encourage my suit as would be consistent with the true delicacy of the female character."

"Really, Mr. Collins," cried Elizabeth with some warmth, "you puzzle me exceedingly. If what I have hitherto said can appear to you in the form of encouragement, I know not how to express my refusal in such a way as to convince you of its being one."

"You must give me leave to flatter myself, my dear cousin, that your refusal of my addresses is merely words of course. My **reasons** for believing it are briefly these: It does not appear to me that my hand is unworthy your acceptance, or that the establishment I can offer would be any other than highly desirable. My situation in life, my connections with the family of de Bourgh, and my relationship to your own, are circumstances highly in my favour; and you should take it into further consideration, that in spite of your **manifold** attractions, it is by no means certain that another offer of marriage may ever be made you. Your portion is unhappily so small that it will in all likelihood **undo** the effects of your **loveliness** and amiable qualifications. As I must therefore conclude that you are not serious in your rejection of me, I shall choose to attribute it to your wish of increasing my love by **suspense**, according to the usual practice of elegant females."

"I do assure you, sir, that I have no **pretensions** whatever to that kind of elegance which consists in **t tormenting** a respectable man. I would rather be paid the compliment of being believed sincere. I thank you again and again for the honour you have done me in your **proposals**, but to accept them is absolutely impossible. My feelings in every respect forbid it. Can I speak plainer? Do not consider me now as an elegant female, intending to plague you, but as a rational creature, speaking the truth from her heart."

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exceedingly: (*adj., adv.*) very, highly; (*adv.*) too, exceptionally, overly, surpassingly, extraordinarily, greatly, awfully, terrifically, eminently.
ANTONYMS: (*adv.*) slightly, hardly, insufficiently, somewhat.

loveliness: (*n.*) comeliness, fairness, grace, attractiveness, charm, glamour, pulchritude, beauteousness, good looks, cuteness, fineness.
ANTONYMS: (*n.*) unattractiveness, unpleasantness, awkwardness.

manifold: (*adj.*) diverse, different, many, various, multiplex, multiplied, frequent; (*v.*) duplicate, copy, multiply; (*n.*) diversity.

pretensions: (*n.*) airs, affected manner, mannerism.

proposals: (*n.*) suggestion.

reasons: (*n.*) proof.

suspense: (*n.*) doubt, expectancy, anticipation, indecision, insecurity, unrest, expectation, irresolution, suspension, tension; (*adj., n.*)

hesitation. **ANTONYM:** (*n.*) knowledge.

t tormenting: (*v.*) bothering, teasing, pestering, harassing; (*adj.*) harrowing, perturbing, plaguy, raging, upsetting, vexatious; (*adj., v.*) worrying.

undo: (*v.*) loosen, open, annul, cancel, separate, disentangle, untie, unfold, reverse, disconnect, nullify.

ANTONYMS: (*v.*) attach, close, do, wrap, tangle, validate, knot, lock, permit, unite, approve.

"You are uniformly charming!" cried he, with an air of awkward gallantry; "and I am persuaded that when **sanctioned** by the express authority of both your excellent parents, my proposals will not fail of being acceptable."

To such **perseverance** in wilful self-deception Elizabeth would make no reply, and immediately and in silence withdrew; determined, if he persisted in considering her repeated refusals as flattering **encouragement**, to apply to her father, whose negative might be **uttered** in such a manner as to be decisive, and whose behavior at least could not be **mistaken** for the **affection** and **coquetry** of an elegant female.

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affection: (*n*) pretension, feint, pose, display, airs, affectedness, ostentation, show, pretense, mannerism, sham. ANTONYMS: (*n*) artlessness, honesty, modesty.

coquetry: (*v*) captation, obsequiousness, sentimentalism, sycophancy, mock modesty, minauderie, toadeating, flunkeyism, prudery; (*n*) dalliance, invitation.

encouragement: (*n*) aid, support, promotion, backing, incentive, cheer,

consolation, boost, advocacy, fosterage, assistance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) neglect, deflation, disheartening, disincentive, dissuasion, opposition, deterrent.

mistaken: (*adj*) wrong, erroneous, false, misguided, inaccurate, fallacious, untrue, misleading, confused, improper, error.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) accurate, wise, right.

perseverance: (*n*) endurance, tenacity,

resolution, constancy, fortitude, assiduity, industry, doggedness, firmness, persistence, determination. ANTONYMS: (*n*) vacillation, cowardice, indecision, indifference.

sanctioned: (*adj*) approved, legitimate, authorized, canonical, official, legal, accepted, canonic, orthodox; (*v*) allowed; (*adj, v*) privileged.

uttered: (*adj*) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (*v*) spoke, quoth, said.

CHAPTER 20

Mr. Collins was not left long to the silent contemplation of his successful love; for Mrs. Bennet, having dawdled about in the **vestibule** to watch for the end of the conference, no sooner saw Elizabeth open the door and with quick step pass her towards the staircase, than she entered the breakfast-room, and congratulated both him and herself in warm terms on the happy prospect or their nearer connection. Mr. Collins received and returned these felicitations with equal pleasure, and then proceeded to relate the particulars of their interview, with the result of which he trusted he had every reason to be satisfied, since the refusal which his cousin had **steadfastly** given him would naturally flow from her **bashful** modesty and the genuine delicacy of her character.

This information, however, startled Mrs. Bennet; she would have been glad to be equally satisfied that her daughter had meant to encourage him by protesting against his proposals, but she dared not believe it, and could not help saying so.

"But, depend upon it, Mr. Collins," she added, "that Lizzy shall be brought to reason. I will speak to her about it directly. She is a very **headstrong**, foolish girl, and does not know her own interest but I will *make* her know it."

"Pardon me for **interrupting** you, madam," cried Mr. Collins; "but if she is really headstrong and foolish, I know not whether she would altogether be a very desirable wife to a man in my situation, who naturally looks for happiness in the marriage state. If therefore she actually persists in rejecting my suit,

bashful: (*adj*) timid, diffident, ashamed, coy, backward, modest, shy, retiring, shrinking, mousy, blate.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) confident, loud, unabashed, swaggering, forward, brazen, brave, outgoing.
bennet: (*n*) bent, avens, wood avens, white avens.
headstrong: (*adj*) intractable, dogged, obstinate, disobedient, unruly, willful, wayward, froward, rash, headlong; (*adj, v*) ungovernable.

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ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tractable, compliant, amenable, docile, malleable, agreeable, cautious.
interrupting: (*adj*) cross, interchanged, interpellating, meddlesome, adverse, defensive, contrary, interpellant, interruptive.
steadfastly: (*adv*) steadily, solidly, unwaveringly, resolutely, unfalteringly, unswervingly, determinedly, faithfully, persistently, permanently, staunchly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unreliably, irresolutely, unfaithfully.
vestibule: (*n*) lobby, hall, foyer, antechamber, entrance hall, hallway, entry, porch, passage, anteroom, threshold.

perhaps it were better not to force her into **accepting** me, because if liable to such defects of **temper**, she could not contribute much to my felicity."

"Sir, you quite misunderstand me," said Mrs. Bennet, alarmed. "Lizzy is only headstrong in such matters as these. In everything else she is as **good-natured** a girl as ever lived. I will go directly to Mr. Bennet, and we shall very soon settle it with her, I am sure."

She would not give him time to reply, but hurrying instantly to her husband, called out as she entered the library, "Oh! Mr. Bennet, you are wanted immediately; we are all in an **uproar**. You must come and make Lizzy marry Mr. Collins, for she vows she will not have him, and if you do not make haste he will change his mind and not have *her*."

Mr. Bennet raised his eyes from his book as she entered, and fixed them on her face with a calm unconcern which was not in the least altered by her communication.

"I have not the pleasure of understanding you," said he, when she had finished her speech. "Of what are you talking?"

"Of Mr. Collins and Lizzy. Lizzy declares she will not have Mr. Collins, and Mr. Collins begins to say that he will not have Lizzy."

"And what am I to do on the occasion? It seems an **hopeless** business."

"Speak to Lizzy about it yourself. Tell her that you insist upon her marrying him."

"Let her be called down. She shall hear my opinion."

Mrs. Bennet **rang** the bell, and Miss Elizabeth was summoned to the library.

"Come here, child," cried her father as she appeared. "I have sent for you on an **affair** of importance. I understand that Mr. Collins has made you an offer of marriage. Is it true?" Elizabeth replied that it was. "Very well--and this offer of marriage you have refused?"

"I have, sir."

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accepting: (*adj*) tolerant, sympathetic, thoughtful, understanding, willing to help, yielding, lenient, acceptant, obliging, soft, permissive.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resistant, uncooperative, unforgiving, severe, unsympathetic.

affair: (*n*) occurrence, event, business, concern, occasion, job, topic, duty, subject, amour, thing.

good-natured: (*adj*) kindly, friendly, kind, obliging, gracious, kind-

hearted, genial, good, bland, sweet, good-tempered.

hopeless: (*adj*) incurable, despondent, forlorn, disconsolate, desperate, impossible, useless, abject, despair, dismal, irreparable. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) cheerful, competent, promising, optimistic, encouraging, helpful, useful, successful, practical, laudable, effective.

rang: (*n*) rung.

temper: (*adj, v*) moderate, soften,

mitigate, harden; (*n*) character, disposition, humor, nature; (*v*) modify, season, qualify.

ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) upset; (*v*) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (*n*) composure, happiness, wrath, unanimity.

uproar: (*adj, n, v*) hubbub, disturbance, tumult; (*n*) din, noise, turmoil, commotion, disorder, confusion; (*adj, n*) row; (*n, v*) brawl. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) calm, peace, serenity, order.

"Very well. We now come to the point. Your mother insists upon your accepting it. Is it not so, Mrs. Bennet?"

"Yes, or I will never see her again."

"An unhappy alternative is before you, Elizabeth. From this day you must be a stranger to one of your parents. Your mother will never see you again if you do not marry Mr. Collins, and I will never see you again if you *do*."

Elizabeth could not but smile at such a conclusion of such a beginning, but Mrs. Bennet, who had persuaded herself that her husband **regarded** the affair as she wished, was excessively disappointed.

"What do you mean, Mr. Bennet, in talking this way? You promised me to *insist* upon her marrying him."

"My dear," replied her husband, "I have two small favours to request. First, that you will allow me the free use of my understanding on the present occasion; and secondly, of my room. I shall be glad to have the library to myself as soon as may be."

Not yet, however, in spite of her disappointment in her husband, did Mrs. Bennet give up the point. She talked to Elizabeth again and again; coaxed and threatened her by turns. She endeavoured to secure Jane in her interest; but Jane, with all possible **mildness**, declined **interfering**; and Elizabeth, sometimes with real **earnestness**, and sometimes with playful **gaiety**, replied to her attacks. Though her manner varied, however, her determination never did.

Mr. Collins, meanwhile, was meditating in **solitude** on what had passed. He thought too well of himself to comprehend on what motives his cousin could refuse him; and though his pride was hurt, he **suffered** in no other way. His regard for her was quite imaginary; and the possibility of her **deserving** her mother's reproach prevented his feeling any regret.

While the family were in this confusion, Charlotte Lucas came to spend the day with them. She was met in the vestibule by Lydia, who, flying to her, cried in a half whisper, "I am glad you are come, for there is such fun here! What do

Thesaurus

deserving: (*adj*) meritorious, admirable, creditable, commendable, laudable, fit, good, deserved, condign; (*v*) deserve, worthy of. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unworthy, undeserving, unimpressive.
earnestness: (*n*) seriousness, sincerity, gravity, fervor, devotion, graveness, staidness, honesty; (*adj, n*) ardor, zeal, intentness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slackness, lightness, carelessness, frivolousness, cheerfulness,

insincerity, flippancy.
gaiety: (*n*) fun, cheerfulness, exhilaration, mirth, glee, merriment, hilarity, happiness, joy, joviality, jollity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) seriousness, misery, sadness.
interfering: (*adj, n*) meddling; (*adj*) officious, busy, disturbing, meddlesome, nosy, busybodied, curious, overbearing, domineering; (*n*) hindrance.
mildness: (*adj, n*) gentleness, kindness,

benignity, compassion, goodness; (*n*) lenity, mercy, meekness, leniency, lenience, tenderness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) roughness, pungency.
regarded: (*adj*) reputed.
solitude: (*n*) desolation, loneliness, seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness, retreat, desert, solitariness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) companionship, closeness.
suffered: (*adj*) permitted, permissive.

you think has happened this morning? Mr. Collins has made an offer to Lizzy, and she will not have him."

Charlotte hardly had time to answer, before they were joined by Kitty, who came to tell the same news; and no sooner had they entered the breakfast-room, where Mrs. Bennet was alone, than she likewise began on the subject, calling on Miss Lucas for her compassion, and **entreating** her to persuade her friend Lizzy to comply with the **wishes** of all her family. "Pray do, my dear Miss Lucas," she added in a melancholy tone, "for nobody is on my side, nobody takes part with me. I am **cruelly** used, nobody feels for my poor nerves."

Charlotte's reply was spared by the entrance of Jane and Elizabeth.

"Aye, there she comes," continued Mrs. Bennet, "looking as **unconcerned** as may be, and caring no more for us than if we were at York, provided she can have her own way. But I tell you, Miss Lizzy--if you take it into your head to go on refusing every offer of marriage in this way, you will never get a husband at all--and I am sure I do not know who is to maintain you when your father is dead. I shall not be able to keep you--and so I warn you. I have done with you from this very day. I told you in the library, you know, that I should never speak to you again, and you will find me as good as my word. I have no pleasure in talking to **undutiful** children. Not that I have much pleasure, indeed, in talking to anybody. People who suffer as I do from nervous complaints can have no great inclination for talking. Nobody can tell what I suffer! But it is always so. Those who do not complain are never pitied."

Her daughters listened in silence to this **effusion**, sensible that any attempt to reason with her or **soothe** her would only increase the irritation. She talked on, therefore, without interruption from any of them, till they were joined by Mr. Collins, who entered the room with an air more stately than usual, and on perceiving whom, she said to the girls, "Now, I do insist upon it, that you, all of you, hold your tongues, and let me and Mr. Collins have a little conversation together."

Elizabeth passed quietly out of the room, Jane and Kitty followed, but Lydia stood her ground, determined to hear all she could; and Charlotte, detained first

Thesaurus

cruelly: (adv) harshly, ferociously, fiercely, viciously, inhumanly, mercilessly, pitilessly, heartlessly, roughly, unkindly; (adj, adv) bitterly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) kindly, mercifully, sympathetically, tamely, peacefully, humanely, compassionately, sensitively, respectfully, innocently, genially.
effusion: (n) effluence, eruption, outpour, efflux, outburst, exudation, extrusion, exhalation, emanation,

emission, flow.
entreating: (adj) beseeching, imploring, suppliant, begging, supplicant, imploratory, asking submissively, pleading, piteous.
soothe: (n, v) comfort, allay, console, solace; (v) alleviate, palliate, ease, calm, mitigate; (adj, v) appease; (adj, n, v) assuage. **ANTONYMS:** (v) upset, irritate, aggravate, annoy, intensify, worry, enrage, scare, provoke, incite, disturb.

unconcerned: (adj) apathetic, detached, insouciant, casual, careless, nonchalant, thoughtless, easygoing, listless, carefree; (adj, n) cold.
ANTONYMS: (adj) caring, eager, troubled, sensitive, uptight, craving, involved, energetic, interested, annoyed, strict.
undutiful: (adj) impious, disrespectful, unfilial; (v) unduteous.
wishes: (n) desires, requirements, requests, needs, will.

by the civility of Mr. Collins, whose inquiries after herself and all her family were very minute, and then by a little curiosity, satisfied herself with walking to the window and pretending not to hear. In a **doleful** voice Mrs. Bennet began the projected conversation: "Oh! Mr. Collins!"

"My dear madam," replied he, "let us be for ever silent on this point. Far be it from me," he presently continued, in a voice that marked his displeasure, "to resent the behaviour of your daughter. Resignation to inevitable **evils** is the evil duty of us all; the peculiar duty of a young man who has been so fortunate as I have been in early preferment; and I trust I am resigned. Perhaps not the less so from feeling a doubt of my positive happiness had my fair cousin honoured me with her hand; for I have often observed that resignation is never so perfect as when the **blessing** denied begins to lose somewhat of its value in our estimation. You will not, I hope, consider me as showing any disrespect to your family, my dear madam, by thus **withdrawing** my pretensions to your daughter's favour, without having paid yourself and Mr. Bennet the compliment of requesting you to **interpose** your authority in my **behalf**. My conduct may, I fear, be **objectionable** in having accepted my **dismission** from your daughter's lips instead of your own. But we are all liable to error. I have certainly meant well through the whole affair. My object has been to secure an amiable companion for myself, with due consideration for the advantage of all your family, and if my *manner* has been at all reprehensible, I here beg leave to apologise."

Thesaurus

behalf: (*n*) sake, part, interest, behoof, defense, lieu, good, stead, score, service, side.

blessing: (*n*) benediction, approval, mercy, felicity, benison, benefit, luck, advantage, boon, bless, godsend.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) curse, misfortune, disaster, condemnation, adversity, desecration, refusal, veto, disadvantage.

dismissal: (*n, v*) dismiss, acquittance, firing off, emission, vent; (*n*)

dismissal, sacking, sack, release, liberation, firing.

doleful: (*adj*) mournful, sorrowful, sad, disconsolate, melancholy, miserable, piteous, dolorous, somber, woeful; (*adj, v*) dolesome.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gleeful, happy, glad, cheery, elated, euphoric.

evils: (*n*) mala.

interpose: (*v*) interject, insert, interpolate, intercede, intervene, meddle, intrude, tamper, step in, butt

in; (*adj, v*) intermeddle.

objectionable: (*adj*) distasteful, offensive, nasty, exceptionable, undesirable, disagreeable, unwelcome, disgusting, unacceptable, repugnant, obnoxious.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) agreeable, desirable, acceptable, inoffensive.

withdrawning: (*adj*) receding, outgoing, retiring, moving back, modest, lowly; (*n*) departure, privacy, seclusion, cancellation.

CHAPTER 21

The discussion of Mr. Collins's offer was now nearly at an end, and Elizabeth had only to suffer from the uncomfortable feelings necessarily attending it, and occasionally from some **peevish** allusions of her mother. As for the gentleman himself, *his* feelings were chiefly expressed, not by embarrassment or **dejection**, or by trying to avoid her, but by stiffness of manner and resentful silence. He scarcely ever spoke to her, and the **assiduous** attentions which he had been so sensible of himself were transferred for the rest of the day to Miss Lucas, whose civility in listening to him was a **seasonable** relief to them all, and especially to her friend.

The morrow produced no **abatement** of Mrs. Bennet's ill-humour or ill health. Mr. Collins was also in the same state of angry pride. Elizabeth had hoped that his resentment might shorten his visit, but his plan did not appear in the least affected by it. He was always to have gone on Saturday, and to Saturday he meant to stay.

After breakfast, the girls walked to Meryton to inquire if Mr. Wickham were returned, and to **lament** over his absence from the Netherfield ball. He joined them on their entering the town, and attended them to their aunt's where his regret and vexation, and the concern of everybody, was well talked over. To Elizabeth, however, he voluntarily acknowledged that the necessity of his absence *had* been self-imposed.

Thesaurus

abatement: (*n*) rebate, deduction, discount, reprieve, abate, break, interruption, decrease, suspension, subsidence; (*n, v*) reduction.

assiduous: (*adj*) industrious, active, busy, sedulous, thorough, hardworking, painstaking, careful, devoted, untiring, studious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lazy, neglectful, negligent, casual, lax, weary, slapdash, indolent, inconsistent, sloppy.

dejection: (*n*) discouragement, depression, sadness, despair, sorrow, woe, grief, melancholy, blues, desolation, despondency.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) cheerfulness, ecstasy, encouragement, hopefulness, joy, cheer.

lament: (*v*) bemoan, complain, deplore, grieve, keen, bewail, mourn; (*n*) dirge, complaint; (*n, v*) wail, moan. ANTONYMS: (*n*) celebration, joy; (*v*) revel, rejoice, celebrate,

applaud, praise, compliment.

peevish: (*adj*) fretful, fractious, morose, testy, irascible, moody, captious, petulant, cross, cantankerous, touchy.

seasonable: (*adj*) timely, fit, well timed, favorable, timeful; (*adj, n, v*) appropriate; (*adj, v*) convenient; (*adj, adv*) early; (*n*) fit adapted, in loco, a propos. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untimely, unseasonable.

"I found," said he, "as the time drew near that I had better not meet Mr. Darcy; that to be in the same room, the same party with him for so many hours together, might be more than I could bear, and that scenes might arise unpleasant to more than myself."

She highly approved his forbearance, and they had leisure for a full discussion of it, and for all the commendation which they civilly **bestowed** on each other, as Wickham and another officer walked back with them to Longbourn, and during the walk he particularly attended to her. His **accompanying** them was a double advantage; she felt all the compliment it offered to herself, and it was most acceptable as an occasion of introducing him to her father and mother.

Soon after their return, a letter was delivered to Miss Bennet; it came from Netherfield. The envelope contained a sheet of elegant, little, hot-pressed paper, well covered with a lady's fair, **flowing** hand; and Elizabeth saw her sister's countenance change as she read it, and saw her **dwelling intently** on some particular passages. Jane recollected herself soon, and putting the letter away, tried to join with her usual cheerfulness in the general conversation; but Elizabeth felt an anxiety on the subject which drew off her attention even from Wickham; and no sooner had he and his companion taken leave, than a glance from Jane invited her to follow her upstairs. When they had gained their own room, Jane, taking out the letter, said:

"This is from Caroline Bingley; what it contains has surprised me a good deal. The whole party have left Netherfield by this time, and are on their way to town--and without any intention of coming back again. You shall hear what she says."

She then read the first sentence **aloud**, which comprised the information of their having just resolved to follow their brother to town directly, and of their meaning to dine in Grosvenor Street, where Mr. Hurst had a house. The next was in these words: "I do not **pretend** to regret anything I shall leave in Hertfordshire, except your society, my dearest friend; but we will hope, at some future period, to enjoy many returns of that delightful **intercourse** we have

accompanying: (*adj*) concomitant, concurrent, related, acceding, incidental, accessory, subservient, auxiliary, collateral, minor, supplementary.
aloud: (*adv*) loud, out loud, strong, out, audibly, hard, forte.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) softly, inaudibly, quietly.
bestowed: (*adj*) presented, conferred, awarded, accurate.
dwelling: (*n*) domicile, home,

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residence, house, place, accommodation, address, building, lodge, habitation; (*adj, n*) dwell.
flowing: (*adj*) fluent, running, graceful, smooth, fluid, soft, liquid; (*n*) current, flux, flow; (*adj, v*) loose.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) secure, ugly, still, stilted, jerky, harsh, halting.
intently: (*adv*) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (*adv*)

absently.
intercourse: (*n*) contact, coition, conversation, communication, coitus, dealings, converse, commerce, liaison, congress; (*adj, n*) acquaintance.
pretend: (*adv, v*) assume; (*adj, v*) sham, counterfeit, fake, play; (*v*) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) real; (*adj*) genuine, natural, sincere.

known, and in the meanwhile may lessen the pain of separation by a very frequent and most unreserved correspondence. I depend on you for that." To these highflown **expressions** Elizabeth listened with all the **insensibility** of **distrust**; and though the **suddenness** of their removal surprised her, she saw nothing in it really to lament; it was not to be supposed that their absence from Netherfield would prevent Mr. Bingley's being there; and as to the loss of their society, she was persuaded that Jane must cease to regard it, in the enjoyment of his.

"It is unlucky," said she, after a short pause, "that you should not be able to see your friends before they leave the country. But may we not hope that the period of future happiness to which Miss Bingley looks forward may arrive earlier than she is aware, and that the delightful intercourse you have known as friends will be renewed with yet greater satisfaction as sisters? Mr. Bingley will not be detained in London by them."

"Caroline decidedly says that none of the party will return into Hertfordshire this winter. I will read it to you."

"When my brother left us yesterday, he imagined that the business which took him to London might be concluded in three or four days; but as we are certain it cannot be so, and at the same time convinced that when Charles **gets** to town he will be in no hurry to leave it again, we have determined on following him thither, that he may not be obliged to spend his vacant hours in a **comfortless** hotel. Many of my acquaintances are already there for the winter; I wish that I could hear that you, my dearest friend, had any intention of making one of the crowd--but of that I despair. I sincerely hope your Christmas in Hertfordshire may **abound** in the gaieties which that season generally brings, and that your beaux will be so numerous as to prevent your feeling the loss of the three of whom we shall **deprive** you."

"It is evident by this," added Jane, "that he comes back no more this winter."

"It is only evident that Miss Bingley does not mean that he *should*."

Thesaurus

abound: (v) swarm, teem, flow, overflow, burst; (n) exuberate, shower down, stream, rain, abundance; (adj) abundant. ANTONYM: (v) disperse.

comfortless: (adj) dreary, desolate, bleak, uncomfortable, inconsolable, gloomy, lonely; (adj, v) disconsolate, forlorn; (v) joyless, sick at heart.

deprive: (v) divest, bereave, despoil, denude, deny, rob, dispossess, dismantle, starve; (adj, v) abridge,

curtail. ANTONYMS: (v) provide, present, offer, indulge, give, endow, appropriate, supply, add.

distrust: (n, v) mistrust, discredit; (n) suspicion, misgiving, disbelief, uncertainty, hesitation; (v) suspect, disbelieve, question; (adj) distrustful. ANTONYMS: (n) confidence, faith, trustingness, certainty, belief, optimism; (v) believe, entrust, depend, confide.

expressions: (n) vocabulary, terms,

language.

gets: (n) getting.

insensibility: (n) callousness, hardness, indifference, dullness, stupidity, stupor, impassiveness, coma, physical insensibility, impassivity, trance.

suddenness: (n) steepness, hastiness, precipitance, precipitancy, precipitateness, sudden, craggedness, surprise, precipitousness, brusqueness, curtiness.

"Why will you think so? It must be his own doing. He is his own master. But you do not know *all*. I *will* read you the passage which particularly hurts me. I will have no reserves from you."

"Mr. Darcy is impatient to see his sister; and, to confess the truth, *we* are scarcely less eager to meet her again. I really do not think Georgiana Darcy has her equal for beauty, elegance, and accomplishments; and the affection she inspires in Louisa and myself is **heightened** into something still more interesting, from the hope we dare entertain of her being hereafter our sister. I do not know whether I ever before mentioned to you my feelings on this subject; but I will not leave the country without **confiding** them, and I trust you will not **esteem** them unreasonable. My brother admires her greatly already; he will have frequent opportunity now of seeing her on the most intimate **footing**; her relations all wish the connection as much as his own; and a sister's partiality is not misleading me, I think, when I call Charles most capable of **engaging** any woman's heart. With all these circumstances to favour an attachment, and nothing to prevent it, am I wrong, my dearest Jane, in **indulging** the hope of an event which will secure the happiness of so many?"

"What do you think of *this* sentence, my dear Lizzy?" said Jane as she finished it. "Is it not clear enough? Does it not **expressly** declare that Caroline **neither** expects nor wishes me to be her sister; that she is perfectly convinced of her brother's indifference; and that if she suspects the nature of my feelings for him, she means (most kindly!) to put me on my guard? Can there be any other opinion on the subject?"

"Yes, there can; for mine is totally different. Will you hear it?"

"Most willingly."

"You shall have it in a few words. Miss Bingley sees that her brother is in love with you, and wants him to marry Miss Darcy. She follows him to town in hope of keeping him there, and tries to persuade you that he does not care about you."

Jane shook her head.

Thesaurus

confiding: (*adj*) unsuspecting, trustful, artless, credulous, untutored, ingenu, inartificial, lain, simple, unaffected, unsophisticated.

engaging: (*adj, v*) charming, inviting, prepossessing; (*adj*) attractive, interesting, lovable, delightful, appealing, pleasant, captivating; (*adv*) engagingly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) repulsive, loathsome, repellent, unattractive, undesirable, unlikable, dull, unpleasant, repellent.

esteem: (*n*) deference, admiration; (*n, v*) respect, value, consideration, account; (*v*) appreciate, deem, adore, admire, count. ANTONYMS: (*v*) scorn, hate, disdain, insult, despise, abominate, abhor, dislike, reject; (*n*) disesteem, disapproval.
expressly: (*adv*) specially, particularly, distinctly, specifically, explicitly, especially, utterly, clearly, precisely, tellingly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ambiguously, conditionally,

implicitly, indirectly, vaguely.

footing: (*n*) foothold, base, bottom, foundation, status, rank, foot, pedestal, situation, relation, root. ANTONYM: (*n*) top.

heightened: (*adj*) excited, intense, irritate, keen, resonant, sensitive.
indulging: (*n*) pampering, excess, indulgence, orgy, folly, foolery, gratification.

neither: (*conj*) either, no-one, not either, nor, neither.

"Indeed, Jane, you ought to believe me. No one who has ever seen you together can doubt his affection. Miss Bingley, I am sure, cannot. She is not such a simpleton. Could she have seen half as much love in Mr. Darcy for herself, she would have ordered her wedding clothes. But the case is this: We are not rich enough or grand enough for them; and she is the more anxious to get Miss Darcy for her brother, from the notion that when there has been *one intermarriage*, she may have less trouble in **achieving** a second; in which there is certainly some ingenuity, and I dare say it would succeed, if Miss de Bourgh were out of the way. But, my dearest Jane, you cannot seriously imagine that because Miss Bingley tells you her brother greatly admires Miss Darcy, he is in the smallest degree less sensible of *your* merit than when he took leave of you on Tuesday, or that it will be in her power to persuade him that, instead of being in love with you, he is very much in love with her friend."

"If we thought alike of Miss Bingley," replied Jane, "your representation of all this might make me quite easy. But I know the foundation is unjust. Caroline is incapable of **wilfully deceiving** anyone; and all that I can hope in this case is that she is deceiving herself."

"That is right. You could not have started a more happy idea, since you will not take comfort in mine. Believe her to be deceived, by all means. You have now done your duty by her, and must fret no longer."

"But, my dear sister, can I be happy, even supposing the best, in accepting a man whose sisters and friends are all wishing him to marry elsewhere?"

"You must decide for yourself," said Elizabeth; "and if, upon mature **deliberation**, you find that the misery of **disobliging** his two sisters is more than equivalent to the happiness of being his wife, I advise you by all means to refuse him."

"How can you talk so?" said Jane, faintly smiling. "You must know that though I should be exceedingly grieved at their **disapprobation**, I could not hesitate."

Thesaurus

achieving: (adj) effectual; (n) perfection.

deceiving: (adj) deceptive, deceitful, cheating, fallacious, dishonest, lying, treacherous, imposing, delusive, sanctimonious, mistaken.

ANTONYM: (adj) correct.

deliberation: (n) cogitation, counsel, debate, caution, thought, advisement, attention, contemplation, consultation; (adj, n) calculation, circumspection. **ANTONYMS:** (n)

thoughtlessness, carelessness, impetuosity, distraction, rashness.

disapprobation: (n) condemnation, animadversion, displeasure, discountenance, disapproval, blame, objection, dissatisfaction, disfavor, anger, dislike.

disobliging: (adj) unobliging, harsh, uncooperative, unwilling, offensive, not ready to give a hand, awkward, unhelpful, contrary, disagreeable, ill-natured. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) obliging,

agreeable, polite, pleasant, courteous, mannered, civil, helpful, cooperative.

intermarriage: (n) marriage, wedlock, endogamy, inmarriage, nuptial tie, miscegenation, vinculum matrimonii, mixed marriage, matrimony, union.

wilfully: (adv) willfully, designedly, deliberately, knowingly, fowardly, headstrongly, consciously, stubbornly, purposefully, persistently, on purpose.

"I did not think you would; and that being the case, I cannot consider your situation with much compassion."

"But if he **returns** no more this winter, my choice will never be required. A thousand things may arise in six months!"

The idea of his returning no more Elizabeth treated with the utmost **contempt**. It appeared to her merely the suggestion of Caroline's interested wishes, and she could not for a moment suppose that those wishes, however openly or **artfully** spoken, could influence a young man so totally independent of everyone.

She represented to her sister as **forcibly** as possible what she felt on the subject, and had soon the pleasure of seeing its happy effect. Jane's temper was not **desponding**, and she was gradually led to hope, though the diffidence of affection sometimes overcame the hope, that Bingley would return to Netherfield and answer every wish of her heart.

They agreed that Mrs. Bennet should only hear of the departure of the family, without being alarmed on the score of the gentleman's conduct; but even this partial communication gave her a great deal of concern, and she bewailed it as exceedingly unlucky that the ladies should happen to go away just as they were all getting so intimate together. After **lamenting** it, however, at some length, she had the **consolation** that Mr. Bingley would be soon down again and soon **dining** at Longbourn, and the conclusion of all was the comfortable declaration, that though he had been invited only to a family dinner, she would take care to have two full **courses**.

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artfully: (*adv*) cunningly, foxily, ingeniously, trickily, shrewdly, skillfully, cleverly, disingenuously, deceitfully, sly, schemingly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) innocently, openly.

consolation: (*n*) comfort, relief, balm, succor, ease, cheer, solacement, encouragement, sympathy, alleviation, express sympathy.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) grief, sorrow, distress, discouragement,

aggravation.
contempt: (*n, v*) scorn; (*v*) despise; (*n*) disrespect, derision, mockery, disregard, ridicule, shame, slight, reproach, courtesy. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) approval, admiration, regard, honor, esteem.

courses: (*n*) menses, catamenia.

desponding: (*adj*) despairing, despondent.

dining: (*n*) feeding, eating; (*v*) eat.

forcibly: (*adv*) forcefully, emphatically,

powerfully, by force, mightily, under protest, cogently, hard, strongly, convincingly, clearly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) voluntarily, weakly, gently.

lamenting: (*adj*) weeping, wailing, sad, whining; (*adj, n*) plaintive; (*adj, v*) bewailing, querulous; (*n, v*) complaining; (*n*) grief, sorrow; (*v*) dissatisfied.

returns: (*n, v*) proceeds, income, profits; (*n*) earnings, return, census, take, revenue, wage, takings, result.

CHAPTER 22

The Bennets were engaged to dine with the Lucases and again during the chief of the day was Miss Lucas so kind as to listen to Mr. Collins. Elizabeth took an opportunity of **thanking** her. "It keeps him in good humour," said she, "and I am more obliged to you than I can express." Charlotte assured her friend of her satisfaction in being useful, and that it **amply** repaid her for the little sacrifice of her time. This was very amiable, but Charlotte's kindness extended farther than Elizabeth had any conception of; its object was nothing else than to secure her from any return of Mr. Collins's addresses, by engaging them towards herself. Such was Miss Lucas's scheme; and appearances were so favourable, that when they parted at night, she would have felt almost secure of success if he had not been to leave Hertfordshire so very soon. But here she did injustice to the fire and independence of his character, for it led him to escape out of Longbourn House the next morning with **admirable slyness**, and **hasten** to Lucas Lodge to throw himself at her feet. He was anxious to avoid the notice of his cousins, from a conviction that if they saw him depart, they could not fail to conjecture his design, and he was not willing to have the attempt known till its success might be known likewise; for though feeling almost secure, and with reason, for Charlotte had been tolerably encouraging, he was comparatively **diffident** since the adventure of Wednesday. His reception, however, was of the most flattering kind. Miss Lucas perceived him from an upper window as he walked towards

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admirable: (*adj*) fine, outstanding, beautiful, great, commendable, lovely, good, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, grand.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) appalling, poor, unworthy, despicable, contemptible, detestable, dishonorable, rotten, unimpressive, loathsome, low.

amply: (*adj, adv*) abundantly, sufficiently; (*adv*) fully, well, lavishly, plentifully, richly, generously, enough, adequately, capaciously.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, inadequately, illiberally, sparingly, poorly.

diffident: (*adj*) coy, modest, reserved, shy, timid, tentative, unassuming, retiring, hesitant, backward, self-conscious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) outgoing, confident, brash, assertive, unrepentant, brave, arrogant, approachable.

hasten: (*adj, n, v*) speed, quicken; (*v*) expedite, advance, hurry, hie, dash,

rush; (*n, v*) further, forward, dispatch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) linger, retard, amble.

slyness: (*n*) cunning, craftiness, guile, foxiness, astuteness, artifice, deceit, wiliness, stealth, shrewdness, deceitfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) straightforwardness, frankness.

thanking: (*n*) curtain call, appreciation, acknowledgement, blessing.

the house, and instantly set out to meet him accidentally in the lane. But little had she dared to hope that so much love and **eloquence awaited** her there.

In as short a time as Mr. Collins's long speeches would allow, everything was settled between them to the satisfaction of both; and as they entered the house he earnestly entreated her to name the day that was to make him the happiest of men; and though such a **solicitation** must be waived for the present, the lady felt no inclination to trifle with his happiness. The stupidity with which he was **favoured** by nature must guard his courtship from any charm that could make a woman wish for its **continuance**; and Miss Lucas, who accepted him solely from the pure and disinterested desire of an establishment, cared not how soon that establishment were gained.

Sir William and Lady Lucas were speedily applied to for their consent; and it was bestowed with a most joyful alacrity. Mr. Collins's present circumstances made it a most eligible match for their daughter, to whom they could give little fortune; and his prospects of future wealth were exceedingly fair. Lady Lucas began directly to calculate, with more interest than the matter had ever excited before, how many years longer Mr. Bennet was likely to live; and Sir William gave it as his decided opinion, that whenever Mr. Collins should be in possession of the Longbourn estate, it would be highly expedient that both he and his wife should make their appearance at St. James's. The whole family, in short, were properly **overjoyed** on the occasion. The younger girls formed hopes of *coming out* a year or two sooner than they might otherwise have done; and the boys were relieved from their apprehension of Charlotte's dying an old maid. Charlotte herself was tolerably composed. She had gained her point, and had time to consider of it. Her reflections were in general satisfactory. Mr. Collins, to be sure, was neither sensible nor agreeable; his society was **irksome**, and his attachment to her must be imaginary. But still he would be her husband. Without thinking highly either of men or matrimony, marriage had always been her object; it was the only provision for well-educated young women of small fortune, and however uncertain of giving happiness, must be their pleasantest **preservative** from want. This preservative she had now obtained; and at the age

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awaited: (adj) expected, appointed, scheduled, forthcoming, prospective.
continuance: (n) duration, abidance, existence, endurance, protraction, adjournment, resumption, prolongation, time, standing, perseverance. ANTONYMS: (n) discontinuation, destruction.
eloquence: (n) style, fluency, oratory, rhetoric, articulateness, expression, volubility, persuasiveness, articulacy, facundity, way with words.

ANTONYM: (n) inarticulateness.
favoured: (adj) preferred, preferential.
irksome: (adj, v) wearisome, tiresome; (adj) boring, dull, annoying, tedious, trying, burdensome, bothersome, irritating, prosaic. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, pleasant, refreshing, soothing.
overjoyed: (adj) jubilant, joyful, happy, elated, ecstatic, transported, exultant, pleased, enchanted, proud, gleeful. ANTONYMS: (adj) heartbroken,

disappointed, depressed, down, dejected, miserable, unhappy, desolate.
preservative: (adj) protective, conservative, defensive, conservational; (n) preserver, preserving agent, antiseptic, chemical compound, brine; (adj, n) additive.
solicitation: (n) petition, appeal, importunity, invitation, entreaty, allurement, request, prayer, instance, demand; (n, v) postulation.

of twenty-seven, without having ever been handsome, she felt all the good luck of it. The least agreeable circumstance in the business was the surprise it must occasion to Elizabeth Bennet, whose friendship she valued beyond that of any other person. Elizabeth would wonder, and probably would blame her; and though her resolution was not to be shaken, her feelings must be hurt by such a disapprobation. She resolved to give her the information herself, and therefore charged Mr. Collins, when he returned to Longbourn to dinner, to drop no hint of what had passed before any of the family. A promise of secrecy was of course very **dutifully** given, but it could not be kept without difficulty; for the curiosity excited by his long absence burst forth in such very direct questions on his return as required some **ingenuity** to **evade**, and he was at the same time exercising great **self-denial**, for he was longing to publish his prosperous love.

As he was to begin his journey too early on the morrow to see any of the family, the ceremony of **leave-taking** was performed when the ladies moved for the night; and Mrs. Bennet, with great politeness and **cordiality**, said how happy they should be to see him at Longbourn again, whenever his engagements might allow him to visit them.

"My dear madam," he replied, "this invitation is particularly gratifying, because it is what I have been hoping to receive; and you may be very certain that I shall avail myself of it as soon as possible."

They were all astonished; and Mr. Bennet, who could by no means wish for so speedy a return, immediately said:

"But is there not danger of Lady Catherine's disapprobation here, my good sir? You had better neglect your relations than run the risk of **offending** your patroness."

"My dear sir," replied Mr. Collins, "I am particularly obliged to you for this friendly caution, and you may depend upon my not taking so material a step without her ladyship's concurrence."

"You cannot be too much upon your guard. Risk anything rather than her displeasure; and if you find it likely to be raised by your coming to us again,

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cordiality: (*adj, n*) friendliness, geniality, sympathy, sociability; (*n*) hospitality, sincerity, affability, amity, kindness, amiability; (*v*) heartiness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) frostiness, disapproval, disapprobation, disagreement, difference, misunderstanding, hostility, rudeness.

dutifully: (*adv*) submissively, obediently, deferentially, compliantly, conscientiously,

devotedly, dutifully, docilely, loyally, respectfully, meekly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) carelessly, irresponsibly, unfaithfully, assertively.
evade: (*v*) escape, avoid, parry, dodge, skirt, duck, sidestep, circumvent, hedge, fudge; (*adj, v*) equivocate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) face, address, accept, meet, acquire.
ingenuity: (*adj, n*) ability; (*n*) adroitness, ingenuousness, cunning,

imagination, acumen, resource, originality, skill, wit, inventiveness. ANTONYM: (*n*) ineptness.

leave-taking: (*n*) farewell, adieu, parting, goodbye, leave, separation, departure, exit.

offending: (*adj*) opprobrious, criminal, aberrant, guilty, delinquent, antisocial, scurrilous, errant.

self-denial: (*n*) renunciation, abstinence, austerity, restraint, temperance.

which I should think exceedingly probable, stay quietly at home, and be satisfied that *we* shall take no offence."

"Believe me, my dear sir, my gratitude is warmly excited by such **affectionate** attention; and depend upon it, you will **speedily** receive from me a letter of thanks for this, and for every other mark of your regard during my stay in Hertfordshire. As for my fair cousins, though my absence may not be long enough to **render** it necessary, I shall now take the liberty of wishing them health and happiness, not excepting my cousin Elizabeth."

With proper civilities the ladies then withdrew; all of them equally surprised that he meditated a quick return. Mrs. Bennet wished to understand by it that he thought of paying his addresses to one of her younger girls, and Mary might have been prevailed on to accept him. She **rated** his abilities much higher than any of the **others**; there was a solidity in his reflections which often struck her, and though by no means so clever as herself, she thought that if encouraged to read and improve himself by such an example as hers, he might become a very agreeable companion. But on the following morning, every hope of this kind was done away. Miss Lucas called soon after breakfast, and in a private conference with Elizabeth related the event of the day before.

The possibility of Mr. Collins's fancying herself in love with her friend had once occurred to Elizabeth within the last day or two; but that Charlotte could encourage him seemed almost as far from possibility as she could encourage him herself, and her astonishment was consequently so great as to overcome at first the **bounds of decorum**, and she could not help crying out:

"Engaged to Mr. Collins! My dear Charlotte--impossible!"

The steady countenance which Miss Lucas had **commanded** in telling her story, gave way to a **momentary** confusion here on receiving so direct a reproach; though, as it was no more than she expected, she soon regained her composure, and calmly replied:

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affectionate: (*adj*) fond, tender, kind, mild, devoted, ardent, warm, cordial, caring, brotherly; (*adj, adv*) fatherly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncaring, callous, undemonstrative, aloof, cool, disapproving, reserved, antagonistic, paternal, rough.

bounds: (*n*) boundary, border, limit, bound, margin, borderline, end, bourn, Bourne, brink, edge. ANTONYMS: (*n*) center, middle.

commanded: (*adj*) lawful.

decorum: (*n*) propriety, gentility, decorousness, dignity, fitness, manners, correctness, ceremony, properness, politeness, grace. ANTONYMS: (*n*) impoliteness, rudeness, informality, indecorum, impropriety, indecency, corruption, abandon, vulgarity.

hers: (*pron*) she, his; (*adj*) own.

momentary: (*adj*) brief, fugitive, transient, short, instantaneous, ephemeral, passing, momentaneous,

temporary, impermanent, temporal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lasting, lengthy, long.

rated: (*adj*) specified.

render: (*v*) interpret, explain, give, offer, furnish, pay, construe, return, provide, impart, translate.

speedily: (*adj, adv*) quickly, quick, immediately; (*adv*) rapidly, promptly, hastily, swiftly, fast, apace, hurriedly, fleetly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) later, eventually.

"Why should you be surprised, my dear Eliza? Do you think it incredible that Mr. Collins should be able to **procure** any woman's good opinion, because he was not so happy as to succeed with you?"

But Elizabeth had now recollected herself, and making a strong effort for it, was able to assure with tolerable **firmness** that the prospect of their relationship was highly grateful to her, and that she wished her all imaginable happiness.

"I see what you are feeling," replied Charlotte. "You must be surprised, very much surprised--so lately as Mr. Collins was wishing to marry you. But when you have had time to think it over, I hope you will be satisfied with what I have done. I am not romantic, you know; I never was. I ask only a comfortable home; and considering Mr. Collins's character, connection, and situation in life, I am convinced that my chance of happiness with him is as fair as most people can boast on entering the marriage state."

Elizabeth quietly answered "Undoubtedly;" and after an awkward pause, they returned to the rest of the family. Charlotte did not stay much **longer**, and Elizabeth was then left to reflect on what she had heard. It was a long time before she became at all **reconciled** to the idea of so unsuitable a match. The **strangeness** of Mr. Collins's making two offers of marriage within three days was nothing in comparison of his being now accepted. She had always felt that Charlotte's opinion of matrimony was not exactly like her own, but she had not supposed it to be possible that, when called into action, she would have sacrificed every better feeling to **worldly** advantage. Charlotte the wife of Mr. Collins was a most humiliating picture! And to the **pang** of a friend disgracing herself and sunk in her esteem, was added the distressing conviction that it was impossible for that friend to be tolerably happy in the lot she had chosen.

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firmness: (*adj, n*) constancy; (*n*) determination, resolution, assurance, consistency, obstinacy, steadfastness, resolve, confidence, courage, backbone. ANTONYMS: (*n*) softness, instability, vacillation, unsteadiness, yielding, irresoluteness, droopiness, indefiniteness, indecisiveness, indecision, leniency.

longer: (*adj*) longest, better, lengest; (*adv*) farther; (*n*) yearner, thirster.

pang: (*n*) pain, torture, ache, agony,

twinge, affliction, sting, stab, distress, ailment, cramp.

procure: (*v*) get, obtain, buy, earn, win, gain, have, purchase, induce, derive, find. ANTONYM: (*v*) give.

reconciled: (*adj*) consistent, resigned, serene, meet; (*v*) made friends, affriended. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unreconciled.

strangeness: (*n*) oddity, oddness, quaintness, peculiarity, curiousness, abnormality, weirdness, foreignness,

queerness, singularity, quirk. ANTONYMS: (*n*) familiarity, nativeness.

worldly: (*adj, adv*) earthly; (*adj*) mundane, secular, terrestrial, temporal, carnal, sophisticated, lay, profane; (*adv*) mundanely, temporally. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spiritual, naive, cloistered, religious, unsophisticated, unworldly, unrefined, otherworldly, low, heavenly, immaterial.

CHAPTER 23

Elizabeth was sitting with her mother and sisters, reflecting on what she had heard, and **doubting** whether she was authorised to mention it, when Sir William Lucas himself appeared, sent by his daughter, to announce her engagement to the family. With many compliments to them, and much self-gratulation on the prospect of a connection between the houses, he **unfolded** the matter--to an audience not merely wondering, but **incredulous**; for Mrs. Bennet, with more perseverance than politeness, protested he must be entirely mistaken; and Lydia, always unguarded and often uncivil, **boisterously** exclaimed:

"Good Lord! Sir William, how can you tell such a story? Do not you know that Mr. Collins **wants** to marry Lizzy?"

Nothing less than the complaisance of a **courtier** could have borne without anger such treatment; but Sir William's good breeding carried him through it all; and though he begged leave to be positive as to the truth of his information, he listened to all their impertinence with the most **forbearing** courtesy.

Elizabeth, feeling it incumbent on her to relieve him from so unpleasant a situation, now put herself forward to confirm his account, by mentioning her prior knowledge of it from Charlotte herself; and endeavoured to put a stop to the exclamations of her mother and sisters by the earnestness of her **congratulations** to Sir William, in which she was readily joined by Jane, and by making a variety of remarks on the happiness that might be expected from the

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boisterously: (*adv*) noisily, clamorously, raucously, uproariously, rowdily, riotously, loudly, tumultuously, vociferously, unruly, roughly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) demurely, peacefully.
congratulations: (*n*) congratulation, recommendation, praise, pean, kudos, eulogy, encomium, commendation, approval; (*int*) well done, bravo. ANTONYMS: (*n*) condemnation, criticism, rebuke;

(*intj*) commiserations.
courtier: (*n*) aristocrat, official, attendant, suckling.
doubting: (*adj*) doubtful, distrustful, disbelieving, incredulous, doubt, skeptical, suspicious, sceptical, wary, doubts, distrusting. ANTONYM: (*adj*) credulous.
forbearing: (*adj*) patient, clement, tolerant, lenient, easy, indulgent, permissive, charitable, merciful, compassionate, meek. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) impatient, unforgiving.
incredulous: (*adj*) dubious, doubtful, suspicious, unbelieving, faithless, skeptical, doubting, lacking faith, questioning, cynical, mistrustful. ANTONYM: (*adj*) convinced.
unfolded: (*adj*) extended, stretched, outspread, outstretched, widely spread, stretched out, explicate, evolved, displayed, expanded, detailed.
wants: (*n*) need, necessities.

match, the excellent character of Mr. Collins, and the convenient distance of Hunsford from London.

Mrs. Bennet was in fact too much **overpowered** to say a great deal while Sir William remained; but no sooner had he left them than her feelings found a rapid vent. In the first place, she persisted in **disbelieving** the whole of the matter; secondly, she was very sure that Mr. Collins had been taken in; thirdly, she trusted that they would never be happy together; and **fourthly**, that the match might be broken off. Two inferences, however, were plainly deduced from the whole: one, that Elizabeth was the real cause of the mischief; and the other that she herself had been **barbarously misused** by them all; and on these two points she principally **dwelt** during the rest of the day. Nothing could console and nothing could appease her. Nor did that day wear out her resentment. A week elapsed before she could see Elizabeth without scolding her, a month passed away before she could speak to Sir William or Lady Lucas without being rude, and many months were gone before she could at all forgive their daughter.

Mr. Bennet's emotions were much more tranquil on the occasion, and such as he did experience he pronounced to be of a most agreeable sort; for it gratified him, he said, to discover that Charlotte Lucas, whom he had been used to think tolerably sensible, was as foolish as his wife, and more foolish than his daughter!

Jane confessed herself a little surprised at the match; but she said less of her astonishment than of her earnest desire for their happiness; nor could Elizabeth persuade her to consider it as improbable. Kitty and Lydia were far from **envying** Miss Lucas, for Mr. Collins was only a clergyman; and it affected them in no other way than as a piece of news to spread at Meryton.

Lady Lucas could not be **insensible** of triumph on being able to **retort** on Mrs. Bennet the comfort of having a daughter well married; and she called at Longbourn rather oftener than usual to say how happy she was, though Mrs. Bennet's sour looks and **ill-natured** remarks might have been enough to drive happiness away.

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barbarously: (*adv*) felly, brutally, barbarically, cruelly, savagely, fiercely, ferociously, coarsely, rudely, wildly, crudely.
disbelieving: (*adj*) unbelieving, skeptical, questioning, leery, not persuaded, unsure, uncertain, suspicious, quizzical, nervous, mistrustful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) believing, credulous, unsuspicious, certain, convinced.
dwell: (*v*) dwell, inhabit.

envying: (*adj*) invidious.
fourthly: (*adv*) quaternarily.
ill-natured: (*adj*) cantankerous, peevish, sour, surly, catty, crabbed, gruff, disagreeable, malignant, malicious, malevolent.
insensible: (*adj*) imperceptible, numb, unconscious, callous, dull, unaware, apathetic, impassive, indiscernible, comatose, impassible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, conscious, sensitive, awake, alive, compassionate,

concerned, aware.
misused: (*adj*) tainted, perverted, lost, changed, misrepresented.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unchanged, used.
overpowered: (*adj*) beaten, conquered, inundated, engulfed, flooded, routed, vanquished, subdued, subjugated, overflowing, mild.
retort: (*n, v*) answer, return, riposte; (*n*) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (*v*) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic.

Between Elizabeth and Charlotte there was a restraint which kept them mutually silent on the subject; and Elizabeth felt persuaded that no real confidence could ever **subsist** between them again. Her disappointment in Charlotte made her turn with fonder regard to her sister, of whose **rectitude** and delicacy she was sure her opinion could never be shaken, and for whose happiness she grew daily more anxious, as Bingley had now been gone a week and nothing more was heard of his return.

Jane had sent Caroline an early answer to her letter, and was counting the days till she might reasonably hope to hear again. The promised letter of thanks from Mr. Collins arrived on Tuesday, addressed to their father, and written with all the solemnity of gratitude which a twelvemonth's abode in the family might have prompted. After **discharging** his conscience on that head, he **proceeded** to inform them, with many **rapturous** expressions, of his happiness in having obtained the affection of their amiable neighbour, Miss Lucas, and then explained that it was merely with the view of **enjoying** her society that he had been so ready to close with their kind wish of seeing him again at Longbourn, whither he hoped to be able to return on Monday fortnight; for Lady Catherine, he added, so heartily approved his marriage, that she wished it to take place as soon as possible, which he trusted would be an **unanswerable** argument with his amiable Charlotte to name an early day for making him the happiest of men.

Mr. Collins's return into Hertfordshire was no longer a matter of pleasure to Mrs. Bennet. On the contrary, she was as much disposed to complain of it as her husband. It was very strange that he should come to Longbourn instead of to Lucas Lodge; it was also very **inconvenient** and exceedingly troublesome. She hated having visitors in the house while her health was so indifferent, and lovers were of all people the most disagreeable. Such were the gentle murmurs of Mrs. Bennet, and they gave way only to the greater distress of Mr. Bingley's continued absence.

Neither Jane nor Elizabeth were comfortable on this subject. Day after day passed away without bringing any other **tidings** of him than the report which shortly prevailed in Meryton of his coming no more to Netherfield the whole

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discharging: (n) unloading, discharge, fulfillment, acquittal; (v) unload.

enjoying: (n) relish, enjoyment; (adj) comfortable, fruitive.

inconvenient: (adj) inopportune, awkward, disadvantageous, bothersome, improper, unfavorable, troublesome, hard, inapt, untoward, unfortunate. ANTONYMS: (adj) convenient, suitable, opportune, timely, advantageous.

proceeded: (v) proceed, yode.

rapturous: (adj) overjoyed, enraptured, rapt, delighted, rhapsodic, blissful; (adj, v) ravishing; (v) ardent, passionate, fond, erotic. ANTONYM: (adj) down.

rectitude: (adj, n) justice, honesty, equity; (n) integrity, veracity, virtue, uprightness, morality, purity, propriety; (adj) fidelity. ANTONYMS: (n) immorality, incorrectness, wickedness.

subsist: (v) exist, be, survive, abide,

last, reside, live on, dwell, obtain, continue, breathe. ANTONYM: (v) perish.

tidings: (n) intelligence, information, message, report, word, advice, communication, dispute, wind, statement, tiding.

unanswerable: (adj) irrefutable, final, incontestable, irresponsible, incontrovertible, indisputable, decisive, ultimate, undeniable, not refragable; (v) probative.

winter; a report which highly incensed Mrs. Bennet, and which she never failed to contradict as a most scandalous falsehood.

Even Elizabeth began to fear--not that Bingley was indifferent--but that his sisters would be successful in keeping him away. Unwilling as she was to admit an idea so destructive of Jane's happiness, and so **dishonorable** to the stability of her lover, she could not prevent its frequently occurring. The united efforts of his two **unfeeling** sisters and of his **overpowering** friend, assisted by the attractions of Miss Darcy and the amusements of London might be too much, she feared, for the strength of his attachment.

As for Jane, *her* anxiety under this suspense was, of course, more painful than Elizabeth's, but whatever she felt she was desirous of concealing, and between herself and Elizabeth, therefore, the subject was never alluded to. But as no such delicacy restrained her mother, an hour seldom passed in which she did not talk of Bingley, express her impatience for his arrival, or even require Jane to confess that if he did not come back she would think herself very ill used. It needed all Jane's steady mildness to bear these attacks with tolerable tranquillity.

Mr. Collins returned most **punctually** on Monday fortnight, but his reception at Longbourn was not quite so gracious as it had been on his first introduction. He was too happy, however, to need much attention; and luckily for the others, the business of love-making relieved them from a great deal of his company. The chief of every day was spent by him at Lucas Lodge, and he sometimes returned to Longbourn only in time to make an apology for his absence before the family went to bed.

Mrs. Bennet was really in a most pitiable state. The very mention of anything concerning the match threw her into an agony of ill-humour, and wherever she went she was sure of hearing it talked of. The sight of Miss Lucas was odious to her. As her successor in that house, she regarded her with jealous **abhorrence**. Whenever Charlotte came to see them, she concluded her to be **anticipating** the hour of possession; and whenever she spoke in a low voice to Mr. Collins, was convinced that they were talking of the Longbourn estate, and resolving to turn

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abhorrence: (*n*) odium, antipathy, detestation, hatred, aversion, disgust, execration, hate, loathing, revulsion, horror. ANTONYMS: (*n*) attraction, adoration, delight, liking, attractiveness.

anticipating: (*v*) anticipate; (*adj*) pregnant, anticipant, hopeful, ready, oracular.

dishonorable: (*adj*) disgraceful, base, mean, ignoble, shameful, infamous, unfair, disreputable, degrading,

wrong, unethical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honorable, noble, ethical, glorious, respectable, admirable, trustworthy, incorrupt, sporting, reputable, professional.

overpowering: (*adj*) overwhelming, oppressive, relentless, compelling, intense, heavy, strong, onerous, devastating, uncontrollable, depressing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) light, subtle, imperceptible, insignificant, shallow, weak, faint, bland.

punctually: (*adv*) precisely, exactly, duly, accurately, correctly, on time, regularly, timely, punctiliously, strictly, sharp.

unfeeling: (*adj*) harsh, impassive, cold, cruel, callous, merciless, pitiless, ruthless, numb, insensible, insensitive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) caring, sympathetic, sensitive, kind, understanding, merciful, feeling, warm, tactful, concerned, compassionate.

herself and her daughters out of the house, as soon as Mr. Bennet were dead. She complained **bitterly** of all this to her husband.

"Indeed, Mr. Bennet," said she, "it is very hard to think that Charlotte Lucas should ever be **mistress** of this house, that I should be forced to make way for *her*, and live to see her take her place in it!"

"My dear, do not give way to such **gloomy** thoughts. Let us hope for better things. Let us flatter ourselves that I may be the survivor."

This was not very **consoling** to Mrs. Bennet, and therefore, instead of making any answer, she went on as before.

"I cannot bear to think that they should have all this estate. If it was not for the entail, I should not mind it."

"What should not you mind?"

"I should not mind anything at all."

"Let us be **thankful** that you are **preserved** from a state of such insensibility."

"I never can be thankful, Mr. Bennet, for anything about the entail. How anyone could have the conscience to entail away an estate from one's own daughters, I cannot understand; and all for the **sake** of Mr. Collins too! Why should *he* have it more than anybody else?"

"I leave it to yourself to determine," said Mr. Bennet.

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bitterly: (adv) bitingly, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously.
ANTONYMS: (adv) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly.

consoling: (adj) consolatory, cheering, encouraging, grateful, reassuring, soothing, calming; (n) encouragement. ANTONYM: (adj) upsetting.

gloomy: (adj) black, desolate, dejected, cheerless, depressing, dismal, downcast, disconsolate, melancholy, funereal, downhearted.
ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, cheery, cheerful, bright, hopeful, light, promising, uplifting, joyful, sunny, clear.

mistress: (n) dame, concubine, madame, inamorata, lady, lover, fancy woman, doxy, girl, kept woman, missis.

preserved: (adj) kept, conserved, whole, pickled, condite, safe. ANTONYM: (adj) fresh.

sake: (n, v) interest, reason, motive, ground; (v) advantage, cause; (n) object, account, design, purpose, saki.

thankful: (adj) appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, contented, pleased, gratified, relieved, under obligation, appreciative, welcome. ANTONYMS: (adj) worried, unappreciative, unthankful, sorry.

CHAPTER 24

Miss Bingley's letter arrived, and put an end to doubt. The very first sentence conveyed the assurance of their being all settled in London for the winter, and concluded with her brother's regret at not having had time to pay his respects to his friends in Hertfordshire before he left the country.

Hope was over, entirely over; and when Jane could attend to the rest of the letter, she found little, except the **professed** affection of the writer, that could give her any comfort. Miss Darcy's praise occupied the chief of it. Her many attractions were again dwelt on, and Caroline boasted **joyfully** of their increasing intimacy, and ventured to predict the **accomplishment** of the wishes which had been unfolded in her former letter. She wrote also with great pleasure of her brother's being an **inmate** of Mr. Darcy's house, and mentioned with raptures some plans of the latter with regard to new furniture.

Elizabeth, to whom Jane very soon communicated the chief of all this, heard it in silent **indignation**. Her heart was divided between concern for her sister, and resentment against all others. To Caroline's assertion of her brother's being partial to Miss Darcy she paid no credit. That he was really fond of Jane, she doubted no more than she had ever done; and much as she had always been **disposed** to like him, she could not think without anger, hardly without contempt, on that easiness of temper, that want of proper resolution, which now made him the slave of his designing friends, and led him to **sacrifice** of his own

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accomplishment: (*n*) attainment, completion, exploit, performance, deed, skill, fulfillment, feat, action, act, acquisition. ANTONYMS: (*n*) abandonment, washout, flop, debacle, defeat.

disposed: (*adj*) prone, apt, ready, subject, prepared, liable, game, inclined, fain, likely, minded.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ailing, indisposed, unlikely, disinclined, reluctant, impervious.

indignation: (*n*) anger, resentment, displeasure, grudge, umbrage, rage, outrage, exasperation, choler, dudgeon; (*adj, n*) wrath.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) contentment, pleasure.

inmate: (*n*) captive, convict, gaolbird, denizen, prisoner, con, patient, jailbird, lodger, occupant, resident.

ANTONYM: (*n*) outpatient.

joyfully: (*adv*) joyously, merrily, gaily, gleefully, buoyantly, cheerily,

jubilantly, pleasantly, mirthfully; (*adv, v*) happily; (*adj, adv*) cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) joylessly, miserably, despondently.

professed: (*adj*) alleged, declared, apparent, avowed, pretended, seeming, supposed, affected, feigned, so-called, purported.

sacrifice: (*n, v*) oblation, forfeit; (*v*) offer, immolate, offer up, give, give up, relinquish; (*n*) immolation, loss, forfeiture.

happiness to the caprice of their **inclination**. Had his own happiness, however, been the only sacrifice, he might have been allowed to sport with it in whatever manner he thought best, but her sister's was involved in it, as she thought he must be sensible himself. It was a subject, in short, on which reflection would be long indulged, and must be **unavailing**. She could think of nothing else; and yet whether Bingley's regard had really died away, or were suppressed by his friends' interference; whether he had been aware of Jane's attachment, or whether it had escaped his observation; whatever were the case, though her opinion of him must be materially affected by the difference, her sister's situation remained the same, her peace equally wounded.

A day or two passed before Jane had courage to speak of her feelings to Elizabeth; but at last, on Mrs. Bennet's leaving them together, after a longer irritation than usual about Netherfield and its master, she could not help saying:

"Oh, that my dear mother had more command over herself! She can have no idea of the pain she **gives** me by her continual reflections on him. But I will not **repine**. It cannot last long. He will be forgot, and we shall all be as we were before."

Elizabeth looked at her sister with incredulous solicitude, but said nothing.

"You doubt me," cried Jane, slightly **colouring**; "indeed, you have no reason. He may live in my memory as the most amiable man of my acquaintance, but that is all. I have nothing either to hope or fear, and nothing to reproach him with. Thank God! I have not *that* pain. A little time, therefore--I shall certainly try to get the better."

With a stronger voice she soon added, "I have this comfort immediately, that it has not been more than an error of fancy on my side, and that it has done no harm to anyone but myself."

"My dear Jane!" exclaimed Elizabeth, "you are too good. Your **sweetness** and **disinterestedness** are really **angelic**; I do not know what to say to you. I feel as if I had never done you justice, or loved you as you deserve."

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angelic: (*adj*) cherubic, heavenly, seraphic, virtuous, celestial, beautiful, angelical, divine, good, holy, saintly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) devilish, demonic, dark, wicked.

colouring: (*n*) coloration, painting, colour, coloring, color, tincture, tint, hue, colouration, dyeing, exterior condition.

disinterestedness: (*n*) fairness, disinterest, nonpartisanship, detachment, indifference, equity,

aloofness, neutrality, disadvantage, unfriendliness.
gives: (*n*) give, offer, provide, grant, accord.

inclination: (*n, v*) desire, bent; (*n*) fancy, affection, tendency, leaning, drift, appetite, dip, proclivity, bias. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disinclination, reluctance, aversion, indifference, unwillingness, antipathy, dislike, horror.

repine: (*v*) kick, grumble, regret,

quetch, murmur, brood, mourn, languish, whine, lament; (*n*) sink.

sweetness: (*n*) sugariness, sweet, redolence, pleasantness, fragrance, aroma, charm, perfume, amenity, niceness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sourness, sharpness, unpleasantness, harshness, tastelessness, unkindness.

unavailing: (*adj*) fruitless, bootless, useless, ineffectual, inefficacious, otiose, inutile, ineffective, idle, vain, pointless.

Miss Bennet eagerly disclaimed all extraordinary merit, and threw back the praise on her sister's warm affection.

"Nay," said Elizabeth, "this is not fair. *you* wish to think all the world respectable, and are hurt if I speak ill of anybody. I only want to think *you* perfect, and you set yourself against it. Do not be afraid of my running into any excess, of my **encroaching** on your privilege of universal good-will. You need not. There are few people whom I really love, and still fewer of whom I think well. The more I see of the world, the more am I dissatisfied with it; and every day **confirms** my belief of the inconsistency of all human characters, and of the little dependence that can be placed on the appearance of merit or sense. I have met with two instances lately, one I will not mention; the other is Charlotte's marriage. It is **unaccountable!** In every view it is unaccountable!"

"My dear Lizzy, do not give way to such feelings as these. They will ruin your happiness. You do not make allowance enough for difference of situation and temper. Consider Mr. Collins's respectability, and Charlotte's steady, prudent character. Remember that she is one of a large family; that as to fortune, it is a most eligible match; and be ready to believe, for everybody's sake, that she may feel something like regard and esteem for our cousin."

"To **oblige** you, I would try to believe almost anything, but no one else could be benefited by such a belief as this; for were I persuaded that Charlotte had any regard for him, I should only think worse of her understanding than I now do of her heart. My dear Jane, Mr. Collins is a conceited, pompous, **narrow-minded**, silly man; you know he is, as well as I do; and you must feel, as well as I do, that the woman who married him cannot have a proper way of thinking. You shall not defend her, though it is Charlotte Lucas. You shall not, for the sake of one individual, change the meaning of principle and integrity, nor endeavour to persuade yourself or me, that **selfishness** is **prudence**, and insensibility of danger security for happiness."

"I must think your language too strong in speaking of both," replied Jane; "and I hope you will be convinced of it by seeing them happy together. But enough of this. You alluded to something else. You mentioned *two* instances. I

Thesaurus

confirms: (*adj*) confirmed.

encroaching: (*adj*) invasive, aggressive.

narrow-minded: (*adj*) narrow, petty, bigoted, provincial, stuffy, fanatical, dogmatic, selfish, sectarian, rabid, conventional.

oblige: (*v*) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate, oblige, necessitate, enforce, impel. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) displease, request, hinder.

prudence: (*n*) foresight, economy, frugality, caution, care, forethought, providence, circumspection, judgment, deliberation; (*adj, n*) wisdom. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) imprudence, profligacy, generosity, hindsight, recklessness, extravagance.

selfishness: (*n*) greed, egotism, greediness, meanness, individuality, opportunism, expedience, individualism, self, selfness, selfish.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) altruism, selflessness, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, conformity, generosity.

unaccountable: (*adj*) incomprehensible, inexplicable, strange, unintelligible, unexplainable, mysterious, impenetrable, undiscoverable, undecipherable, unknowable, unnatural.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) accountable, explainable, responsible, explicable.

cannot misunderstand you, but I entreat you, dear Lizzy, not to pain me by thinking *that person* to blame, and saying your opinion of him is sunk. We must not be so ready to fancy ourselves intentionally injured. We must not expect a lively young man to be always so guarded and **circumspect**. It is very often nothing but our own vanity that deceives us. Women fancy admiration means more than it does."

"And men take care that they should."

"If it is **designedly** done, they cannot be justified; but I have no idea of there being so much design in the world as some persons imagine."

"I am far from **attributing** any part of Mr. Bingley's conduct to design," said Elizabeth; "but without **scheming** to do wrong, or to make others unhappy, there may be error, and there may be misery. Thoughtlessness, want of attention to other people's feelings, and want of resolution, will do the business."

"And do you **impute** it to either of those?"

"Yes; to the last. But if I go on, I shall **displease** you by saying what I think of persons you esteem. Stop me whilst you can."

"You persist, then, in supposing his sisters influence him?"

"Yes, in **conjunction** with his friend."

"I cannot believe it. Why should they try to influence him? They can only wish his happiness; and if he is attached to me, no other woman can secure it."

"Your first position is false. They may wish many things besides his happiness; they may wish his increase of wealth and consequence; they may wish him to marry a girl who has all the importance of money, great connections, and pride."

"Beyond a doubt, they *do* wish him to choose Miss Darcy," replied Jane; "but this may be from better feelings than you are supposing. They have known her much longer than they have known me; no wonder if they love her better. But, whatever may be their own wishes, it is very unlikely they should have opposed their brother's. What sister would think herself at liberty to do it, unless there

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attributing: (n) reference.

circumspect: (adj) careful, cautious, prudent, guarded, alert, cagey, vigilant, wary, watchful, thoughtful, considerate. ANTONYMS: (adj) rash, incautious, bold, careless, unwary, tactless, open.

conjunction: (n) coincidence, concurrence, association, coalition, alliance, cohesion, anastomosis, concomitance, confluence, amalgamation; (v) joinder.

ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, disconnection, division, separation.

designedly: (adj, adv) advisedly, knowingly; (adv) purposely, intentionally, premeditatedly, wilfully, willfully, on purpose, studied, by design; (adj) wittingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) innocently, unconsciously, unwittingly, impulsively.

displease: (v) annoy, disgust, bother, anger, vex, affront, offend, rile,

irritate, nark, nettle. ANTONYMS: (v) please, satisfy, pacify, delight.

impute: (v) charge, attribute, ascribe, assign, accuse, blame, attach, credit, lay, accredit, impeach.

scheming: (adj) designing, artful, crafty, wily, tricky, sly, shrewd, devious, astute, intriguing; (adj, n) cunning. ANTONYMS: (adj) honest, ingenuous, straightforward, open, straight, guileless; (n) ingenuousness.

were something very objectionable? If they believed him attached to me, they would not try to part us; if he were so, they could not succeed. By supposing such an affection, you make everybody acting **unnaturally** and wrong, and me most unhappy. Do not distress me by the idea. I am not ashamed of having been mistaken--or, at least, it is light, it is nothing in comparison of what I should feel in thinking ill of him or his sisters. Let me take it in the best light, in the light in which it may be understood."

Elizabeth could not oppose such a wish; and from this time Mr. Bingley's name was scarcely ever mentioned between them.

Mrs. Bennet still continued to wonder and repine at his returning no more, and though a day seldom passed in which Elizabeth did not account for it clearly, there was little chance of her ever considering it with less **perplexity**. Her daughter endeavoured to convince her of what she did not believe herself, that his attentions to Jane had been merely the effect of a common and **transient** liking, which ceased when he saw her no more; but though the probability of the statement was admitted at the time, she had the same story to repeat every day. Mrs. Bennet's best comfort was that Mr. Bingley must be down again in the summer.

Mr. Bennet treated the matter differently. "So, Lizzy," said he one day, "your sister is crossed in love, I find. I congratulate her. Next to being married, a girl likes to be crossed a little in love now and then. It is something to think of, and it gives her a sort of distinction among her **companions**. When is your turn to come? You will hardly bear to be long **outdone** by Jane. Now is your time. Here are officers enough in Meryton to **disappoint** all the young ladies in the country. Let Wickham be *your* man. He is a pleasant fellow, and would **jilt** you creditably."

"Thank you, sir, but a less agreeable man would satisfy me. We must not all expect Jane's good fortune."

"True," said Mr. Bennet, "but it is a comfort to think that whatever of that kind may **befall** you, you have an affectionate mother who will make the most of it."

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befall: (v) bechance, become, happen, fall, arise, come about, occur, betide, chance, transpire, pass.

companions: (n) circle, entourage, people.

disappoint: (v) fail, defeat, balk, baffle, disenchant, betray, circumvent, bilk, mock, foil; (n, v) put out.

ANTONYMS: (v) please, satisfy, encourage, fulfill, succeed, comfort, inspire.

jilt: (v) betray, balk, desert, forsake,

drop, reject, walk out on, throw over, cozen, cully; (n) woman.

outdone: (adj) beaten, vanquished, worsted, defeated; (v) outdo.

perplexity: (n) confusion, dilemma, bewilderment, maze, labyrinth, embarrassment, quandary, complication, enigma; (adj, n) difficulty, distress. **ANTONYM:** (n) understanding.

transient: (adj) fleeting, temporary, passing, transitory, fugacious,

ephemeral, momentary, temporal, provisional; (adj, n) fugitive, vagabond. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) enduring, lasting, immanent, long; (n) resident.

unnaturally: (adv) falsely, unusually, contrivedly, affectedly, extraordinarily, monstrously, manneredly, by artificial means, abnormally, peculiarly, cruelly. **ANTONYM:** (adv) normally.

Mr. Wickham's society was of material service in **dispelling** the **gloom** which the late **perverse** occurrences had thrown on many of the Longbourn family. They saw him often, and to his other recommendations was now added that of general **unreserve**. The whole of what Elizabeth had already heard, his claims on Mr. Darcy, and all that he had suffered from him, was now **openly** acknowledged and **publicly** canvassed; and everybody was pleased to know how much they had always disliked Mr. Darcy before they had known anything of the matter.

Miss Bennet was the only creature who could suppose there might be any **extenuating** circumstances in the case, unknown to the society of Hertfordshire; her mild and steady candour always pleaded for allowances, and urged the possibility of mistakes--but by everybody else Mr. Darcy was **condemned** as the worst of men.

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condemned: (*adj*) censured, convicted, doomed, destined, appropriated, taken, taken over, fated, seized, predestined; (*adj, v*) guilty.
dispelling: (*n*) evaporation.
extenuating: (*adj*) palliative, exculpatory, palliative.
gloom: (*n*) desolation, dark, darkness, blackness, depression, dimness, dusk, dreariness, despair, dejection; (*n, v*) cloud. ANTONYMS: (*n*) brightness, happiness, cheerfulness, glee, ecstasy,

joy, optimism, cheer.
openly: (*adv*) frankly, publicly, clearly, candidly, directly, straightforwardly, evidently, publically, plainly, outspokenly; (*adj, adv*) manifestly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) furtively, secretly, clandestinely, mysteriously, ambiguously, reticently, covertly, discreetly, affectedly, craftily, deceitfully.
perverse: (*adj*) fractious, obstinate, obdurate, bad, corrupt, headstrong,

disobedient, intractable, willful, sinister, wayward. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wholesome, obliging, agreeable, accommodating, malleable, good.
publicly: (*adv*) overtly, publically, in public, generally, communally, commonly, socially, stately, vulgarly, plainly, usually. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) privately, secretly, informally.
unreserve: (*adj*) sincerity, truth, frankness, candor.

CHAPTER 25

After a week spent in professions of love and schemes of felicity, Mr. Collins was called from his amiable Charlotte by the arrival of Saturday. The pain of separation, however, might be **alleviated** on his side, by preparations for the reception of his **bride**; as he had reason to hope, that shortly after his return into Hertfordshire, the day would be fixed that was to make him the happiest of men. He took leave of his relations at Longbourn with as much solemnity as before; wished his fair cousins health and **happiness** again, and promised their father another letter of thanks.

On the following Monday, Mrs. Bennet had the pleasure of **receiving** her brother and his wife, who came as usual to spend the Christmas at Longbourn. Mr. **Gardiner** was a sensible, gentlemanlike man, greatly superior to his sister, as well by nature as education. The Netherfield ladies would have had difficulty in **believing** that a man who lived by trade, and within view of his own warehouses, could have been so well-bred and agreeable. Mrs. Gardiner, who was several years younger than Mrs. Bennet and Mrs. Phillips, was an amiable, intelligent, elegant woman, and a great favourite with all her Longbourn nieces. Between the two eldest and herself especially, there subsisted a particular regard. They had frequently been staying with her in town.

The first part of Mrs. Gardiner's business on her arrival was to **distribute** her presents and describe the **newest** fashions. When this was done she had a less

alleviated: (*adj*) eased, relieved, palliate, lightened, levigate.
believing: (*adj*) faith, believe, faithful, basic cognitive process, gullible, Catholic, religious, loyal, certain, Christian, credent.
bride: (*n*) fiance, Bridget, Brigid, saint Brigid, saint Bridget, honeymooner, prioress, newlywed, participant, wife, bridegroom. ANTONYMS: (*n*) bridegroom, groom.
distribute: (*v*) apportion, allot,

dispense, disperse, administer, disseminate, assign, diffuse, deal out, circulate; (*n, v*) deal. ANTONYMS:
(*v*) amass, collect, gather, hoard, store, hold, garner, disorder, disarray, declassify, keep.
gardiner: (*n*) Samuel Rawson Gardiner.
happiness: (*n*) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS:

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(*n*) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess, displeasure.
newest: (*adj*) last, up-to-the-minute, up-to-date, novel, fresh, hot, lowest, concluding, fashionable, stylish, final.
receiving: (*n*) getting, reception, acceptance, taking, adoption, reciprocity; (*v*) receive; (*adj*) received, accepting, admitting, recipient. ANTONYM: (*n*) rejection.

active part to play. It became her turn to listen. Mrs. Bennet had many grievances to relate, and much to complain of. They had all been very ill-used since she last saw her sister. Two of her girls had been upon the point of marriage, and after all there was nothing in it.

"I do not blame Jane," she continued, "for Jane would have got Mr. Bingley if she could. But Lizzy! Oh, sister! It is very hard to think that she might have been Mr. Collins's wife by this time, had it not been for her own perverseness. He made her an offer in this very room, and she refused him. The consequence of it is, that Lady Lucas will have a daughter married before I have, and that the Longbourn estate is just as much entailed as ever. The Lucases are very **artful** people indeed, sister. They are all for what they can get. I am sorry to say it of them, but so it is. It makes me very nervous and poorly, to be **thwarted** so in my own family, and to have **neighbours** who think of themselves before anybody else. However, your coming just at this time is the greatest of comforts, and I am very glad to hear what you tell us, of long sleeves."

Mrs. Gardiner, to whom the chief of this news had been given before, in the course of Jane and Elizabeth's correspondence with her, made her sister a slight answer, and, in compassion to her nieces, turned the conversation.

When alone with Elizabeth afterwards, she spoke more on the subject. "It seems likely to have been a desirable match for Jane," said she. "I am sorry it **went** off. But these things happen so often! A young man, such as you describe Mr. Bingley, so easily **falls** in love with a pretty girl for a few weeks, and when accident **separates** them, so easily forgets her, that these sort of inconsistencies are very frequent."

"An excellent consolation in its way," said Elizabeth, "but it will not do for *us*. We do not suffer by *accident*. It does not often happen that the interference of friends will persuade a young man of independent fortune to think no more of a girl whom he was **violently** in love with only a few days before."

"But that expression of 'violently in love' is so **hackneyed**, so doubtful, so **indefinite**, that it gives me very little idea. It is as often applied to feelings which

Thesaurus

artful: (*adj*) crafty, cunning, scheming, wily, shrewd, insidious, designing, sly, adroit, subtle, disingenuous.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) artless, unskillful, inept, ingenuous, unskilled, open, straight.

falls: (*n*) cataract, waterfall, chute, angel, torrent, Victoria, twin, force, body of water, Guaira, Niagara.

hackneyed: (*adj*) banal, trite, common, stock, corny, conventional, stale, threadbare, tired, platitudinous,

unoriginal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, novel, imaginative, exceptional.

indefinite: (*adj, v*) ambiguous, vague; (*adj*) uncertain, boundless, hazy, equivocal, unlimited, doubtful, dubious, imprecise, indecisive.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) definite, limited, fixed, constrained, specific, distinct, known, precise, clear, exact.

neighbours: (*n*) neighborhood.

separates: (*n*) coordinates.

thwarted: (*adj*) disappointed, foiled,

discomfited, defeated, not victorious, baffled, balked, beaten, upset, embarrassed, saddened. ANTONYM: (*adj*) satisfied.

violently: (*adj, adv*) vehemently, hotly, madly, ardently; (*adv*) wildly, passionately, strongly, hard, furiously, turbulently; (*adv, n*) vigorously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gently, nonviolently, feebly, impassively, peacefully, tamely.

went: (*v*) walked, proceeded.

arise from a half-hour's acquaintance, as to a real, strong attachment. Pray, how *violent was Mr. Bingley's love?*"

"I never saw a more promising inclination; he was growing quite **inattentive** to other people, and wholly engrossed by her. Every time they met, it was more decided and remarkable. At his own ball he offended two or three young ladies, by not asking them to dance; and I spoke to him twice myself, without receiving an answer. Could there be finer symptoms? Is not general **incivility** the very essence of love?"

"Oh, yes!--of that kind of love which I suppose him to have felt. Poor Jane! I am sorry for her, because, with her disposition, she may not get over it immediately. It had better have happened to *you*, Lizzy; you would have laughed yourself out of it sooner. But do you think she would be prevailed upon to go back with us? Change of scene might be of service--and perhaps a little relief from home may be as useful as anything."

Elizabeth was exceedingly pleased with this proposal, and felt persuaded of her sister's ready acquiescence.

"I hope," added Mrs. Gardiner, "that no consideration with regard to this young man will influence her. We live in so different a part of town, all our connections are so different, and, as you well know, we go out so little, that it is very **improbable** that they should meet at all, unless he really comes to see her."

"And *that* is quite impossible; for he is now in the **custody** of his friend, and Mr. Darcy would no more suffer him to call on Jane in such a part of London! My dear aunt, how could you think of it? Mr. Darcy may perhaps have *heard* of such a place as Gracechurch Street, but he would hardly think a month's **ablution** enough to **cleanse** him from its **impurities**, were he once to enter it; and depend upon it, Mr. Bingley never stirs without him."

"So much the better. I hope they will not meet at all. But does not Jane correspond with his sister? *she* will not be able to help calling."

"She will drop the acquaintance entirely."

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ablution: (*n*) bath, bathing, washing, purification, catharsis, cleaning, cleanup, lavation, baptism, washup; (*v*) colature.

cleanse: (*adj, v*) clean; (*v*) bathe, wash, clarify, wipe, scour, scrub, clear, rinse, disinfect, refine. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dirty, soil, stain, spot, pollute, mess, defile, cloud.

custody: (*n, v*) detention, keep; (*n*) confinement, charge, captivity, care, security, protection, hold, storage,

retention. ANTONYMS: (*n*) freedom, liberation, liberty.

improbable: (*adj*) implausible, impossible, incredible, unbelievable, fishy, questionable, inconceivable, impractical, unthinkable, absurd; (*adj, n*) marvelous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) probable, certain, plausible, truthful, ordinary, on, practical.

impurities: (*n*) dross, bastard, scum, cinder.

inattentive: (*adj*) negligent, neglectful,

forgetful, reckless, careless, unaware, regardless, inconsiderate, mindless, inadvertent; (*adj, v*) remiss.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attentive, alert, observant, carefree, cautious, conscientious, considerate, diligent, prudent.

incivility: (*n*) disrespect, impoliteness, discourtesy, impertinence, insolence, rudeness, indecorum, boorishness, unmannerliness, indecency, crudity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) civility, refinement.

But in spite of the certainty in which Elizabeth affected to place this point, as well as the still more interesting one of Bingley's being withheld from seeing Jane, she felt a solicitude on the subject which convinced her, on examination, that she did not consider it entirely hopeless. It was possible, and sometimes she thought it probable, that his affection might be **reanimated**, and the influence of his friends successfully combated by the more natural influence of Jane's attractions.

Miss Bennet accepted her aunt's invitation with pleasure; and the Bingleys were no otherwise in her thoughts at the same time, than as she hoped by Caroline's not living in the same house with her brother, she might occasionally spend a morning with her, without any danger of seeing him.

The Gardiners stayed a week at Longbourn; and what with the Phillipses, the Lucases, and the officers, there was not a day without its engagement. Mrs. Bennet had so carefully provided for the entertainment of her brother and sister, that they did not once sit down to a family dinner. When the engagement was for home, some of the officers always made part of it--of which officers Mr. Wickham was sure to be one; and on these occasions, Mrs. Gardiner, rendered suspicious by Elizabeth's warm commendation, **narrowly** observed them both. Without **supposing** them, from what she saw, to be very seriously in love, their preference of each other was plain enough to make her a little uneasy; and she resolved to speak to Elizabeth on the subject before she left Hertfordshire, and represent to her the **imprudence** of encouraging such an attachment.

To Mrs. Gardiner, Wickham had one means of affording pleasure, **unconnected** with his general powers. About ten or a dozen years ago, before her marriage, she had spent a considerable time in that very part of Derbyshire to which he belonged. They had, therefore, many acquaintances in common; and though Wickham had been little there since the death of Darcy's father, it was yet in his power to give her **fresher** intelligence of her former friends than she had been in the way of **procuring**.

Mrs. Gardiner had seen Pemberley, and known the late Mr. Darcy by character perfectly well. Here consequently was an **inexhaustible** subject of

fresher: (n) fresh, lowerclassman, underclassman, neophyte, fledgeling, entrant, fledgling.

imprudence: (n) carelessness, indiscretion, folly, improvidence, hastiness, flippancy, recklessness, injudiciousness, rashness, haste; (adj, n) temerity. ANTONYMS: (n) discretion, forethought, wariness, wisdom.

inexhaustible: (adj) indefatigable, immeasurable, unfailing, infinite,

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boundless, illimitable, unlimited, incalculable, unexhaustible, unapproachable, unfathomable.
ANTONYMS: (adj) limited, unproductive.

narrowly: (adv) closely, barely, hardly, strictly, slenderly, tightly, smally, contractly, slimly, precisely, nearly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) broadly, inaccurately.

procuring: (v) procure.

reanimated: (adj) animated, alive.

supposing: (adv) admitting, conditionally, in case; (n) supposition, conjecture, thought, theory, assumption; (conj) although, what if; (v) suppose.

unconnected: (adj) detached, disjointed, incoherent, unrelated, illogical, confused, irrelevant, incongruous; (adj, prep) separate, separated; (v) unattached.

ANTONYMS: (adj) attached, pertinent, relevant, together.

discourse. In comparing her **recollection** of Pemberley with the minute description which Wickham could give, and in bestowing her **tribute** of praise on the character of its late possessor, she was **delighting** both him and herself. On being made acquainted with the present Mr. Darcy's treatment of him, she tried to remember some of that gentleman's **reputed** disposition when quite a lad which might agree with it, and was confident at last that she recollecting having heard Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy formerly spoken of as a very **proud**, ill-natured boy.

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comparing: (*n*) collation, contrast, comparison, analogy, collating, comparability.

delighting: (*adj*) satisfactory, attractive.

discourse: (*n, v*) address, lecture, sermon, converse, harangue, chat; (*n*) talk, colloquy, conversation, discussion, homily.

formerly: (*adv*) already, previously, earlier, lately, originally, anciently, aforetime, first, erstwhile, at one

time, once. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) afterward, lastly, later, now.

proud: (*adj*) lofty, disdainful, haughty, exalted, egotistical, gallant, pompous, lordly, majestic, overbearing; (*adj, v*) dignified. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) humble, modest, ashamed, embarrassed, sorrowful, disappointed, miserable.

recollection: (*n, v*) mind; (*n*) reminiscence, recall, anamnesis, remembrance, recognition, memento,

memorial, commemoration, memoir, retrospect.

reputed: (*adj*) supposed, renowned, famous, conjectural, assumed, famed, eminent, prominent, alleged, well-known, distinguished. ANTONYM: (*adj*) known.

tribute: (*n*) commendation, tax, honor, testimonial, duty, homage, respect, eulogy, compliment; (*n, v*) contribution, subsidy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) blame, accusation, dishonor.

CHAPTER 26

Mrs. Gardiner's **caution** to Elizabeth was punctually and **kindly** given on the first favourable opportunity of speaking to her alone; after **honestly** telling her what she thought, she thus went on:

"You are too sensible a girl, Lizzy, to fall in love merely because you are warned against it; and, therefore, I am not afraid of speaking openly. Seriously, I would have you be on your guard. Do not involve yourself or **endeavour** to involve him in an **affection** which the want of fortune would make so very imprudent. I have nothing to say against *him*; he is a most interesting young man; and if he had the fortune he ought to have, I should think you could not do better. But as it is, you must not let your fancy run away with you. You have sense, and we all expect you to use it. Your father would depend on *your* resolution and good conduct, I am sure. You must not disappoint your father."

"My dear aunt, this is being serious indeed."

"Yes, and I hope to engage you to be serious likewise."

"Well, then, you need not be under any alarm. I will take care of myself, and of Mr. Wickham too. He shall not be in love with me, if I can prevent it."

"Elizabeth, you are not serious now."

"I beg your pardon, I will try again. At present I am not in love with Mr. Wickham; no, I certainly am not. But he is, beyond all comparison, the most

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affection: (*n*) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike, detachment, coldness, roughness.
caution: (*n*) advice, carefulness, warning, wariness, precaution, vigilance, prudence, admonition, commandment; (*v*) warn, advise. ANTONYMS: (*n*) carelessness, rashness, incaution, honesty,

foolishness, encouragement, irresponsibility, openness, approval; (*v*) dare, approve.

endeavour: (*n*) attempt, effort, pains, trial, try, enterprise, striving, contribution, braving; (*v*) exert, strive.

honestly: (*adj, adv*) justly, sincerely, candidly, fairly, genuinely, really; (*adv*) openly, directly, faithfully, plainly, truthfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) misleadingly, deceitfully,

unfairly, insincerely, hesitantly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, politely.

kindly: (*adj*) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (*adv*) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (*adj, n*) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (*adj*) upsetting, unfeeling, sour.

agreeable man I ever saw--and if he becomes really attached to me--I believe it will be better that he should not. I see the imprudence of it. Oh! *that* abominable Mr. Darcy! My father's opinion of me does me the greatest honour, and I should be miserable to **forfeit** it. My father, however, is partial to Mr. Wickham. In short, my dear aunt, I should be very sorry to be the means of making any of you unhappy; but since we see every day that where there is affection, young people are seldom withheld by immediate want of fortune from entering into **engagements** with each other, how can I promise to be wiser than so many of my fellow-creatures if I am tempted, or how am I even to know that it would be wisdom to resist? All that I can promise you, therefore, is not to be in a hurry. I will not be in a hurry to believe myself his first object. When I am in company with him, I will not be **wishing**. In short, I will do my best."

"Perhaps it will be as well if you **discourage** his coming here so very often. At least, you should not *remind* your mother of inviting him."

"As I did the other day," said Elizabeth with a conscious smile: "very true, it will be wise in me to **refrain** from *that*. But do not imagine that he is always here so often. It is on your account that he has been so frequently invited this week. You know my mother's ideas as to the necessity of constant company for her friends. But really, and upon my honour, I will try to do what I think to be the wisest; and now I hope you are satisfied."

Her aunt assured her that she was, and Elizabeth having thanked her for the kindness of her hints, they parted; a wonderful instance of advice being given on such a point, without being resented.

Mr. Collins returned into Hertfordshire soon after it had been quitted by the Gardiners and Jane; but as he took up his abode with the Lucases, his arrival was no great **inconvenience** to Mrs. Bennet. His marriage was now fast approaching, and she was at length so far resigned as to think it inevitable, and even repeatedly to say, in an ill-natured tone, that she "*wished* they might be happy." Thursday was to be the wedding day, and on Wednesday Miss Lucas paid her farewell visit; and when she rose to take leave, Elizabeth, ashamed of her mother's **ungracious** and reluctant good wishes, and sincerely affected herself,

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discourage: (*n, v*) daunt, intimidate, dampen, cow, abash; (*v*) dishearten, demoralize, depress, dismay, deject, dispirit. ANTONYMS: (*v*) encourage, promote, persuade, support, endorse, cheer, advocate, convince, urge, embolden, inspire.

engagements: (*n*) arrangements, actions, activities, schedule, travels, movements.

forfeit: (*n*) penalty, deprivation, cost; (*v*) abandon, forgo, relinquish, waive;

(*n, v*) sacrifice, pawn; (*adj*) confiscate, lost. ANTONYMS: (*n*) retention; (*v*) claim, redeem, receive, maintain.

inconvenience: (*n, v*) trouble, incommodate; (*v*) discommode, disoblige, annoy, disturb, disquiet; (*n*) disadvantage, difficulty, nuisance, unsuitableness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) expediency, advantage; (*v*) help, please.

refrain: (*v*) desist, cease, fast, avoid, leave off, withhold, stop, spare; (*adj*)

v) forbear; (*n*) chorus, hold. ANTONYMS: (*v*) participate, act, consume, persist.

ungracious: (*adj*) discourteous, impolite, uncivil, surly, unkind, unceremonious, churlish, disrespectful, unfriendly, graceless, unpleasing.

wishing: (*n*) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (*adj*) desirous.

accompanied her out of the room. As they went downstairs together, Charlotte said:

"I shall depend on hearing from you very often, Eliza."

"*That* you certainly shall."

"And I have another favour to ask you. Will you come and see me?"

"We shall often meet, I hope, in Hertfordshire."

"I am not likely to leave Kent for some time. Promise me, therefore, to come to Hunsford."

Elizabeth could not refuse, though she **foresaw** little pleasure in the visit.

"My father and Maria are coming to me in March," added Charlotte, "and I hope you will consent to be of the party. Indeed, Eliza, you will be as welcome as either of them."

The wedding took place; the bride and **bridegroom** set off for Kent from the church door, and everybody had as much to say, or to hear, on the subject as usual. Elizabeth soon heard from her friend; and their correspondence was as regular and frequent as it had ever been; that it should be equally unreserved was impossible. Elizabeth could never address her without feeling that all the comfort of intimacy was over, and though determined not to **slacken** as a correspondent, it was for the sake of what had been, rather than what was. Charlotte's first letters were received with a good deal of **eagerness**; there could not but be curiosity to know how she would speak of her new home, how she would like Lady Catherine, and how happy she would dare **pronounce** herself to be; though, when the letters were read, Elizabeth felt that Charlotte expressed herself on every point exactly as she might have **foreseen**. She wrote cheerfully, seemed surrounded with comforts, and mentioned nothing which she could not praise. The house, furniture, neighbourhood, and roads, were all to her taste, and Lady Catherine's behaviour was most friendly and obliging. It was Mr. Collins's picture of Hunsford and Rosings **rationally** softened; and Elizabeth **perceived** that she must wait for her own visit there to know the rest.

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bridegroom: (v) bride; (n)

honeymooner, newlywed, participant, fiance, husband.
ANTONYM: (n) wife.

eagerness: (n, v) desire, aspiration; (n)

enthusiasm, avidity, cupidity, readiness, passion, keenness, ambition, fervor, avidness.

ANTONYMS: (n) indifference,

unwillingness, aloofness, disinterest, lethargy, listlessness, patience, gloom, reluctance.

foresaw: (v) foresee.

foreseen: (v) foresee, long expected; (adj) envisioned, foretold, contingent, concourse, coming, casual, adventitious, accidental, predictable.

perceived: (adj) sensed, apparent,

supposed, professed, ostensible.

pronounce: (v) articulate, declare, affirm, say, assert, express, vocalize, proclaim; (n, v) allege; (adj, v) deliver, utter. ANTONYM: (v) mumble.

rationally: (adv) logically, sanely,

judiciously, wisely, coherently, sagaciously, lucidly, justly, reasonably, sensibly, practically.

ANTONYMS: (adv) irrationally, illogically, emotionally, foolishly, unconvincingly, unreasonably.

slacken: (adj, n, v) loosen; (v) abate, remit, retard, loose, douse, lessen, slow, slack up; (adj, v) slack; (n, v) ease. ANTONYMS: (v) tense, increase.

Jane had already written a few lines to her sister to announce their safe arrival in London; and when she wrote again, Elizabeth hoped it would be in her power to say something of the Bingleys.

Her **impatience** for this second letter was as well rewarded as impatience generally is. Jane had been a week in town without either seeing or hearing from Caroline. She accounted for it, however, by supposing that her last letter to her friend from Longbourn had by some accident been lost.

"My aunt," she continued, "is going to-morrow into that part of the town, and I shall take the opportunity of calling in Grosvenor Street."

She wrote again when the visit was paid, and she had seen Miss Bingley. "I did not think Caroline in spirits," were her words, "but she was very glad to see me, and reproached me for giving her no notice of my coming to London. I was right, therefore, my last letter had never reached her. I inquired after their brother, of course. He was well, but so much engaged with Mr. Darcy that they scarcely ever saw him. I found that Miss Darcy was expected to dinner. I wish I could see her. My visit was not long, as Caroline and Mrs. Hurst were going out. I dare say I shall see them soon here."

Elizabeth shook her head over this letter. It convinced her that accident only could discover to Mr. Bingley her sister's being in town.

Four weeks passed away, and Jane saw nothing of him. She endeavoured to persuade herself that she did not regret it; but she could no longer be blind to Miss Bingley's inattention. After waiting at home every morning for a fortnight, and **inventing** every evening a fresh excuse for her, the visitor did at last appear; but the **shortness** of her stay, and yet more, the alteration of her manner would allow Jane to **deceive** herself no longer. The letter which she wrote on this occasion to her sister will prove what she felt.

"My dearest Lizzy will, I am sure, be incapable of **triumphing** in her better judgement, at my expense, when I **confess** myself to have been entirely deceived in Miss Bingley's regard for me. But, my dear sister, though the event has proved you right, do not think me **obstinate** if I still assert that, considering what her

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confess: (*adj, v*) own, allow, admit, avow; (*v*) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor.

deceive: (*v*) cheat, circumvent, bamboozle, pretend, hoax, fool, cozen, trick, beguile; (*n, v*) dupe; (*n*) fraud. ANTONYMS: (*v*) guide, inform, undeceive, protect.

impatience: (*n*) annoyance, eagerness, anger, intolerance, restlessness,

fidget, nervousness, fidgetiness, enthusiasm, edginess; (*adj*) nonendurance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, endurance, apathy.

inventing: (*adj*) lying.

obstinate: (*adj*) obdurate, inflexible, intractable, determined, inveterate, disobedient, willful, stubborn, contrary, wayward, dogged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flexible, amenable, irresolute, cooperative, easygoing, docile, biddable,

agreeable, accommodating, malleable, gentle.

shortness: (*n*) lack, abruptness, brusqueness, curtiness, briefness, shortage, conciseness, gruffness, curtailment, short, shortcoming. ANTONYMS: (*n*) tallness, height, longness, wordiness, courtesy.

triumphing: (*n*) boast, gloriation; (*v*) triumphal, celebrating victory, exultant.

behaviour was, my confidence was as natural as your suspicion. I do not at all comprehend her reason for wishing to be intimate with me; but if the same circumstances were to happen again, I am sure I should be deceived again. Caroline did not return my visit till yesterday; and not a note, not a line, did I receive in the meantime. When she did come, it was very evident that she had no pleasure in it; she made a slight, formal apology, for not calling before, said not a word of wishing to see me again, and was in every respect so altered a creature, that when she went away I was perfectly resolved to continue the acquaintance no longer. I pity, though I cannot help blaming her. She was very wrong in singling me out as she did; I can safely say that every advance to intimacy began on her side. But I pity her, because she must feel that she has been acting wrong, and because I am very sure that anxiety for her brother is the cause of it. I need not explain myself **farther**; and though we know this anxiety to be quite needless, yet if she feels it, it will easily account for her behaviour to me; and so **deservedly** dear as he is to his sister, whatever anxiety she must feel on his behalf is natural and amiable. I cannot but wonder, however, at her having any such fears now, because, if he had at all cared about me, we must have met, long ago. He knows of my being in town, I am certain, from something she said herself; and yet it would seem, by her manner of talking, as if she wanted to persuade herself that he is really partial to Miss Darcy. I cannot understand it. If I were not afraid of judging **harshly**, I should be almost tempted to say that there is a strong appearance of **duplicity** in all this. But I will endeavour to **banish** every painful thought, and think only of what will make me happy--your affection, and the **invariable** kindness of my dear uncle and aunt. Let me hear from you very soon. Miss Bingley said something of his never returning to Netherfield again, of giving up the house, but not with any certainty. We had better not mention it. I am extremely glad that you have such pleasant accounts from our friends at Hunsford. Pray go to see them, with Sir William and Maria. I am sure you will be very comfortable there.--Yours, etc."

This letter gave Elizabeth some pain; but her spirits returned as she considered that Jane would no longer be **duped**, by the sister at least. All expectation from the brother was now absolutely over. She would not even wish

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banish: (v) dispel, expel, displace, relegate, oust, expatriate, eject, dismiss, transport, cast out; (adj, v) exile. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, embrace, adopt, invite, include.

deservedly: (adv) justly, condignly, worthily, rightfully, rightly, right, justifiably, by merit, correctly, fairly, becomingly.

duped: (adj) mistaken.

duplicity: (n) deception, dishonesty, artifice, craft, deceitfulness, guile,

treachery, betrayal, chicanery, fraud, trickery. ANTONYMS: (n) loyalty, sincerity, straightforwardness, allegiance, truthfulness.

farther: (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) additional, more, distant; (adv) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (adj, prep) outside; (pron) another. ANTONYMS: (prep) within; (adv) nearer, closer.

harshly: (adv) roughly, severely, sternly, sharply, cruelly, hoarsely,

strictly, pitilessly, rigorously, rigidly; (adj, adv) piercingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, harmoniously, quietly, gently, elaborately, leniently, smoothly, tolerantly, cheerfully, loosely, pleasantly.

invariable: (adj) fixed, consistent, even, immutable, steady, unchanging, stable, uniform, set, undeviating, unchanged.

ANTONYMS: (adj) changing, dynamic, erratic, irregular, varied.

for a renewal of his attentions. His character sunk on every review of it; and as a punishment for him, as well as a possible advantage to Jane, she seriously hoped he might really soon marry Mr. Darcy's sister, as by Wickham's account, she would make him abundantly regret what he had thrown away.

Mrs. Gardiner about this time reminded Elizabeth of her promise concerning that gentleman, and required information; and Elizabeth had such to send as might rather give contentment to her aunt than to herself. His apparent partiality had subsided, his attentions were over, he was the **admirer** of some one else. Elizabeth was watchful enough to see it all, but she could see it and write of it without material pain. Her heart had been but slightly touched, and her vanity was satisfied with believing that *she* would have been his only choice, had fortune permitted it. The sudden acquisition of ten thousand pounds was the most remarkable charm of the young lady to whom he was now rendering himself agreeable; but Elizabeth, less **clear-sighted** perhaps in this case than in Charlotte's, did not quarrel with him for his wish of independence. Nothing, on the contrary, could be more natural; and while able to suppose that it cost him a few struggle to relinquish her, she was ready to allow it a wise and desirable measure for both, and could very sincerely wish him happy.

All this was acknowledged to Mrs. Gardiner; and after relating the circumstances, she thus went on: "I am now convinced, my dear aunt, that I have never been much in love; for had I really experienced that pure and **elevating** passion, I should at present detest his very name, and wish him all manner of evil. But my feelings are not only cordial towards *him*; they are even impartial towards Miss King. I cannot find out that I hate her at all, or that I am in the least unwilling to think her a very good sort of girl. There can be no love in all this. My watchfulness has been **effectual**; and though I certainly should be a more interesting object to all my acquaintances were I **distractedly** in love with him, I cannot say that I regret my comparative **insignificance**. Importance may sometimes be purchased too dearly. Kitty and Lydia take his **defection** much more to heart than I do. They are young in the ways of the world, and not yet

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admirer: (*n*) enthusiast, fan, devotee, supporter, votary, worshiper, wooer, beau, fancier; (*adj*) suitor; (*adj, n*) lover.

clear-sighted: (*adj*) discerning, perspicacious, clairvoyant, intelligent, observant, judicious.

defection: (*n*) apostasy, desertion, rejection, decampment, renunciation, abscondment, abandonment, repudiation, forsaking, backsliding, defect. ANTONYMS: (*n*) faithfulness,

loyalty, staunchness, steadfastness.
distractedly: (*adj, adv*) madly; (*adv*) distraughtly, frantically, frenziedly, wildly, forgetfully, absentmindedly, inattentively, vaguely, confusedly, preoccupiedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) calmly.

effectual: (*adj, n*) efficient, efficacious, able; (*adj*) forceful, telling, authoritative, operative, potent, adequate, impressive, powerful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ineffectual,

incapable, weak, impotent, ineffective, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless.

elevating: (*adj*) inspiring, exhilarating. **insignificance:** (*n*) unimportance, insignificancy, indifference, immateriality, inconsiderableness, slightness, smallness, meanness, littleness, futility, inconsequentiality. ANTONYMS: (*n*) seriousness, importance, gravity, appropriateness, value, fame.

open to the mortifying **conviction** that **handsome young** men must have something to **live** on as well as the plain."

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conviction: (*n*) belief, confidence, certainty, condemnation, persuasion, faith, trust, certitude, firmness, doctrine, determination.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) acquittal, doubt, release, absolution, disbelief, justification, insecurity, distrust.

handsome: (*adj*) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ugly, unattractive, meager,

ungenerous, measly, plain.

live: (*adj*) alive, living; (*adj, v*) reside, active, dwell, stay; (*n, v*) subsist; (*v*) exist, be, abide, endure.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inanimate, inactive, silent, dummy, blank, recorded; (*v*) die, perish, expire.

open: (*adj, n*) frank, candid; (*adj, n, v*) clear; (*adj*) obvious, exposed, artless, free, honest, guileless, forthright, naked. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) shut; (*v*) close, end; (*adj*) devious, secretive,

concealed, furtive, restricted, limited, reserved, secret.

young: (*n, v*) offspring; (*adj, n*) juvenile; (*adj*) immature, fresh, adolescent, new, raw, baby, childish, early; (*n*) progeny. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) old, mature, adult, ripe, older, late; (*adj, n*) aged.

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With no greater events than these in the Longbourn family, and otherwise diversified by little beyond the walks to Meryton, sometimes dirty and sometimes cold, did January and February pass away. March was to take Elizabeth to Hunsford. She had not at first thought very seriously of going thither; but Charlotte, she soon found, was depending on the plan and she gradually learned to consider it herself with greater pleasure as well as greater certainty. Absence had increased her desire of seeing Charlotte again, and weakened her disgust of Mr. Collins. There was novelty in the scheme, and as, with such a mother and such uncompanionable sisters, home could not be faultless, a little change was not unwelcome for its own sake. The journey would moreover give her a peep at Jane; and, in short, as the time drew near, she would have been very sorry for any delay. Everything, however, went on smoothly, and was finally settled according to Charlotte's first sketch. She was to accompany Sir William and his second daughter. The improvement of spending a night in London was added in time, and the plan became perfect as plan could be.

The only pain was in leaving her father, who would certainly miss her, and who, when it came to the point, so little liked her going, that he told her to write to him, and almost promised to answer her letter.

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depending: (adv) dependingly; (v) depend; (adj) suspensory, pendent, subject to, pendulous.

disgust: (n) antipathy, aversion, abhorrence, abomination, detestation, dislike, repugnance; (n, v) shock, distaste; (v) nauseate, displease. ANTONYMS: (n, v) delight; (n) love, attraction, liking, adoration; (v) attract, allure, charm, entice, please.

diversified: (adj) diverse, different, heterogeneous, manifold, divers,

varied, altered, multifarious, motley, assorted, miscellaneous.

drew: (n) move, John Drew.

faultless: (adj) blameless, correct, immaculate, clean, spotless, innocent, flawless, unblemished, absolute, infallible, consummate. ANTONYMS: (adj) blemished, imperfect, faulty, shameful, soiled, blameworthy.

peep: (n, v) glance, peek, look, gaze, glint, squeal; (n) glimpse, cheep; (v)

chirp, peer, pry. ANTONYMS: (v) stare, gaze; (n) examination.

uncompanionable: (adj) withdrawn, reserved, distant, chill, standoffish.

unwelcome: (adj) undesirable, objectionable, unpopular, unasked, unwished, unintroduced, unvisited, uninvited, unpleasant; (adj, n) disagreeable, unsatisfactory. ANTONYMS: (adj) welcome, desirable, gratifying, wanted, fortunate.

The farewell between herself and Mr. Wickham was perfectly friendly; on his side even more. His present pursuit could not make him forget that Elizabeth had been the first to **excite** and to deserve his attention, the first to listen and to pity, the first to be admired; and in his manner of bidding her **adieu**, wishing her every enjoyment, reminding her of what she was to expect in Lady Catherine de Bourgh, and trusting their opinion of her--their opinion of everybody--would always coincide, there was a solicitude, an interest which she felt must ever attach her to him with a most sincere regard; and she parted from him convinced that, whether married or single, he must always be her model of the amiable and pleasing.

Her fellow-travellers the next day were not of a kind to make her think him less agreeable. Sir William Lucas, and his daughter Maria, a good-humoured girl, but as **empty-headed** as himself, had nothing to say that could be worth hearing, and were listened to with about as much delight as the **rattle** of the chaise. Elizabeth loved absurdities, but she had known Sir William's too long. He could tell her nothing new of the wonders of his presentation and knighthood; and his civilities were worn out, like his information.

It was a journey of only twenty-four miles, and they began it so early as to be in Gracechurch Street by noon. As they drove to Mr. Gardiner's door, Jane was at a drawing-room window watching their arrival; when they entered the passage she was there to welcome them, and Elizabeth, looking earnestly in her face, was pleased to see it **healthful** and lovely as ever. On the stairs were a troop of little boys and girls, whose eagerness for their cousin's appearance would not allow them to wait in the drawing-room, and whose **shyness**, as they had not seen her for a twelvemonth, prevented their coming lower. All was joy and kindness. The day passed most pleasantly away; the morning in **bustle** and shopping, and the evening at one of the theatres.

Elizabeth then contrived to sit by her aunt. Their first object was her sister; and she was more grieved than astonished to hear, in reply to her minute inquiries, that though Jane always struggled to support her spirits, there were periods of dejection. It was reasonable, however, to hope that they would not

adieu: (*int, n*) farewell; (*n*) vale, valediction, goodbye, leave, cheerio, adios, bye, so long, parting; (*int*) bon voyage. ANTONYM: (*n*) greeting.
bustle: (*adj, n, v*) hurry; (*n, v*) flurry, ado, fuss, hustle; (*adj, n*) stir, movement; (*n*) bother, commotion, disorder; (*adj, v*) hasten.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) inactivity, stillness, idleness; (*v*) laziness, relaxation.
empty-headed: (*adj*) flighty, giddy, silly, vacant, dizzy, frivolous,

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shallow, uneducated, lightheaded, scatterbrained, skittish.
excite: (*v*) arouse, enliven, disturb, agitate, awaken, incite, inspire, rouse, electrify; (*n, v*) energize; (*adj, v*) quicken. ANTONYMS: (*v*) calm, pacify, bore, soothe, stifle, tranquilize, placate, quiet, dampen.
healthful: (*adj*) healthy, hale, salubrious, beneficial, hygienic, sanitary, wholesome, salutary, remedial, good, nourishing.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhealthy, unsanitary, unhealthy.
rattle: (*n, v*) jingle, jangle, clatter; (*n*) click, clang, clack; (*v*) bang, confuse, shake, patter, disconcert.
shyness: (*n*) diffidence, modesty, bashfulness, humility, shame, timidity, coyness, pudency, timorousness, backwardness, timidness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sociability, brashness, confidence, urbanity, arrogance.

continue long. Mrs. Gardiner gave her the particulars also of Miss Bingley's visit in Gracechurch Street, and repeated conversations occurring at different times between Jane and herself, which proved that the former had, from her heart, given up the acquaintance.

Mrs. Gardiner then rallied her niece on Wickham's **desertion**, and complimented her on bearing it so well.

"But my dear Elizabeth," she added, "what sort of girl is Miss King? I should be sorry to think our friend **mercenary**."

"Pray, my dear aunt, what is the difference in **matrimonial** affairs, between the mercenary and the prudent motive? Where does discretion end, and **avarice** begin? Last Christmas you were afraid of his marrying me, because it would be imprudent; and now, because he is trying to get a girl with only ten thousand pounds, you want to find out that he is mercenary."

"If you will only tell me what sort of girl Miss King is, I shall know what to think."

"She is a very good kind of girl, I believe. I know no harm of her."

"But he paid her not the smallest attention till her grandfather's death made her mistress of this fortune."

"No--what should he? If it were not **allowable** for him to gain *my affections* because I had no money, what occasion could there be for making love to a girl whom he did not care about, and who was equally poor?"

"But there seems an **indelicacy** in directing his attentions towards her so soon after this event."

"A man in distressed circumstances has not time for all those elegant decorums which other people may observe. If *she* does not object to it, why should *we*?"

"*Her* not objecting does not justify *him*. It only shows her being deficient in something herself--sense or feeling."

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affections: (*n*) bosom.

allowable: (*adj, v*) permissible; (*adj*) justifiable, acceptable, lawful, permitted, tolerable, bearable, passable, sufferable, legal; (*v*) allowed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inexcusable, inadmissible, intolerable.

avarice: (*n*) cupidity, covetousness, rapacity, avariciousness, avidity, eagerness, voracity, voraciousness, stinginess; (*adj, n*) greediness; (*adj*)

extortion. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

philanthropy, benevolence, charity.

desertion: (*n*) abandonment, defection, apostasy, dereliction, withdrawal, secession, rejection, decampment, exposure, leaving, disappearance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) appearance, attention, preservation.

indelicacy: (*n*) impropriety, indecency, indecorousness, ribaldry, coarseness, obscenity, tactlessness, discourtesy, gaminess, immodesty, indecorum.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) decency, propriety.

matrimonial: (*adj*) marital, conjugal, married, bridal, nuptial, spousal, wedded, marriage, wedding, hymeneal, household. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unmarried, divorced, public.

mercenary: (*adj, n*) hireling; (*adj, v*) sordid; (*adj*) mercantile, materialistic, covetous, commercial, greedy, venal, avaricious, selfish; (*v*) illiberal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) altruistic, philanthropic.

"Well," cried Elizabeth, "have it as you choose. *He* shall be mercenary, and *she* shall be foolish."

"No, Lizzy, that is what I do *not* choose. I should be sorry, you know, to think ill of a young man who has lived so long in Derbyshire."

"Oh! if that is all, I have a very poor opinion of young men who live in Derbyshire; and their intimate friends who live in Hertfordshire are not much better. I am sick of them all. Thank Heaven! I am going to-morrow where I shall find a man who has not one agreeable quality, who has neither manner nor sense to recommend him. Stupid men are the only ones worth knowing, after all."

"Take care, Lizzy; that speech savours strongly of **disappointment**."

Before they were separated by the conclusion of the play, she had the unexpected happiness of an invitation to **accompany** her uncle and aunt in a tour of pleasure which they proposed taking in the summer.

"We have not determined how far it shall carry us," said Mrs. Gardiner, "but, perhaps, to the Lakes."

No scheme could have been more agreeable to Elizabeth, and her acceptance of the invitation was most ready and grateful. "Oh, my dear, dear aunt," she **rapturously** cried, "what delight! what felicity! You give me fresh life and **vigour**. Adieu to disappointment and **spleen**. What are young men to rocks and mountains? Oh! what hours of transport we shall spend! And when we *do* return, it shall not be like other travellers, without being able to give one accurate idea of anything. We *will* know where we have gone--we *will* recollect what we have seen. Lakes, mountains, and rivers shall not be **jumbled** together in our imaginations; nor when we attempt to describe any particular scene, will we begin quarreling about its relative situation. Let *our* first effusions be less insupportable than those of the **generality** of travellers."

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accompany: (v) attend, follow, companion, guide, company, lead, walk, associate, consort, conduct, concur. ANTONYMS: (v) desert, abandon, leave.

disappointment: (n) anticlimax, failure, letdown, comedown, frustration, shame, disillusionment, annoyance, dismay, setback, misfortune. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, boost, happiness, pleasure, hopefulness, fulfillment,

comfort, idealism, climax, bonus, gratification.

generality: (n) generalization, commonness, rule, abstraction, commonality, balance, thought, quality, idea, catholicity, bulk. ANTONYMS: (n) specific, particularity.

jumbled: (adj) confused, disorganized, disordered, untidy, muddled, mixed, cluttered, incoherent, chaotic, promiscuous; (adj, adv) topsy-turvy.

ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, systematic, coherent, clear, organized, sound.

rapturously: (adv) ravishingly, rhapsodically, overjoyedly, raptly, delightedly, enrapturedly, gladly.

spleen: (n) spite, anger, resentment, rage, lien, malice, bitterness, rancour, huff, grudge, rancor. ANTONYM: (n) affection.

vigour: (n) force, strength, vigor, energy, power, potency, vim, vitality, athleticism, verve, intensity.

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Every object in the next day's journey was new and interesting to Elizabeth; and her spirits were in a state of enjoyment; for she had seen her sister looking so well as to banish all fear for her health, and the prospect of her northern tour was a constant source of delight.

When they left the high road for the lane to Hunsford, every eye was in search of the Parsonage, and every turning expected to bring it in view. The **palings** of Rosings Park was their boundary on one side. Elizabeth smiled at the recollection of all that she had heard of its inhabitants.

At length the Parsonage was **discernible**. The garden **sloping** to the road, the house standing in it, the green pales, and the **laurel** hedge, everything declared they were arriving. Mr. Collins and Charlotte appeared at the door, and the **carriage** stopped at the small gate which led by a short gravel walk to the house, **amidst** the nods and smiles of the whole party. In a moment they were all out of the chaise, rejoicing at the sight of each other. Mrs. Collins welcomed her friend with the liveliest pleasure, and Elizabeth was more and more satisfied with coming when she found herself so **affectionately** received. She saw instantly that her cousin's manners were not altered by his marriage; his formal civility was just what it had been, and he detained her some minutes at the gate to hear and satisfy his inquiries after all her family. They were then, with no other delay than his pointing out the **neatness** of the entrance, taken into the

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affectionately: (*adv*) lovingly, tenderly, warmly, dearly, caringly, devotedly, kindly, ardently, cordially, amorously, dotingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disapprovingly, frostily, roughly.
amidst: (*adv, prep*) among; (*adv*) amongst; (*prep*) between, midst, into.
carriage: (*n*) attitude, conveyance, cab, air, walk, position, mien, shipping; (*n, v*) transport, behavior, port.
discernible: (*adj*) observable,

apparent, visible, appreciable, conspicuous, detectable, evident, noticeable, obvious, audible, palpable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indiscernible, unrecognizable, indistinguishable, obscure, obscured, unnoticed, invisible, undetectable.
laurel: (*n*) bays, honor, rose-laurel, cassia, cinnamon, sweet bay, Daphne, bay tree, palm, garland, fame.
neatness: (*n*) trimness, dexterity, orderliness, tidiness, spruceness,

cleanliness, precision, compactness, purity, cleanliness, elegance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) untidiness, largeness, clumsiness, disorder, inelegance, clutter, chaos, messiness.
palings: (*n*) inclosure, fencing, enclosure.
sloping: (*adj, v*) oblique, slope; (*adj*) slanting, inclined, slanted, diagonal, leaning, sloped; (*adj, adv*) aslope, aslant; (*v*) slant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) horizontal, upright.

house; and as soon as they were in the parlour, he welcomed them a second time, with **ostentatious** formality to his humble abode, and punctually repeated all his wife's offers of refreshment.

Elizabeth was prepared to see him in his glory; and she could not help in fancying that in **displaying** the good proportion of the room, its aspect and its furniture, he addressed himself particularly to her, as if wishing to make her feel what she had lost in refusing him. But though everything seemed neat and comfortable, she was not able to **gratify** him by any sigh of **repentance**, and rather looked with wonder at her friend that she could have so cheerful an air with such a companion. When Mr. Collins said anything of which his wife might reasonably be ashamed, which certainly was not unseldom, she involuntarily turned her eye on Charlotte. Once or twice she could discern a faint blush; but in general Charlotte wisely did not hear. After sitting long enough to admire every article of furniture in the room, from the **sideboard** to the fender, to give an account of their journey, and of all that had happened in London, Mr. Collins invited them to take a stroll in the garden, which was large and well laid out, and to the cultivation of which he attended himself. To work in this garden was one of his most respectable **pleasures**; and Elizabeth admired the command of countenance with which Charlotte talked of the **healthfulness** of the exercise, and owned she encouraged it as much as possible. Here, leading the way through every walk and cross walk, and scarcely allowing them an interval to utter the praises he asked for, every view was pointed out with a **minuteness** which left beauty entirely behind. He could number the fields in every direction, and could tell how many **tress** there were in the most distant **clump**. But of all the views which his garden, or which the country or kingdom could boast, none were to be compared with the prospect of Rosings, afforded by an opening in the trees that **bordered** the park nearly opposite the front of his house. It was a handsome modern building, well situated on rising ground.

From his garden, Mr. Collins would have led them round his two meadows; but the ladies, not having shoes to encounter the remains of a white frost, turned back; and while Sir William accompanied him, Charlotte took her sister and

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bordered: (*adj*) fringed, edged, delimited, surrounded.

clump: (*n, v*) cluster, bundle; (*n*) lump, group, clot, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (*v*) plod.

displaying: (*n*) advertising.

gratify: (*v*) delight, please, appease, accommodate, satisfy, amuse, suit, indulge, cater; (*n, v*) humor; (*adj*) contented. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dissatisfy, displease, disappoint.

healthfulness: (*n*) salubrity,

salubriousness, health.

minuteness: (*n*) diminutiveness, smallness, attention to detail, petiteness, tininess, weeness.

ostentatious: (*adj*) showy, flashy, pompous, pretentious, loud, extravagant, garish, flamboyant, proud, grandiose; (*adj, n*) haughty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) restrained, unostentatious, unpretentious, drab, humble.

pleasures: (*n*) pleasure.

repentance: (*n*) contrition, penance, remorse, regret, compunction, sorrow, guilt, contriteness, grief, attrition, atonement. ANTONYMS: (*n*) shamelessness, brazenness.

sideboard: (*n*) cupboard, closet, cellar, credenza, cabinet, counter, locker, credence, press, snack bar, bin.

tress: (*n*) pigtail, braid, lock, curl, ringlet, strand; (*adj, n*) hair; (*adj*) shag, mane, brush, imperial.

friend over the house, extremely well pleased, probably, to have the opportunity of showing it without her husband's help. It was rather small, but well built and convenient; and everything was fitted up and arranged with a neatness and consistency of which Elizabeth gave Charlotte all the credit. When Mr. Collins could be forgotten, there was really an air of great comfort throughout, and by Charlotte's evident enjoyment of it, Elizabeth supposed he must be often forgotten.

She had already learnt that Lady Catherine was still in the country. It was spoken of again while they were at dinner, when Mr. Collins joining in, observed:

"Yes, Miss Elizabeth, you will have the honour of seeing Lady Catherine de Bourgh on the **ensuing** Sunday at church, and I need not say you will be delighted with her. She is all affability and condescension, and I doubt not but you will be honoured with some portion of her notice when service is over. I have scarcely any hesitation in saying she will include you and my sister Maria in every invitation with which she honours us during your stay here. Her behaviour to my dear Charlotte is charming. We dine at Rosings twice every week, and are never allowed to walk home. Her ladyship's carriage is regularly ordered for us. *I should* say, one of her ladyship's carriages, for she has several."

"Lady Catherine is a very respectable, sensible woman indeed," added Charlotte, "and a most attentive neighbour."

"Very true, my dear, that is exactly what I say. She is the sort of woman whom one cannot regard with too much deference."

The evening was spent chiefly in talking over Hertfordshire news, and telling again what had already been written; and when it closed, Elizabeth, in the solitude of her chamber, had to **meditate** upon Charlotte's degree of **contentment**, to understand her address in **guiding**, and composure in bearing with, her husband, and to acknowledge that it was all done very well. She had also to **anticipate** how her visit would pass, the quiet **tenor** of their usual employments, the **vexatious** interruptions of Mr. Collins, and the gaieties of their intercourse with Rosings. A lively imagination soon settled it all.

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anticipate: (*v*) expect, foretell, think, forecast, forestall, calculate, estimate, predict, prevent, presume, guess.
ANTONYM: (*v*) doubt.

contentment: (*n*) content, happiness, pleasure, fulfillment, ease, delight, comfort, complacency, bliss, joy, contentedness. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) dissatisfaction, sadness, discomfort, discontentment, misery, unhappiness, displeasure, discontent, panic, anxiety.

ensuing: (*adj*) following, consequent, succeeding, later, subsequent, next, successive, resulting, consequential, ensue, posterior. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) antecedent, earlier, prior, preliminary.

guiding: (*adj*) scouting, directive, leading, controlling, guidance, directional, guide, direction, management, steering, sovereign.

meditate: (*n, v*) muse; (*v*) contemplate, consider, cogitate, reflect, speculate,

wonder, ruminate, ponder, think, bethink.

tenor: (*n*) purport, meaning, substance, tendency, spirit, tone, mood, effect, set, temper; (*adj*) soprano.

vexatious: (*adj*) annoying, pesky, troublesome, tiresome, galling, irritating, untoward, thorny, burdensome, pestiferous, vexing. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) aiding, assisting, helpful, soothing.

About the middle of the next day, as she was in her room getting ready for a walk, a sudden noise below seemed to speak the whole house in confusion; and, after listening a moment, she heard somebody running upstairs in a violent hurry, and calling loudly after her. She opened the door and met Maria in the landing place, who, **breathless** with **agitation**, cried out--

"Oh, my dear Eliza! pray make haste and come into the **dining**-room, for there is such a sight to be seen! I will not tell you what it is. Make haste, and come down this moment."

Elizabeth asked **questions** in vain; Maria would tell her nothing more, and down they ran into the dining-room, which fronted the lane, in quest of this wonder; It was two ladies stopping in a low phaeton at the garden gate.

"And is this all?" cried Elizabeth. "I expected at least that the **pigs** were got into the garden, and here is nothing but Lady Catherine and her daughter."

"La! my dear," said Maria, quite shocked at the mistake, "it is not Lady Catherine. The old lady is Mrs. Jenkinson, who lives with them; the other is Miss de Bourgh. Only look at her. She is quite a little creature. Who would have thought that she could be so thin and small?"

"She is abominably rude to keep Charlotte out of doors in all this wind. Why does she not come in?"

"Oh, Charlotte says she hardly ever does. It is the greatest of favours when Miss de Bourgh comes in."

"I like her appearance," said Elizabeth, struck with other ideas. "She looks sickly and cross. Yes, she will do for him very well. She will make him a very proper wife."

Mr. Collins and Charlotte were both standing at the gate in conversation with the ladies; and Sir William, to Elizabeth's high **diversion**, was stationed in the doorway, in earnest contemplation of the **greatness** before him, and constantly **bowing** whenever Miss de Bourgh looked that way.

At length there was nothing more to be said; the ladies drove on, and the others returned into the house. Mr. Collins no sooner saw the two girls than he

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agitation: (n) disturbance, excitement, tumult, stirring, convulsion, stir, commotion, emotion, unrest, shake, turmoil. ANTONYMS: (n) serenity, calm, equanimity, rest, peace, deterrent.

bowing: (n) obeisance, playing, gesticulation, capitulation, genuflection, scraping, submission; (adj) bowed, bent, fawning, submissive.

breathless: (adj, adv) out of breath;

(adj) panting, inanimate, breathtaking, winded, choking, puffing; (v) all agog, aghast; (adj, n) eager; (n) in hysterics. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, expected, boring.

dining-room: (n) canteen, restaurant.

diversion: (n) amusement, entertainment, pastime, deviation, distraction, detour, fun, sport, recreation, digression, deflexion.

greatness: (n) excellence, dimension, dignity, bulk, size, enormousness,

bigness, enormity, grandness, magnitude, fame. ANTONYMS: (n) obscurity, austerity, commonness, mildness, moderation, simplicity.

pigs: (n) stock, hogs, Suidae, livestock, litter, family Suidae, domestic animals, cattle, boars, sheep, farm animals.

quest: (n) pursuit, investigation, exploration, chase, research, inquest; (n, v) probe, hunt, inquiry, examination; (v) call for.

began to **congratulate** them on their good **fortune**, which Charlotte explained by **letting** them know that the **whole party** was asked to **dine** at Rosings the **next** day.

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congratulate: (v) compliment, felicitate, preen, pride, celebrate, applaud, joy, salute, commemorate, approve; (n) congratulation.

ANTONYMS: (v) commiserate, slur,

disparage, belittle, condemn, boo.

dine: (v) feed, lunch, breakfast, dining, meal, give, have supper, take tea, grub, consume, entertain.

ANTONYM: (v) abstain.

fortune: (n) estate, fate, fluke, destiny, luck, accident, means, assets, riches,

abundance, doom. ANTONYM: (n) design.

letting: (n) lease, rental, let, renting, hire, leasing, rent, belongings, permission; (adj) lenient.

next: (adj) nearest, adjacent, contiguous, following, future, coming, ensuing, after; (adv, conj) then, afterward; (adj, v) subsequent. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) previous, previously, preceding; (adj) outgoing, distant; (adv) before.

party: (n) company, band, group, assembly, crew, association, gathering, crowd, clique, meeting, celebration.

whole: (adj, v) entire; (adj, n) total, integral, sum, aggregate, well; (adj, adv, n) all; (adj) complete, healthy, intact, full. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, broken, partial, imperfect, unhealthy, deficient, destroyed, fractional, impaired, half, sick.

CHAPTER 29

Mr. Collins's triumph, in consequence of this invitation, was complete. The power of displaying the grandeur of his patroness to his wondering visitors, and of letting them see her civility towards himself and his wife, was exactly what he had wished for; and that an opportunity of doing it should be given so soon, was such an **instance** of Lady Catherine's condescension, as he knew not how to **admire** enough.

"I confess," said he, "that I should not have been at all surprised by her ladyship's asking us on Sunday to drink tea and spend the evening at Rosings. I rather expected, from my knowledge of her affability, that it would happen. But who could have foreseen such an attention as this? Who could have **imagined** that we should receive an invitation to dine there (an invitation, moreover, including the whole party) so immediately after your arrival!"

"I am the less surprised at what has happened," replied Sir William, "from that knowledge of what the manners of the great really are, which my situation in life has allowed me to acquire. About the court, such **instances** of elegant breeding are not uncommon."

Scarcely anything was talked of the whole day or next morning but their visit to Rosings. Mr. Collins was carefully **instructing** them in what they were to expect, that the sight of such rooms, so many servants, and so **splendid** a dinner, might not wholly **overpower** them.

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admire: (v) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor.
ANTONYMS: (v) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate.
imagined: (adj) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful.
instance: (n) exemplar, case, time,

illustration, sample, affair, pattern, chance, cause; (v) exemplify, illustrate.

instances: (v) conceive, abate, commotion, decline, decrease, imply, diminution, diminish.

instructing: (adj) directory, directorial, enjoining, containing directions, improving.

overpower: (v) defeat, overwhelm, conquer, crush, beat, overmaster, rout, subdue, master, devastate,

oppress. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, submit, surrender.

splendid: (adj, n, v) illustrious, glorious; (adj) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (adj, n) magnificent, noble, grand; (adj, v) brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby.

When the ladies were separating for the **toilette**, he said to Elizabeth--

"Do not make yourself uneasy, my dear cousin, about your **apparel**. Lady Catherine is far from requiring that elegance of dress in us which becomes herself and her daughter. I would advise you merely to put on whatever of your clothes is superior to the rest--there is no occasion for anything more. Lady Catherine will not think the worse of you for being simply dressed. She likes to have the distinction of rank preserved."

While they were dressing, he came two or three times to their different doors, to recommend their being quick, as Lady Catherine very much objected to be kept waiting for her dinner. Such formidable **accounts** of her ladyship, and her manner of living, quite frightened Maria Lucas who had been little used to company, and she looked forward to her introduction at Rosings with as much apprehension as her father had done to his presentation at St. James's.

As the weather was fine, they had a pleasant walk of about half a mile across the park. Every park has its beauty and its prospects; and Elizabeth saw much to be pleased with, though she could not be in such raptures as Mr. Collins expected the scene to **inspire**, and was but slightly affected by his **enumeration** of the windows in front of the house, and his relation of what the **glazing** altogether had originally cost Sir Lewis de Bourgh.

When they ascended the steps to the hall, Maria's alarm was every moment increasing, and even Sir William did not look perfectly calm. Elizabeth's courage did not fail her. She had heard nothing of Lady Catherine that spoke her awful from any extraordinary talents or **miraculous** virtue, and the mere **stateliness** of money or rank she thought she could witness without **trepidation**.

From the entrance-hall, of which Mr. Collins pointed out, with a rapturous air, the fine proportion and the finished ornaments, they followed the servants through an ante-chamber, to the room where Lady Catherine, her daughter, and Mrs. Jenkinson were sitting. Her ladyship, with great condescension, arose to receive them; and as Mrs. Collins had settled it with her husband that the office of introduction should be hers, it was performed in a proper manner, without any of those **apologies** and thanks which he would have thought necessary.

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accounts: (*n*) financial statement.
apologies: (*n*) regret.

apparel: (*n, v*) garb, attire, garment, array, vesture; (*n*) clothing, finery, costume, clothes; (*v*) adorn, clothe.
enumeration: (*n*) count, counting, computation, list, calculation, catalogue, recital, account, tally, reckoning, listing.

glazing: (*n*) finishing firing, coating.
inspire: (*adj, v*) cheer, enliven, exhilarate; (*v*) encourage, excite,

inhale, incite, affect, infuse, hearten, actuate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) extinguish, disenchant, douse, knock, dampen, calm, dishearten.

miraculous: (*adj*) marvelous, astonishing, marvellous, wonderful, astounding, remarkable, magical, incredible, wonder, stupendous, phenomenal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) normal, mundane, unremarkable.

stateliness: (*n*) loftiness, magnificence, dignity, nobility, splendor, grandeur,

greatness, grandness, starched stateliness, impressiveness, decorum. ANTONYM: (*n*) simplicity.

toilette: (*n*) dress, costume, attire, raiment, drapery, guise, trim, John, lavatory, privy, bathroom.

trepidation: (*n*) fear, tremor, alarm, apprehension, fright, terror, dread, dismay, consternation, perturbation, disquiet. ANTONYMS: (*n*) contentment, calm, confidence, equanimity, bravery, reassurance.

In spite of having been at St. James's Sir William was so completely awed by the grandeur surrounding him, that he had but just courage enough to make a very low bow, and take his seat without saying a word; and his daughter, frightened almost out of her senses, sat on the edge of her chair, not knowing which way to look. Elizabeth found herself quite equal to the scene, and could observe the three ladies before her composedly. Lady Catherine was a tall, large woman, with strongly-marked features, which might once have been handsome. Her air was not **conciliating**, nor was her manner of receiving them such as to make her visitors forget their inferior rank. She was not rendered formidable by silence; but whatever she said was spoken in so **authoritative** a tone, as marked her self-importance, and brought Mr. Wickham immediately to Elizabeth's mind; and from the observation of the day altogether, she believed Lady Catherine to be exactly what he represented.

When, after examining the mother, in whose countenance and **deportment** she soon found some **resemblance** of Mr. Darcy, she turned her eyes on the daughter, she could almost have joined in Maria's astonishment at her being so thin and so small. There was neither in figure nor face any likeness between the ladies. Miss de Bourgh was pale and sickly; her features, though not plain, were **insignificant**; and she spoke very little, except in a low voice, to Mrs. Jenkinson, in whose appearance there was nothing remarkable, and who was entirely engaged in listening to what she said, and placing a screen in the proper direction before her eyes.

After sitting a few minutes, they were all sent to one of the windows to admire the view, Mr. Collins attending them to point out its beauties, and Lady Catherine kindly **informing** them that it was much better worth looking at in the summer.

The dinner was exceedingly handsome, and there were all the servants and all the articles of plate which Mr. Collins had promised; and, as he had likewise **foretold**, he took his seat at the bottom of the table, by her ladyship's desire, and looked as if he felt that life could furnish nothing greater. He carved, and ate, and praised with delighted alacrity; and every dish was commended, first by

authoritative: (*adj*) official, imperious, reliable, dependable, magisterial, authoritarian, influential, commanding, absolute, authorized, powerful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) informal, polite, questionable, democratic, doubtable, illegitimate, illicit, unverified, unofficial, unsubstantiated, invalid.
conciliating: (*adj*) conciliatory, conciliative.
deportment: (*n, v*) bearing, demeanor,

conduct, carriage; (*n*) manner, attitude, demeanour, behaviour, comports, dealing, air.
foretold: (*adj*) foreseen; (*v*) annunciate.
informing: (*n*) briefing, disclosure, appraisal, warning, revelation, rattling, presentation, introduction; (*v*) inform; (*adj*) intelligencing, giving information.
insignificant: (*adj*) inconsequential, inconsiderable, humble, poor, immaterial, trivial, unimportant,

light, infinitesimal, indifferent, small. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) significant, enormous, major, important, huge, substantial, considerable, great, colossal, valuable, influential.
resemblance: (*n*) affinity, parallel, similarity, comparison, correspondence, likeness, conformity, appearance, analogy, semblance, resemble. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dissimilarity, contrast.

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him and then by Sir William, who was now enough recovered to echo whatever his son-in-law said, in a manner which Elizabeth wondered Lady Catherine could bear. But Lady Catherine seemed gratified by their excessive admiration, and gave most **gracious** smiles, especially when any dish on the table proved a novelty to them. The party did not supply much conversation. Elizabeth was ready to speak whenever there was an opening, but she was seated between Charlotte and Miss de Bourgh--the former of whom was engaged in listening to Lady Catherine, and the latter said not a word to her all dinner-time. Mrs. Jenkinson was chiefly employed in watching how little Miss de Bourgh ate, pressing her to try some other dish, and fearing she was **indisposed**. Maria thought speaking out of the question, and the gentlemen did nothing but eat and admire.

When the ladies returned to the drawing-room, there was little to be done but to hear Lady Catherine talk, which she did without any intermission till coffee came in, **delivering** her opinion on every subject in so decisive a manner, as proved that she was not used to have her judgement controverted. She inquired into Charlotte's domestic concerns **familiarly** and **minutely**, gave her a great deal of advice as to the management of them all; told her how everything ought to be **regulated** in so small a family as hers, and instructed her as to the care of her cows and her **poultry**. Elizabeth found that nothing was beneath this great lady's attention, which could furnish her with an occasion of dictating to others. In the intervals of her discourse with Mrs. Collins, she addressed a variety of questions to Maria and Elizabeth, but especially to the latter, of whose connections she knew the least, and who she observed to Mrs. Collins was a very genteel, pretty kind of girl. She asked her, at different times, how many sisters she had, whether they were older or younger than herself, whether any of them were likely to be married, whether they were handsome, where they had been educated, what carriage her father kept, and what had been her mother's **maiden** name? Elizabeth felt all the impertinence of her questions but answered them very composedly. Lady Catherine then observed,

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delivering: (*adv*) deliverly; (*n*) childbirth, presentation; (*adj*) unfailing.
familiarly: (*adv*) intimately, usually, ordinarily, nearly, frequently, commonly, regularly, informally, closely, acquaintedly, conventionally.
ANTONYM: (*adv*) distantly.
gracious: (*adj*) genial, benign, good, courteous, compassionate, kind, accommodating, civil; (*adj, n*) benevolent, congenial, gentle.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ungracious, boorish, discourteous, reserved, rude, abrupt, critical, unkind, hardhearted, harsh, poor.
indisposed: (*adj*) ill, ailing, loath, sick, averse, poorly, sickly, reluctant, unwilling, unwell, diseased.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inclined, willing, keen, disposed.
maiden: (*n*) maid, girl, demoiselle, damsel, wench, fille, lass, miss; (*adj*) first, initiatory, unmarried.

minutely: (*adv*) precisely, in detail, closely, tinily, smallly, insignificantly, infinitesimally, diminutively, nicely, exactly, microscopically.
poultry: (*n*) chicken, fowl, hen, domestic fowl, bird, Guinea, cochin, dove, fowls, capon, chick.
regulated: (*adj*) ordered, arranged, consistent, lawful, temperate, not haphazard, organized; (*adv*) in time, in harmony, keeping pace, keeping up.

"Your father's estate is entailed on Mr. Collins, I think. For your sake," turning to Charlotte, "I am glad of it; but otherwise I see no occasion for entailing estates from the female line. It was not thought necessary in Sir Lewis de Bourgh's family. Do you play and **sing**, Miss Bennet?"

"A little."

"Oh! then--some time or other we shall be happy to hear you. Our **instrument** is a capital one, probably **superior** to----You shall try it some day. Do your sisters play and sing?"

"One of them does."

"Why did not you all learn? You ought all to have learned. The Miss Webbs all play, and their father has not so good an income as yours. Do you draw?"

"No, not at all."

"What, none of you?"

"Not one."

"That is very strange. But I suppose you had no opportunity. Your mother should have taken you to town every spring for the benefit of masters."

"My mother would have had no objection, but my father hates London."

"Has your **governess** left you?"

"We never had any governess."

"No governess! How was that possible? Five daughters brought up at home without a governess! I never heard of such a thing. Your mother must have been quite a **slave** to your education."

Elizabeth could hardly help **smiling** as she **assured** her that had not been the case.

"Then, who taught you? who attended to you? Without a governess, you must have been neglected."

"Compared with some **families**, I believe we were; but such of us as wished to learn never wanted the means. We were always encouraged to read, and had

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assured: (*adj, v*) certain, sure; (*adj*) confident, guaranteed, positive, definite, assertive, confirmed, convinced, reliable, safe.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncertain, doubtful, unsure, troubled, timid, questionable, hesitant, confused, halting, unlikely.

families: (*n*) family.

governess: (*n*) chaperon, preceptress, nanny, trainer, tutor, professor, lecturer, rectoress, educator, rectrrix,

instructress.

instrument: (*n*) channel, deed, tool, pawn, apparatus, agency, document, expedient, appliance, gear; (*n, v*) implement.

sing: (*v*) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (*n, v*) twitter, squeak.

slave: (*n*) servant, bondman, thrall, bondsman, bondwoman, captive, vassal; (*n, v*) labor; (*v*) drudge, work; (*adj, n*) inferior. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*)

free; (*v*) slack.

smiling: (*adv*) smilingly; (*adj*) bright, cheerful, jolly, joyful, of good cheer, twinkly, fair, sunny; (*n*) grinning, grin. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) sad, gloomy.

superior: (*adj*) dominant, exceptional, predominant, better, great, proud, arrogant, excellent, select, high; (*adj, n*) elder. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj, n*) inferior, subscript; (*adj*) humble, worse, poor, adscript, junior, lesser, low; (*n*) subordinate, associate.

all the **masters** that were necessary. Those who chose to be idle, certainly might."

"Aye, no doubt; but that is what a governess will prevent, and if I had known your mother, I should have advised her most **strenuously** to engage one. I always say that nothing is to be done in education without steady and regular instruction, and nobody but a governess can give it. It is wonderful how many families I have been the means of **supplying** in that way. I am always glad to get a young person well placed out. Four nieces of Mrs. Jenkinson are most **delightfully** situated through my means; and it was but the other day that I recommended another young person, who was merely **accidentally** mentioned to me, and the family are quite delighted with her. Mrs. Collins, did I tell you of Lady Metcalf's calling yesterday to thank me? She finds Miss Pope a treasure. 'Lady Catherine,' said she, 'you have given me a treasure.' Are any of your younger sisters out, Miss Bennet?"

"Yes, ma'am, all."

"All! What, all five out at once? Very odd! And you only the second. The younger ones out before the elder ones are married! Your younger sisters must be very young?"

"Yes, my youngest is not sixteen. Perhaps *she* is full young to be much in company. But really, ma'am, I think it would be very hard upon younger sisters, that they should not have their share of society and amusement, because the elder may not have the means or inclination to marry early. The last-born has as good a right to the pleasures of youth at the first. And to be kept back on *such a* motive! I think it would not be very likely to promote **sisterly** affection or delicacy of mind."

"Upon my word," said her ladyship, "you give your opinion very **decidedly** for so young a person. Pray, what is your age?"

"With three younger sisters grown up," replied Elizabeth, smiling, "your ladyship can hardly expect me to own it."

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accidentally: (*adv*) incidentally, casually, fortuitously, by chance, coincidentally, adventitiously, unintentionally, contingently, haphazardly, occasionally, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) deliberately, knowingly, purposely, unfortunately, correctly.

decidedly: (*adv*) clearly, positively, definitely, absolutely, emphatically, decisively, resolutely, firmly, markedly, surely, determinedly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) uncertainly, equivocally, slightly, vaguely.

delightfully: (*adv*) pleasantly, enchantingly, exquisitely, gladly, charmingly, finely, sweetly, deliciously, beautifully, merrily; (*adv*, *v*) happily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unattractively, horribly, disagreeably. **ma'am:** (*n*) lady, madam, gentlewoman, milady, woman, madame, Grande dame, doll, chick, brothel keeper, bird.

masters: (*n*) Edgar lee Masters.

sisterly: (*adj*) sororal, fatherly, motherly, sisterlike. ANTONYM: (*adj*) brotherly.

strenuously: (*adv*) energetically, zealously, ardently, severely, forcefully, earnestly, laboriously, busily, toilsomely, forwardly, hardly.

supplying: (*n*) supply, issue, feeding, logistics, issuing, issuance, irrigation, alimentation, purveyance; (*v*) furnish, provide.

Lady Catherine seemed quite astonished at not receiving a direct answer; and Elizabeth suspected herself to be the first creature who had ever dared to trifle with so much **dignified** impertinence.

"You cannot be more than twenty, I am sure, therefore you need not conceal your age."

"I am not one-and-twenty."

When the gentlemen had joined them, and tea was over, the card-tables were placed. Lady Catherine, Sir William, and Mr. and Mrs. Collins sat down to quadrille; and as Miss de Bourgh chose to play at **cassino**, the two girls had the honour of **assisting** Mrs. Jenkinson to make up her party. Their table was **superlatively** stupid. Scarcely a syllable was uttered that did not relate to the game, except when Mrs. Jenkinson expressed her **fears** of Miss de Bourgh's being too hot or too cold, or having too much or too little light. A great deal more passed at the other table. Lady Catherine was generally speaking--stating the mistakes of the three others, or relating some anecdote of herself. Mr. Collins was employed in agreeing to everything her ladyship said, thanking her for every fish he won, and apologising if he thought he won too many. Sir William did not say much. He was **storing** his memory with anecdotes and noble names.

When Lady Catherine and her daughter had played as long as they chose, the tables were broken up, the carriage was offered to Mrs. Collins, **gratefully** accepted and immediately ordered. The party then gathered round the fire to hear Lady Catherine determine what weather they were to have on the morrow. From these instructions they were summoned by the arrival of the coach; and with many speeches of **thankfulness** on Mr. Collins's side and as many bows on Sir William's they departed. As soon as they had driven from the door, Elizabeth was called on by her cousin to give her opinion of all that she had seen at Rosings, which, for Charlotte's sake, she made more favourable than it really was. But her commendation, though costing her some trouble, could by no means satisfy Mr. Collins, and he was very soon obliged to take her ladyship's praise into his own hands.

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assisting: (*adj*) aiding, auxiliary, subsidiary, suffragan, adjutant, supporting, support, secondary, supplementary, assistant; (*n*) helping. ANTONYM: (*adj*) main.

cassino: (*n*) casino, put, quinze, connections, cards, card game, brag, speculation.

dignified: (*adj*) exalted, majestic, noble, grand, lofty, respectable, solemn, distinguished, lordly, high; (*adj, v*) great. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

undignified, foolish, dishonorable, boisterous, unceremonious, unseemly, vulgar, poor, lowly, modest, base.

fears: (*n*) worries, uncertainties, doubts, qualms, misgivings.

gratefully: (*adv*) appreciatively, indebted, obligedly, gratifyingly, delightfully, beholdenly, pleasingly, pleasantly, welcomely, goodly, deliciously.

storing: (*n*) warehousing,

accumulation, congestion, deposition, harvest, repositing, stockpiling.

superlatively: (*adv*) perfectly, preeminently, excellently, matchlessly, extremely, outstandingly, splendidly, magnificently, consummately, brilliantly, absolutely.

thankfulness: (*n*) appreciation, gratefulness, appreciativeness, thanks, credit, merit, recognition.

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Sir William stayed only a week at Hunsford, but his visit was long enough to **convince** him of his daughter's being most **comfortably** settled, and of her **possessing** such a husband and such a neighbour as were not often met with. While Sir William was with them, Mr. Collins **devoted** his morning to driving him out in his gig, and showing him the country; but when he went away, the whole family returned to their usual employments, and Elizabeth was thankful to find that they did not see more of her cousin by the **alteration**, for the chief of the time between breakfast and dinner was now passed by him either at work in the garden or in reading and writing, and looking out of the window in his own book-room, which fronted the road. The room in which the ladies sat was backwards. Elizabeth had at first rather wondered that Charlotte should not prefer the dining-parlour for common use; it was a better **sized** room, and had a more pleasant aspect; but she soon saw that her friend had an excellent reason for what she did, for Mr. Collins would undoubtedly have been much less in his own apartment, had they sat in one equally lively; and she gave Charlotte credit for the arrangement.

From the drawing-room they could distinguish nothing in the lane, and were **indebted** to Mr. Collins for the knowledge of what carriages went along, and how often especially Miss de Bourgh drove by in her phaeton, which he never failed coming to **inform** them of, though it happened almost every day. She not

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alteration: (*n*) adjustment, change, revision, shift, changeover, conversion, modification, variation, reversal, metamorphosis, amendment. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fixity, preservation.
comfortably: (*adv*) easily, pleasantly, cosily, conveniently, easy, snugly, richly, advantageously, leisurely, well, wealthily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) uncomfortably, awkwardly, unpleasantly.

convince: (*v*) persuade, convert, sway, reassure, prevail on, induce, entice, argue, convict, win over; (*adj. v*) satisfy. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discourage, repel.
devoted: (*adj. v*) addicted, ardent, fond; (*adj*) affectionate, constant, loyal, pious, faithful, reliable, zealous; (*adj. prep*) consecrated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disloyal, indifferent, unfaithful, neglectful, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unattached,

lukewarm, inconstant, halfhearted, disobedient.
indebted: (*adj*) grateful, appreciative, thankful, obliged, liable, insolvent, broke; (*prep*) beholden, debted; (*n*) debtor; (*v*) owe. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ungrateful.
inform: (*v*) acquaint, impart, advise, enlighten, announce, tell, familiarize, explain, advertise, apprise, warn.
possessing: (*adj*) fruitive.
sized: (*adj*) pasted.

unfrequently stopped at the Parsonage, and had a few minutes' conversation with Charlotte, but was scarcely ever prevailed upon to get out.

Very few days passed in which Mr. Collins did not walk to Rosings, and not many in which his wife did not think it necessary to go likewise; and till Elizabeth recollected that there might be other family livings to be disposed of, she could not understand the sacrifice of so many hours. Now and then they were honoured with a call from her ladyship, and nothing escaped her observation that was passing in the room during these visits. She examined into their employments, looked at their work, and advised them to do it differently; found fault with the arrangement of the furniture; or **detected** the housemaid in negligence; and if she accepted any refreshment, seemed to do it only for the sake of finding out that Mrs. Collins's joints of meat were too large for her family.

Elizabeth soon perceived, that though this great lady was not in commission of the peace of the county, she was a most active **magistrate** in her own parish, the minutest concerns of which were carried to her by Mr. Collins; and whenever any of the cottagers were disposed to be **quarrelsome**, discontented, or too poor, she sallied forth into the village to settle their differences, silence their complaints, and **scold** them into harmony and plenty.

The entertainment of dining at Rosings was repeated about twice a week; and, allowing for the loss of Sir William, and there being only one card-table in the evening, every such entertainment was the **counterpart** of the first. Their other engagements were few, as the style of living in the neighbourhood in general was beyond Mr. Collins's reach. This, however, was no evil to Elizabeth, and upon the whole she spent her time comfortably enough; there were half-hours of pleasant conversation with Charlotte, and the weather was so fine for the time of year that she had often great enjoyment out of doors. Her favourite walk, and where she frequently went while the others were calling on Lady Catherine, was along the open **grove** which **edged** that side of the park, where there was a nice **sheltered** path, which no one seemed to value but herself, and where she felt beyond the reach of Lady Catherine's curiosity.

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counterpart: (*n*) twin, duplicate, companion, complement, double, equivalent, parallel, copy, mate, pendant, replica. ANTONYM: (*n*) opposite.

detected: (*adj*) apparent, convicted, detect.

edged: (*adj*) cutting, sharp, bordered, pointed, bounded, keen, penetrating, sharper, stinging, unkind, bleak.

grove: (*n*) forest, orchard, thicket, coppice, wood, gardens, residences,

Holt, bosquet, park, Hurst.
magistrate: (*n*) judge, jurist, justiciary, adjudicator, beak, official, provost, recorder, archon, doge, chancellor.

quarrelsome: (*adj*) argumentative, belligerent, combative, cantankerous, aggressive, disputatious, ugly, currish, termagant; (*adj, n*) contentious; (*adj, v*) fretful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) agreeable, peaceful, amiable.

scold: (*v*) reprimand, chide, berate,

rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach, rail, grouch; (*n, v*) nag; (*adj, n*) shrew. ANTONYMS: (*v*) praise, compliment, approve.

sheltered: (*adj*) secure, comfortable, screened, safe, secluded, cozy, snug, covered, shaded; (*adj, v*) private; (*v*) covert. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) vulnerable, sunny, exposed, public, harsh, bleak.

unfrequently: (*adv*) not much, not often, unoften, rarely.

In this quiet way, the first fortnight of her visit soon passed away. Easter was approaching, and the week preceding it was to bring an addition to the family at Rosings, which in so small a circle must be important. Elizabeth had heard soon after her arrival that Mr. Darcy was expected there in the course of a few weeks, and though there were not many of her acquaintances whom she did not prefer, his coming would furnish one **comparatively** new to look at in their Rosings parties, and she might be amused in seeing how hopeless Miss Bingley's designs on him were, by his behaviour to his cousin, for whom he was evidently **destined** by Lady Catherine, who talked of his coming with the greatest satisfaction, spoke of him in terms of the highest **admiration**, and seemed almost angry to find that he had already been frequently seen by Miss Lucas and herself.

His arrival was soon known at the Parsonage; for Mr. Collins was walking the whole morning within view of the lodges opening into Hunsford Lane, in order to have the earliest assurance of it, and after making his bow as the carriage turned into the Park, **hurried** home with the great intelligence. On the following morning he **hastened** to Rosings to pay his **respects**. There were two nephews of Lady Catherine to require them, for Mr. Darcy had brought with him a Colonel Fitzwilliam, the younger son of his uncle Lord ---, and, to the great surprise of all the party, when Mr. Collins returned, the gentleman accompanied him. Charlotte had seen them from her husband's room, crossing the road, and immediately running into the other, told the girls what an honour they might expect, adding:

"I may thank you, Eliza, for this piece of civility. Mr. Darcy would never have come so soon to wait upon me."

Elizabeth had scarcely time to **disclaim** all right to the compliment, before their approach was announced by the door-bell, and shortly afterwards the three gentlemen entered the room. Colonel Fitzwilliam, who led the way, was about thirty, not handsome, but in person and address most truly the gentleman. Mr. Darcy looked just as he had been used to look in Hertfordshire--paid his compliments, with his usual reserve, to Mrs. Collins, and whatever might be his

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admiration: (*n*) esteem, adoration, appreciation, reverence, estimation, amazement, liking, awe, compliment; (*adj, n*) regard; (*v*) laud.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disdain, criticism, disapproval, contempt, abhorrence, loathing, disgust, despising, dishonor, disparagement, detestation.

comparatively: (*adv*) rather, somewhat, reasonably, quite, approximately, some, pretty, fairly,

to some extent, to a certain extent, moderately. **ANTONYM:** (*adv*) absolutely.

destined: (*adj, v*) bound, fated; (*adj*) predetermined, sure, inescapable, intended, predestined, inevitable, prepared, foreordained, appointed. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unscheduled, unlikely.

disclaim: (*v*) deny, renounce, abjure, disavow, disown, abdicate, gainsay, waive, repudiate, disaffirm,

abnegate. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) acknowledge, admit, accept.

hastened: (*adj*) careless.

hurried: (*adj*) fast, sudden, speedy, rapid, quick, swift, headlong, abrupt, cursory, precipitate, prompt. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unhurried, leisurely, considered, patient, meticulous, thorough.

respects: (*adj*) abord, welcome; (*n*) compliments, greeting, compliment, baisemains, devoir, duty.

feelings toward her friend, met her with every appearance of composure. Elizabeth merely curtseyed to him without saying a word.

Colonel Fitzwilliam entered into conversation directly with the **readiness** and ease of a well-bred man, and talked very pleasantly; but his cousin, after having addressed a slight observation on the house and garden to Mrs. Collins, sat for some time without speaking to anybody. At length, however, his civility was so far **awakened** as to inquire of Elizabeth after the health of her family. She answered him in the usual way, and after a moment's **pause**, added:

"My eldest sister has been in town these three months. Have you never happened to see her there?"

She was perfectly sensible that he never had; but she wished to see whether he would **betray** any consciousness of what had passed between the Bingleys and Jane, and she thought he looked a little **confused** as he answered that he had never been so **fortunate** as to meet Miss Bennet. The subject was **pursued** no farther, and the gentlemen soon afterwards went away.

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awakened: (*adj*) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested.

betray: (*v*) deceive, bewray, sell, grass, dupe, reveal, mislead, disclose, accuse, befool, bamboozle.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) protect, undeceive, hide, defend, withhold.

confused: (*adj*) abashed, baffled, befuddled, bemused, dizzy, chaotic, confounded, deranged, incoherent, disjointed, indistinct. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enlightened, orderly, alert,

clearheaded, organized, oriented, precise, systematic, ordered, unimpressed, methodical.

fortunate: (*adj*) favorable, lucky, auspicious, advantageous, favored, happy, prosperous, fortuitous, well, successful; (*adj, n*) blessed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unlucky, disadvantaged, disastrous, unfavorable, underprivileged, inauspicious, unenviable, unsatisfactory.

pause: (*n, v*) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop; (*adj, n, v*) rest; (*n*) intermission, gap; (*adj, v*) discontinue; (*v*) hesitate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) decisiveness, continuation, start; (*v*) proceed.

pursued: (*n*) hunted person.

readiness: (*n*) facility, ease, expedition, preparation, promptness, knack, dexterity, eagerness, quickness, fitness; (*adj, n*) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) reluctance, delay.

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Colonel Fitzwilliam's manners were very much admired at the Parsonage, and the ladies all felt that he must add **considerably** to the pleasures of their engagements at Rosings. It was some days, however, before they received any invitation thither--for while there were visitors in the house, they could not be necessary; and it was not **till** Easter-day, almost a week after the gentlemen's **arrival**, that they were honoured by such an attention, and then they were merely asked on leaving church to come there in the evening. For the last week they had seen very little of Lady Catherine or her daughter. Colonel Fitzwilliam had called at the Parsonage more than once during the time, but Mr. Darcy they had seen only at church.

The invitation was accepted of course, and at a proper hour they joined the party in Lady Catherine's drawing-room. Her ladyship received them civilly, but it was **plain** that their company was by no means so acceptable as when she could get nobody else; and she was, in fact, almost engrossed by her nephews, speaking to them, especially to Darcy, much more than to any other person in the room.

Colonel Fitzwilliam seemed really glad to see them; anything was a welcome relief to him at Rosings; and Mrs. Collins's pretty friend had moreover caught his **fancy** very much. He now seated himself by her, and talked so agreeably of Kent and Hertfordshire, of **travelling** and staying at home, of new **books** and music,

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arrival: (*n*) advent, accession, entrance, incoming, newcomer, return, attainment, coming, comer, entry, reaching. ANTONYMS: (*n*) exit, leaving, disappearance, conclusion.
books: (*n*) notebook, account, ledger, literature, accountancy.
colonel: (*n*) captain, coronel.
considerably: (*adv, v*) well, fully; (*adv*) much, very, substantially, hugely, largely, rather, noticeably, markedly, immensely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

insignificantly, somewhat, faintly, unremarkably, modestly, barely.
fancy: (*n, v*) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (*v*) imagine, consider; (*adj, v*) conceive; (*n*) conception, conceit. ANTONYMS: (*n*) reality, certainty, actuality, conviction; (*adj*) unadorned, common; (*v*) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test.
plain: (*adj*) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest,

obvious, clear, simple; (*adj, n*) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned.
till: (*conj, prep*) until, unto; (*v*) plow, hoe, farm, dig; (*adj*) up to; (*n*) tiller, drawer; (*adv*) so far; (*prep*) to.
travelling: (*n*) travel, peregrination, riding, commuting, aviation, driving, commutation, seafaring, junketing, circumnavigation, journey.

that Elizabeth had never been half so well entertained in that room before; and they conversed with so much spirit and flow, as to draw the attention of Lady Catherine herself, as well as of Mr. Darcy. *His* eyes had been soon and repeatedly turned towards them with a look of curiosity; and that her ladyship, after a while, shared the feeling, was more openly acknowledged, for she did not scruple to call out:

"What is that you are saying, Fitzwilliam? What is it you are talking of? What are you telling Miss Bennet? Let me hear what it is."

"We are speaking of music, madam," said he, when no longer able to avoid a reply.

"Of music! Then pray speak aloud. It is of all subjects my **delight**. I must have my share in the conversation if you are speaking of music. There are few people in England, I suppose, who have more true **enjoyment** of music than myself, or a better natural taste. If I had ever learnt, I should have been a great **proficient**. And so would Anne, if her health had allowed her to apply. I am confident that she would have performed delightfully. How does Georgiana get on, Darcy?"

Mr. Darcy spoke with affectionate praise of his sister's **proficiency**.

"I am very glad to hear such a good account of her," said Lady Catherine; "and pray tell her from me, that she cannot expect to excel if she does not practice a good deal."

"I assure you, madam," he replied, "that she does not need such advice. She practises very constantly."

"So much the better. It cannot be done too much; and when I next write to her, I shall charge her not to neglect it on any account. I often tell young ladies that no **excellence** in music is to be acquired without constant practice. I have told Miss Bennet several times, that she will never play really well unless she practises more; and though Mrs. Collins has no instrument, she is very welcome, as I have often told her, to come to Rosings every day, and play on the pianoforte

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delight: (n) joy, pleasure, amusement, rejoicing, gladness; (v) ravish, amuse, please, captivate, transport, enrapture. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, dismay, dissatisfaction, sadness, nuisance, discontent; (v) depress, displease, sadden, irk; (n, v) bore. **enjoyment:** (n) delight, appreciation, gratification, comfort, relish, satisfaction, happiness, delectation, gusto, amusement, diversion. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, abhorrence,

antipathy, apathy, aversion, discomfort, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, repulsion, sorrow. **excellence:** (adj, n) worth, eminence, desert; (n) distinction, advantage, goodness, superiority, virtue, greatness, predominance; (adj) mastery. ANTONYMS: (n) mediocrity, failing, fault, flaw, unevenness, imperfection, disgrace, commonness.

proficiency: (n) ability, expertise, capability, dexterity, competence, efficiency, knowledge, expertness, skill, facility, craft. ANTONYMS: (n) inability, inexperience. **proficient:** (adj, n) expert, professional; (adj) able, accomplished, practiced, good, adroit, capable, skillful, competent, deft. ANTONYMS: (adj) inept, amateur, untrained, inexperienced, bad.

in Mrs. Jenkinson's room. She would be in nobody's way, you know, in that part of the house."

Mr. Darcy looked a little ashamed of his aunt's ill-breeding, and made no answer.

When coffee was over, Colonel Fitzwilliam reminded Elizabeth of having promised to play to him; and she sat down directly to the instrument. He drew a chair near her. Lady Catherine listened to half a song, and then talked, as before, to her other **nephew**; till the latter walked away from her, and making with his usual deliberation towards the pianoforte stationed himself so as to command a full view of the fair performer's countenance. Elizabeth saw what he was doing, and at the first convenient pause, turned to him with an arch smile, and said:

"You mean to **frighten** me, Mr. Darcy, by coming in all this state to hear me? I will not be alarmed though your sister *does* play so well. There is a **stubbornness** about me that never can bear to be frightened at the will of others. My courage always rises at every attempt to **intimidate** me."

"I shall not say you are mistaken," he replied, "because you could not really believe me to entertain any design of alarming you; and I have had the pleasure of your acquaintance long enough to know that you find great enjoyment in occasionally **professing** opinions which in fact are not your own."

Elizabeth laughed heartily at this picture of herself, and said to Colonel Fitzwilliam, "Your cousin will give you a very pretty notion of me, and teach you not to believe a word I say. I am particularly unlucky in meeting with a person so able to expose my real character, in a part of the world where I had hoped to pass myself off with some degree of credit. Indeed, Mr. Darcy, it is very ungenerous in you to mention all that you knew to my disadvantage in Hertfordshire--and, give me leave to say, very **impolitic** too--for it is provoking me to **retaliate**, and such things may come out as will shock your relations to hear."

"I am not afraid of you," said he, **smilingly**.

Thesaurus

frighten: (v) cow, alarm, daunt, terrify, appall, scare, affright, intimidate, terrorize, appal; (n, v) fright.

ANTONYMS: (v) comfort, reassure, soothe, calm.

impolitic: (adj) maladroit, inexpedient, imprudent, unwise, inadvisable, not politic, ill-advised, disadvantageous, reckless, injudicious, indiscreet.

ANTONYMS: (adj) politic, wise, prudent.

intimidate: (adj, v) browbeat; (v)

smilingly: (adv, v) happily; (adv) brightly, cheerfully, jolly, joyfully, laughingly.

stubbornness: (n) firmness, bullheadedness, inflexibility, pertinacity, contumacy, resoluteness, resolve, tenacity, obstinacy, impenitency, determination.

ANTONYMS: (n) compliance, flexibility, indecisiveness.

"Pray let me hear what you have to accuse him of," cried Colonel Fitzwilliam. "I should like to know how he behaves among strangers."

"You shall hear then--but prepare yourself for something very **dreadful**. The first time of my ever seeing him in Hertfordshire, you must know, was at a ball--and at this ball, what do you think he did? He danced only four dances, though gentlemen were **scarce**; and, to my certain knowledge, more than one young lady was sitting down in want of a partner. Mr. Darcy, you cannot deny the fact."

"I had not at that time the honour of knowing any lady in the assembly beyond my own party."

"True; and nobody can ever be introduced in a ball-room. Well, Colonel Fitzwilliam, what do I play next? My fingers wait your orders."

"Perhaps," said Darcy, "I should have **judged** better, had I sought an introduction; but I am ill-qualified to **recommend** myself to strangers."

"Shall we ask your **cousin** the reason of this?" said Elizabeth, still addressing Colonel Fitzwilliam. "Shall we ask him why a man of sense and education, and who has lived in the world, is ill qualified to recommend himself to strangers?"

"I can answer your question," said Fitzwilliam, "without **applying** to him. It is because he will not give himself the trouble."

"I certainly have not the talent which some people possess," said Darcy, "of conversing easily with those I have never seen before. I cannot catch their tone of conversation, or appear interested in their concerns, as I often see done."

"My fingers," said Elizabeth, "do not move over this instrument in the **masterly** manner which I see so many women's do. They have not the same force or rapidity, and do not produce the same expression. But then I have always supposed it to be my own fault--because I will not take the trouble of **practising**. It is not that I do not believe *my* fingers as capable as any other woman's of superior execution."

Darcy smiled and said, "You are perfectly right. You have employed your time much better. No one admitted to the **privilege** of hearing you can think anything wanting. We neither of us perform to strangers."

Thesaurus

applying: (adj) applicatory, applicative.

cousin: (n) nephew, cousins, friend, cousinship, relation, akin, relative, full cousin, companion.

dreadful: (adj) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (adj, v) dread. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic, marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair.

judged: (n) judging; (adj) guilty, deliberate, legal, lawful.

masterly: (adj) masterful, expert, crack, proficient, consummate, accomplished, adroit, skillful, dexterous; (adv) principally, expertly.

practising: (adj) practicing, churchgoing.

privilege: (n) liberty, prerogative, immunity, freedom, grant, franchise, exemption, concession, claim; (n, v) license, permit. ANTONYM: (n)

insult.

recommend: (v) advocate, advise, counsel, commend, offer, suggest, move, praise, urge, endorse, promote. ANTONYMS: (v) oppose, reject.

scarce: (adj) rare, insufficient, deficient, infrequent, uncommon, scant, scanty, few, sparse; (adv) just, barely. ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, common, adequate, strong, usual, extensive.

Here they were interrupted by Lady Catherine, who called out to know what they were talking of. Elizabeth immediately began playing again. Lady Catherine approached, and, after listening for a few minutes, said to Darcy:

"Miss Bennet would not play at all **amiss** if she **practised** more, and could have the advantage of a London master. She has a very good notion of **fingering**, though her taste is not equal to Anne's. Anne would have been a delightful **performer**, had her health allowed her to learn."

Elizabeth looked at Darcy to see how cordially he assented to his cousin's praise; but neither at that moment nor at any other could she **discern** any **symptom** of love; and from the whole of his behaviour to Miss de Bourgh she derived this comfort for Miss Bingley, that he might have been just as likely to marry *her*, had she been his relation.

Lady Catherine continued her remarks on Elizabeth's performance, **mixing** with them many instructions on **execution** and taste. Elizabeth received them with all the forbearance of civility, and, at the request of the gentlemen, remained at the instrument till her ladyship's carriage was ready to take them all home.

Thesaurus

amiss: (*adj., adv*) wrong; (*adj*) bad, haywire, faulty, astray, guilty; (*adv*) badly, poorly, awry, wrongly, adrift.
ANTONYMS: (*adj., adv*) right; (*adv*) perfectly, properly, suitably, appropriately, correctly, well; (*adj*) okay, correct, good.

discern: (*v*) differentiate, see, comprehend, detect, distinguish, make out, perceive, find, note; (*n, v*) descry; (*adj., v*) recognize.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) Miss, neglect,

disregard, observe, overlook.

execution: (*n*) accomplishment, achievement, enforcement, implementation, effect, action, carrying out, executing, discharge, death penalty, capital punishment.
ANTONYM: (*n*) omission.

fingering: (*n*) location, placement, feeling, emplacement.

mixing: (*n*) mix, commixture, admixture, mixed, compounding, combination, amalgamation, mixture,

mingling, hybrid, intermixture.

performer: (*n*) musician, doer, artiste, comedian, player, conjurer, juggler, magician, executant, thespian, agent.

practised: (*adj*) practiced, expert, adept, good, trained, proficient, seasoned, skilful, skilled, skillful, versed.

symptom: (*n*) indication, note, mark, evidence, manifestation, token, signal, characteristic, omen, Trousseau's sign,ague.

CHAPTER 32

Elizabeth was sitting by herself the next morning, and writing to Jane while Mrs. Collins and Maria were gone on business into the village, when she was **startled** by a **ring** at the door, the certain signal of a **visitor**. As she had heard no carriage, she thought it not unlikely to be Lady Catherine, and under that **apprehension** was putting away her half-finished letter that she might escape all impertinent questions, when the door opened, and, to her very great surprise, Mr. Darcy, and Mr. Darcy only, entered the room.

He seemed astonished too on finding her alone, and apologised for his intrusion by letting her know that he had understood all the ladies were to be within.

They then sat down, and when her inquiries after Rosings were made, seemed in danger of **sinking** into total silence. It was absolutely necessary, therefore, to think of something, and in this **emergence recollecting** when she had seen him last in Hertfordshire, and feeling curious to know what he would say on the subject of their **hasty** departure, she observed:

"How very suddenly you all quitted Netherfield last November, Mr. Darcy! It must have been a most agreeable surprise to Mr. Bingley to see you all after him so soon; for, if I recollect right, he went but the day before. He and his sisters were well, I hope, when you left London?"

Thesaurus

apprehension: (n) alarm, comprehension, dread, misgiving, understanding, capture, foreboding, arrest, trepidation; (n, v) doubt, appreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) release, confidence, calmness, tranquility, freeing, misunderstanding, peace, relief, bravery, calm, equanimity.
emergence: (n) appearance, beginning, development, emersion, birth, advent, rise, issue, emission, origin,

dissilience. ANTONYM: (n) end.
hasty: (adj) fast, abrupt, cursory, fleet, sudden, rash, impetuous, careless, speedy, hurried, quick. ANTONYMS: (adj) deliberate, considered, leisurely, sensible, gradual, thorough, cautious, careful, roundabout, prudent, patient.
recollecting: (n) recollection.
ring: (n, v) encircle, peal, call, loop, jingle; (v) resound, echo, reverberate; (n) gang, band, rim.

sinking: (n) sinkage, settling, fall, descent, foundering, depression, immersion, submersion, submergence; (v) decrease, decline. ANTONYM: (adj) rising.
startled: (adj) dumbfounded, dismayed, distressed, aghast, frightened, astonished, amazed, terrified, afraid, shocked, astounded.
visitor: (n) visitant, tourist, company, traveler, caller, inspector, stranger, foreigner, alien, sightseer, surveyor.

"Perfectly so, I thank you."

She found that she was to receive no other answer, and, after a short pause added:

"I think I have understood that Mr. Bingley has not much idea of ever returning to Netherfield again?"

"I have never heard him say so; but it is **probable** that he may spend very little of his time there in the future. He has many friends, and is at a time of life when friends and engagements are continually increasing."

"If he means to be but little at Netherfield, it would be better for the neighbourhood that he should give up the place entirely, for then we might possibly get a settled family there. But, perhaps, Mr. Bingley did not take the house so much for the **convenience** of the neighbourhood as for his own, and we must expect him to keep it or **quit** it on the same principle."

"I should not be surprised," said Darcy, "if he were to give it up as soon as any eligible purchase offers."

Elizabeth made no answer. She was afraid of talking longer of his friend; and, having nothing else to say, was now determined to leave the trouble of finding a subject to him.

He took the hint, and soon began with, "This seems a very comfortable house. Lady Catherine, I believe, did a great deal to it when Mr. Collins first **came** to Hunsford."

"I believe she did--and I am sure she could not have bestowed her **kindness** on a more grateful object."

"Mr. Collins **appears** to be very fortunate in his choice of a wife."

"Yes, indeed, his friends may well **rejoice** in his having met with one of the very few sensible **women** who would have accepted him, or have made him happy if they had. My friend has an excellent understanding--though I am not certain that I consider her marrying Mr. Collins as the wisest thing she ever did."

Thesaurus

appears: (*n*) appearing.

arrive: (*v*) arrive, come.

convenience: (*n*) contrivance, accommodation, opportunity, utility, occasion, fitness, comfort, leisure, appliance, availability; (*adj*) convenient. ANTONYMS: (*n*) uselessness, distance, hardship, unsuitability, clumsiness, remoteness.

generosity: (*n*) generosity, clemency, compassion, grace, good will,

graciousness, humanity, goodness, affection; (*adj, n*) courtesy, gentleness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) miserliness, spite, nastiness, callousness, cruelty, unfriendliness, maliciousness, thoughtlessness, sourness, severity, disservice.

probable: (*adj*) likely, plausible, possible, potential, presumable, feasible, hopeful, convincing, believable, to be expected, specious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) improbable,

implausible, unbelievable.

leave: (*adj, n, v*) leave; (*v*) go, drop, break, cease, give up, depart, end, discontinue; (*adj, v*) discharge; (*n, v*) part. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stay, occupy, enter, maintain, start, come, arrive.

cheer: (*v*) cheer, gladden, triumph, revel, jubilate, gratify, gloat, please; (*n, v*) delight, glory, joy.

lament: (*v*) lament, mourn, complain.

gentle sex: (*n*) sex, gentle sex.

She seems perfectly happy, however, and in a **prudential** light it is certainly a very good match for her."

"It must be very agreeable for her to be settled within so easy a distance of her own family and friends."

"An easy distance, do you call it? It is nearly fifty miles."

"And what is fifty miles of good road? Little more than half a day's journey. Yes, I call it a *very* easy distance."

"I should never have considered the distance as one of the *advantages* of the match," cried Elizabeth. "I should never have said Mrs. Collins was settled *near* her family."

"It is a proof of your own **attachment** to Hertfordshire. Anything beyond the very neighbourhood of Longbourn, I suppose, would appear far."

As he spoke there was a sort of smile which Elizabeth fancied she understood; he must be supposing her to be thinking of Jane and Netherfield, and she blushed as she answered:

"I do not mean to say that a woman may not be settled too near her family. The far and the near must be relative, and depend on many **varying** circumstances. Where there is fortune to make the **expenses** of travelling **unimportant**, distance becomes no **evil**. But that is not the case *here*. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have a comfortable income, but not such a one as will allow of frequent journeys--and I am **persuaded** my friend would not call herself *near* her family under less than *half* the present distance."

Mr. Darcy drew his chair a little towards her, and said, "You cannot have a right to such very strong local attachment. You cannot have been always at Longbourn."

Elizabeth looked surprised. The gentleman experienced some change of feeling; he drew back his chair, took a newspaper from the table, and glancing over it, said, in a colder voice:

"Are you pleased with Kent?"

Thesaurus

attachment: (*n*) appendix, addition, accessory, adherence, regard, link, bond, fitting, devotion, liking, connection. ANTONYMS: (*n*) aversion, estrangement, repulsion, separation, dislike.

evil: (*adj*) bad, criminal, corrupt, wicked, destructive, depraved; (*adj*, *n*) ill, detriment; (*n*) adversity, disaster, depravity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodness, righteousness, morality; (*adj*) kindhearted, righteous, benign,

moral, pure, upright, virtuous, sinless.

expenses: (*n*) expenditure, expense, charge, costs, fee, spending, disbursement, overheads, payment, outlay, upkeep.

persuaded: (*adj*) sure, satisfied, easily affected, impressionable, positive, delicate, sensible, intelligent, certain, in no doubt, definite. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unsure, uncertain.

prudential: (*adj*) discreet, economical.

unimportant: (*adj*) insignificant, frivolous, inconsequential, irrelevant, trifling, slight, petty, little, negligible, immaterial, minor. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) important, significant, major, crucial, relevant, serious, powerful, connected, central, profound, considerable.

varying: (*adj*) shifting, patchy, changeable, unequal, changing, varied, variant, fickle, unreliable, untrustworthy, altering.

A short dialogue on the subject of the country ensued, on either side calm and concise--and soon put an end to by the entrance of Charlotte and her sister, just returned from her walk. The tete-a-tete surprised them. Mr. Darcy related the mistake which had occasioned his intruding on Miss Bennet, and after sitting a few minutes longer without saying much to anybody, went away.

"What can be the meaning of this?" said Charlotte, as soon as he was gone. "My dear, Eliza, he must be in love with you, or he would never have called us in this familiar way."

But when Elizabeth told of his silence; it did not seem very likely, even to Charlotte's wishes, to be the case; and after various conjectures, they could at last only suppose his visit to proceed from the difficulty of finding anything to do, which was the more probable from the time of year. All field **sports** were over. Within doors there was Lady Catherine, books, and a billiard-table, but gentlemen cannot always be within doors; and in the **nearness** of the Parsonage, or the pleasantness of the walk to it, or of the people who lived in it, the two cousins found a temptation from this period of walking thither almost every day. They called at various times of the morning, sometimes separately, sometimes together, and now and then accompanied by their aunt. It was plain to them all that Colonel Fitzwilliam came because he had pleasure in their society, a persuasion which of course recommended him still more; and Elizabeth was reminded by her own satisfaction in being with him, as well as by his evident admiration of her, of her former favourite George Wickham; and though, in comparing them, she saw there was less **captivating softness** in Colonel Fitzwilliam's manners, she believed he might have the best informed mind.

But why Mr. Darcy came so often to the Parsonage, it was more difficult to understand. It could not be for society, as he frequently sat there ten minutes together without opening his lips; and when he did speak, it seemed the effect of necessity rather than of choice--a sacrifice to propriety, not a pleasure to himself. He seldom appeared really **animated**. Mrs. Collins knew not what to make of him. Colonel Fitzwilliam's occasionally laughing at his **stupidity**, proved that he was generally different, which her own knowledge of him could not have told

Thesaurus

animated: (*adj*) alive, lively, animate, perky, spirited, sprightly, brisk, cheerful, quick, vivacious, airy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lethargic, dull, blank, lifeless, spiritless, stiff, unanimated, bored, impassive, unexciting, dead.

captivating: (*adj, v*) enchanting, charming, engaging; (*adj*) attractive, absorbing, alluring, bewitching, delightful, engrossing, lovely, entralling. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

repellent, boring, unpleasant, unappealing, forgettable, annoying. **nearness:** (*n*) closeness, contiguity, vicinity, familiarity, adjacency, proximity, propinquity, presence, immediacy, neighborhood, nearby. ANTONYMS: (*n*) distance, farness, remoteness.

softness: (*n*) mildness, kindness, flabbiness, flaccidity, suavity, downiness, gentleness, tenderness, faintness; (*adj, n*) delicacy; (*adj*)

smoothness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rigidity, hoarseness, brightness, hardness, volume, harshness, tone, noise, heaviness, firmness, loudness.

sports: (*n*) athletics; (*adj*) sporting. **stupidity:** (*n*) foolishness, nonsense, obtuseness, dullness, fatuity, absurdity, stolidity, slowness, denseness, idiocy, imbecility. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sense, logic, cleverness, shrewdness, wisdom, ability.

her; and as she would like to have believed this change the effect of love, and the object of that love her friend Eliza, she set herself seriously to work to find it out. She watched him whenever they were at Rosings, and whenever he came to Hunsford; but without much success. He certainly looked at her friend a great deal, but the expression of that look was **disputable**. It was an earnest, **steadfast gaze**, but she often doubted whether there were much admiration in it, and sometimes it seemed nothing but absence of mind.

She had once or twice suggested to Elizabeth the possibility of his being partial to her, but Elizabeth always laughed at the idea; and Mrs. Collins did not think it right to press the subject, from the danger of raising expectations which might only end in disappointment; for in her opinion it admitted not of a doubt, that all her friend's dislike would **vanish**, if she could suppose him to be in her power.

In her kind schemes for Elizabeth, she sometimes planned her marrying Colonel Fitzwilliam. He was beyond comparison the most pleasant man; he certainly admired her, and his situation in life was most eligible; but, to **counterbalance** these advantages, Mr. Darcy had considerable **patronage** in the church, and his cousin could have none at all.

Thesaurus

counterbalance: (*v*) compensate, counteract, neutralize, countervail, cover, counterweigh; (*n, v*) counterpoise; (*n*) counterweight, equilibrium, poise, equilibration. ANTONYMS: (*v*) unbalance, overbalance.
disputable: (*adj, v*) debatable, questionable; (*adj*) controversial, arguable, dubious, moot, contentious, contestable, suspicious; (*v*) slippery, precarious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

unquestionable, settled, certain, irarguable, established, incontrovertible.
gaze: (*n, v*) stare, regard, look, behold; (*v*) gape, see, contemplate, face, pry, view, glance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) glance, peek.
patronage: (*n*) condescension, aegis, clientele, favor, trade, backing, assistance, countenance, auspices, aid, championship.
steadfast: (*adj, v*) solid, firm,

permanent, loyal, fast, fixed, immovable, faithful; (*adj*) resolute, determined, steady. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irresolute, disloyal, unreliable, undependable, uncommitted, weak, transient, fickle, compliant, acquiescent, inconstant.
vanish: (*n, v*) disappear; (*adj, v*) fade; (*v*) disperse, pass, go, die, dissipate, evaporate, depart, flee, melt away. ANTONYMS: (*v*) come, arrive, wax, stay.

CHAPTER 33

More than once did Elizabeth, in her **ramble** within the park, unexpectedly meet Mr. Darcy. She felt all the perverseness of the **mischance** that should bring him where no one else was brought, and, to prevent its ever happening again, took care to inform him at first that it was a favourite **haunt** of hers. How it could occur a second time, therefore, was very odd! Yet it did, and even a third. It seemed like wilful ill-nature, or a voluntary **penance**, for on these occasions it was not merely a few formal inquiries and an awkward pause and then away, but he actually thought it necessary to turn back and walk with her. He never said a great deal, nor did she give herself the trouble of talking or of listening much; but it struck her in the course of their third **rencontre** that he was asking some odd unconnected questions--about her pleasure in being at Hunsford, her love of **solitary** walks, and her opinion of Mr. and Mrs. Collins's happiness; and that in speaking of Rosings and her not perfectly understanding the house, he seemed to expect that whenever she came into Kent again she would be staying *there* too. His words seemed to **imply** it. Could he have Colonel Fitzwilliam in his thoughts? She supposed, if he meant anything, he must mean and **allusion** to what might arise in that quarter. It distressed her a little, and she was quite glad to find herself at the gate in the pales opposite the Parsonage.

She was engaged one day as she walked, in **perusing** Jane's last letter, and dwelling on some passages which proved that Jane had not written in spirits,

Thesaurus

allusion: (*n*) innuendo, reference, cue, suggestion, mention, intimation, pointer, insinuation, implication, indication, clue.

haunt: (*n, v*) resort, ghost; (*n*) den, hangout, home; (*v*) pursue, follow, stalk, afflict, persecute; (*adj*) harass. **imply:** (*n, v*) denote, betoken; (*v*) connote, hint, allude, intimate, entail, mean, indicate, convey; (*adj, v*) involve.

mischance: (*n*) calamity, mishap,

disaster, accident, ill luck, bad luck, misfortune, adversity, affliction, luck, chance.

penance: (*n*) atonement, sacrament, confession, compunction, penalty, expiation, remorse, repentance, punishment, reparation, hair shirt.

perusing: (*n*) poring over, studying. **ramble:** (*n, v*) journey, stroll, saunter, wander, roam, meander, excursion, hike, tramp, walk, promenade.

ANTONYM: (*v*) settle.

rencontre: (*n*) collision, brush, rencontre, appulse, syzygy, rencounter, coincidence, fight, affair, contest, coexistence.

solitary: (*adj*) forlorn, only, alone, single, lonely, lone, sole, unaccompanied, isolated; (*adj, n*) recluse; (*n*) hermit. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sociable, combined, common, outgoing.

when, instead of being again surprised by Mr. Darcy, she saw on looking up that Colonel Fitzwilliam was meeting her. Putting away the letter immediately and **forcing** a smile, she said:

"I did not know before that you ever walked this way."

"I have been making the tour of the park," he replied, "as I generally do every year, and **intend** to close it with a call at the Parsonage. Are you going much farther?"

"No, I should have turned in a moment."

And **accordingly** she did turn, and they walked towards the Parsonage together.

"Do you certainly leave Kent on Saturday?" said she.

"Yes--if Darcy does not put it off again. But I am at his **disposal**. He arranges the business just as he pleases."

"And if not able to please himself in the arrangement, he has at least pleasure in the great power of choice. I do not know anybody who seems more to enjoy the power of doing what he likes than Mr. Darcy."

"He likes to have his own way very well," replied Colonel Fitzwilliam. "But so we all do. It is only that he has better means of having it than many others, because he is rich, and many others are poor. I speak **feelingly**. A younger son, you know, must be **inured** to self-denial and **dependence**."

"In my opinion, the younger son of an **earl** can know very little of either. Now seriously, what have you ever known of self-denial and dependence? When have you been prevented by want of money from going wherever you chose, or procuring anything you had a fancy for?"

"These are home questions--and perhaps I cannot say that I have experienced many **hardships** of that nature. But in **matters** of greater weight, I may suffer from want of money. Younger sons cannot marry where they like."

"Unless where they like women of fortune, which I think they very often do."

Thesaurus

accordingly: (adv) therefore, thus, so, then, ergo, as a result, correspondingly, according, appropriately, as a consequence, properly. ANTONYM: (adv) unsuitable.

dependence: (n) belief, confidence, addiction, dependance, faith, dependency, credence, hope, subordination, trust; (adj) contingency. ANTONYMS: (n) abstinence, distrust.

disposal: (n) administration, organization, distribution, sale, classification, alienation, giving, order, direction, adjustment, dispensation. ANTONYMS: (n) cumulation, collection, acquisition, acquirement, accumulation.
earl: (n) baron, jarl, peer, thane, viscount, banneret, chief, lord.
feelingly: (adv) sensitively, sympathetically, feeling, deeply.
forcing: (adj) pressing, constraining,

penetrating, compulsory; (n) push.

hardships: (n) difficulty.

intend: (v) destine, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (v) improvise.

inured: (adj) accustomed, callous, enured, habituated, casehardened, confirmed, emotionally hardened, broken in, given, tough, trained.

matters: (n) affairs, materials, dealings, proceedings.

"Our habits of expense make us too dependent, and there are too many in my rank of life who can afford to marry without some attention to money."

"Is this," thought Elizabeth, "meant for me?" and she coloured at the idea; but, recovering herself, said in a lively tone, "And pray, what is the usual price of an earl's younger son? Unless the **elder** brother is very sickly, I suppose you would not ask above fifty thousand pounds."

He answered her in the same style, and the subject dropped. To **interrupt** a silence which might make him fancy her affected with what had passed, she soon afterwards said:

"I imagine your cousin brought you down with him chiefly for the sake of having someone at his disposal. I wonder he does not marry, to secure a **lasting** convenience of that kind. But, perhaps, his sister does as well for the present, and, as she is under his sole care, he may do what he likes with her."

"No," said Colonel Fitzwilliam, "that is an advantage which he must divide with me. I am joined with him in the **guardianship** of Miss Darcy."

"Are you indeed? And pray what sort of guardians do you make? Does your charge give you much trouble? Young ladies of her age are sometimes a little difficult to manage, and if she has the true Darcy spirit, she may like to have her own way."

As she spoke she observed him looking at her **earnestly**; and the manner in which he immediately asked her why she supposed Miss Darcy likely to give them any uneasiness, convinced her that she had somehow or other got pretty near the truth. She directly replied:

"You need not be frightened. I never heard any harm of her; and I dare say she is one of the most **tractable** creatures in the world. She is a very great favourite with some ladies of my acquaintance, Mrs. Hurst and Miss Bingley. I think I have heard you say that you know them."

"I know them a little. Their brother is a pleasant gentlemanlike man--he is a great friend of Darcy's."

Thesaurus

earnestly: (*adj, adv*) seriously; (*adv*) eagerly, intently, zealously, solemnly, ardently, fervently, heartily, gravely, warmly, passionately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indifferently, insincerely, unconcernedly, jokingly.
elder: (*adj*) older, big, adult; (*n*) dean, doyen, patriarch, ancient, boss, elderberry, superior, presbyter. ANTONYMS: (*n*) youngster, minor, child, inferior; (*adj*) youngest, younger, little.

guardianship: (*n*) custody, care, charge, keeping, safekeeping, tutelage, conservation, protection, wardship; (*adj, n*) ward; (*adj*) guard.
interrupt: (*v*) disturb, break, hinder, intermit, stop, cut, break in, arrest, check; (*n, v*) suspend; (*adj, v*) pause. ANTONYMS: (*v*) cheer, respect, restore.
lasting: (*adj*) abiding, everlasting, firm, eternal, enduring, continuous, permanent, constant, perpetual,

tough; (*adj, v*) fast. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fleeting, impermanent, superficial, ephemeral, caducous, unstable, occasional, insubstantial, erratic, acute, fickle.
tractable: (*adj, prep*) docile; (*adj*) obedient, ductile, tame, gentle, yielding, manageable; (*adj, v*) pliable, flexible, pliant, plastic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intractable, unmanageable, unruly, rebellious.

"Oh! yes," said Elizabeth **drily**; "Mr. Darcy is uncommonly kind to Mr. Bingley, and takes a **prodigious** deal of care of him."

"Care of him! Yes, I really believe Darcy *does* take care of him in those points where he most wants care. From something that he told me in our journey **hither**, I have reason to think Bingley very much indebted to him. But I ought to beg his pardon, for I have no right to suppose that Bingley was the person meant. It was all conjecture."

"What is it you mean?"

"It is a circumstance which Darcy could not wish to be generally known, because if it were to get round to the lady's family, it would be an **unpleasant** thing."

"You may depend upon my not mentioning it."

"And remember that I have not much reason for supposing it to be Bingley. What he told me was merely this: that he congratulated himself on having lately saved a friend from the inconveniences of a most imprudent marriage, but without mentioning names or any other particulars, and I only suspected it to be Bingley from believing him the kind of young man to get into a **scrape** of that sort, and from knowing them to have been together the whole of last summer."

"Did Mr. Darcy give you reasons for this **interference**?"

"I understood that there were some very strong objections against the lady."

"And what arts did he use to separate them?"

"He did not talk to me of his own arts," said Fitzwilliam, smiling. "He only told me what I have now told you."

Elizabeth made no answer, and walked on, her heart **swelling** with indignation. After watching her a little, Fitzwilliam asked her why she was so thoughtful.

"I am thinking of what you have been telling me," said she. "Your cousin's conduct does not suit my feelings. Why was he to be the judge?"

"You are rather disposed to call his interference officious?"

Thesaurus

drily: (*adv*) parchedly, thirstily, waterlessly, monotonously, stalely, driedly, sharply, sardonically, tediously, hardly, plainly.

hither: (*adv*) here, whither, hitherward, thither.

interference: (*n*) hindrance, disturbance, handicap, blocking, intercession, inhibition, encumbrance, barrier, intervention, block; (*v*) interfere. ANTONYMS: (*n*) nonintervention, help.

prodigious: (*adj*) gigantic, enormous, huge, phenomenal, portentous, stupendous, exceptional, colossal, immense, gargantuan; (*adj, v*) monstrous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unexceptional, normal, average, tiny, weak.

scrape: (*n, v*) scratch, graze, score, mark; (*v*) rub, pare, rake, grate, chafe, abrade; (*n*) abrasion.

swelling: (*n*) protuberance, lump, swell, intumescence, growth,

projection, prominence, bulge, dropsy; (*adj, v*) inflated; (*adj*) growing. ANTONYM: (*n*) decline.

unpleasant: (*adj, n*) harsh; (*adj*) disagreeable, obnoxious, ugly, nasty, sour, awkward, repulsive, forbidding, bad, hard. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, agreeable, wonderful, nice, enjoyable, attractive, comfortable, charming, inoffensive, amicable, cordial.

"I do not see what right Mr. Darcy had to decide on the propriety of his friend's inclination, or why, upon his own judgement alone, he was to determine and direct in what manner his friend was to be happy. But," she continued, recollecting herself, "as we know none of the particulars, it is not fair to condemn him. It is not to be supposed that there was much affection in the case."

"That is not an **unnatural** surmise," said Fitzwilliam, "but it is a **lessening** of the honour of my cousin's triumph very sadly."

This was spoken **jestingly**; but it appeared to her so just a picture of Mr. Darcy, that she would not trust herself with an answer, and therefore, abruptly changing the conversation talked on indifferent matters until they reached the Parsonage. There, shut into her own room, as soon as their visitor left them, she could think without interruption of all that she had heard. It was not to be supposed that any other people could be meant than those with whom she was connected. There could not exist in the world *two* men over whom Mr. Darcy could have such **boundless** influence. That he had been concerned in the measures taken to separate Bingley and Jane she had never doubted; but she had always attributed to Miss Bingley the principal design and arrangement of them. If his own vanity, however, did not **mislead** him, *he* was the cause, his pride and caprice were the cause, of all that Jane had suffered, and still continued to suffer. He had **ruined** for a while every hope of happiness for the most affectionate, generous heart in the world; and no one could say how lasting an evil he might have inflicted.

"There were some very strong objections against the lady," were Colonel Fitzwilliam's words; and those strong objections probably were, her having one uncle who was a country attorney, and another who was in business in London.

"To Jane herself," she exclaimed, "there could be no possibility of objection; all loveliness and goodness as she is!--her understanding excellent, her mind improved, and her manners captivating. Neither could anything be urged against my father, who, though with some peculiarities, has abilities Mr. Darcy himself need not disdain, and **respectability** which he will probably never each." When she thought of her mother, her confidence gave way a little; but she would

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boundless: (*adj*) limitless, endless, unlimited, infinite, bottomless, incalculable, immense, immeasurable, interminable, unbounded, vast. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) limited, restricted, confined, finite, incomplete, negligible, small.
jestingly: (*adv*) facetiously, jocularly, jocosely, in jest.

lessening: (*n*) diminution, cutback, alleviation, contraction, abatement, mitigation, shrinking, reduction, cut;

(*adj*) decreasing, diminishing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) growth, restoration; (*adj*) increasing.
mislead: (*v*) betray, deceive, cheat, beguile, misinform, fool, con, lie, lead astray, hoodwink, trick.
respectability: (*n*) reputation, propriety, reputability, decorum, honesty, honourableness, gentility, dignity, repute, politeness; (*adj*) respectableness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) decadence, indecency, immorality.

ruined: (*adj, v*) lost; (*adj*) dilapidated, desolate, broke, broken, bankrupt, finished, devastated, desolated, insolvent, spoiled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) solvent, pure, rich, whole.
unnatural: (*adj*) affected, artificial, grotesque, supernatural, forced, abnormal, eccentric, uncanny, stilted, mannered, anomalous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) natural, normal, real, unaffected, commonplace, genuine, sincere.

not allow that any objections *there* had material weight with Mr. Darcy, whose pride, she was convinced, would receive a deeper **wound** from the want of importance in his friend's connections, than from their want of sense; and she was quite decided, at last, that he had been partly **governed** by this worst kind of pride, and partly by the wish of retaining Mr. Bingley for his sister.

The agitation and **tears** which the subject occasioned, brought on a headache; and it grew so much worse towards the evening, that, added to her **unwillingness** to see Mr. Darcy, it determined her not to attend her cousins to Rosings, where they were **engaged** to drink tea. Mrs. Collins, seeing that she was really unwell, did not press her to go and as much as possible prevented her husband from **pressing** her; but Mr. Collins could not **conceal** his apprehension of Lady Catherine's being rather displeased by her staying at home.

Thesaurus

conceal: (v) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (n, v) veil. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt. **engaged:** (adj) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted,

unattached, single, detached, idle. **governed:** (adj) subject; (n) citizenry; (adv) under. **pressing:** (adj, v) exigent, importunate, important; (adj) imperative, immediate, imperious, instant, critical, insistent; (n) dishing, press. ANTONYM: (adj) mild. **tears:** (n) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations.

unwillingness: (n) disinclination, indisposition, aversion, hesitation, hesitancy, resistance, antipathy, reluctance, dislike, distaste, irreconcilableness. ANTONYMS: (n) enthusiasm, disposition, keenness, inclination. **wound:** (n, v) bruise, cut, harm, pain, damage, scratch, stab, sting; (n) injury; (v) offend, injure. ANTONYMS: (v) heal, appease, aid, cure, repair.

CHAPTER 34

When they were gone, Elizabeth, as if intending to **exasperate** herself as much as possible against Mr. Darcy, chose for her employment the examination of all the letters which Jane had written to her since her being in Kent. They contained no actual complaint, nor was there any revival of past occurrences, or any communication of present suffering. But in all, and in almost every line of each, there was a want of that cheerfulness which had been used to **characterise** her style, and which, proceeding from the **serenity** of a mind at ease with itself and kindly disposed towards everyone, had been scarcely ever **clouded**. Elizabeth noticed every sentence **conveying** the idea of uneasiness, with an attention which it had hardly received on the first **perusal**. Mr. Darcy's shameful boast of what misery he had been able to **inflict**, gave her a **keener** sense of her sister's sufferings. It was some consolation to think that his visit to Rosings was to end on the day after the next--and, a still greater, that in less than a fortnight she should herself be with Jane again, and enabled to contribute to the recovery of her spirits, by all that affection could do.

She could not think of Darcy's leaving Kent without remembering that his cousin was to go with him; but Colonel Fitzwilliam had made it clear that he had no intentions at all, and agreeable as he was, she did not mean to be unhappy about him.

Thesaurus

characterise: (v) characterize, define, distinguish, feature, specify, differentiated, stamping, act, qualify, marking, stamp.

clouded: (adj, n) cloudy; (adj) gloomy, dark, overcast, obscure, blurred, foggy, misty, hazy, bleary; (v) cymophanous. ANTONYM: (adj) clear.

conveying: (n) conveyance, delivery, conveyancing, conveyance of title, transference, transmission, convey,

transmit, assigning, transfer, delegation.

exasperate: (adj, v) aggravate; (v) incense, enrage, irritate, anger, annoy, infuriate, exacerbate, bother, provoke, rile. ANTONYMS: (v) please, pacify, soothe, placate, better, calm, appease, mollify.

inflict: (v) impose, cause, wreak, force, enforce, deal, deliver, administer, foist, put, obtrude.

keener: (v) Indian giver, floater,

repeater.

perusal: (n) examination, scrutiny, study, survey, inspection, poring over, studying, literary scholarship, perusing, lection, look.

serenity: (n) quiet, peace, calm, quietness, equanimity, calmness, quietude, repose; (adj, n) composure, tranquility, placidity. ANTONYMS: (n) anxiety, uproar, chaos, anger, panic, bustle, disturbance, impatience, turbulence, turmoil.

While settling this point, she was suddenly roused by the sound of the door-bell, and her spirits were a little fluttered by the idea of its being Colonel Fitzwilliam himself, who had once before called late in the evening, and might now come to inquire particularly after her. But this idea was soon banished, and her spirits were very differently affected, when, to her utter amazement, she saw Mr. Darcy walk into the room. In an hurried manner he immediately began an inquiry after her health, imputing his visit to a wish of hearing that she were better. She answered him with cold civility. He sat down for a few moments, and then getting up, walked about the room. Elizabeth was surprised, but said not a word. After a silence of several minutes, he came towards her in an **agitated** manner, and thus began:

"In vain I have struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be **repressed**. You must allow me to tell you how **ardently** I admire and love you."

Elizabeth's astonishment was beyond expression. She stared, coloured, doubted, and was silent. This he considered sufficient encouragement; and the avowal of all that he felt, and had long felt for her, immediately followed. He spoke well; but there were feelings besides those of the heart to be detailed; and he was not more **eloquent** on the subject of tenderness than of pride. His sense of her inferiority--of its being a degradation--of the family obstacles which had always opposed to inclination, were dwelt on with a warmth which seemed due to the consequence he was **wounding**, but was very unlikely to recommend his suit.

In spite of her deeply-rooted dislike, she could not be insensible to the compliment of such a man's affection, and though her intentions did not vary for an instant, she was at first sorry for the pain he was to receive; till, roused to resentment by his subsequent language, she lost all compassion in anger. She tried, however, to **compose** herself to answer him with patience, when he should have done. He concluded with representing to her the strength of that attachment which, in spite of all his endeavours, he had found impossible to conquer; and with expressing his hope that it would now be rewarded by her acceptance of his hand. As he said this, she could easily see that he had no doubt

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agitated: (*adj*) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still.

ardently: (*adv*) fervently, warmly, eagerly, intensely, fierily, avidly, enthusiastically, burningly, zealously, fervidly; (*adj, adv*) hotly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indifferently, apathetically, unenthusiastically,

halfheartedly, calmly.
compose: (*v*) build, compile, write, weave; (*adj, v*) appease, tranquilize, allay, lull; (*n, v*) calm, constitute, settle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) destroy, ruin, unsettle, annihilate, discompose, demolish, disturb, fluster.
eloquent: (*adj*) glib, fluent, persuasive, expressive, meaningful, significant, graphic, vivid, speaking, forcible, moving. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incoherent, innocent,

straightforward, weak.
repressed: (*adj*) inhibited, suppressed, pent-up, forgotten, subconscious, inner, composed, reserved, unconscious.

wounding: (*n*) wound, injury; (*adj*) hurtful, spiteful, traumatic, grievous, offensive, stabbing, inflicting wounds, impertinent, harmful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harmless, complimentary, kind, polite, sympathetic.

of a favourable answer. He spoke of apprehension and anxiety, but his countenance expressed real security. Such a circumstance could only exasperate farther, and, when he ceased, the colour rose into her **cheeks**, and she said:

"In such cases as this, it is, I believe, the established mode to express a sense of obligation for the sentiments **avowed**, however **unequally** they may be returned. It is natural that obligation should be felt, and if I could *feel* gratitude, I would now thank you. But I cannot--I have never desired your good opinion, and you have certainly bestowed it most unwillingly. I am sorry to have occasioned pain to anyone. It has been most unconsciously done, however, and I hope will be of short duration. The feelings which, you tell me, have long prevented the acknowledgment of your regard, can have little difficulty in **overcoming** it after this explanation."

Mr. Darcy, who was leaning against the mantelpiece with his eyes fixed on her face, seemed to catch her words with no less resentment than surprise. His complexion became pale with anger, and the disturbance of his mind was visible in every feature. He was struggling for the appearance of composure, and would not open his lips till he believed himself to have **attained** it. The pause was to Elizabeth's feelings dreadful. At length, with a voice of forced calmness, he said:

"And this is all the reply which I am to have the honour of expecting! I might, perhaps, wish to be informed why, with so little *endeavour* at civility, I am thus rejected. But it is of small importance."

"I might as well inquire," replied she, "why with so evident a desire of offending and **insulting** me, you chose to tell me that you liked me against your will, against your reason, and even against your character? Was not this some excuse for incivility, if I *was* uncivil? But I have other provocations. You know I have. Had not my feelings decided against you--had they been **indifferent**, or had they even been favourable, do you think that any consideration would tempt me to accept the man who has been the means of **ruining**, perhaps for ever, the happiness of a most beloved sister?"

Thesaurus

attained: (*adj*) attains, attaint, reached, complete, earned, fulfilled.

avowed: (*adj*) acknowledged, attested, ostensible, sworn, stated, confirmed, declared, pretended, known, authenticated, apparent.

cheeks: (*n*) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet.

indifferent: (*adj*) apathetic, impassive, cold, cool, callous, fair, insensible, unconcerned, careless, dull, average.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enthusiastic,

fervent, keen, obsessive, energetic, eager, involved, surprised, exceptional, concerned, shocked.

insulting: (*adj*) contemptuous, insolent, injurious, offensive, scurrilous, defamatory, opprobrious, rude, disgraceful, disdainful, impolite. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) courteous, conciliatory, polite, generous, cordial.

overcoming: (*adj*) fortunate.

ruining: (*n*) ruin, laying waste,

devastation, wrecking, razing, damage, collapse, desolation, destruction, dilapidation; (*adj*) deleterious.

unequally: (*adv*) irregularly, disproportionately, unfairly, unlikely, roughly, lopsidedly, disparately, partially, unsymmetrically, unbalancedly, disproportionately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) evenly, fairly.

As she pronounced these words, Mr. Darcy changed colour; but the emotion was short, and he listened without attempting to interrupt her while she continued:

"I have every reason in the world to think ill of you. No motive can excuse the unjust and ungenerous part you acted *there*. You dare not, you cannot deny, that you have been the principal, if not the only means of dividing them from each other--of exposing one to the censure of the world for caprice and instability, and the other to its derision for disappointed hopes, and involving them both in misery of the acutest kind."

She paused, and saw with no slight indignation that he was listening with an air which proved him wholly **unmoved** by any feeling of **remorse**. He even looked at her with a smile of affected incredulity.

"Can you deny that you have done it?" she repeated.

With assumed tranquillity he then replied: "I have no wish of denying that I did everything in my power to separate my friend from your sister, or that I rejoice in my success. Towards *him* I have been kinder than towards myself."

Elizabeth disdained the appearance of **noticing** this civil reflection, but its meaning did not escape, nor was it likely to **conciliate** her.

"But it is not merely this affair," she continued, "on which my dislike is founded. Long before it had taken place my opinion of you was decided. Your character was unfolded in the **recital** which I received many months ago from Mr. Wickham. On this subject, what can you have to say? In what imaginary act of friendship can you here defend yourself? or under what **misrepresentation** can you here impose upon others?"

"You take an eager interest in that gentleman's concerns," said Darcy, in a less tranquil tone, and with a heightened colour.

"Who that knows what his **misfortunes** have been, can help feeling an interest in him?"

"His misfortunes!" repeated Darcy **contemptuously**; "yes, his misfortunes have been great indeed."

conciliate: (v) appease, reconcile, assuage, propitiate, placate, mollify, pacify, calm, accommodate, mediate, allay. ANTONYM: (v) enrage.
contemptuously: (adv) scornfully, sneeringly, insultingly, disparagingly, superciliously, derisively, condescendingly, disrespectfully, haughtily, contumeliously, sardonically. ANTONYM: (adv) approvingly.
misfortunes: (n) misfortune.

misrepresentation: (n) deceit, falsity, falsification, false statement, misstatement, falsehood, forgery, lie, exaggeration, fraudulence, deception. ANTONYM: (n) correction.
noticing: (n) observation, look; (adj) conscious.
recital: (n) account, description, narrative, explanation, history, performance, reading, statement, recitation, concert, relation.
remorse: (n) penitence, contrition,

repentance, regret, guilt, penance, sorrow, grief, qualm, ruefulness, compassion. ANTONYM: (n) shamelessness.
unmoved: (adj) apathetic, unaffected, indifferent, unconcerned, unimpressed, uninspired, dispassionate, imperturbable, calm, undisturbed, fixed. ANTONYMS: (adj) affected, compliant, uptight, concerned, enthusiastic, tolerant, sensitive.

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"And of your infliction," cried Elizabeth with energy. "You have reduced him to his present state of poverty--comparative poverty. You have withheld the advantages which you must know to have been designed for him. You have deprived the best years of his life of that independence which was no less his due than his desert. You have done all this! and yet you can treat the mention of his misfortune with contempt and ridicule."

"And this," cried Darcy, as he walked with quick steps across the room, "is your opinion of me! This is the estimation in which you hold me! I thank you for explaining it so fully. My faults, according to this calculation, are heavy indeed! But perhaps," added he, stopping in his walk, and turning towards her, "these offenses might have been overlooked, had not your pride been hurt by my honest confession of the scruples that had long prevented my forming any serious design. These bitter accusations might have been suppressed, had I, with greater policy, concealed my struggles, and flattered you into the belief of my being impelled by unqualified, unalloyed inclination; by reason, by reflection, by everything. But disguise of every sort is my abhorrence. Nor am I ashamed of the feelings I related. They were natural and just. Could you expect me to rejoice in the inferiority of your connections?--to congratulate myself on the hope of relations, whose condition in life is so decidedly beneath my own?"

Elizabeth felt herself growing more angry every moment; yet she tried to the utmost to speak with composure when she said:

"You are mistaken, Mr. Darcy, if you suppose that the mode of your declaration affected me in any other way, than as it spared the concern which I might have felt in refusing you, had you behaved in a more gentlemanlike manner."

She saw him start at this, but he said nothing, and she continued:

"You could not have made the offer of your hand in any possible way that would have tempted me to accept it."

Again his astonishment was obvious; and he looked at her with an expression of mingled incredulity and mortification. She went on:

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impelled: (*adj*) prompted, provoked, determined, compulsive, encouraged, goaded, motivated, bound.

incredulity: (*n*) doubt, disbelief, skepticism, incredulousness, distrust, wonder, surprise, suspicion, suspiciousness, mistrust, scepticism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) faith, understanding, belief.

inferiority: (*n*) poorness, degeneracy, subordinacy, minority, disadvantage, calibre, vulgarity, quality,

subordination, meanness, deterioration. ANTONYMS: (*n*) superiority, advantage, excellence, preeminence.

mingled: (*adj*) miscellaneous, complex, indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (*v*) blended, blent.

suppressed: (*adj*) stifled, smothered, strangled, repressed, downtrodden, buried, hidden, pent-up, latent, untold; (*n*) subordinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) publicized, overt.

unalloyed: (*adj*) pure, unadulterated, genuine, unsophisticated, solid, unfortified, untinged, sheer, true; (*v*) painless, without alloy.

unqualified: (*adj*) incompetent, sheer, total, unconditional, absolute, incapable, complete, utter, unmitigated, unfit, perfect. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) qualified, trained, prepared, competent, fit, conditional, indefinite, tentative, capable, incomplete, partial.

"From the very beginning--from the first moment, I may almost say--of my acquaintance with you, your manners, impressing me with the fullest belief of your arrogance, your conceit, and your selfish disdain of the feelings of others, were such as to form the **groundwork** of disapprobation on which **succeeding** events have built so **immovable** a dislike; and I had not known you a month before I felt that you were the last man in the world whom I could ever be prevailed on to marry."

"You have said quite enough, madam. I perfectly comprehend your feelings, and have now only to be ashamed of what my own have been. Forgive me for having taken up so much of your time, and accept my best wishes for your health and happiness."

And with these words he hastily left the room, and Elizabeth heard him the next moment open the front door and quit the house.

The tumult of her mind, was now painfully great. She knew not how to support herself, and from actual weakness sat down and cried for half-an-hour. Her astonishment, as she reflected on what had passed, was increased by every review of it. That she should receive an offer of marriage from Mr. Darcy! That he should have been in love with her for so many months! So much in love as to wish to marry her in spite of all the objections which had made him prevent his friend's marrying her sister, and which must appear at least with equal force in his own case--was almost incredible! It was gratifying to have inspired unconsciously so strong an affection. But his pride, his abominable pride--his **shameless** avowal of what he had done with respect to Jane--his **unpardonable** assurance in **acknowledging**, though he could not justify it, and the unfeeling manner in which he had mentioned Mr. Wickham, his cruelty towards whom he had not **attempted** to deny, soon overcame the pity which the consideration of his attachment had for a moment excited. She continued in very agitated reflections till the sound of Lady Catherine's carriage made her feel how unequal she was to encounter Charlotte's observation, and hurried her away to her room.

Thesaurus

acknowledging: (*n*) agreement; (*adj*) responsive, affirmative.

attempted: (*adj*) unsuccessful.

groundwork: (*n*) bottom, basis, base, foundation, bed, ground, footing, bedrock, fundament, background, substructure.

immovable: (*adj, v*) firm, fixed; (*adj*) adamant, steadfast, motionless, unyielding, unmoving, set, imperturbable, inflexible; (*v*) fast. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) loose, moving,

mobile, flexible, movable, acquiescent, temporary, irresolute.

shameless: (*adj*) bold, immodest, profligate, depraved, audacious, blatant, barefaced, unscrupulous, impudent, unblushing; (*adj, v*) graceless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) restrained, abashed, ashamed, discreet, prudish, apologetic.

succeeding: (*adj*) following, subsequent, after, consecutive, posterior, ensuing, consequent,

successive, consequential; (*adj, adv*) later; (*v*) succeed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) outgoing, preceding.

unpardonable: (*adj*) irremissible, unforgivable, indefensible, terrible, appalling, unwarranted, awful, unacceptable, shocking, not remissible; (*v*) inexpiable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pardonable, excusable, justified, excellent, justifiable.

CHAPTER 35

Elizabeth **awoke** the next morning to the same thoughts and **meditations** which had at length closed her eyes. She could not yet recover from the surprise of what had happened; it was impossible to think of anything else; and, totally indisposed for employment, she resolved, soon after breakfast, to **indulge** herself in air and exercise. She was **proceeding** directly to her favourite walk, when the recollection of Mr. Darcy's sometimes coming there stopped her, and instead of **entering** the park, she turned up the lane, which led farther from the turnpike-road. The park **paling** was still the boundary on one side, and she soon passed one of the gates into the ground.

After walking two or three times along that part of the lane, she was tempted, by the pleasantness of the morning, to stop at the gates and look into the park. The five weeks which she had now passed in Kent had made a great difference in the country, and every day was adding to the **verdure** of the early trees. She was on the point of continuing her walk, when she caught a glimpse of a gentleman within the sort of grove which edged the park; he was moving that way; and, **fearful** of its being Mr. Darcy, she was directly **retreating**. But the person who advanced was now near enough to see her, and **stepping** forward with eagerness, pronounced her name. She had turned away; but on hearing herself called, though in a voice which proved it to be Mr. Darcy, she moved again towards the gate. He had by that time reached it also, and, holding out a letter,

Thesaurus

awoke: (*adj*) awakened.

entering: (*n*) entry, entrance,

admission, enrollment, penetration, ingress, registration, encroachment, entree; (*adj, n*) incoming; (*v*) go in.

fearful: (*adj, n*) afraid; (*adj, v*) dreadful, cowardly; (*adj*) terrible, apprehensive, awful, timid, anxious, craven, frightful, eerie. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rational, calm, confident, bold, unimpressed, charming, fearless, courageous, reassuring, unaфraid,

wonderful.

indulge: (*n, v*) gratify, humor; (*v*) coddle, cosset, baby, pamper, spoil, satisfy, please, mollycoddle, cocker. ANTONYMS: (*v*) frustrate, deprive, stifle, neglect, deny, displease, fast.

meditations: (*n*) contemplation, consideration, cogitation.

paling: (*n*) fence, pale, picket fence, balustrade, fencing, enclosure, bar, barrier, ring fence, quickset hedge; (*adj*) fading.

proceeding: (*n*) matter, transaction, affair, procedure, lawsuit, proceedings; (*v*) deed, act; (*n, v*) measure; (*adv, n*) happening; (*adj, adv, v*) going on.

retreating: (*n*) flight; (*adj*) moving back.

stepping: (*n*) steps.

verdure: (*adj, n*) greenness; (*n*) greenery, foliage, verdancy, viridity, green, leafage, flora, freshness, strength, vegetable kingdom.

which she instinctively took, said, with a look of haughty composure, "I have been walking in the grove some time in the hope of meeting you. Will you do me the honour of reading that letter?" And then, with a slight bow, turned again into the **plantation**, and was soon out of sight.

With no expectation of pleasure, but with the strongest curiosity, Elizabeth opened the letter, and, to her still increasing wonder, perceived an envelope containing two **sheets** of letter-paper, written quite through, in a very close hand. The envelope itself was likewise full. Pursuing her way along the lane, she then began it. It was dated from Rosings, at eight o'clock in the morning, and was as follows:—

"Be not alarmed, madam, on receiving this letter, by the apprehension of its containing any repetition of those sentiments or renewal of those offers which were last night so disgusting to you. I write without any intention of paining you, or **humbling** myself, by dwelling on wishes which, for the happiness of both, cannot be too soon forgotten; and the effort which the formation and the perusal of this letter must occasion, should have been spared, had not my character required it to be written and read. You must, therefore, pardon the freedom with which I demand your attention; your feelings, I know, will bestow it unwillingly, but I demand it of your justice.

"Two offenses of a very different nature, and by no means of equal magnitude, you last night laid to my charge. The first mentioned was, that, regardless of the sentiments of either, I had detached Mr. Bingley from your sister, and the other, that I had, in **defiance** of various claims, in defiance of honour and humanity, ruined the immediate prosperity and **blasted** the prospects of Mr. Wickham. Wilfully and **wanton**ly to have thrown off the companion of my youth, the acknowledged favourite of my father, a young man who had scarcely any other dependence than on our patronage, and who had been brought up to expect its exertion, would be a **depravity**, to which the separation of two

Thesaurus

blasted: (*adj*) cursed, infernal, damned, goddamn, darned, damn, goddamned, blessed, deuced, blame, blamed.

defiance: (*n*) challenge, opposition, rebellion, insubordination, rebelliousness, disobedience, resistance, contempt, intractableness, mutiny, contradiction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) acceptance, surrender, deference, conformance, submission, acquiescence, cooperation, loyalty,

meekness, support, agreement.

depravity: (*n*) corruption, evil, degeneracy, depravation, debauchery, degeneration, degradation, wickedness, vice, turpitude; (*adj*) demoralization. ANTONYMS: (*n*) honor, justice, morality, nobility, purity, restraint, uprightness, virtue, righteousness, decency, goodness.

humbling: (*adj*) humiliating, demeaning, abject, amazing,

astounding, awesome, breathtaking, critical, embarrassing; (*n*) comedown, debasement.

plantation: (*n*) orchard, farm, garden, shrubbery, hacienda, planting, settlement, colony, parterre, grove, planter.

sheets: (*n*) rain, bed linen.

wanton: (*adv*) licentiously, loosely, lasciviously, recklessly, lightly, wildly, dissolutely, dissipately, easily, sportively, waywardly.

young persons, whose affection could be the growth of only a few weeks, could bear no comparison. But from the severity of that blame which was last night so **liberally** bestowed, **respecting** each circumstance, I shall hope to be in the future **secured**, when the following account of my actions and their motives has been read. If, in the explanation of them, which is due to myself, I am under the necessity of relating feelings which may be offensive to yours, I can only say that I am sorry. The necessity must be obeyed, and further apology would be absurd.

"I had not been long in Hertfordshire, before I saw, in common with others, that Bingley preferred your elder sister to any other young woman in the country. But it was not till the evening of the dance at Netherfield that I had any apprehension of his feeling a serious attachment. I had often seen him in love before. At that ball, while I had the honour of dancing with you, I was first made acquainted, by Sir William Lucas's accidental information, that Bingley's attentions to your sister had given rise to a general expectation of their marriage. He spoke of it as a certain event, of which the time alone could be **undecided**. From that moment I observed my friend's behaviour **attentively**; and I could then perceive that his partiality for Miss Bennet was beyond what I had ever witnessed in him. Your sister I also watched. Her look and manners were open, cheerful, and engaging as ever, but without any symptom of peculiar regard, and I remained convinced from the evening's scrutiny, that though she received his attentions with pleasure, she did not invite them by any participation of **sentiment**. If *you* have not been mistaken here, I must have been in error. Your superior knowledge of your sister must make the latter probable. If it be so, if I have been **misled** by such error to inflict pain on her, your resentment has not been unreasonable. But I shall not scruple to assert, that the serenity of your sister's countenance and air was such as might have given the most acute observer a conviction that, however amiable her temper, her heart was not likely to be easily touched. That I was

Thesaurus

attentively: (*adv*) carefully, mindfully, watchfully, observantly, heedfully, vigilantly, cautiously, considerately, diligently, alertly, obligingly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unhelpfully, neglectfully, abruptly, carelessly, hastily, casually.

liberally: (*adv*) freely, bountifully, abundantly, munificently, profusely, copiously, bounteously, magnanimously, plentifully, largely, richly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*)

parsimoniously, carefully, stingily, meagerly, ungenerously.

misled: (*adj*) fooled, undirected, false, bewildered, confused, erroneous, mistaken, misleading, misdirected, led astray, incorrect.

respecting: (*prep*) about, regarding, apropos, as regards, pertaining to; (*adj*) relative, not absolute, pertaining, referring, loving.

secured: (*adj*) secure, protected, firm, locked, fast, bonded, bolted, barred,

latched, securer, obtained.

sentiment: (*n*) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression.

undecided: (*adj*) uncertain, doubtful, dubious, unresolved, pending, indecisive, irresolute, hesitant, debatable, indefinite; (*adj, v*) undetermined. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) certain, determined, sure, settled, definite, decisive.

desirous of believing her indifferent is certain--but I will venture to say that my investigation and decisions are not usually influenced by my hopes or fears. I did not believe her to be indifferent because I wished it; I believed it on impartial conviction, as truly as I wished it in reason. My objections to the marriage were not merely those which I last night acknowledged to have the utmost force of passion to put aside, in my own case; the want of connection could not be so great an evil to my friend as to me. But there were other causes of **repugnance**; causes which, though still existing, and existing to an equal degree in both instances, I had myself endeavoured to forget, because they were not immediately before me. These causes must be stated, though briefly. The situation of your mother's family, though objectionable, was nothing in comparison to that total want of propriety so frequently, so almost uniformly betrayed by herself, by your three younger sisters, and occasionally even by your father. Pardon me. It **pains** me to offend you. But amidst your concern for the defects of your nearest relations, and your displeasure at this representation of them, let it give you consolation to consider that, to have conducted **yourselves** so as to avoid any share of the like censure, is praise no less generally bestowed on you and your elder sister, than it is **honourable** to the sense and disposition of both. I will only say farther that from what passed that evening, my opinion of all parties was confirmed, and every inducement heightened which could have led me before, to **preserve** my friend from what I esteemed a most unhappy connection. He left Netherfield for London, on the day following, as you, I am certain, remember, with the design of soon returning.

"The part which I acted is now to be explained. His sisters' uneasiness had been equally **excited** with my own; our **coincidence** of feeling was soon discovered, and, alike sensible that no time was to be lost in **detaching** their brother, we shortly resolved on joining him directly in London. We accordingly went--and there I readily engaged in the office of pointing out to my friend the certain evils of such a choice. I

Thesaurus

coincidence: (*n*) chance, accident, conformity, conjunction, coexistence, consistency, unison, correspondence, concurrence, appulse; (*v*) coincide.
ANTONYM: (*n*) plan.

detaching: (*adj*) peeling, disengaging, shedding; (*n*) division.

excited: (*adj, v*) animated, ardent; (*adj*) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil,

easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed.

honourable: (*adj*) estimable, reverend, venerable, glorious, honorable, distinguished, above-board, good, worthy, right, noble.

pains: (*n*) nisus, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain.

preserve: (*v*) maintain, keep, save, guard, hold, defend, uphold, keep

up; (*n*) jam, jelly, conserves.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) neglect, discontinue, damage, lose, attack, endanger, use, end.

repugnance: (*n*) horror, hatred, antipathy, inconsistency, repulsion, nausea, revulsion, loathing, detestation, aversion, hate.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasantness, love, attractiveness, adoration, liking.

yourselves: (*pron*) themselves, myself, herself.

described, and enforced them earnestly. But, however this **remonstrance** might have staggered or delayed his determination, I do not suppose that it would ultimately have prevented the marriage, had it not been seconded by the assurance that I hesitated not in giving, of your sister's indifference. He had before believed her to return his affection with sincere, if not with equal regard. But Bingley has great natural modesty, with a stronger dependence on my judgement than on his own. To convince him, therefore, that he had deceived himself, was no very difficult point. To persuade him against returning into Hertfordshire, when that conviction had been given, was scarcely the work of a moment. I cannot blame myself for having done thus much. There is but one part of my conduct in the whole affair on which I do not reflect with satisfaction; it is that I condescended to adopt the measures of art so far as to conceal from him your sister's being in town. I knew it myself, as it was known to Miss Bingley; but her brother is even yet ignorant of it. That they might have met without ill consequence is perhaps probable; but his regard did not appear to me enough **extinguished** for him to see her without some danger. Perhaps this **concealment**, this disguise was beneath me; it is done, however, and it was done for the best. On this subject I have nothing more to say, no other apology to offer. If I have wounded your sister's feelings, it was **unknowingly** done and though the motives which governed me may to you very naturally appear insufficient, I have not yet learnt to condemn them.

"With respect to that other, more **weighty** accusation, of having injured Mr. Wickham, I can only **refute** it by laying before you the whole of his connection with my family. Of what he has *particularly* accused me I am ignorant; but of the truth of what I shall relate, I can summon more than one witness of undoubted veracity.

"Mr. Wickham is the son of a very respectable man, who had for many years the management of all the Pemberley estates, and whose good conduct in the discharge of his trust naturally inclined my father to be of service to him; and on George Wickham, who was his godson, his

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concealment: (*n*) suppression, confidentiality, concealing, secrecy, screen, disguise, hiding, privacy, camouflage, blind, covering.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) discovery, disclosure, exposure, expression, openness, uncovering, revelation.

extinguished: (*adj*) extinct, out, dead, quenched, allayed, destroyed; (*n*) defunctness, complete annihilation, experimental extinction, extermination, extinction.

refute: (*v*) confute, contradict, controvert, oppose, disprove, rebut, deny, invalidate, negate, gainsay; (*n, v*) answer. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) agree, prove, avow, confirm, corroborate.

remonstrance: (*n*) protest, expostulation, objection, dissuasion, censure, remonstration, reprehension, admonition, monstrance, mediation, dehortation.

unknowingly: (*adv*) inadvertently, unconsciously, ignorantly,

unawarely, unweetingly, naively, unawares. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) mindfully, wittingly, deliberately.

weighty: (*adj*) heavy, ponderous, grievous, powerful, profound; (*adj, v*) grave, serious, momentous, significant, solemn, influential. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) superficial, light, unimportant, trivial, weightless, unsubstantial, thin, solvable, small, facile, easy.

kindness was therefore liberally bestowed. My father supported him at school, and afterwards at Cambridge--most important assistance, as his own father, always poor from the extravagance of his wife, would have been unable to give him a gentleman's education. My father was not only fond of this young man's society, whose manner were always engaging; he had also the highest opinion of him, and hoping the church would be his profession, intended to provide for him in it. As for myself, it is many, many years since I first began to think of him in a very different manner. The vicious propensities--the want of principle, which he was careful to guard from the knowledge of his best friend, could not escape the observation of a young man of nearly the same age with himself, and who had opportunities of seeing him in unguarded moments, which Mr. Darcy could not have. Here again shall give you pain--to what degree you only can tell. But whatever may be the sentiments which Mr. Wickham has created, a suspicion of their nature shall not prevent me from **unfolding** his real character--it adds even another motive.

"My excellent father died about five years ago; and his attachment to Mr. Wickham was to the last so steady, that in his will he particularly recommended it to me, to promote his **advancement** in the best manner that his profession might allow--and if he took orders, desired that a valuable family living might be his as soon as it became **vacant**. There was also a **legacy** of one thousand pounds. His own father did not long survive mine, and within half a year from these events, Mr. Wickham wrote to inform me that, having finally resolved against taking orders, he hoped I should not think it unreasonable for him to expect some more immediate **pecuniary** advantage, in **lieu** of the preferment, by which he could not be benefited. He had some intention, he added, of studying law, and I must be aware that the interest of one thousand pounds would be a very insufficient support **therein**. I rather wished, than believed him to be sincere; but, at any rate, was perfectly ready to **accede** to his proposal. I knew that Mr. Wickham ought not to be a clergyman;

Thesaurus

accede: (v) assent, consent, defer, fall in with, agree, acknowledge, accept, submit, fit, accord, comply with.

ANTONYMS: (v) dissent, veto, refuse, oppose, disallow, deny, denounce, demur, condemn, protest, disagree.

advancement: (n, v) advance; (n) promotion, furtherance, upgrade, growth, development, cultivation, progression, improvement, progress, elevation. **ANTONYMS:** (n) reverse,

downgrade, retreat, demotion.

legacy: (n) devise, heritage, inheritance, heirloom, estate, will, gift, leftover, legacies, endowment, birthright.

lieu: (n) office, position, locality, stead, behalf, part, role, berth, station, site, seat.

pecuniary: (adj) financial, fiscal, commercial, economic, nummular, sumptuary, numismatical, pecunial, crumenal.

therein: (adv) in this, in there.

unfolding: (n) development, growth, flowering, display, recitation, dawn, process, solution, disclosure; (adj) ongoing, duration.

vacant: (adj) blank, hollow, unfilled, void, free, unoccupied, bare, idle, expressionless, open; (adj, v) devoid. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) full, cognizant, overflowing, inhabited, aware, comprehending, animated, solid, expressive, knowing.

the business was therefore soon settled--he resigned all claim to assistance in the church, were it possible that he could ever be in a situation to receive it, and accepted in return three thousand pounds. All connection between us seemed now **dissolved**. I thought too ill of him to invite him to Pemberley, or admit his society in town. In town I believe he chiefly lived, but his studying the law was a mere pretence, and being now free from all restraint, his life was a life of **idleness** and **dissipation**. For about three years I heard little of him; but on the decease of the incumbent of the living which had been designed for him, he applied to me again by letter for the presentation. His circumstances, he assured me, and I had no difficulty in believing it, were exceedingly bad. He had found the law a most **unprofitable** study, and was now absolutely resolved on being **ordained**, if I would present him to the living in question--of which he trusted there could be little doubt, as he was well assured that I had no other person to provide for, and I could not have forgotten my **revered** father's intentions. You will hardly blame me for refusing to comply with this entreaty, or for resisting every repetition to it. His resentment was in proportion to the distress of his circumstances--and he was doubtless as violent in his abuse of me to others as in his reproaches to myself. After this period every appearance of acquaintance was dropped. How he lived I know not. But last summer he was again most painfully obtruded on my notice.

"I must now mention a circumstance which I would wish to forget myself, and which no obligation less than the present should induce me to **unfold** to any human being. Having said thus much, I feel no doubt of your secrecy. My sister, who is more than ten years my junior, was left to the guardianship of my mother's nephew, Colonel Fitzwilliam, and myself. About a year ago, she was taken from school, and an establishment formed for her in London; and last summer she went with the lady who presided over it, to Ramsgate; and thither also went Mr. Wickham, undoubtedly by design; for there proved to have been a prior acquaintance between him and Mrs. Younge, in whose character we

Thesaurus

dissipation: (*n*) waste, dissolution, licentiousness, extravagance, excess, profligacy, consumption, decomposition, disintegration; (*n, v*) diffusion, dissemination.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) appearance, growth, restraint, moderation, decency, uprightness.

dissolved: (*adj*) adulterate, gone, liquified, broken.

idleness: (*n*) lethargy, laziness, torpor, inactivity, idling, unemployment,

sloth, inaction, inertia, faineance, idlesse. ANTONYMS: (*n*) energy, activity, bustle, liveliness, responsibility.

ordained: (*adj*) destined, prescribed, appointed, predestined, fated, preordained, meant, legal, lawful, dedicated, inevitable.

revered: (*adj*) August, sacred, esteemed, venerated, respected, beloved, holy, venerable, blessed, celebrated, honored. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) secular, disreputable.

unfold: (*v*) spread, open, extend, develop, stretch, spread out, reveal, display, stretch out; (*adj, v*) expound, explain. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fold, block, stagnate, stop, hide, withhold, check, wrap, conceal.

unprofitable: (*adj*) profitless, fruitless, futile, inutile, disadvantageous, unfruitful, barren, idle, vain, uneconomic, unproductive.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fruitful, lucrative.

were most unhappily deceived; and by her **connivance** and aid, he so far recommended himself to Georgiana, whose affectionate heart retained a strong impression of his kindness to her as a child, that she was persuaded to believe herself in love, and to consent to an **elopement**. She was then but fifteen, which must be her excuse; and after **stating** her imprudence, I am happy to add, that I owed the knowledge of it to herself. I joined them unexpectedly a day or two before the intended elopement, and then Georgiana, unable to support the idea of **grieving** and offending a brother whom she almost looked up to as a father, acknowledged the whole to me. You may imagine what I felt and how I acted. Regard for my sister's credit and feelings prevented any public exposure; but I wrote to Mr. Wickham, who left the place immediately, and Mrs. Younge was of course removed from her charge. Mr. Wickham's chief object was **unquestionably** my sister's fortune, which is thirty thousand pounds; but I cannot help supposing that the hope of **revenging** himself on me was a strong inducement. His revenge would have been complete indeed.

"This, madam, is a faithful narrative of every event in which we have been concerned together; and if you do not absolutely reject it as false, you will, I hope, acquit me **henceforth** of cruelty towards Mr. Wickham. I know not in what manner, under what form of **falsehood** he had imposed on you; but his success is not perhaps to be wondered at. Ignorant as you previously were of everything concerning either, detection could not be in your power, and suspicion certainly not in your inclination.

"You may possibly wonder why all this was not told you last night; but I was not then master enough of myself to know what could or ought to be revealed. For the truth of everything here related, I can appeal more particularly to the **testimony** of Colonel Fitzwilliam, who, from our near relationship and constant intimacy, and, still more, as one of the executors of my father's will, has been **unavoidably** acquainted with every particular of these transactions. If your abhorrence of *me* should

connivance: (*n*) complicity, tacit consent, acquiescence, conspiracy, plot, connivency, commendation, involvement, approval, responsibility, secret approval.

elopement: (*n*) escape, flight, running away.

falsehood: (*n*) fable, fabrication, deception, untruth, lie, fib, fiction, invention, dishonesty; (*adj., n*) deceit, falsity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fact, honesty, reality.

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grieving: (*adj*) sorrowful, bereft, bereaved, mournful, aggrieved, sad, tearful, despondent; (*v*) grief, affliction; (*n*) sorrow.

henceforth: (*adv*) hence, in future, after this; (*adj*) following.

revenging: (*adj*) malicious, revengeful.

stating: (*n*) reference.

testimony: (*n, v*) attestation, witness; (*n*) declaration, proof, evidence, testimonial, confirmation, statement, affidavit, affirmation, profession.

unavoidably: (*adv*) inescapably, necessarily, ineluctably, by necessity, of necessity, automatically, needs, inevitable, relentlessly, true to form, unsurprisingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) surprisingly, unnecessarily.

unquestionably: (*adv*) certainly, definitely, indubitably, decidedly, indisputably, positively, surely, of course, assuredly, no doubt; (*adj*) doubtless. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) doubtfully, possibly, arguably.

make *my* assertions **valueless**, you cannot be prevented by the same **cause** from confiding in my cousin; and that there may be the **possibility** of consulting him, I shall endeavour to find some **opportunity** of **putting** this **letter** in your hands in the course of the morning. I will only add, God **bless** you.

"Fitzwilliam Darcy."

Thesaurus

bless: (v) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (n) blessing. ANTONYMS: (v) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny.

cause: (n) case, action, account; (n, v) occasion, allow; (v) breed, do, induce, beget, motivate, provoke.

ANTONYMS: (n) effect, result, outcome; (v) foil, deter, forestall, prevent, stop, halt, quell, retard.

letter: (n) epistle, mail, character, communication, alphabetic character, dispatch, note, message, memorandum, type, memo.

opportunity: (n) chance, opening, luck, occasion, crack, room, event, time, circumstance, shot, alternative. ANTONYMS: (n) past, disaster.

possibility: (n) opportunity, chance, likelihood, opening, probability, expectancy, potential, eventuality, occasion, odds, prospect.

ANTONYM: (n) impossibility.

putting: (n) placing, putt, botong, swing, puts, miniature golf, golf stroke, golf shot, placing into standby.

valueless: (adj) useless, futile, insignificant, meaningless, null, unvalued, trifling, of no value, rubbish, priceless, refuse. ANTONYM: (adj) valuable.

CHAPTER 36

If Elizabeth, when Mr. Darcy gave her the letter, did not expect it to contain a renewal of his offers, she had formed no expectation at all of its contents. But such as they were, it may well be supposed how eagerly she went through them, and what a **contrariety** of emotion they excited. Her feelings as she read were scarcely to be defined. With **amazement** did she first understand that he believed any apology to be in his power; and steadfastly was she persuaded, that he could have no explanation to give, which a just sense of shame would not conceal. With a strong prejudice against everything he might say, she began his account of what had happened at Netherfield. She read with an eagerness which hardly left her power of comprehension, and from impatience of knowing what the next sentence might bring, was incapable of attending to the sense of the one before her eyes. His belief of her sister's insensibility she instantly resolved to be false; and his account of the real, the worst objections to the match, made her too angry to have any wish of doing him justice. He expressed no regret for what he had done which satisfied her; his style was not **penitent**, but haughty. It was all pride and insolence.

But when this subject was succeeded by his account of Mr. Wickham--when she read with somewhat clearer attention a relation of events which, if true, must **overthrow** every **cherished** opinion of his worth, and which bore so alarming an affinity to his own history of himself--her feelings were yet more **acutely** painful

Thesaurus

acutely: (*adv*) sharply, keenly, severely, astutely, piercingly, shrilly, cleverly; (*adj, adv*) intensely, extremely, gravely, critically.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) chronically, mildly, slightly, faintly, vaguely, unexceptionally.
amazement: (*n*) admiration, wonder, surprise, consternation, stupefaction, stupor, wonderment, feeling, alarm, jolt; (*v*) amaze. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) preparation, indifference,

expectation, coolness, cool, composure, calmness, contempt, belief.
cherished: (*adj*) dear, precious, loved, treasured, prized, intimate, wanted, valued, pet, valuable, close.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unremarkable, hated, distant.
contrariety: (*n*) difference, antithesis, discrepancy, conflict, contradiction, contrast, opposition, repugnance, antagonism, contrariness, foil.

overthrow: (*adj, n, v*) defeat, rout; (*n*) fall, downfall, destruction; (*n, v*) overpower, ruin, overturn; (*adj, v*) overcome; (*v*) bring down, demolish. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) install, validate, lose, appoint; (*n*) victory, beginning.
penitent: (*adj*) contrite, apologetic, sorry, remorseful, regretful, guilty, sorrowful, rueful, penitential; (*n*) flagellant, religionist. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unrepentant, impenitent, unashamed, unremorseful.

and more difficult of definition. Astonishment, apprehension, and even horror, **oppressed** her. She wished to **discredit** it entirely, repeatedly exclaiming, "This must be false! This cannot be! This must be the grossest falsehood!"--and when she had gone through the whole letter, though scarcely knowing anything of the last page or two, put it hastily away, protesting that she would not regard it, that she would never look in it again.

In this **perturbed** state of mind, with thoughts that could rest on nothing, she walked on; but it would not do; in half a minute the letter was unfolded again, and collecting herself as well as she could, she again began the mortifying perusal of all that related to Wickham, and commanded herself so far as to examine the meaning of every sentence. The account of his connection with the Pemberley family was exactly what he had related himself; and the kindness of the late Mr. Darcy, though she had not before known its extent, agreed equally well with his own words. So far each recital confirmed the other; but when she came to the will, the difference was great. What Wickham had said of the living was fresh in her memory, and as she recalled his very words, it was impossible not to feel that there was gross duplicity on one side or the other; and, for a few moments, she flattered herself that her wishes did not err. But when she read and re-read with the closest attention, the particulars immediately following of Wickham's resigning all pretensions to the living, of his receiving in lieu so considerable a sum as three thousand pounds, again was she forced to **hesitate**. She put down the letter, weighed every circumstance with what she meant to be impartiality--deliberated on the probability of each statement--but with little success. On both sides it was only assertion. Again she read on; but every line proved more clearly that the affair, which she had believed it impossible that any contrivance could so represent as to render Mr. Darcy's conduct in it less than infamous, was capable of a turn which must make him entirely **blameless** throughout the whole.

The extravagance and general **profligacy** which he scrupled not to lay at Mr. Wickham's charge, exceedingly shocked her; the more so, as she could bring no proof of its injustice. She had never heard of him before his entrance into the ----

Thesaurus

blameless: (*adj*) irreproachable, perfect, faultless, unimpeachable, pure, spotless, innocent, guiltless, inculpable, not guilty, clean.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) culpable, blameworthy, responsible, wrong, bad, sinful, shameful, flawed.
discredit: (*n, v*) disgrace, dishonor, degrade, reproach, shame, doubt, defame, slur; (*v*) disbelieve, decry, impeach. **ANTONYMS:** (*n, v*) honor; (*v*) believe, credit, dignify, praise,

trust, verify, support, laud, commend, accept.
hesitate: (*adj, n, v*) pause, delay; (*adj, v*) linger; (*v*) fluctuate, halt, waver, vacillate, demur, boggle, procrastinate; (*n, v*) doubt.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) rush, decide.
oppressed: (*adj*) laden, persecuted, broken, burdened, drawn, gloomy, aggrieved, downcast, heavy, ladened, loaded.
perturbed: (*adj*) disturbed, agitated,

hot and bothered, confused, uneasy, concerned, worried, unsettled, troubled, upset, distraught.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untroubled, relaxed.
profligacy: (*n*) debauchery, dissipation, licentiousness, prodigality, dissolution, depravity, debauch, corruption, improvidence, dissoluteness, vice. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) economy, decency, parsimony.

shire Militia, in which he had engaged at the persuasion of the young man who, on meeting him accidentally in town, had there renewed a slight acquaintance. Of his former way of life nothing had been known in Hertfordshire but what he told himself. As to his real character, had information been in her power, she had never felt a wish of **inquiring**. His countenance, voice, and manner had established him at once in the possession of every virtue. She tried to recollect some instance of goodness, some distinguished trait of integrity or **benevolence**, that might rescue him from the attacks of Mr. Darcy; or at least, by the predominance of virtue, **atone** for those casual errors under which she would endeavour to class what Mr. Darcy had described as the idleness and vice of many years' continuance. But no such recollection befriended her. She could see him instantly before her, in every charm of air and address; but she could remember no more substantial good than the general approbation of the neighbourhood, and the regard which his social powers had gained him in the mess. After pausing on this point a considerable while, she once more continued to read. But, alas! the story which followed, of his designs on Miss Darcy, received some confirmation from what had passed between Colonel Fitzwilliam and herself only the morning before; and at last she was referred for the truth of every particular to Colonel Fitzwilliam himself--from whom she had previously received the information of his near concern in all his cousin's affairs, and whose character she had no reason to question. At one time she had almost resolved on applying to him, but the idea was checked by the **awkwardness** of the application, and at length wholly banished by the conviction that Mr. Darcy would never have hazarded such a proposal, if he had not been well assured of his cousin's corroboration.

She perfectly remembered everything that had passed in conversation between Wickham and herself, in their first evening at Mr. Phillips's. Many of his expressions were still fresh in her memory. She was *now* struck with the **impropriety** of such communications to a stranger, and wondered it had **escaped** her before. She saw the indelicacy of putting himself forward as he had done, and the inconsistency of his professions with his conduct. She remembered that he had boasted of having no fear of seeing Mr. Darcy--that Mr. Darcy might

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atone: (v) satisfy, pay, propitiate, indemnify, compensate, make up, recoup, apologize, aby, aby, repent.
ANTONYM: (v) forfeit.

awkwardness: (n) embarrassment, stiffness, unwieldiness, inconvenience, gawkiness, inelegance, Troublesomeness, ineptitude, ineptness, gaucherie; (adj) n) delicacy. **ANTONYMS:** (n) gracefulness, grace, comfort, coordination, pride, urbanity, ease,

assurance, liveliness, confidence, cooperation.

benevolence: (n) beneficence, affection, favor, mercy, compassion, favour, kindness, benefaction, pity, kindliness, generosity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) malevolence, meanness, cruelty, misanthropy, wickedness, nastiness, malice.

escaped: (adj) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (n) freer; (v) escaping.

impropriety: (n) barbarism, obscenity, indecorum, error, rudeness, indelicacy, incorrectness, solecism, wrongness; (adj) immorality, inaptitude. **ANTONYMS:** (n) decency, correctness.

inquiring: (adj) inquisitive, quizzical, interested, analytical, probing, intrusive; (adj, n) questioning; (v) inquire; (n) enquiry, question, examination. **ANTONYM:** (adj) uninquiring.

leave the country, but that *he* should stand his ground; yet he had **avoided** the Netherfield ball the very next week. She remembered also that, till the Netherfield family had quitted the country, he had told his story to no one but herself; but that after their removal it had been everywhere discussed; that he had then no reserves, no scruples in sinking Mr. Darcy's character, though he had assured her that respect for the father would always prevent his **exposing** the son.

How differently did everything now appear in which he was concerned! His attentions to Miss King were now the consequence of views solely and **hatefully** mercenary; and the **mediocrity** of her fortune proved no longer the moderation of his wishes, but his eagerness to grasp at anything. His behaviour to herself could now have had no tolerable motive; he had either been deceived with regard to her fortune, or had been gratifying his vanity by encouraging the preference which she believed she had most **incautiously** shown. Every lingering struggle in his favour grew fainter and fainter; and in farther justification of Mr. Darcy, she could not but allow Mr. Bingley, when questioned by Jane, had long ago asserted his **blamelessness** in the affair; that proud and repulsive as were his manners, she had never, in the whole course of their acquaintance--an acquaintance which had latterly brought them much together, and given her a sort of intimacy with his ways--seen anything that betrayed him to be **unprincipled** or unjust--anything that spoke him of **irreligious** or immoral habits; that among his own connections he was esteemed and valued--that even Wickham had allowed him merit as a brother, and that she had often heard him speak so affectionately of his sister as to prove him capable of *some* amiable feeling; that had his actions been what Mr. Wickham represented them, so gross a violation of everything right could hardly have been concealed from the world; and that friendship between a person capable of it, and such an amiable man as Mr. Bingley, was incomprehensible.

She grew absolutely ashamed of herself. Of neither Darcy nor Wickham could she think without feeling she had been blind, partial, prejudiced, absurd.

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avoided: (adj) unpopular.

blamelessness: (n) innocence, inculpableness, harmlessness, purity, inculpability, artlessness.

exposing: (n) exposure, announcement; (adj) revealing, opposed.

hatefully: (adv) repulsively, meanly, abhorrently, malevolently, spitefully, repellently, repugnantly, loathsome, obnoxiously, offensively, heinously.

incautiously: (adv) imprudently, recklessly, thoughtlessly, indiscreetly, injudiciously, heedlessly, unthinkingly, unguardedly, unwarily, rashly, forgetfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) discreetly, carefully.

irreligious: (adj) blasphemous, heathen, wicked, profane, ungodly, godless, irreverent, unholy, unreligious, unbelieving, pagan. ANTONYMS: (adj) pious, religious,

spiritual, devout, reverent.

mediocrity: (n) indifference, medium, balance, averageness, mean, person, somebody, someone, soul, ordinariness; (adj, n) moderation. ANTONYM: (n) excellence.

unprincipled: (adj) abandoned, unscrupulous, depraved, dishonest, unethical, profligate, dissolute, shameless, unconscionable, vicious, immoral. ANTONYMS: (adj) ethical, moral, honest, professional.

"How **despicably** I have acted!" she cried; "I, who have prided myself on my discernment! I, who have valued myself on my abilities! who have often disdained the generous candour of my sister, and gratified my vanity in useless or **blameable mistrust!** How humiliating is this discovery! Yet, how just a humiliation! Had I been in love, I could not have been more **wretchedly** blind! But vanity, not love, has been my folly. Pleased with the preference of one, and offended by the neglect of the other, on the very beginning of our acquaintance, I have courted prepossession and ignorance, and driven reason away, where either were concerned. Till this moment I never knew myself."

From herself to Jane--from Jane to Bingley, her thoughts were in a line which soon brought to her recollection that Mr. Darcy's explanation *there* had appeared very insufficient, and she read it again. Widely different was the effect of a second perusal. How could she deny that credit to his assertions in one instance, which she had been obliged to give in the other? He declared himself to be totally **unsuspicious** of her sister's attachment; and she could not help remembering what Charlotte's opinion had always been. Neither could she deny the justice of his description of Jane. She felt that Jane's feelings, though **fervent**, were little displayed, and that there was a constant complacency in her air and manner not often united with great sensibility.

When she came to that part of the letter in which her family were mentioned in terms of such mortifying, yet **merited** reproach, her sense of shame was severe. The justice of the charge struck her too forcibly for denial, and the circumstances to which he particularly alluded as having passed at the Netherfield ball, and as confirming all his first disapprobation, could not have made a stronger impression on his mind than on hers.

The compliment to herself and her sister was not unfelt. It **soothed**, but it could not console her for the contempt which had thus been self-attracted by the rest of her family; and as she considered that Jane's disappointment had in fact been the work of her nearest relations, and reflected how materially the credit of both must be hurt by such impropriety of conduct, she felt depressed beyond anything she had ever known before.

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blameable: (*adj*) culpable, guilty, censurable, blameworthy, blameful.
despicably: (*adv*) meanly, spitefully, disgracefully, callously, shockingly, unkindly, shamefully, offensively, nastily, dishonorably, cruelly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) respectfully, commendably.
fervent: (*adj*) ardent, eager, earnest, enthusiastic, intense, cordial, passionate, hot, emotional, torrid, strong. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) apathetic,

unenthusiastic, cool, weak, unexcited, dispirited, dispassionate, flippant, impassive, lukewarm, mild.
merited: (*adj*) deserved, just, suitable, rightful, right, due; (*v*) due to, richly deserved.
mistrust: (*adj, n, v*) distrust; (*n, v*) doubt, query; (*n*) suspicion, misgiving, disbelief, apprehension, wariness; (*v*) suspect, disbelief, discredit. **ANTONYM:** (*v*) believe.
soothed: (*adj*) composed.

unsuspicious: (*adj*) innocent, credulous, trustful, unwary, confiding, honest, gullible, easy, naive, not suspicious, that confides. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) wary.

wretchedly: (*adv*) pathetically, unhappily, desperately, calamitously, sadly, meanly, forlornly, piteously, disastrously, gloomily; (*adj, adv*) miserably. **ANTONYM:** (*adv*) hopefully.

After **wandering** along the lane for two hours, giving way to every variety of thought--re-considering events, determining probabilities, and **reconciling** herself, as well as she could, to a change so sudden and so important, **fatigue**, and a recollection of her long absence, made her at length return home; and she entered the house with the wish of appearing cheerful as usual, and the resolution of **repressing** such reflections as must make her **unfit** for conversation.

She was immediately told that the two gentlemen from Rosings had each called during her absence; Mr. Darcy, only for a few minutes, to take leave--but that Colonel Fitzwilliam had been sitting with them at least an hour, **hoping** for her return, and almost **resolving** to walk after her till she could be found. Elizabeth could but just *affect* concern in missing him; she really rejoiced at it. Colonel Fitzwilliam was no longer an object; she could think only of her letter.

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fatigue: (v) exhaust, tire, weary, harass, enervate, fag, jade, wear; (n) exhaustion, weariness, tiredness.
ANTONYMS: (n) energy, liveliness, vitality, vigor, strength; (v) energize, renew, rejuvenate, restore, invigorate.

hoping: (adj) desirous, expectant, optimistic, eager.

reconciling: (adj) accommodative, peacemaking, gentle, mild, conciliatory, peaceful, cooperative,

quiet; (n) integration, merging, reconciliation.
repressing: (adj) inhibiting, insolent, discouraging, aggressively haughty, overbearing, arrogant, dictatorial, domineering, restrictive, repressive, overpowering.
resolving: (n) factoring, resolve, settlement, solving, solution, factorization, diagonalization, declaration, firmness, resoluteness; (v) solve.

unfit: (adj) inappropriate, improper, inapt, unbecoming, incompetent, unable, incapable, unsuitable, bad; (adj, v) incapacitate; (v) indispose.
ANTONYMS: (adj) appropriate, suitable, ready, healthy, able, firm, competent; (v) qualify.

wandering: (adj) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (adj, v) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (n) peregrination.
ANTONYM: (adj) resident.

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The two gentlemen left Rosings the next morning, and Mr. Collins having been in waiting near the lodges, to make them his **parting obeisance**, was able to bring home the **pleasing** intelligence, of their **appearing** in very good health, and in as tolerable spirits as could be expected, after the melancholy scene so lately gone through at Rosings. To Rosings he then hastened, to console Lady Catherine and her daughter; and on his return brought back, with great satisfaction, a message from her ladyship, **importing** that she felt herself so dull as to make her very desirous of having them all to dine with her.

Elizabeth could not see Lady Catherine without recollecting that, had she chosen it, she might by this time have been presented to her as her future **niece**; nor could she think, without a smile, of what her ladyship's indignation would have been. "What would she have said? how would she have behaved?" were questions with which she amused herself.

Their first subject was the **diminution** of the Rosings party. "I assure you, I feel it exceedingly," said Lady Catherine; "I believe no one feels the loss of friends so much as I do. But I am particularly attached to these young men, and know them to be so much attached to me! They were excessively sorry to go! But so they always are. The dear Colonel rallied his spirits tolerably till just at last; but Darcy seemed to feel it most acutely, more, I think, than last year. His attachment to Rosings certainly increases."

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appearing: (*adj*) seeming, beseen, emergent, accomplished; (*n*) coming into court; (*prep*) liking; (*adj, adv*) *prima facie*.
diminution: (*n, v*) decrease, decline; (*n*) deduction, reduction, abatement, cut, contraction, rebate, decrement, curtailment, declension.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) growth, expansion, restoration, enlargement.
importing: (*n*) importation, mercantilism, commercialism,

commerce.
niece: (*n*) grandniece, aunt, brother's daughter, uncle, kinswoman.
obeisance: (*n*) homage, curtsy, deference, bowing, reverence, obedience, respect, courtesy; (*v*) genuflexion, kowtow, genuflexion.
parting: (*n*) adieu, division, leave, departure, disunion, goodbye, leaving, segregation, dying, rupture; (*adj*) valedictory. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joining, meeting, connection,

Reunion.
pleasing: (*adj, n*) acceptable; (*adj*) amiable, lovable, amusing, attractive, gratifying, lovely, pleasant, charming, delightful, inviting.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpleasant, unwelcome, infuriating, disappointing, straight, hurtful, maddening, displeasing, discordant, harsh, frustrating.

Mr. Collins had a compliment, and an allusion to throw in here, which were kindly smiled on by the mother and daughter.

Lady Catherine observed, after dinner, that Miss Bennet seemed out of spirits, and immediately **accounting** for it by herself, by supposing that she did not like to go home again so soon, she added:

"But if that is the case, you must write to your mother and beg that you may stay a little longer. Mrs. Collins will be very glad of your company, I am sure."

"I am much **obliged** to your ladyship for your kind invitation," replied Elizabeth, "but it is not in my power to accept it. I must be in town next Saturday."

"Why, at that rate, you will have been here only six weeks. I expected you to stay two months. I told Mrs. Collins so before you came. There can be no occasion for your going so soon. Mrs. Bennet could certainly spare you for another fortnight."

"But my father cannot. He wrote last week to hurry my return."

"Oh! your father of course may spare you, if your mother can. Daughters are never of so much consequence to a father. And if you will stay another *month* complete, it will be in my power to take one of you as far as London, for I am going there early in June, for a week; and as Dawson does not object to the barouche-box, there will be very good room for one of you--and indeed, if the weather should happen to be cool, I should not object to taking you both, as you are neither of you large."

"You are all kindness, madam; but I believe we must **abide** by our original plan."

Lady Catherine seemed resigned. "Mrs. Collins, you must send a servant with them. You know I always speak my mind, and I cannot bear the idea of two young women travelling post by **themselves**. It is highly **improper**. You must contrive to send somebody. I have the greatest **dislike** in the world to that sort of thing. Young women should always be properly guarded and attended, according to their situation in life. When my niece Georgiana went to Ramsgate

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abide: (v) endure, bide, undergo, tolerate, take, suffer, stomach, bear, brook; (adj, v) stay, dwell.

ANTONYMS: (v) check, depart, disallow, disapprove, disbelieve, journey, dodge, leave, migrate, move, pass.

accounting: (n) accountancy, account, accounting system, account statement, cost accounting, reckoning, entry, method of accounting; (adj) clerical, office,

secretarial.

dislike: (n) disapproval, disaffection, antipathy, disdain, disfavor, revulsion; (n, v) hate, disinclination, aversion, distaste; (v) detest.

ANTONYMS: (n) liking, fondness, taste, attraction, enjoyment, preference, longing; (v) like, enjoy, approve, adore.

improper: (adj) false, illicit, illegitimate, unsuitable, wrong, indecent, bad, coarse, amiss, faulty;

(adj, v) indecorous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) suitable, fitting, polite, acceptable, sensitive, moral, correct, dignified, lawful, clean, honest.

obliged: (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. **ANTONYM:** (adj) ungrateful.

themselves: (pron) myself, itself, yourself; (n) yourselves.

last summer, I made a point of her having two men-servants go with her. Miss Darcy, the daughter of Mr. Darcy, of Pemberley, and Lady Anne, could not have appeared with propriety in a different manner. I am excessively attentive to all those things. You must send John with the young ladies, Mrs. Collins. I am glad it occurred to me to mention it; for it would really be **discreditable** to *you* to let them go alone."

"My uncle is to send a servant for us."

"Oh! Your uncle! He keeps a man-servant, does he? I am very glad you have somebody who thinks of these things. Where shall you change horses? Oh! Bromley, of course. If you mention my name at the Bell, you will be attended to."

Lady Catherine had many other questions to ask respecting their journey, and as she did not answer them all herself, attention was necessary, which Elizabeth believed to be lucky for her; or, with a mind so occupied, she might have forgotten where she was. Reflection must be reserved for solitary hours; whenever she was alone, she gave way to it as the greatest relief; and not a day went by without a solitary walk, in which she might indulge in all the delight of unpleasant recollections.

Mr. Darcy's letter she was in a fair way of soon knowing by heart. She studied every sentence; and her feelings towards its writer were at times widely different. When she remembered the style of his address, she was still full of indignation; but when she considered how **unjustly** she had condemned and upbraided him, her anger was turned against herself; and his disappointed feelings became the object of compassion. His attachment excited gratitude, his general character respect; but she could not approve him; nor could she for a moment **repent** her refusal, or feel the slightest inclination ever to see him again. In her own past behaviour, there was a constant source of vexation and regret; and in the unhappy defects of her family, a subject of yet heavier **chagrin**. They were hopeless of remedy. Her father, contented with laughing at them, would never **exert** himself to **restrain** the wild **giddiness** of his youngest daughters; and her mother, with manners so far from right herself, was entirely insensible of the

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chagrin: (*n*) mortification, vexation, annoyance, shame, disappointment, letdown, humiliation; (*n, v*) disquiet, gangrene; (*v*) disappoint, mortify.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) please, delight; (*n*) pride, satisfaction.

discreditable: (*adj, n*) disgraceful; (*adj*) dishonorable, shameful, dishonourable, scandalous, reprehensible, outrageous, ignoble, humiliating, base, reproachful.

exert: (*v*) wield, employ, act, use,

apply, strain, operate, have recourse to, profit by; (*n*) excite, energize.
giddiness: (*n*) flightiness, frivolity, vertigo, silliness, frivolousness, levity, lightness, capriciousness, rashness, symptom, swimming.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) seriousness, reliability.

repent: (*v*) deplore, bewail, rue, mourn, lament, atone, sorry, bemoan, feel remorse, grieve, be sorry.

restrain: (*adj, v*) confine; (*v*) control,

rein, hold, curb, bind, contain, prevent, limit, repress; (*n, v*) check.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) encourage, promote, unleash, impel, release, intensify, increase, free, extend, express, support.

unjustly: (*adv*) wrongly, wrongfully, wickedly, iniquitously, inequitably, undeservedly, illegally, foully, injuriously, unrighteously, unjustifiedly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) rightly, reasonably.

evil. Elizabeth had frequently united with Jane in an endeavour to check the imprudence of Catherine and Lydia; but while they were supported by their mother's indulgence, what chance could there be of improvement? Catherine, weak-spirited, irritable, and completely under Lydia's guidance, had been always **affronted** by their advice; and Lydia, **self-willed** and careless, would scarcely give them a hearing. They were ignorant, idle, and vain. While there was an officer in Meryton, they would **flirt** with him; and while Meryton was within a walk of Longbourn, they would be going there forever.

Anxiety on Jane's behalf was another prevailing concern; and Mr. Darcy's explanation, by restoring Bingley to all her former good opinion, heightened the sense of what Jane had lost. His affection was proved to have been sincere, and his conduct cleared of all blame, unless any could attach to the **implicitness** of his confidence in his friend. How **grievous** then was the thought that, of a situation so desirable in every respect, so **replete** with advantage, so promising for happiness, Jane had been deprived, by the folly and **indecorum** of her own family!

When to these recollections was added the development of Wickham's character, it may be easily believed that the happy spirits which had seldom been depressed before, were now so much affected as to make it almost impossible for her to appear tolerably cheerful.

Their engagements at Rosings were as frequent during the last week of her stay as they had been at first. The very last evening was spent there; and her ladyship again inquired minutely into the particulars of their journey, gave them directions as to the best method of packing, and was so urgent on the necessity of placing gowns in the only right way, that Maria thought herself obliged, on her return, to undo all the work of the morning, and pack her trunk **afresh**.

When they parted, Lady Catherine, with great condescension, wished them a good journey, and invited them to come to Hunsford again next year; and Miss de Bourgh exerted herself so far as to **curtsey** and hold out her hand to both.

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affronted: (*adj*) insulted, hurt, slighted, embarrassed, angry, ashamed, horrified, humiliated, piqued, annoyed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unconcerned.

afresh: (*adv*) again, newly, over again, new, once again, freshly, once more, often; (*adj*) the other day, just now, only yesterday.

curtsey: (*n, v*) curtsey; (*n*) obeisance; (*v*) kneel, bob.

flirt: (*n, v*) coquette; (*v*) dally, coquet,

toy, romance, trifle, spoon; (*n*) dalliance, vamp, tease, flirting.

grievous: (*adj*) bitter, dolorous, dreadful, deplorable, sad, tough, pitiful, atrocious, regrettable, sorrowful, sorry. ANTONYM: (*adj*) successful.

implicitness: (*n*) indirectness, obliqueness, implicity.

indecorum: (*n*) indecency, indecorousness, incivility, improprieness, familiarity,

disrespect, misdeed; (*adj*) misbehavior, immorality, scandal, laxity. ANTONYM: (*n*) decorum.

replete: (*adj*) fraught, profuse, excessive, inordinate, exuberant, overmuch, satisfied; (*v*) fill, take, satiate, cloy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hungry.

self-willed: (*adj*) stubborn, wilful, wayward, obstinate, headstrong, perverse, intractable, masterful, pig-headed, wild, deaf.

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On Saturday morning Elizabeth and Mr. Collins met for breakfast a few minutes before the others appeared; and he took the opportunity of paying the parting civilities which he deemed **indispensably** necessary.

"I know not, Miss Elizabeth," said he, "whether Mrs. Collins has yet expressed her sense of your kindness in coming to us; but I am very certain you will not leave the house without receiving her thanks for it. The **favor** of your company has been much felt, I assure you. We know how little there is to tempt anyone to our **humble** abode. Our plain manner of living, our small rooms and few domestics, and the little we see of the world, must make Hunsford extremely dull to a young lady like **yourself**; but I hope you will believe us grateful for the condescension, and that we have done everything in our power to prevent your spending your time unpleasantly."

Elizabeth was **eager** with her thanks and assurances of happiness. She had spent six weeks with great enjoyment; and the pleasure of being with Charlotte, and the kind attentions she had received, must make *her* feel the obliged. Mr. Collins was gratified, and with a more smiling solemnity replied:

"It gives me great pleasure to hear that you have passed your time not **disagreeably**. We have certainly done our best; and most fortunately having it in our power to introduce you to very superior society, and, from our connection with Rosings, the frequent means of varying the humble home scene, I think we

disagreeably: (*adv*) nastily, unappealingly, offensively, cheerlessly, badly, distastefully, objectionably, unsympathetically. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) agreeably, sweetly, warmly, attractively.
eager: (*adj*) avid, ardent, agog, acute, zealous, enthusiastic, keen, ambitious, industrious, studious; (*adj, n*) earnest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic, disinterested, unwilling,

unenthusiastic, lukewarm, patient, reluctant, listless, bored.
favor: (*n, v*) countenance, aid, grace, support, benefit, boon; (*adj, n*) kindness; (*n*) advantage; (*v*) befriend, encourage, patronize. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hinder, contradict, dislike, hurt, differ, thwart, reject, demean; (*n*) derogation, disapproval, unkindness.
humble: (*v*) demean, humiliate, mortify; (*n, v*) disgrace, debase; (*adj, n, v*) abase; (*adj*) base, lowly,

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unassuming, docile, low.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impressive, arrogant, haughty, imposing, conceited, pompous, snooty, overbearing, presumptuous, proud, exalted.
indispensably: (*adv*) needs by necessity, very, elementally, fundamentally, essentially, basically.
yourself: (*adv*) herself, themselves, itself, myself, ourselves, yourselves, physically.

may flatter ourselves that your Hunsford visit cannot have been entirely irksome. Our situation with regard to Lady Catherine's family is indeed the sort of extraordinary advantage and blessing which few can boast. You see on what a footing we are. You see how continually we are engaged there. In truth I must acknowledge that, with all the disadvantages of this humble parsonage, I should not think anyone **abiding** in it an object of compassion, while they are sharers of our intimacy at Rosings."

Words were insufficient for the elevation of his feelings; and he was obliged to walk about the room, while Elizabeth tried to unite civility and truth in a few short sentences.

"You may, in fact, carry a very favourable report of us into Hertfordshire, my dear cousin. I flatter myself at least that you will be able to do so. Lady Catherine's great attentions to Mrs. Collins you have been a daily witness of; and altogether I trust it does not appear that your friend has drawn an unfortunate--but on this point it will be as well to be silent. Only let me assure you, my dear Miss Elizabeth, that I can from my heart most cordially wish you equal felicity in marriage. My dear Charlotte and I have but one mind and one way of thinking. There is in everything a most remarkable resemblance of character and ideas between us. We seem to have been designed for each other."

Elizabeth could safely say that it was a great happiness where that was the case, and with equal **sincerity** could add, that she firmly believed and rejoiced in his domestic comforts. She was not sorry, however, to have the recital of them interrupted by the lady from whom they sprang. Poor Charlotte! it was melancholy to leave her to such society! But she had chosen it with her eyes open; and though evidently regretting that her visitors were to go, she did not seem to ask for compassion. Her home and her **housekeeping**, her parish and her poultry, and all their dependent **concerns**, had not yet lost their charms.

At length the chaise **arrived**, the **trunks** were **fastened** on, the **parcels** placed within, and it was pronounced to be ready. After an affectionate parting between the friends, Elizabeth was attended to the carriage by Mr. Collins, and as they walked down the garden he was **commissioning** her with his best

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abiding: (*adj*) immortal, stable, constant, everlasting, lasting, enduring, perpetual, eternal, perennial, continuing, imperishable.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ephemeral, fleeting, impermanent, temporary, passing, mortal, erratic, inconstant.
arrived: (*adv*) here, at home; (*adj*) accepted.

commissioning: (*n*) commission, charge, putting into service, mandate, employment, delegation,

authorisation, appointment, authorization.

concerns: (*n*) dealings, affairs.

fastened: (*adj*) tied, fast, buttoned, closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unfastened, unbuttoned.

housekeeping: (*n*) housewifery, household, domestic science.

parcels: (*n*) post, correspondence, baggage, appurtenances, letters.

sincerity: (*adj, n*) candor, honesty,

integrity, probity, faithfulness; (*n*) earnestness, heartiness, genuineness, candour, frankness, cordiality.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) dishonesty, hypocrisy, flippancy, frivolity, affectedness, caution, reticence, deceit, doubt.

trunks: (*n*) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume, drawers, swimming trunks.

respects to all her family, not **forgetting** his thanks for the kindness he had received at Longbourn in the winter, and his compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, though unknown. He then handed her in, Maria followed, and the door was on the point of being closed, when he suddenly reminded them, with some **consternation**, that they had hitherto forgotten to leave any message for the ladies at Rosings.

"But," he added, "you will of course wish to have your humble respects delivered to them, with your grateful thanks for their kindness to you while you have been here."

Elizabeth made no objection; the door was then allowed to be shut, and the carriage drove off.

"Good gracious!" cried Maria, after a few minutes' silence, "it seems but a day or two since we first came! and yet how many things have happened!"

"A great many indeed," said her companion with a sigh.

"We have dined nine times at Rosings, besides drinking tea there twice! How much I shall have to tell!"

Elizabeth added privately, "And how much I shall have to conceal!"

Their journey was performed without much conversation, or any alarm; and within four hours of their leaving Hunsford they reached Mr. Gardiner's house, where they were to remain a few days.

Jane looked well, and Elizabeth had little opportunity of studying her spirits, amidst the various engagements which the kindness of her aunt had reserved for them. But Jane was to go home with her, and at Longbourn there would be leisure enough for observation.

It was not without an effort, meanwhile, that she could wait even for Longbourn, before she told her sister of Mr. Darcy's proposals. To know that she had the power of revealing what would so exceedingly **astonish** Jane, and must, at the same time, so highly gratify whatever of her own vanity she had not yet been able to reason away, was such a temptation to **openness** as nothing could have **conquered** but the state of **indecision** in which she remained as to the

Thesaurus

astonish: (adj, v) astound; (adj, n, v) surprise; (adj) astonishing, surprised; (v) flabbergast, daze, confound, dazzle, stun, alarm, nonplus.
ANTONYMS: (v) expect, bore.
conquered: (adj) overcome, vanquished, overwhelmed, crushed, subdued, profligate, routed, overthrown, done for, under enemy control, baffled. ANTONYMS: (adj) victorious, liberated.
consternation: (n) alarm, shock, fear,

apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (adj, n) terror, awe, dread, horror. ANTONYMS: (n) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity.
forgetting: (v) forget; (adj) oblivious; (n) disregard.
indecision: (n) hesitation, irresolution, uncertainty, indecisiveness, hesitance, qualm, vacillation, hesitancy, dubiety, infirmity of

purpose; (adj, n) suspense.
ANTONYMS: (n) determination, resolve, resolution, confidence.
openness: (n) honesty, frankness, freedom, sincerity, candor, sociability, truth, forthrightness, exposure, receptivity, convenience. ANTONYMS: (n) furtiveness, hostility, secretiveness, reserve, dishonesty, confidentiality, closeness, caginess, resistance, reticence, caution.

extent of what she should **communicate**; and her **fear**, if she once entered on the subject, of being hurried into **repeating** something of Bingley which might only **grieve** her **sister** further.

Thesaurus

communicate: (*v*) express, impart, advertise, advise, carry, convey, transmit, commune, apprise; (*adj, v*) announce, intimate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) excommunicate, conceal, suppress.

extent: (*n*) extension, amplitude, bulk, amount, ambit, compass, boundary, scope; (*n, v*) area, expanse; (*adj, n*) distance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) weakness, mildness, scarcity.

fear: (*n*) awe, dismay, alarm, fright, consternation, care, anguish; (*n, v*)

apprehension, doubt, concern, reverence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fearlessness, reassurance, confidence, courage, valor, calm, boldness, security, equanimity, peace; (*v*) brave.

grieve: (*n, v*) distress, aggrieve, afflict, sorrow, annoy; (*v*) trouble, lament, deplore, bemoan, fret, bewail. ANTONYMS: (*v*) rejoice, celebrate, encourage.

repeating: (*n*) repeat, iteration,

renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (*adj*) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive.

sister: (*n*) nurse, nun, brother, sisters, older sister, mate, twin, pair, fellow companion, double, match. ANTONYM: (*n*) brother.

CHAPTER 39

It was the second week in May, in which the three young ladies set out together from Gracechurch Street for the town of ----, in Hertfordshire; and, as they drew near the appointed inn where Mr. Bennet's carriage was to meet them, they quickly perceived, in token of the coachman's **punctuality**, both Kitty and Lydia looking out of a dining-room upstairs. These two girls had been above an hour in the place, happily employed in visiting an opposite **milliner**, watching the **sentinel** on guard, and dressing a salad and cucumber.

After **welcoming** their sisters, they triumphantly **displayed** a table set out with such cold meat as an inn **larder** usually affords, exclaiming, "Is not this nice? Is not this an agreeable surprise?"

"And we mean to treat you all," added Lydia, "but you must lend us the money, for we have just spent ours at the shop out there." Then, showing her purchases—"Look here, I have bought this bonnet. I do not think it is very pretty; but I thought I might as well buy it as not. I shall pull it to pieces as soon as I get home, and see if I can make it up any better."

And when her sisters **abused** it as ugly, she added, with perfect unconcern, "Oh! but there were two or three much uglier in the shop; and when I have bought some prettier-coloured **satin** to trim it with fresh, I think it will be very tolerable. Besides, it will not much **signify** what one wears this summer, after the ----shire have left Meryton, and they are going in a fortnight."

Thesaurus

abused: (*adj*) maltreated, physically abused, downtrodden, perverted, dull.

displayed: (*adj*) extendant, expanded, splay.

larder: (*n*) storeroom, pantry, food, victuals, viands, provisions, provender, stowage, stillroom, commissariat, spence.

milliner: (*n*) sempstress, clothier, fribble, hatmaker, snip, shaper, merchandiser, tailor, costumier,

merchant, maker.

punctuality: (*n*) accuracy, precision, nicety, exactitude, truth, fidelity, exactness, promptitude, steadiness; (*adj*) rigor, mathematical precision. ANTONYM: (*n*) tardiness.

satin: (*adj*) glossy, sleek, velvet, down, silky, silklke, silken, satiny, velure; (*n*) cloth, fabric.

sentinel: (*n*) sentry, lookout, watch, watchman, scout, picket, patrol, lookout man, guardian, outlook,

protector.

signify: (*n, v*) intend, mark; (*adj, n, v*) import; (*v*) imply, indicate, denote, point, stand for, express, intimate, matter.

welcoming: (*n*) welcome, salutation; (*adj*) cordial, friendly, inviting, restful, attractive, pleasing, warm, affable, alluring. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inhospitable, reserved, unwelcoming, unappealing, unapproachable, uncomfortable.

"Are they indeed!" cried Elizabeth, with the greatest satisfaction.

"They are going to be encamped near Brighton; and I do so want **papa** to take us all there for the summer! It would be such a **delicious** scheme; and I dare say would hardly cost anything at all. Mamma would like to go too of all things! Only think what a miserable summer else we shall have!"

"Yes," thought Elizabeth, "that would be a delightful scheme indeed, and completely do for us at once. Good Heaven! Brighton, and a whole campful of soldiers, to us, who have been **overset** already by one poor regiment of militia, and the monthly **balls** of Meryton!"

"Now I have got some news for you," said Lydia, as they sat down at table. "What do you think? It is excellent news--capital news--and about a certain person we all like!"

Jane and Elizabeth looked at each other, and the **waiter** was told he need not stay. Lydia laughed, and said:

"Aye, that is just like your **formality** and discretion. You thought the waiter must not hear, as if he cared! I dare say he often **hears** worse things said than I am going to say. But he is an ugly fellow! I am glad he is gone. I never saw such a long chin in my life. Well, but now for my news; it is about dear Wickham; too good for the waiter, is it not? There is no danger of Wickham's marrying Mary King. There's for you! She is gone down to her uncle at Liverpool: gone to stay. Wickham is safe."

"And Mary King is safe!" added Elizabeth; "safe from a connection imprudent as to fortune."

"She is a great fool for going away, if she liked him."

"But I hope there is no strong attachment on either side," said Jane.

"I am sure there is not on *his*. I will answer for it, he never cared three straws about her--who could about such a nasty little **freckled** thing?"

Thesaurus

balls: (*n*) guts, family jewels, intestinal fortitude, nerve, spirit, tenacity, valor, audacity, prowess.

delicious: (*adj, v*) delicate; (*adj*) tasteful, pleasing, delightful, appetizing, agreeable, sweet, toothsome, savory, enjoyable, dainty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteless, distasteful, yucky, unsavory, unpleasant, unappetizing, revolting, nauseating, inedible, gross, dry.

formality: (*n*) ceremony, formalities,

decorum, etiquette, custom, ceremoniousness, starch, ritual, rite, observance; (*n, v*) stiffness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) casualness, possibility, warmth, friendliness.

freckled: (*adj*) speckled, mottled, discolored, freckly, flecked, lentiginose, lentiginous, marked, blemished, pitted; (*v*) studded. ANTONYM: (*adj*) plain.

hears: (*v*) hear.

overset: (*v*) overturn, reverse, upset,

invert, destroy, tip; (*adj, v*) overthrow, overpower; (*adj*) overmaster, overcome, overmatch.

papa: (*n*) father, pa, daddy, Dada, sire, pappa, pop, old man, paterfamilias, cardinal, high priest.

waiter: (*n*) lackey, valet, waitress, attendant, salver, lurcher, counterman, lurker, servant, tray, steward.

Elizabeth was shocked to think that, however **incapable** of such **coarseness** of *expression* herself, the coarseness of the *sentiment* was little other than her own breast had harboured and fancied liberal!

As soon as all had ate, and the elder ones paid, the carriage was ordered; and after some contrivance, the whole party, with all their boxes, work-bags, and parcels, and the unwelcome addition of Kitty's and Lydia's purchases, were seated in it.

"How nicely we are all **crammed** in," cried Lydia. "I am glad I **bought** my bonnet, if it is only for the fun of having another **andbox**! Well, now let us be quite comfortable and **snug**, and talk and laugh all the way home. And in the first place, let us hear what has happened to you all since you went away. Have you seen any pleasant men? Have you had any **flirting**? I was in great hopes that one of you would have got a husband before you came back. Jane will be quite an old maid soon, I declare. She is almost three-and-twenty! Lord, how ashamed I should be of not being married before three-and-twenty! My aunt Phillips wants you so to get husbands, you can't think. She says Lizzy had better have taken Mr. Collins; but I do not think there would have been any fun in it. Lord! how I should like to be married before any of you; and then I would **chaperon** you about to all the balls. Dear me! we had such a good piece of fun the other day at Colonel Forster's. Kitty and me were to spend the day there, and Mrs. Forster promised to have a little dance in the evening; (by the bye, Mrs. Forster and me are *such friends!*) and so she asked the two Harringtons to come, but Harriet was ill, and so Pen was forced to come by herself; and then, what do you think we did? We dressed up Chamberlayne in woman's clothes on purpose to pass for a lady, only think what fun! Not a soul knew of it, but Colonel and Mrs. Forster, and Kitty and me, except my aunt, for we were forced to borrow one of her gowns; and you cannot imagine how well he looked! When Denny, and Wickham, and Pratt, and two or three more of the men came in, they did not know him in the least. Lord! how I laughed! and so did Mrs. Forster. I thought I should have died. And *that* made the men suspect something, and then they soon found out what was the matter."

Thesaurus

andbox: (*adj*) dapper, spruce.
bought: (*n*) crook, hook.

chaperon: (*adj*) duenna; (*n, v*) escort, chaperone, guide; (*v*) accompany, attend; (*adj, v*) matronize; (*n*) companion, defender, governess, esquire. ANTONYMS: (*v*) withdraw, leave, abandon, desert.

coarseness: (*n*) grossness, indelicacy, inelegance, indecency, vulgarity, commonness, rudeness, inferiority, crudeness, crudity, awkwardness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) delicacy, purity, refinement, smoothness, sophistication, tastefulness, civility, grace, propriety, decency.

crammed: (*adj*) packed, full, overcrowded, chock-full, stuffed, jammed, brimming, congested, overflowing, saturated, teeming.

flirting: (*n*) flirtation, dalliance, flirt, coquetry, flirtingly, dawdling, coquette, toying, caper, frivolity.

incapable: (*adj*) impotent, inadequate,

unable, helpless, powerless, unqualified, inept, insufficient, inapt, ineffectual, unfit. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) able, competent, strong, powerful, effective.

snug: (*adj, v*) cosy, trim; (*adj*) cozy, easy, comfy, tight, close, warm, secure, homely; (*v*) neat.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) baggy, uncomfortable, unwelcoming, bleak, formal, loose.

With such kinds of histories of their parties and good jokes, did Lydia, assisted by Kitty's hints and additions, endeavour to amuse her companions all the way to Longbourn. Elizabeth listened as little as she could, but there was no escaping the frequent mention of Wickham's name.

Their reception at home was most kind. Mrs. Bennet rejoiced to see Jane in **undiminished** beauty; and more than once during dinner did Mr. Bennet say voluntarily to Elizabeth:

"I am glad you are come back, Lizzy."

Their party in the dining-room was large, for almost all the Lucases came to meet Maria and hear the news; and various were the subjects that occupied them: Lady Lucas was inquiring of Maria, after the welfare and poultry of her eldest daughter; Mrs. Bennet was **doubly** engaged, on one hand collecting an account of the present fashions from Jane, who sat some way below her, and, on the other, **retailing** them all to the younger Lucases; and Lydia, in a voice rather louder than any other person's, was enumerating the various pleasures of the morning to anybody who would hear her.

"Oh! Mary," said she, "I wish you had gone with us, for we had such fun! As we went along, Kitty and I drew up the blinds, and pretended there was nobody in the coach; and I should have gone so all the way, if Kitty had not been sick; and when we got to the George, I do think we behaved very **handsomely**, for we treated the other three with the nicest cold **luncheon** in the world, and if you would have gone, we would have treated you too. And then when we came away it was such fun! I thought we never should have got into the coach. I was ready to die of laughter. And then we were so merry all the way home! we talked and laughed so loud, that anybody might have heard us ten miles off!"

To this Mary very gravely replied, "Far be it from me, my dear sister, to **depreciate** such pleasures! They would doubtless be **congenial** with the generality of female minds. But I confess they would have no charms for *me*--I should infinitely prefer a book."

Thesaurus

congenial: (*adj, v*) concordant, consonant, accordant; (*adj*) compatible, affable, kindred, genial, kind, pleasant, pleasing, delightful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncongenial, unfriendly, disagreeable, hostile, incompatible, despicable, abominable, unsavory, reserved.
depreciate: (*v*) decry, belittle, deprecate, detract, derogate, decrease, lower, undervalue, disparage, devalue; (*adj, v*) cheapen.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) prize, cherish, esteem, grow, increase, value, improve.
doubly: (*adv*) twice, twofold, two times, in two ways, dualistically.
handsomely: (*adv*) liberally, prettily, magnanimously, bonnily, largely, lovely, charmingly, finely, generously, good-lookingly, smartly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) poorly.
luncheon: (*n*) meal, tiffin, dejeuner, dinner, repast, party; (*v*) nunchion.

retailing: (*n*) deal, trade, merchandising, marketing, transaction, vending; (*adj*) commercial. ANTONYM: (*n*) purchase.
undiminished: (*adj*) unabated, unrestricted, unreduced, undying, not deficient, morally whole, internal, faithful, unrelieved, interior; (*v*) on the increase.

But of this answer Lydia heard not a word. She seldom listened to anybody for more than half a minute, and never attended to Mary at all.

In the afternoon Lydia was urgent with the rest of the girls to walk to Meryton, and to see how everybody went on; but Elizabeth steadily opposed the scheme. It should not be said that the Miss Bennets could not be at home half a day before they were in **pursuit** of the officers. There was another reason too for her opposition. She **dreaded** seeing Mr. Wickham again, and was resolved to avoid it as long as possible. The comfort to *her* of the regiment's **approaching** removal was indeed beyond expression. In a fortnight they were to go--and once gone, she hoped there could be nothing more to plague her on his account.

She had not been many hours at home before she found that the Brighton scheme, of which Lydia had given them a **hint** at the inn, was under frequent discussion between her parents. Elizabeth saw directly that her father had not the **smallest** intention of yielding; but his **answers** were at the same time so vague and **equivocal**, that her mother, though often **disheartened**, had never yet despaired of succeeding at last.

Thesaurus

answers: (n) replies; (adj) answering.

approaching: (adj) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (adj, n) coming; (n, v) approach; (adv) nearly, almost; (prep) toward.

disheartened: (adj) dejected, depressed, despondent, dispirited, demoralized, disappointed, sad, downcast, down, low, daunted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, enthusiastic, happy, positive,

hopeful.

dreaded: (adj) awful, terrible, cowardly, causing horror, dire, direful, desperate, dreadful, fearful, fearsome; (v) dread.

equivocal: (adj) ambiguous, indefinite, doubtful, dubious, questionable, elusive, cryptic, precarious, problematic, apocryphal, double. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) clear, unequivocal, definite, obvious, plain, unquestionable, certain, direct.

hint: (v) suggest; (adj, n) trace; (n) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue, allusion; (n, v) tip, touch, dash; (adj, v) intimate. **ANTONYM:** (n) overtone.

pursuit: (n) quest, hunt, search, persecution, chase, career, interest, job, business, performance, employment.

smallest: (adj) least, minimal, littlest, lowest, last, first, negligible, smallest number of, bottom, littler. **ANTONYM:** (adj) maximum.

CHAPTER 40

Elizabeth's impatience to acquaint Jane with what had happened could no longer be overcome; and at length, resolving to **suppress** every particular in which her sister was concerned, and **preparing** her to be surprised, she related to her the next morning the chief of the scene between Mr. Darcy and herself.

Miss Bennet's astonishment was soon **lessened** by the strong sisterly partiality which made any admiration of Elizabeth appear perfectly natural; and all surprise was shortly lost in other feelings. She was sorry that Mr. Darcy should have delivered his sentiments in a manner so little **suited** to recommend them; but still more was she grieved for the **unhappiness** which her sister's **refusal** must have given him.

"His being so sure of succeeding was wrong," said she, "and certainly ought not to have appeared; but consider how much it must increase his disappointment!"

"Indeed," replied Elizabeth, "I am heartily sorry for him; but he has other feelings, which will probably soon drive away his regard for me. You do not blame me, however, for refusing him?"

"Blame you! Oh, no."

"But you blame me for having spoken so warmly of Wickham?"

"No--I do not know that you were wrong in saying what you did."

Thesaurus

lessened: (*adj*) diminished, hurt, lower, mitigated, pointed, tapering, vivified, atrophied, short, attenuate, attenuated.

preparing: (*n*) preparation, manufacturing; (*v*) brewing, prepare; (*adj*) preliminary, forthcoming, coming.

refusal: (*n*) denial, declination, negative, rebuff, rejection, no, prohibition, ban, repulse, negation, exclusion. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

permission, acceptance, compliance, approval, disposition, inclination, affirmative, affirmation.

suited: (*adj, v*) proper, fit, fitted, adapted, convenient; (*adj*) appropriate, good, apt, eligible, capable, useful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incompatible, wrong, inappropriate.

suppress: (*v*) subdue, silence, quell, check, stifle, restrain, subjugate, curb, crush, strangle, oppress.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) encourage,

stimulate, incite, expose, declare, resist, confess, divulge, surrender, advertise, acknowledge.

unhappiness: (*n*) sadness, misery, melancholy, distress, grief, regret, infelicity, woe, sorrowfulness, depression, displeasure.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) cheerfulness, pleasure, joy, elation, contentment, satisfaction, cheer.

"But you *will* know it, when I tell you what happened the very next day."

She then spoke of the letter, repeating the whole of its contents as far as they concerned George Wickham. What a stroke was this for poor Jane! who would willingly have gone through the world without believing that so much **wickedness** existed in the whole race of **mankind**, as was here collected in one individual. Nor was Darcy's **vindication**, though grateful to her feelings, capable of consoling her for such discovery. Most earnestly did she labour to prove the probability of error, and seek to clear the one without involving the other.

"This will not do," said Elizabeth; "you never will be able to make both of them good for anything. Take your choice, but you must be satisfied with only one. There is but such a quantity of merit between them; just enough to make one good sort of man; and of late it has been shifting about pretty much. For my part, I am inclined to believe it all Darcy's; but you shall do as you choose."

It was some time, however, before a smile could be extorted from Jane.

"I do not know when I have been more shocked," said she. "Wickham so very bad! It is almost past belief. And poor Mr. Darcy! Dear Lizzy, only consider what he must have suffered. Such a disappointment! and with the knowledge of your ill opinion, too! and having to relate such a thing of his sister! It is really too distressing. I am sure you must feel it so."

"Oh! no, my regret and compassion are all done away by seeing you so full of both. I know you will do him such ample justice, that I am growing every moment more unconcerned and indifferent. Your **profusion** makes me saving; and if you lament over him much longer, my heart will be as light as a feather."

"Poor Wickham! there is such an expression of goodness in his countenance! such an openness and **gentleness** in his manner!"

"There certainly was some great **mismanagement** in the education of those two young men. One has got all the goodness, and the other all the appearance of it."

"I never thought Mr. Darcy so deficient in the *appearance* of it as you used to do."

Thesaurus

gentleness: (*adj, n*) kindness, courtesy, benignity, compassion; (*n*) kindliness, lenity, mildness, sweetness, softness, benevolence, mercy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) severity, harshness, fierceness, cruelty, ferocity, brusqueness, abruptness, rage, callousness, sharpness, roughness.

mankind: (*n*) world, humanity, humankind, human race, humans, person, flesh, mortality, people, human beings, humanness.

mismanagment: (*n*) maladministration, error, malpractice, miscarriage, management, misbehavior, delinquency, abuse, misdemeanor, misgovernment, bad behavior.

profusion: (*n*) opulence, abundance, prodigality, plenty, excess, cornucopia, plenitude, profuseness, copiousness, exuberance; (*adj*) amplitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) insufficiency, scarcity.

vindication: (*n*) defense, apology, excuse, defence, plea, alibi, acquittal, assertion, reason, exoneration, protection. ANTONYM: (*n*) accusation.

wickedness: (*n*) depravity, sin, sinfulness, iniquity, harm, ill, vice, evilness, corruption, immorality, crime. ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodness, kindness, piety, righteousness, benevolence, religiousness, obedience, good.

"And yet I meant to be uncommonly clever in taking so decided a dislike to him, without any reason. It is such a **spur** to one's genius, such an opening for wit, to have a dislike of that kind. One may be continually **abusive** without saying anything just; but one cannot always be laughing at a man without now and then **stumbling** on something witty."

"Lizzy, when you first read that letter, I am sure you could not treat the matter as you do now."

"Indeed, I could not. I was uncomfortable enough, I may say unhappy. And with no one to speak to about what I felt, no Jane to comfort me and say that I had not been so very weak and vain and nonsensical as I knew I had! Oh! how I wanted you!"

"How unfortunate that you should have used such very strong expressions in speaking of Wickham to Mr. Darcy, for now they *do* appear wholly undeserved."

"Certainly. But the misfortune of speaking with **bitterness** is a most natural consequence of the prejudices I had been encouraging. There is one point on which I want your advice. I want to be told whether I ought, or ought not, to make our acquaintances in general understand Wickham's character."

Miss Bennet paused a little, and then replied, "Surely there can be no occasion for exposing him so **dreadfully**. What is your opinion?"

"That it ought not to be attempted. Mr. Darcy has not authorised me to make his communication public. On the contrary, every particular relative to his sister was meant to be kept as much as possible to myself; and if I endeavour to **undeceive** people as to the rest of his conduct, who will believe me? The general prejudice against Mr. Darcy is so violent, that it would be the death of half the good people in Meryton to attempt to place him in an amiable light. I am not equal to it. Wickham will soon be gone; and therefore it will not signify to anyone here what he really is. Some time hence it will be all found out, and then we may laugh at their stupidity in not knowing it before. At present I will say nothing about it."

Thesaurus

abusive: (*adj*) scurrilous, insulting, offensive, foul, rude, insolent, opprobrious, slanderous, harsh, nasty; (*adj, v*) reproachful.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, polite, kind, flattering, complimentary, just, sweet, gentle, courteous, cordial, fair.

bitterness: (*n*) acerbity, animosity, gall, malice, resentment, enmity, acridity, acidity, bitter, rancor, sharpness. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) joy, happiness, harmony, kindness,

blandness, friendliness, goodwill, idealism, affection.

dreadfully: (*adj, adv*) frightfully, shockingly; (*adv*) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horribly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well.

spur: (*n*) inducement, incentive, impulse, stimulus; (*n, v*) prod, prick,

incite, prompt; (*v*) provoke, impel, animate. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) discouragement, disincentive, deterrent; (*v*) calm, delay, inhibit.

stumbling: (*adj*) lurching, astounding, hesitant, halting, awkward, astonishing, maladroit, clumsy, weaving; (*adv*) stumblingly; (*n*) hesitation. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) firm.

undeceive: (*v*) unbeguile, unbefool, disabuse, inform.

"You are quite right. To have his errors made public might ruin him for ever. He is now, perhaps, sorry for what he has done, and anxious to re-establish a character. We must not make him desperate."

The tumult of Elizabeth's mind was allayed by this conversation. She had got rid of two of the secrets which had weighed on her for a fortnight, and was certain of a willing listener in Jane, whenever she might wish to talk again of either. But there was still something lurking behind, of which prudence forbade the disclosure. She dared not relate the other half of Mr. Darcy's letter, nor explain to her sister how sincerely she had been valued by her friend. Here was knowledge in which no one could partake; and she was sensible that nothing less than a perfect understanding between the parties could justify her in throwing off this last encumbrance of mystery. "And then," said she, "if that very improbable event should ever take place, I shall merely be able to tell what Bingley may tell in a much more agreeable manner himself. The liberty of communication cannot be mine till it has lost all its value!"

She was now, on being settled at home, at leisure to observe the real state of her sister's spirits. Jane was not happy. She still cherished a very tender affection for Bingley. Having never even fancied herself in love before, her regard had all the warmth of first attachment, and, from her age and disposition, greater steadiness than most first attachments often boast; and so fervently did she value his remembrance, and prefer him to every other man, that all her good sense, and all her attention to the feelings of her friends, were requisite to check the indulgence of those regrets which must have been injurious to her own health and their tranquillity.

"Well, Lizzy," said Mrs. Bennet one day, "what is your opinion *now* of this sad business of Jane's? For my part, I am determined never to speak of it again to anybody. I told my sister Phillips so the other day. But I cannot find out that Jane saw anything of him in London. Well, he is a very undeserving young man--and I do not suppose there's the least chance in the world of her ever getting him now. There is no talk of his coming to Netherfield again in the summer; and I have inquired of everybody, too, who is likely to know."

Thesaurus

allayed: (*adj*) quenched, slaked.

attachments: (*n*) equipment.

encumbrance: (*n*) check, hindrance, load, burden, barrier, impediment, tie, obstacle, imposition, charge, onus.

forbade: (*v*) prohibit, to prohibit.

injurious: (*adj*) evil, harmful, hurtful, destructive, bad, disadvantageous, detrimental, adverse, deleterious, inimical, damaging. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healing, favorable, healthy,

helpful, advantageous, beneficial.

partake: (*v*) deal, touch, share, consume, attend, eat, taste, receive, communicate, join, have.

ANTONYM: (*v*) refrain.

re-establish: (*v*) restore, reconstruct,

renew, regenerate, reestablish, return.

remembrance: (*n, v*) recollection, mind; (*n*) commemoration, memorial, recall, relic, monument, keepsake, reminiscence, recognition; (*adj, n*) memento.

steadiness: (*adj, n*) stability, firmness, steadfastness; (*n*) regularity, equilibrium, consistency, resolution, permanence, persistence, sureness; (*adj*) stableness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unsteadiness, instability, unreliability.

undeserving: (*adj*) disgraceful, worthless, unworthy of, degrading, imbecilic, indigent, mean, not worthy, unbecoming, undeserving of. ANTONYM: (*adj*) deserving.

"I do not believe he will ever live at Netherfield any more."

"Oh well! it is just as he chooses. Nobody wants him to come. Though I shall always say he used my daughter extremely ill; and if I was her, I would not have put up with it. Well, my comfort is, I am sure Jane will die of a broken heart; and then he will be sorry for what he has done."

But as Elizabeth could not receive comfort from any such **expectation**, she made no answer.

"Well, Lizzy," continued her mother, soon afterwards, "and so the Collinses live very comfortable, do they? Well, well, I only hope it will last. And what sort of table do they keep? Charlotte is an excellent manager, I **dare** say. If she is half as sharp as her mother, she is saving enough. There is nothing **extravagant** in *their* housekeeping, I dare say."

"No, nothing at all."

"A great deal of good management, depend upon it. Yes, yes. *They* will take care not to **outrun** their income. *They* will never be distressed for money. Well, much good may it do them! And so, I suppose, they often talk of having Longbourn when your father is dead. They look upon it as quite their own, I dare say, whenever that happens."

"It was a subject which they could not mention before me."

"No; it would have been strange if they had; but I make no doubt they often talk of it between themselves. Well, if they can be easy with an estate that is not **lawfully** their own, so much the better. I should be **ashamed** of having one that was only entailed on me."

Thesaurus

ashamed: (*adj*) hangdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (*v*) dashed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased, blatant, bold, happy, unabashed, unrepentant.

dare: (*n, v*) venture; (*v*) defy, brave, hazard, confront, risk, resist, make bold; (*n*) adventure, daring, defiance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) avoid, flee, pass,

refrain, retreat, obey. **expectation:** (*n*) expectancy, belief, hope, possibility, outlook, trust, confidence, arithmetic mean, thought, suspense; (*n, v*) prospect. ANTONYMS: (*n*) despair, hopelessness, discouragement, distrust.

extravagant: (*adj*) wasteful, luxurious, prodigal, exaggerated, profligate, costly, expensive, lavish, immoderate, profuse, undue.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) restrained, frugal, parsimonious, plain, stingy, understated, thrifty, reasonable, moderate, cautious, tasteful.

lawfully: (*adv*) justly, legally, rightfully, licitly, statutorily, fairly, validly, *de jure*, officially, rightly, truly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unlawfully, illegitimately.

outrun: (*v*) surpass, outdo, exceed, outride, outstep, outleap, outjump, outgo, outdistance, beat, distance.

CHAPTER 41

The first week of their return was soon gone. The second began. It was the last of the regiment's stay in Meryton, and all the young ladies in the neighbourhood were **drooping apace**. The dejection was almost **universal**. The elder Miss Bennets alone were still able to eat, drink, and sleep, and **pursue** the usual course of their employments. Very frequently were they reproached for this insensibility by Kitty and Lydia, whose own **misery** was extreme, and who could not comprehend such hard-heartedness in any of the family.

"Good Heaven! what is to become of us? What are we to do?" would they often exclaiming the bitterness of woe. "How can you be smiling so, Lizzy?"

Their affectionate mother shared all their **grief**; she remembered what she had herself endured on a similar occasion, five-and-twenty years ago.

"I am sure," said she, "I cried for two days together when Colonel Miller's regiment went away. I thought I should have broken my heart."

"I am sure I shall break *mine*," said Lydia.

"If one could but go to Brighton!" observed Mrs. Bennet.

"Oh, yes!--if one could but go to Brighton! But papa is so disagreeable."

"A little sea-bathing would set me up forever."

Thesaurus

apace: (*adj., adv*) speedily, quickly; (*adv*) fast, rapidly, hastily, soon, promptly; (*adj*) forthwith, immediately, incontinently, shortly. **ANTONYM:** (*adv*) slowly.
drooping: (*adj*) flabby, pendulous, limp, flaccid, cernuous, flagging, languid, floppy, lax, tired; (*v*) droop. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) taut, firm.
grief: (*adj., n, v*) affliction; (*n*) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (*n, v*)

regret; (*adj*) sore. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace.

misery: (*adj., n*) grief; (*n, v*) distress; (*n*) affliction, agony, anguish, woe, hardship, evil, ill, infelicity, suffering. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) joy, ecstasy, cheerfulness, fun, hopefulness, peace, contentment, pleasure, wealth, sport, cheer.

pursue: (*v*) follow, dog, prosecute, hunt, course, tail, stalk, persist,

hound, haunt, go after. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) shun, eschew, avoid, discourage, lead, precede, find.

universal: (*adj*) general, global, ecumenical, international, common, worldwide, public, ubiquitous, comprehensive, widespread, ecumenical. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) local, specific, idiosyncratic, confined, isolated, narrow, rare.

"And my aunt Phillips is sure it would do *me* a great deal of good," added Kitty.

Such were the kind of lamentations **resounding** perpetually through Longbourn House. Elizabeth tried to be diverted by them; but all sense of pleasure was lost in shame. She felt anew the justice of Mr. Darcy's objections; and never had she been so much disposed to pardon his interference in the views of his friend.

But the gloom of Lydia's prospect was shortly cleared away; for she received an invitation from Mrs. Forster, the wife of the colonel of the regiment, to accompany her to Brighton. This invaluable friend was a very young woman, and very lately married. A resemblance in good humour and good spirits had recommended her and Lydia to each other, and out of their *three* months' acquaintance they had been intimate *two*.

The **rapture** of Lydia on this occasion, her **adoration** of Mrs. Forster, the delight of Mrs. Bennet, and the mortification of Kitty, are scarcely to be **described**. Wholly inattentive to her sister's feelings, Lydia flew about the house in restless ecstasy, calling for everyone's congratulations, and laughing and talking with more violence than ever; whilst the **luckless** Kitty continued in the parlour repined at her fate in terms as unreasonable as her accent was peevish.

"I cannot see why Mrs. Forster should not ask *me* as well as Lydia," said she, "Though I am *not* her particular friend. I have just as much right to be asked as she has, and more too, for I am two years older."

In vain did Elizabeth attempt to make her reasonable, and Jane to make her resigned. As for Elizabeth herself, this invitation was so far from exciting in her the same feelings as in her mother and Lydia, that she considered it as the death warrant of all possibility of common sense for the latter; and **detestable** as such a step must make her were it known, she could not help secretly advising her father not to let her go. She represented to him all the improprieties of Lydia's general behaviour, the little advantage she could derive from the friendship of such a woman as Mrs. Forster, and the probability of her being yet more

Thesaurus

adoration: (*n*) admiration, adulation, cult, appreciation, reverence, glorification, idolization, homage, praise; (*adj, n*) devotion, passion.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) hatred, detestation, despising, disparagement, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, disdain.
described: (*adj*) delineate, detailed, delineated, alleged.
detestable: (*adj*) hateful, abhorrent, damnable, odious, offensive, despicable, execrable, horrible,

infamous; (*adj, v*) cursed; (*adj, adv*) atrocious. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) admirable, adorable, sweet, loveable, lovable, likable, delightful, cherished, honorable, desirable, nice.
luckless: (*adj*) unlucky, unfortunate, doomed, unhappy, untoward, fortuneless, ill-fated, disastrous, unsuccessful, infelicitous, wretched. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) fortunate, successful.
rapture: (*n*) joy, bliss, delight,

happiness, exaltation, elation, exultation, enchantment; (*adj, n*) enthusiasm; (*n, v*) transport; (*adj, n, v*) passion. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) indifference, boredom, misery, gloom, agony, hell, despair.
resounding: (*adj*) booming, ringing, reverberating, loud, rolling, vibrant, emphatic, resonating, reverberant; (*v*) resound; (*adv*) resoundingly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) qualified, marginal.

imprudent with such a companion at Brighton, where the temptations must be greater than at home. He heard her attentively, and then said:

"Lydia will never be easy until she has exposed herself in some public place or other, and we can never expect her to do it with so little expense or inconvenience to her family as under the present circumstances."

"If you were aware," said Elizabeth, "of the very great disadvantage to us all which must arise from the public notice of Lydia's unguarded and imprudent manner--nay, which has already **arisen** from it, I am sure you would judge differently in the affair."

"Already arisen?" repeated Mr. Bennet. "What, has she frightened away some of your lovers? Poor little Lizzy! But do not be cast down. Such **squeamish** youths as cannot bear to be connected with a little absurdity are not worth a regret. Come, let me see the list of **pitiful** fellows who have been kept **aloof** by Lydia's folly."

"Indeed you are mistaken. I have no such injuries to resent. It is not of particular, but of general evils, which I am now complaining. Our importance, our respectability in the world must be affected by the wild volatility, the assurance and disdain of all restraint which mark Lydia's character. Excuse me, for I must speak plainly. If you, my dear father, will not take the trouble of checking her **exuberant** spirits, and of teaching her that her present **pursuits** are not to be the business of her life, she will soon be beyond the reach of amendment. Her character will be fixed, and she will, at sixteen, be the most determined flirt that ever made herself or her family ridiculous; a flirt, too, in the worst and **meanest** degree of **flirtation**; without any attraction beyond youth and a tolerable person; and, from the ignorance and emptiness of her mind, wholly unable to ward off any portion of that universal contempt which her rage for admiration will excite. In this danger Kitty also is **comprehended**. She will follow wherever Lydia leads. Vain, ignorant, idle, and absolutely uncontrolled! Oh! my dear father, can you suppose it possible that they will not be **censured** and despised wherever they are known, and that their sisters will not be often involved in the disgrace?"

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aloof: (*adj*) distant, reserved, cool, standoffish, unconcerned, indifferent, unfriendly, frigid, arrogant, cold; (*adv*) afar. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) friendly, involved, approachable, sociable, outgoing, open, enthusiastic, relaxed, communicative, affable, respectful.

arisen: (*adj*) risen.

censured: (*adj*) guilty, appropriated.

comprehended: (*adj*) understood,

apprehended.

exuberant: (*adj*) abundant, ample, opulent, ebullient, excessive, extravagant, profuse, bountiful, prolific, generous, hearty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) depressed, blue, unenthusiastic, scarce, needing, lacking, dispirited, insufficient, down, unexcited, lethargic.

flirtation: (*n*) flirt, coquetry, flirting, romp, trifling, tease, play, frolic, gambol, amour, gallantry.

meanest: (*adj*) last, least.

pitiful: (*adj, n*) abject; (*adj*) pathetic, lamentable, piteous, contemptible, miserable, distressing, mean, wretched, poor, sad. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) generous, heartwarming, admirable, cheerful, fine, happy, impressive.

pursuits: (*n*) diversion, duties.

squeamish: (*adj*) fastidious, finicky, delicate, queasy, dainty, prudish, prissy, finical, difficult, touchy, overnice.

Mr. Bennet saw that her whole heart was in the subject, and affectionately taking her hand said in reply:

"Do not make yourself uneasy, my love. Wherever you and Jane are known you must be respected and valued; and you will not appear to less advantage for having a couple of--or I may say, three--very silly sisters. We shall have no peace at Longbourn if Lydia does not go to Brighton. Let her go, then. Colonel Forster is a sensible man, and will keep her out of any real mischief; and she is luckily too poor to be an object of prey to anybody. At Brighton she will be of less importance even as a common flirt than she has been here. The officers will find women better worth their notice. Let us hope, therefore, that her being there may teach her her own insignificance. At any rate, she cannot grow many degrees worse, without **authorising** us to lock her up for the rest of her life."

With this answer Elizabeth was forced to be content; but her own opinion continued the same, and she left him disappointed and sorry. It was not in her nature, however, to increase her vexations by dwelling on them. She was confident of having performed her duty, and to fret over unavoidable evils, or **augment** them by anxiety, was no part of her disposition.

Had Lydia and her mother known the substance of her conference with her father, their indignation would hardly have found expression in their united **volutability**. In Lydia's imagination, a visit to Brighton comprised every possibility of **earthly** happiness. She saw, with the creative eye of fancy, the streets of that gay bathing-place covered with officers. She saw herself the object of attention, to tens and to scores of them at present unknown. She saw all the glories of the camp--its tents stretched forth in **beauteous** uniformity of lines, crowded with the young and the gay, and **dazzling** with scarlet; and, to complete the view, she saw herself seated beneath a tent, **tenderly** flirting with at least six officers at once.

Had she known her sister sought to tear her from such prospects and such realities as these, what would have been her sensations? They could have been understood only by her mother, who might have felt nearly the same. Lydia's

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augment: (v) amplify, add, enhance, enlarge, aggrandize, reinforce, boost, expand, improve, intensify; (n, v) accrue. ANTONYMS: (v) reduce, decrease, attenuate, degrade, drop, diminish, undermine, minimize, lower.

authorising: (v) authorise, approve. **beauteous:** (adj) pretty, lovely, fair, comely, good-looking, handsome, stunning.

dazzling: (adj) brilliant, blinding,

splendid, glaring, vivid, stunning, dazzlingly, striking, sparkling, fulgent, resplendent. ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, ugly, uninspired, unremarkable, unexceptional, gradual, abysmal, humdrum, dark. **earthly:** (adj, n) terrestrial; (adj) carnal, worldly, conceivable, human, geotic, secular, terrene, temporal, telluric, sublunary. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, divine, ethereal, immortal, impossible, improbable,

inconceivable, celestial. **tenderly:** (adv) softly, kindly, delicately, affectionately, fondly, warmly, painfully, sensitively, caringly, sympathetically, gently. ANTONYMS: (adv) roughly, severely, disapprovingly, harshly. **volutability:** (adj, n) fluency; (n) eloquence, articulateness, gab, gift of gab, smoothness, communicativeness, readiness; (adj) flippancy.

going to Brighton was all that consoled her for her melancholy conviction of her husband's never intending to go there himself.

But they were entirely **ignorant** of what had passed; and their raptures continued, with little intermission, to the very day of Lydia's leaving home.

Elizabeth was now to see Mr. Wickham for the last time. Having been frequently in company with him since her return, agitation was pretty well over; the agitations of formal partiality entirely so. She had even learnt to detect, in the very gentleness which had first delighted her, an affectation and a **sameness** to disgust and weary. In his present behaviour to herself, moreover, she had a fresh source of displeasure, for the inclination he soon testified of **renewing** those intentions which had marked the early part of their acquaintance could only serve, after what had since passed, to **provoke** her. She lost all concern for him in finding herself thus selected as the object of such idle and **frivolous** gallantry; and while she steadily repressed it, could not but feel the **reproof** contained in his believing, that however long, and for whatever cause, his attentions had been withdrawn, her vanity would be gratified, and her preference secured at any time by their renewal.

On the very last day of the regiment's remaining at Meryton, he dined, with other of the officers, at Longbourn; and so little was Elizabeth disposed to part from him in good humour, that on his making some inquiry as to the manner in which her time had passed at Hunsford, she mentioned Colonel Fitzwilliam's and Mr. Darcy's having both spent three weeks at Rosings, and asked him, if he was acquainted with the former.

He looked surprised, displeased, alarmed; but with a moment's recollection and a returning smile, replied, that he had formerly seen him often; and, after observing that he was a very gentlemanlike man, asked her how she had liked him. Her answer was warmly in his favour. With an air of indifference he soon afterwards added:

"How long did you say he was at Rosings?"

"Nearly three weeks."

frivolous: (*adj*) empty, foolish, dizzy, petty, idle, light, flighty, unimportant, flippant, trivial, superficial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) important, solemn, worthwhile, vital, weighty, staid, significant, sensible, responsible, crucial, heavy.
ignorant: (*adj*) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conscious, versed, cultured,

educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite.
provoke: (*n, v*) excite; (*v*) defy, offend, enrage, anger, irritate, arouse, kindle, inflame, invite, get. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please, soothe, mollify, deter, inhibit, dampen, arbitrate, allay, defuse, discourage, douse.
renewing: (*adj*) renewal, restorative, reviving, recuperative, promoting recuperation, grateful, revitalising, revitalizing.

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reproof: (*n, v*) reprimand, censure, rebuke, lecture; (*n*) reproach, admonition, reprehension, blame, condemnation, objurgation, castigation.
sameness: (*n*) equality, resemblance, monotony, similarity, identicalness, parity, unvariedness, oneness, likeness, dullness, tedium.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) variety, variation, uniqueness, inconsistency, contrast, variability.

"And you saw him frequently?"

"Yes, almost every day."

"His manners are very different from his cousin's."

"Yes, very different. But I think Mr. Darcy improves upon acquaintance."

"Indeed!" cried Mr. Wickham with a look which did not escape her. "And pray, may I ask?—" But checking himself, he added, in a gayer tone, "Is it in address that he improves? Has he deigned to add **aught** of civility to his ordinary style?—for I dare not hope," he continued in a lower and more serious tone, "that he is improved in **essentials**."

"Oh, no!" said Elizabeth. "In essentials, I believe, he is very much what he ever was."

While she spoke, Wickham looked as if scarcely knowing whether to rejoice over her words, or to distrust their meaning. There was a something in her countenance which made him **listen** with an **apprehensive** and anxious attention, while she added:

"When I said that he improved on acquaintance, I did not mean that his mind or his manners were in a state of improvement, but that, from knowing him better, his disposition was better understood."

Wickham's alarm now appeared in a heightened complexion and agitated look; for a few minutes he was silent, till, shaking off his embarrassment, he turned to her again, and said in the gentlest of accents:

"You, who so well know my feeling towards Mr. Darcy, will readily comprehend how sincerely I must rejoice that he is wise enough to assume even the *appearance* of what is right. His pride, in that direction, may be of service, if not to himself, to many others, for it must only **deter** him from such foul **mischief** as I have suffered by. I only fear that the sort of **cautiousness** to which you, I imagine, have been alluding, is merely adopted on his visits to his aunt, of whose good opinion and judgement he stands much in awe. His fear of her has always **operated**, I know, when they were together; and a good deal is to

Thesaurus

apprehensive: (*adj*) anxious, fearful, uneasy, alarmed, worried, timid, doubtful, shy, insecure, jealous; (*adj, n*) nervous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) assured, unworried, calm, unafraid, cocksure, trusting, serene, unconcerned, fearless, carefree, brave.

aught: (*n*) nil, zero, anything, ought, cypher, nix, cipher, naught, null, zip, (*adj*) any.

cautiousness: (*n*) caution, care,

wariness, attentiveness, chariness, deliberation, discreetness, precaution, circumspection, discretion, forethought. ANTONYM: (*n*) incaution.

deter: (*v*) dissuade, bar, check, keep, block, hinder, impede, discourage; (*n, v*) cow, intimidate, abash.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) persuade, speed, facilitate, promote, support, stimulate, yield, attract.

essentials: (*n*) basics, rudiments,

details, facts, information, introduction, necessities, particulars, the whole story, brass tacks, specifics.

listen: (*v*) hear, heed, hearken, attend, harken, list, listening, eavesdrop, mind, concentrate, pay attention.

mischief: (*n*) misdeed, crime, wrongdoing, wrong, fault, misdemeanor, malpractice; (*adj, v*) mismanage; (*v*) mishandle, misbehave; (*n, v*) sin.

operated: (*adj*) driven.

be imputed to his wish of **forwarding** the match with Miss de Bourgh, which I am certain he has very much at heart."

Elizabeth could not **repress** a smile at this, but she answered only by a slight inclination of the head. She saw that he wanted to engage her on the old subject of his grievances, and she was in no humour to indulge him. The rest of the evening passed with the *appearance*, on his side, of usual cheerfulness, but with no further attempt to distinguish Elizabeth; and they parted at last with mutual civility, and possibly a mutual desire of never meeting again.

When the party broke up, Lydia returned with Mrs. Forster to Meryton, from **whence** they were to set out early the next morning. The separation between her and her family was rather noisy than pathetic. Kitty was the only one who shed tears; but she did **weep** from vexation and **envy**. Mrs. Bennet was **diffuse** in her good wishes for the felicity of her daughter, and impressive in her injunctions that she should not miss the opportunity of enjoying herself as much as possible--advice which there was every reason to believe would be well attended to; and in the **clamorous** happiness of Lydia herself in **bidding** farewell, the more gentle adieus of her sisters were uttered without being heard.

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bidding: (*n*) behest, order, dictate, charge, bid, request, call, dictation, direction, fiat; (*adj*) imperative.

clamorous: (*adj*) noisy, blatant, loud, boisterous, insistent, exigent, urgent, obstreperous, strident; (*adj, v*) clamant, importunate. ANTONYM: (*adj*) tranquil.

diffuse: (*v*) spread, circulate, disperse, broadcast, scatter, propagate, shed, expand, distribute, permeate; (*adj*) prolix. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

concentrated, abridged, pithy, succinct, terse, short, abbreviated, brief, confined, focused, limited.

envy: (*v*) begrudge, want; (*n*) enviousness, desire, heartburning, resentment, envies, heartburn, jealousy, hatred; (*adj*) jealous. ANTONYM: (*n*) generosity.

forwarding: (*n*) promotion, dispatch, consignment, progress, transportation, forward, despatch, shipment, mailing, transfer, shipping.

repress: (*v*) inhibit, crush, quash, control, suppress, put down, bridle, keep down, subdue, restrain, reduce. ANTONYMS: (*v*) declare, liberate, incite.

weep: (*v*) wail, bawl, lament, sob, blubber, moan, howl, drip, greet, whimper; (*n*) tear.

whence: (*adv*) wherefrom, hence, because, for, why, wherefore, how, then, then thence so, how comes it, how happens it.

CHAPTER 42

Had Elizabeth's opinion been all drawn from her own family, she could not have formed a very pleasing opinion of **conjugal** felicity or domestic comfort. Her father, **captivated** by youth and beauty, and that appearance of good humour which youth and beauty generally give, had married a woman whose weak understanding and **illiberal** mind had very early in their marriage put an end to all real affection for her. Respect, esteem, and confidence had **vanished** for ever; and all his views of domestic happiness were **overthrown**. But Mr. Bennet was not of a disposition to seek comfort for the disappointment which his own imprudence had brought on, in any of those pleasures which too often console the unfortunate for their folly of their vice. He was fond of the country and of books; and from these tastes had arisen his principal enjoyments. To his wife he was very little otherwise indebted, than as her ignorance and folly had **contributed** to his amusement. This is not the sort of happiness which a man would in general wish to owe to his wife; but where other powers of entertainment are wanting, the true **philosopher** will derive benefit from such as are given.

Elizabeth, however, had never been blind to the impropriety of her father's behaviour as a husband. She had always seen it with pain; but respecting his abilities, and grateful for his affectionate treatment of herself, she endeavoured to forget what she could not **overlook**, and to banish from her thoughts that

Thesaurus

captivated: (*adj*) spellbound, charmed, enchanted, absorbed, enthralled, engrossed, rapt, enamored, delighted, beguiled, infatuated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unenthusiastic, bored.

conjugal: (*adj, v*) marital; (*adj*) connubial, nuptial, bridal, married, wedded, spousal, marriage, wedding, house, familial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unmarried, single, public, divorced.

contributed: (*adj*) collatitious, unpaid.

illiberal: (*adj*) close, churlish, covetous, intolerant, insular, bigoted, avaricious, small, mean, miserly; (*adj, v*) sordid. ANTONYM: (*adj*) generous.

overlook: (*v*) disregard, excuse, omit, ignore, forget, fail, command, dominate, oversee, control, miss. ANTONYMS: (*v*) remember, notice, spot, acknowledge, see, accept, punish.

overthrown: (*adj*) overcome,

conquered, battered, overpowered, dejected, cast down, dissolute, doomed, flooded, discomfit, mat.

philosopher: (*n*) thinker, bacon, libertarian, gymnosophist, empiricist, necessitarian, moralist, theorist, wisdom, pundit, mechanist.

vanished: (*adj, v*) extinct, lost; (*adj*) disappeared, departed, missing, died out, absent, dead, wiped out, bygone; (*v*) exhausted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) found, living.

continual breach of conjugal obligation and decorum which, in exposing his wife to the contempt of her own children, was so highly reprehensible. But she had never felt so strongly as now the disadvantages which must attend the children of so unsuitable a marriage, nor ever been so fully aware of the evils arising from so ill-judged a direction of talents; talents, which, rightly used, might at least have preserved the respectability of his daughters, even if incapable of **enlarging** the mind of his wife.

When Elizabeth had rejoiced over Wickham's departure she found little other cause for satisfaction in the loss of the regiment. Their parties abroad were less varied than before, and at home she had a mother and sister whose constant repinings at the **dullness** of everything around them threw a real gloom over their domestic circle; and, though Kitty might in time **regain** her natural degree of sense, since the disturbers of her brain were removed, her other sister, from whose disposition greater evil might be **apprehended**, was likely to be hardened in all her folly and assurance by a situation of such double danger as a watering-place and a camp. Upon the whole, therefore, she found, what has been sometimes been found before, that an event to which she had been looking with impatient desire did not, in taking place, bring all the satisfaction she had promised herself. It was consequently necessary to name some other period for the **commencement** of actual felicity--to have some other point on which her wishes and hopes might be fixed, and by again enjoying the pleasure of anticipation, console herself for the present, and prepare for another disappointment. Her tour to the Lakes was now the object of her happiest thoughts; it was her best consolation for all the uncomfortable hours which the **discontentedness** of her mother and Kitty made inevitable; and could she have included Jane in the scheme, every part of it would have been perfect.

"But it is fortunate," thought she, "that I have something to wish for. Were the whole arrangement complete, my disappointment would be certain. But here, by carrying with me one **ceaseless** source of regret in my sister's absence, I may reasonably hope to have all my expectations of pleasure realised. A scheme of which every part promises delight can never be successful; and general

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apprehended: (*adj*) arrested, seized, understood, under arrest, in custody, detained, appreciated, comprehended.

ceaseless: (*adj*) eternal, uninterrupted, constant, perpetual, everlasting, endless, continuous, unremitting, continual, unending, nonstop. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intermittent, temporary, sporadic, completed, restricted, limited, fleeting, finished, concluded, ending, inconstant.

commencement: (*n*) opening, start, origin, birth, kickoff, inauguration, inception, onset, outset, origination, source. ANTONYMS: (*n*) middle, termination, finishing, finish, ending, conclusion, culmination.

discontentedness: (*n*) discontentment, dissatisfaction, dysphoria.

dullness: (*n*) apathy, bluntness, boredom, dreariness, flatness, tedium, obtuseness, torpor, monotony, lethargy; (*adj, n*) phlegm.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) brightness, intensity, brilliance, excitement, intelligence, shine, asperity, animation, gloss, clarity, variation.

enlarging: (*adj*) growing, augmenting, increscent, expanding; (*n*) amplification, addition.

ill-judged: (*adj*) imprudent, impolitic, injudicious, incautious.

regain: (*v*) retrieve, recoup, recuperate, reclaim, recapture, redeem, get, discover, feel, recall, get back.

disappointment is only warded off by the defence of some little peculiar vexation."

When Lydia went away she promised to write very often and very minutely to her mother and Kitty; but her letters were always long expected, and always very short. Those to her mother contained little else than that they were just returned from the library, where such and such officers had attended them, and where she had seen such beautiful ornaments as made her quite wild; that she had a new gown, or a new **parasol**, which she would have described more fully, but was obliged to leave off in a violent hurry, as Mrs. Forster called her, and they were going off to the camp; and from her correspondence with her sister, there was still less to be learnt--for her letters to Kitty, though rather longer, were much too full of lines under the words to be made public.

After the first fortnight or three weeks of her absence, health, good humour, and cheerfulness began to **reappear** at Longbourn. Everything wore a happier aspect. The families who had been in town for the winter came back again, and summer finery and summer engagements arose. Mrs. Bennet was restored to her usual **querulous** serenity; and, by the middle of June, Kitty was so much recovered as to be able to enter Meryton without tears; an event of such happy promise as to make Elizabeth hope that by the following Christmas she might be so tolerably reasonable as not to mention an officer above once a day, unless, by some **cruel** and malicious arrangement at the War Office, another regiment should be **quartered** in Meryton.

The time fixed for the beginning of their northern tour was now fast approaching, and a fortnight only was wanting of it, when a letter arrived from Mrs. Gardiner, which at once delayed its commencement and **curtailed** its extent. Mr. Gardiner would be prevented by business from setting out till a fortnight later in July, and must be in London again within a month, and as that left too short a period for them to go so far, and see so much as they had proposed, or at least to see it with the leisure and comfort they had built on, they were obliged to give up the Lakes, and **substitute** a more **contracted** tour, and, according to the present plan, were to go no farther **northwards** than Derbyshire. In that county

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contracted: (*adj*) insular, contract, constricted, tight, bound, close, narrow-minded, confined, brief; (*v*) shrunk; (*adj, v*) selfish. ANTONYM: (*adj*) expanded.

cruel: (*adj, v*) hard, harsh, sharp, severe; (*adj*) barbarous, unkind, brutal, bloody, bitter, savage, atrocious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) merciful, gentle, sympathetic, humane, liberal, compassionate, charitable, friendly, caring,

considerate, libertarian.
curtailed: (*adj*) shortened, short, truncated, condensed, cut, reduced, imperfect, tail, scrimp, unfinished, lower.
northwards: (*adv*) northward, northerly, north, in the north, to the north.

parasol: (*n*) sunshade, canopy, awning, umbrella, marquee, beach umbrella, shade, cover, tilt, tent.
quartered: (*n*) quartering, quarters.

querulous: (*adj*) petulant, irritable, fretful, discontented, tetchy, complaining, fractious, touchy, cross, grumpy, grouchy.

reappear: (*v*) recur, come back, appear, repeat, be restored, get back, happen again, haunt, persist, revert, resume. ANTONYM: (*v*) disappear.

substitute: (*n*) deputy, backup, delegate; (*n, v*) alternate, shift, surrogate; (*adj, n*) alternative, makeshift; (*v*) change, replace, fill in.

there was enough to be seen to occupy the chief of their three weeks; and to Mrs. Gardiner it had a **peculiarly** strong attraction. The town where she had formerly passed some years of her life, and where they were now to spend a few days, was probably as great an object of her curiosity as all the celebrated beauties of Matlock, Chatsworth, Dovedale, or the Peak.

Elizabeth was excessively disappointed; she had set her heart on seeing the Lakes, and still thought there might have been time enough. But it was her business to be satisfied--and certainly her temper to be happy; and all was soon right again.

With the mention of Derbyshire there were many ideas connected. It was impossible for her to see the word without thinking of Pemberley and its owner. "But surely," said she, "I may enter his county without **impunity**, and rob it of a few **petrified** spars without his perceiving me."

The period of expectation was now **doubled**. Four weeks were to pass away before her uncle and aunt's arrival. But they did pass away, and Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, with their four children, did at length appear at Longbourn. The children, two girls of six and eight years old, and two younger boys, were to be left under the particular care of their cousin Jane, who was the general favourite, and whose steady sense and sweetness of temper exactly **adapted** her for attending to them in every way--teaching them, playing with them, and **loving** them.

The Gardiners stayed only one night at Longbourn, and set off the next morning with Elizabeth in pursuit of novelty and **amusement**. One enjoyment was certain--that of suitableness of companions; a suitableness which comprehended health and temper to bear inconveniences--cheerfulness to enhance every pleasure--and affection and intelligence, which might supply it among themselves if there were disappointments abroad.

It is not the object of this work to give a description of Derbyshire, nor of any of the remarkable places through which their route thither lay; Oxford, Blenheim, Warwick, Kenilworth, Birmingham, etc. are sufficiently known. A small part of Derbyshire is all the present concern. To the little town of Lambton, the scene of

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adapted: (*adj*) altered, fit, agreeable, conformable, fitted, appropriate, prepared, tailored, modified; (*adj, v*) convenient, proper. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unaccustomed.

amusement: (*n*) pleasure, recreation, entertainment, distraction, diversion, sport, pastime, laughter, enjoyment, joy, hobby. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, boredom, work, tedium, business, despondency, discomfort, displeasure.

doubled: (*adj*) twofold, multiple, doubles, folded, repeated, dual, bivalent, reduplicate.

impunity: (*n*) impune, come off, freedom, immunity, permission, forgiveness. ANTONYM: (*n*) liability.

loving: (*adj*) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (*adj, v*) tender. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant,

disapproving, callous.

peculiarly: (*adj, adv*) particularly, curiously, unusually, uncommonly, singularly; (*adv*) especially, oddly, strangely, specifically, weirdly, specially. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) typically, ordinarily, slightly.

petrified: (*adj*) mineralized, motionless, frightened, scared, numb, stiff, harder, firm, mineral, like a statue, lacking sensation. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mobile, fearless.

Mrs. Gardiner's former residence, and where she had lately learned some acquaintance still remained, they bent their steps, after having seen all the principal wonders of the country; and within five miles of Lambton, Elizabeth found from her aunt that Pemberley was situated. It was not in their direct road, nor more than a mile or two out of it. In talking over their route the evening before, Mrs. Gardiner expressed an inclination to see the place again. Mr. Gardiner declared his willingness, and Elizabeth was applied to for her approbation.

"My love, should not you like to see a place of which you have heard so much?" said her aunt; "a place, too, with which so many of your acquaintances are connected. Wickham passed all his youth there, you know."

Elizabeth was distressed. She felt that she had no business at Pemberley, and was obliged to assume a disinclination for seeing it. She must own that she was tired of seeing great houses; after going over so many, she really had no pleasure in fine carpets or satin curtains.

Mrs. Gardiner abused her stupidity. "If it were merely a fine house **richly** furnished," said she, "I should not care about it myself; but the grounds are delightful. They have some of the finest woods in the country."

Elizabeth said no more--but her mind could not **acquiesce**. The possibility of meeting Mr. Darcy, while viewing the place, instantly occurred. It would be dreadful! She blushed at the very idea, and thought it would be better to speak openly to her aunt than to run such a risk. But against this there were objections; and she finally resolved that it could be the last resource, if her private inquiries to the absence of the family were **unfavourably** answered.

Accordingly, when she retired at night, she asked the **chambermaid** whether Pemberley were not a very fine place? what was the name of its **proprietor**? and, with no little alarm, whether the family were down for the summer? A most welcome negative followed the last question--and her alarms now being removed, she was at leisure to feel a great deal of curiosity to see the house herself; and when the subject was **revived** the next morning, and she was again applied to, could readily answer, and with a proper air of **indifference**, that she

Thesaurus

acquiesce: (v) assent, accept, agree, consent, acknowledge, yield, submit, concur, permit, surrender, defer.
ANTONYMS: (v) resist, disagree, dissent, protest, object, fight, challenge, rebuff.

chambermaid: (n) maid, fille de chambre, maidservant, housemaid, domestic, chamberer, carpetmonger.

indifference: (adj, n) coldness, phlegm; (n) detachment, impassiveness, disregard, aloofness,

nonchalance, neglect, unconcern, impassivity, disinterest.
ANTONYMS: (n) fervor, interest, eagerness, dedication, sympathy, favorite, compassion, anxiety, responsiveness, forcefulness, care.

proprietor: (n) possessor, manager, landlord, holder, host, keeper, master, employer, patron, proprietress, proprietary.

revived: (adj) fresh, refreshed, animated, revitalized, alive,

invigorated, new.

richly: (adv) wealthily, copiously, opulently, lavishly, abundantly, sumptuously, affluently, profusely, amply, plentifully, fully.

ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, poorly, simply, barely.

unfavourably: (adv) adversely, inconveniently, awkwardly, inappropriately, showing disapproval, inopportunistically.

ANTONYM: (adv) favorably.

had not **really** any **dislike** to the **scheme**. To Pemberley, **therefore**, they were to go.

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dislike: (*n*) disapproval, disaffection, antipathy, disdain, disfavor, revulsion; (*n, v*) hate, disinclination, aversion, distaste; (*v*) detest.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) liking, fondness, taste, attraction, enjoyment, preference, longing; (*v*) like, enjoy, approve, adore.

really: (*adj, adv*) honestly, genuinely, sincerely; (*adv*) absolutely, authentically, certainly, substantially, in reality, positively, truly,

essentially. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) hardly, falsely, doubtfully, somewhat, unremarkably, nominally.

scheme: (*n, v*) plot, design, intrigue, project; (*n*) contrivance, dodge, device, diagram, method; (*v*) devise, conspire.

therefore: (*adv*) thence, so, hence, accordingly, as a result, thus, for that reason; (*conj*) since, because, then, ergo.

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Elizabeth, as they drove along, watched for the first appearance of Pemberley Woods with some **perturbation**; and when at length they turned in at the lodge, her spirits were in a high flutter.

The park was very large, and contained great variety of ground. They entered it in one of its lowest points, and drove for some time through a beautiful wood stretching over a wide extent.

Elizabeth's mind was too full for conversation, but she saw and admired every remarkable spot and point of view. They gradually ascended for half-a-mile, and then found themselves at the top of a considerable **eminence**, where the wood ceased, and the eye was instantly caught by Pemberley House, situated on the opposite side of a valley, into which the road with some **abruptness** wound. It was a large, handsome stone building, standing well on rising ground, and **backed** by a ridge of high **woody** hills; and in front, a stream of some natural importance was **swelled** into greater, but without any artificial appearance. Its banks were neither formal nor **falsely** adorned. Elizabeth was delighted. She had never seen a place for which nature had done more, or where natural beauty had been so little counteracted by an awkward taste. They were all of them warm in their admiration; and at that moment she felt that to be mistress of Pemberley might be something!

Thesaurus

abruptness: (*n*) gradient, shortness, slope, brusqueness, curtess, steepness, haste, hurriedness, rudeness, brevity, hastiness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) gradualness, courtesy, friendliness, gentleness, pleasantness.

backed: (*adj*) upheld, support, backed up, coated, lined.

eminence: (*n*) distinction, elevation, altitude, celebrity, superiority, rank, excellence, fame, glory, prominence,

status. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) insignificance, cavity, depression, unimportance, dip, commonness, inferiority.

falsely: (*adv*) incorrectly, fraudulently, deceptively, dishonestly, wrongly, erroneously, misleadingly, deceitfully, unfaithfully, spuriously, fictitiously. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) honestly, truthfully, faithfully, authentically, correctly, naturally, rightly.

perturbation: (*n*) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (*adj, n, v*) trepidation; (*adj, n*) flutter.

swelled: (*adj*) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder.

woody: (*adj*) arboreous, ligneous, wooden, forested, woodsy, arboraceous, arboreal, harder, hard, lignified, nemorous.

They **descended** the hill, crossed the bridge, and drove to the door; and, while examining the nearer aspect of the house, all her apprehension of meeting its owner returned. She dreaded lest the chambermaid had been mistaken. On applying to see the place, they were admitted into the hall; and Elizabeth, as they waited for the housekeeper, had leisure to wonder at her being where she was.

The housekeeper came; a respectable-looking elderly woman, much less fine, and more civil, than she had any notion of finding her. They followed her into the dining-parlour. It was a large, well **proportioned** room, handsomely fitted up. Elizabeth, after slightly **surveying** it, went to a window to enjoy its prospect. The hill, **crowned** with wood, which they had descended, receiving increased abruptness from the distance, was a beautiful object. Every disposition of the ground was good; and she looked on the whole scene, the river, the trees scattered on its banks and the winding of the valley, as far as she could trace it, with delight. As they passed into other rooms these objects were taking different positions; but from every window there were beauties to be seen. The rooms were **lofty** and handsome, and their furniture suitable to the fortune of its proprietor; but Elizabeth saw, with admiration of his taste, that it was neither **gaudy** nor **uselessly** fine; with less of **splendour**, and more real elegance, than the furniture of Rosings.

"And of this place," thought she, "I might have been mistress! With these rooms I might now have been familiarly acquainted! Instead of **viewing** them as a stranger, I might have rejoiced in them as my own, and welcomed to them as visitors my uncle and aunt. But no,"--recollecting herself--"that could never be; my uncle and aunt would have been lost to me; I should not have been allowed to invite them."

This was a lucky recollection--it saved her from something very like regret.

She longed to inquire of the housekeeper whether her master was really absent, but had not the courage for it. At length however, the question was asked by her uncle; and she turned away with alarm, while Mrs. Reynolds replied that he was, adding, "But we expect him to-morrow, with a large party of

Thesaurus

crowned: (adj) laureled, fulfilled, browbound, incorонate, successful.
descended: (v) extraught.

gaudy: (adj) flashy, loud, showy, garish, flamboyant, tasteless, colorful, tacky, brassy, tawdry, florid.
ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, restrained, muted, drab, modest, dull, quality.

lofty: (adj, v) high, elevated; (adj) exalted, eminent, arrogant, grand, tall, haughty, great, distinguished,

majestic. ANTONYMS: (adj) short, lowly, base, modest, deferential, humble.

proportioned: (adj) attemperate, shapely, regular, properly adapted, even, balanced. ANTONYM: (adj) asymmetrical.

splendour: (n) pomp, magnificence, lustre, splendor, luster, brilliancy, resplendence, luxury, grandeur, grandness, brilliance.

surveying: (n) mensuration,

measurement, investigation, triangulation; (v) inspect, examine; (adj) observant.

uselessly: (adv) ineffectually, futilely, fruitlessly, needlessly, pointlessly, in vain, worthlessly, abortively, hopelessly, bootlessly, unnecessarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) helpfully, successfully, effectively.

viewing: (n) showing, contemplation, preview, exhibit, display, view, sight, look, show, performance, covering.

friends." How rejoiced was Elizabeth that their own journey had not by any circumstance been **delayed** a day!

Her **aunt** now called her to look at a picture. She approached and saw the likeness of Mr. Wickham, **suspended**, amongst several other miniatures, over the mantelpiece. Her aunt asked her, smilingly, how she liked it. The housekeeper came forward, and told them it was a picture of a young gentleman, the son of her late **master's** steward, who had been brought up by him at his own **expense**. "He is now gone into the army," she added; "but I am afraid he has turned out very wild."

Mrs. Gardiner looked at her niece with a smile, but Elizabeth could not return it.

"And that," said Mrs. Reynolds, **pointing** to another of the miniatures, "is my master--and very like him. It was drawn at the same time as the other--about eight years ago."

"I have heard much of your master's fine person," said Mrs. Gardiner, looking at the picture; "it is a handsome face. But, Lizzy, you can tell us whether it is like or not."

Mrs. Reynolds respect for Elizabeth seemed to increase on this **intimation** of her knowing her master.

"Does that young lady know Mr. Darcy?"

Elizabeth **coloured**, and said: "A little."

"And do not you think him a very handsome gentleman, ma'am?"

"Yes, very handsome."

"I am sure I know none so handsome; but in the gallery upstairs you will see a finer, larger picture of him than this. This room was my late master's **favourite** room, and these miniatures are just as they used to be then. He was very **fond** of them."

This accounted to Elizabeth for Mr. Wickham's being among them.

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aunt: (*n*) uncle, auntie, aunty, father's younger brother's wife, father's older brother's wife, mother's sister, kinswoman, nephew, niece, paternal aunt, maternal uncle's wife.
coloured: (*adj*) colorful, biased, black, partial, painted, dyed, unfair, blue, hued, color, artificial.
delayed: (*adj*) belated, tardy, protracted, deferred, slow, retarded, held up, backward, back, prolonged; (*adv*) behind. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

early, expedited, prompt.
expense: (*n*) disbursement, expenditure, price, outlay, amount, toll, fee, payment, costs; (*n, v*) charge, detriment. ANTONYM: (*n*) income.
favourite: (*n*) ducky, darling, pet, deary, dearie, lover, minion, Engle; (*adj*) popular, favored, preferred.
fond: (*adj*) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

aversion, cold, rough.
intimation: (*n*) hint, inkling, implication, insinuation, suggestion, clue, allusion, indication, cue, notice, innuendo.
master's: (*n*) postgraduate degree.
pointing: (*n*) punctuation, indication, scoring.
suspended: (*adj*) hanging, dormant, pendulous, abeyant, dangling, in abeyance, inactive, pendant, in suspension, penile, suspensory.

Mrs. Reynolds then **directed** their attention to one of Miss Darcy, drawn when she was only **eight** years old.

"And is Miss Darcy as handsome as her brother?" said Mrs. Gardiner.

"Oh! yes--the handsomest young lady that ever was seen; and so accomplished!--She plays and sings all day long. In the next room is a new instrument just come down for her--a present from my master; she comes here to-morrow with him."

Mr. Gardiner, whose manners were very easy and pleasant, encouraged her **communicativeness** by his questions and remarks; Mrs. Reynolds, either by **pride** or attachment, had **evidently** great pleasure in talking of her master and his sister.

"Is your master much at Pemberley in the course of the year?"

"Not so much as I could wish, sir; but I dare say he may spend half his time here; and Miss Darcy is always down for the summer months."

"Except," thought Elizabeth, "when she goes to Ramsgate."

"If your master would marry, you might see more of him."

"Yes, sir; but I do not know when *that* will be. I do not know who is good enough for him."

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner smiled. Elizabeth could not help saying, "It is very much to his credit, I am sure, that you should think so."

"I say no more than the truth, and everybody will say that knows him," replied the other. Elizabeth thought this was going pretty far; and she listened with increasing astonishment as the housekeeper added, "I have never known a cross word from him in my life, and I have known him ever since he was four years old."

This was praise, of all others most **extraordinary**, most opposite to her ideas. That he was not a **good-tempered** man had been her firmest opinion. Her keenest attention was awakened; she longed to hear more, and was grateful to her uncle for saying:

Thesaurus

communicativeness: (v) garrulity, articulateness, trait, volubility, loquaciousness, intercommunication, effusiveness, fluency, expansiveness, frankness.

directed: (adj) oriented, manageable, destined, concentrating, intent, formal, absorbed, prescript, focussed; (v) instruct; (adv) under.

eight: (n) eighter, eleven, nine, ten, team, queen, ogload, octonary, octet, ace, octad.

evidently: (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably.

ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously.

extraordinary: (adj) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual, strange, abnormal. **ANTONYMS:**

(adj) ordinary, normal, everyday, usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural.

good-tempered: (adj) good-natured, easy, complaisant, good-humored.

pride: (n) arrogance, conceit, egotism, vanity, lordliness, assumption, insolence, disdain, hauteur; (n, v) boast; (v) plume. **ANTONYMS:** (n) modesty, sorrow, dregs, disgrace, shame, baseness.

"There are very few people of whom so much can be said. You are lucky in having such a master."

"Yes, sir, I know I am. If I were to go through the world, I could not meet with a better. But I have always observed, that they who are good-natured when children, are good-natured when they grow up; and he was always the sweetest-tempered, most generous-hearted boy in the world."

Elizabeth almost stared at her. "Can this be Mr. Darcy?" thought she.

"His father was an excellent man," said Mrs. Gardiner.

"Yes, ma'am, that he was indeed; and his son will be just like him--just as **affable** to the poor."

Elizabeth listened, wondered, doubted, and was impatient for more. Mrs. Reynolds could interest her on no other point. She related the subjects of the pictures, the dimensions of the rooms, and the price of the furniture, in vain, Mr. Gardiner, highly amused by the kind of family **prejudice** to which he attributed her excessive commendation of her master, soon led again to the subject; and she dwelt with energy on his many **merits** as they proceeded together up the great **staircase**.

"He is the best landlord, and the best master," said she, "that ever lived; not like the wild young men nowadays, who think of nothing but themselves. There is not one of his tenants or servants but will give him a good name. Some people call him proud; but I am sure I never saw anything of it. To my fancy, it is only because he does not rattle away like other young men."

"In what an amiable light does this place him!" thought Elizabeth.

"This fine account of him," whispered her aunt as they walked, "is not quite consistent with his behaviour to our poor friend."

"Perhaps we might be deceived."

"That is not very likely; our authority was too good."

On reaching the **spacious lobby** above they were shown into a very pretty sitting-room, lately fitted up with greater elegance and **lightness** than the

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affable: (*adj*) civil, gracious, polite, friendly, courteous, amiable, genial, approachable, sociable, decent, pleasant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reserved, hostile, unfriendly, complaining, cold, impolite, miserable, grumbling, grouchy, distant, disdainful.

lightness: (*n*) brightness, buoyancy, frivolity, flightiness, delicacy, airiness, agility, levity, light, nimbleness, flippancy. ANTONYMS:

(*n*) darkness, gravity, weight, harshness, seriousness.

lobby: (*n*) foyer, hallway, anteroom, lounge, entrance hall, vestibule, aisle, antechamber, corridor, pressure group, entry. ANTONYM: (*n*) exit.

merits: (*n*) qualities.

prejudice: (*n, v*) harm, hurt, damage; (*v*) influence, predispose, injure; (*n*) disadvantage, partiality, preconceived notion, discrimination, preconception. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

tolerance, fairness, impartiality, justice, broadmindedness; (*v*) enhance.

spacious: (*adj*) broad, extensive, large, wide, ample, commodious, vast, capacious, comprehensive, open, great. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cramped, narrow, airless, overcrowded.

staircase: (*n*) stair, ladder, flight, steps, flight of steps, stairs, backstairs, escalator, companionway, way, entrance.

apartments below; and were informed that it was but just done to give pleasure to Miss Darcy, who had taken a **liking** to the room when last at Pemberley.

"He is certainly a good brother," said Elizabeth, as she walked towards one of the windows.

Mrs. Reynolds **anticipated** Miss Darcy's delight, when she should enter the room. "And this is always the way with him," she added. "Whatever can give his sister any pleasure is sure to be done in a moment. There is nothing he would not do for her."

The picture-gallery, and two or three of the principal bedrooms, were all that remained to be shown. In the former were many good paintings; but Elizabeth knew nothing of the art; and from such as had been already visible below, she had **willingly** turned to look at some **drawings** of Miss Darcy's, in **crayons**, whose subjects were usually more interesting, and also more intelligible.

In the gallery there were many family portraits, but they could have little to fix the attention of a stranger. Elizabeth walked in quest of the only face whose features would be known to her. At last it arrested her--and she beheld a striking resemblance to Mr. Darcy, with such a smile over the face as she remembered to have sometimes seen when he looked at her. She stood several minutes before the picture, in earnest contemplation, and returned to it again before they quitted the gallery. Mrs. Reynolds informed them that it had been taken in his father's **lifetime**.

There was certainly at this moment, in Elizabeth's mind, a more gentle **sensation** towards the original than she had ever felt at the height of their acquaintance. The commendation bestowed on him by Mrs. Reynolds was of no trifling nature. What praise is more valuable than the praise of an intelligent servant? As a brother, a landlord, a master, she considered how many people's happiness were in his guardianship!--how much of pleasure or pain was it in his power to bestow!--how much of good or evil must be done by him! Every idea that had been brought forward by the housekeeper was **favourable** to his character, and as she stood before the **canvas** on which he was represented, and fixed his eyes upon herself, she thought of his regard with a deeper sentiment of

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anticipated: (*adj*) expected, foreseen, predictable, due, estimated, appointed, awaited, coming, forthcoming, natural, planned.

canvas: (*n*) duck, sail, sheet, tarpaulin, cloth, tarp, burlap; (*n, v*) canvass; (*v*) painting, tableau, solicit.

crayons: (*v*) charcoal, pastel.

drawings: (*n*) drawing, income.

favourable: (*adj*) convenient, encouraging, good, auspicious, useful, benevolent, favorable,

profitable, conducive, opportune, prosperous.

lifetime: (*n*) life, life span, lifespan, life expectancy, generation, hour, decade, day, time, animation; (*adj*) lifelong.

liking: (*n, v*) inclination; (*n*) fancy, appetite, taste, fondness, predilection, affection, partiality, admiration, approval, appreciation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, aversion, hatred, indifference, detachment, dissatisfaction, antipathy.

sensation: (*n, v*) feeling, impression, sense; (*v*) affection; (*n*) emotion, feel, perception, wonder, sensibility, sensitivity, thrill. ANTONYMS: (*n*) deadness, flop, dud, calm, failure.

willingly: (*adv*) readily, voluntarily, cheerfully, spontaneously, helpfully, disposedly, actively, openly, obligingly, eagerly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) grudgingly, reluctantly, uncooperatively, unenthusiastically.

gratitude than it had ever raised before; she remembered its warmth, and softened its impropriety of expression.

When all of the house that was open to general inspection had been seen, they returned downstairs, and, taking leave of the housekeeper, were **consigned** over to the gardener, who met them at the hall-door.

As they walked across the hall towards the river, Elizabeth turned back to look again; her uncle and aunt stopped also, and while the former was conjecturing as to the date of the building, the owner of it himself suddenly came forward from the road, which led behind it to the stables.

They were within twenty yards of each other, and so **abrupt** was his appearance, that it was impossible to avoid his sight. Their eyes instantly met, and the cheeks of both were overspread with the **deepest** blush. He absolutely started, and for a moment seemed immovable from surprise; but shortly recovering himself, advanced towards the party, and spoke to Elizabeth, if not in terms of perfect composure, at least of perfect civility.

She had instinctively turned away; but stopping on his approach, received his compliments with an embarrassment impossible to be overcome. Had his first appearance, or his resemblance to the picture they had just been examining, been insufficient to assure the other two that they now saw Mr. Darcy, the gardener's expression of surprise, on beholding his master, must immediately have told it. They stood a little aloof while he was talking to their niece, who, astonished and confused, scarcely dared lift her eyes to his face, and knew not what answer she returned to his civil inquiries after her family. **Amazed** at the alteration of his manner since they last parted, every sentence that he uttered was increasing her embarrassment; and every idea of the impropriety of her being found there **recurring** to her mind, the few minutes in which they continued were some of the most uncomfortable in her life. Nor did he seem much more at ease; when he spoke, his accent had none of its usual **sedateness**; and he repeated his inquiries as to the time of her having left Longbourn, and of her having stayed in Derbyshire, so often, and in so hurried a way, as plainly spoke the **distraction** of his thoughts.

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abrupt: (*adj*) sudden, brusque, sharp, precipitous, steep, instantaneous, unexpected, swift, instant, hasty; (*n*) bold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gentle, gradual, rambling, gracious, courteous, polite, anticipated, kind, calm, protracted, deliberate.
amazed: (*adj*) astounded, astonished, stunned, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, shocked, staggered, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, agast.

consigned: (*adj*) destined, aboard.
deepest: (*adj*) immost, center, cordial, earnest, genuine, hearty, warm, sincere, innermost. ANTONYM: (*adj*) outermost.
distraction: (*adj, n*) desperation, raving; (*n*) beguilement, pastime, diversion, confusion, entertainment, disturbance, daze, recreation; (*adj*) madness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fascination, attentiveness, attention, noninterference, calmness,

concentration.
recurring: (*adj*) frequent, intermittent, cyclic, periodic, periodical, repeated, repetitive, customary, accustomed, memorable, chronic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irregular, intermittent, spasmodic, unusual, rare, occasional.
sedateness: (*n*) gravity, composure, sobriety, staidness, seriousness, solemnity, placidity, calm, serenity, tranquillity; (*n, v*) calmness. ANTONYM: (*n*) cheerfulness.

At length every idea seemed to fail him; and, after standing a few moments without saying a word, he suddenly recollected himself, and took leave.

The others then joined her, and expressed admiration of his figure; but Elizabeth heard not a word, and wholly engrossed by her own feelings, followed them in silence. She was overpowered by shame and vexation. Her coming there was the most **unfortunate**, the most ill-judged thing in the world! How strange it must appear to him! In what a **disgraceful** light might it not strike so vain a man! It might seem as if she had purposely thrown herself in his way again! Oh! why did she come? Or, why did he thus come a day before he was expected? Had they been only ten minutes **sooner**, they should have been beyond the reach of his discrimination; for it was plain that he was that moment arrived--that moment alighted from his horse or his carriage. She blushed again and again over the perverseness of the meeting. And his behaviour, so **strikingly** altered--what could it mean? That he should even speak to her was amazing!--but to speak with such civility, to inquire after her family! Never in her life had she seen his manners so little dignified, never had he spoken with such gentleness as on this unexpected meeting. What a contrast did it offer to his last address in Rosings Park, when he put his letter into her hand! She knew not what to think, or how to account for it.

They had now entered a beautiful walk by the side of the water, and every step was bringing forward a nobler fall of ground, or a finer reach of the woods to which they were approaching; but it was some time before Elizabeth was sensible of any of it; and, though she answered **mechanically** to the repeated appeals of her uncle and aunt, and seemed to direct her eyes to such **objects** as they pointed out, she distinguished no part of the scene. Her thoughts were all fixed on that one spot of Pemberley House, **whichever** it might be, where Mr. Darcy then was. She longed to know what at the moment was passing in his mind--in what manner he thought of her, and whether, in defiance of everything, she was still dear to him. Perhaps he had been civil only because he felt himself at ease; yet there had been *that* in his voice which was not like ease. Whether he

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disgraceful: (*adj*) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious.

mechanically: (*adv*) mechanistically, instinctively, routinely, involuntarily, industrially, unconsciously, automatically, intuitively, impulsively,

technically, technologically.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) manually, consciously.

objects: (*n*) things, stuff, matter, material, substance.

sooner: (*adj, adv*) rather, earlier, before, preferably, instead; (*adv*) first, before now, faster, previously, beforehand; (*adj*) prior.

strikingly: (*adj, adv*) notably, signally, unusually, singularly; (*adv*) prominently, stunningly, imposingly,

impressively, markedly, outstandingly, obviously.

unfortunate: (*adj*) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged.

whichever: (*adv*) any; (*adj*) a few, one, several, some.

had felt more of pain or of pleasure in seeing her she could not tell, but he certainly had not seen her with composure.

At length, however, the remarks of her companions on her absence of mind **aroused** her, and she felt the necessity of appearing more like herself.

They entered the woods, and bidding adieu to the river for a while, ascended some of the higher grounds; when, in spots where the opening of the trees gave the eye power to **wander**, were many charming views of the valley, the opposite **hills**, with the long range of woods **overspreading** many, and occasionally part of the stream. Mr. Gardiner expressed a wish of going round the whole park, but feared it might be beyond a walk. With a **triumphant** smile they were told that it was ten miles round. It settled the matter; and they pursued the **accustomed** circuit; which brought them again, after some time, in a descent among hanging woods, to the edge of the water, and one of its **narrowest** parts. They crossed it by a simple bridge, in character with the general air of the scene; it was a spot less adorned than any they had yet visited; and the valley, here contracted into a **glen**, allowed room only for the stream, and a narrow walk amidst the rough coppice-wood which bordered it. Elizabeth longed to explore its windings; but when they had crossed the bridge, and perceived their distance from the house, Mrs. Gardiner, who was not a great walker, could go no farther, and thought only of returning to the carriage as quickly as possible. Her niece was, therefore, obliged to submit, and they took their way towards the house on the opposite side of the river, in the nearest direction; but their progress was slow, for Mr. Gardiner, though seldom able to indulge the taste, was very fond of fishing, and was so much engaged in watching the occasional appearance of some **trout** in the water, and talking to the man about them, that he advanced but little. Whilst wandering on in this slow manner, they were again surprised, and Elizabeth's astonishment was quite equal to what it had been at first, by the sight of Mr. Darcy approaching them, and at no great distance. The walk here being here less sheltered than on the other side, allowed them to see him before they met. Elizabeth, however astonished, was at least more prepared for an interview than before, and resolved to appear and to speak with calmness, if he really intended

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accustomed: (*adj, n*) habitual; (*adj*) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional.

aroused: (*adj*) ablaze, afame, passionate, hot, agitated, inflamed, susceptible, tense, fascinated, emotional, elated.

glen: (*n*) dell, valley, ravine, dale, dingle, vale, Combe, kloof, gorge, defile, cove.

hills: (*n*) home, dry land, foothills, earth, ground.

narrowest: (*n*) minimum.

overspreading: (*adj*) overhanging; (*n*) ripple effect, suffusion.

triumphant: (*adj*) victorious, successful, triumphal, exulting, winning, joyful, rejoicing, elated, conquering, prideful; (*adj, v*) exultant.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disappointed, failing, losing, defeated, miserable, sorrowful.

trout: (*n*) sea trout, Isospondyli, lake trout, order Isospondyli, salmon trout, salmonid, smelts, sardines, anchovies, speckled trout, tarpon.

wander: (*n, v*) stroll, saunter, tramp, drift; (*v*) stray, digress, err, travel, roam, deviate; (*adj, v*) rave.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) settle, stay, think, converge.

to meet them. For a few moments, indeed, she felt that he would probably strike into some other path. The idea lasted while a turning in the walk **concealed** him from their view; the turning past, he was immediately before them. With a glance, she saw that he had lost none of his recent civility; and, to **imitate** his politeness, she began, as they met, to admire the beauty of the place; but she had not got beyond the words "delightful," and "charming," when some unlucky recollections obtruded, and she fancied that praise of Pemberley from her might be **mischievously** construed. Her colour changed, and she said no more.

Mrs. Gardiner was standing a little behind; and on her pausing, he asked her if she would do him the honour of **introducing** him to her friends. This was a stroke of civility for which she was quite **unprepared**; and she could hardly suppress a smile at his being now seeking the acquaintance of some of those very people against whom his pride had **revolted** in his offer to herself. "What will be his surprise," thought she, "when he knows who they are? He takes them now for people of fashion."

The introduction, however, was immediately made; and as she named their relationship to herself, she **stole** a sly look at him, to see how he bore it, and was not without the expectation of his **decamping** as fast as he could from such disgraceful companions. That he was *surprised* by the connection was evident; he sustained it, however, with **fortitude**, and so far from going away, turned his back with them, and entered into conversation with Mr. Gardiner. Elizabeth could not but be pleased, could not but triumph. It was consoling that he should know she had some relations for whom there was no need to blush. She listened most attentively to all that passed between them, and **gloried** in every expression, every sentence of her uncle, which marked his intelligence, his taste, or his good manners.

The conversation soon turned upon fishing; and she heard Mr. Darcy invite him, with the greatest civility, to fish there as often as he chose while he continued in the neighbourhood, offering at the same time to supply him with fishing tackle, and pointing out those parts of the stream where there was usually most sport. Mrs. Gardiner, who was walking arm-in-arm with Elizabeth,

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concealed: (*adj*) covert, clandestine, blind, occult, secret, mysterious, obscure, buried, invisible, secreted, surreptitious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconcealed, available, overt, open, divulged, shown, revealed, disclosed, uncovered, noticeable, mainstream.

decamping: (*v*) decamp.

fortitude: (*n*) bravery, endurance, grit, pluck, backbone, determination, tenacity, firmness, strength; (*adj, n*)

guts, spunk. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, frailty, impatience.

gloried: (*adj*) honorable.

imitate: (*n, v*) duplicate; (*v*) forge, ape, emulate, follow, feign, counterfeit, mimic, mock, assume, act.

introducing: (*n*) introduction.

mischievously: (*adv*) roguishly, badly, impishly, wickedly, puckishly, playfully, perniciously, disobediently, destructively, waywardly, hurtfully. ANTONYM:

(*adv*) obediently.

revolted: (*adj*) sickened, sick, shocked, horrified, disgusted, appalled.

stole: (*n*) wrap, stolen, scarf, stolon, stealing, robe, alb, tunicle, surplice, alba, cassock.

unprepared: (*adj*) impromptu, extemporaneous, raw, unrehearsed, unready, extemporary, crude, improvised, unwary, surprised, weak. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) prepared, ready, attentive.

gave her a look expressive of wonder. Elizabeth said nothing, but it gratified her exceedingly; the compliment must be all for herself. Her astonishment, however, was extreme, and **continually** was she repeating, "Why is he so **altered**? From what can it **proceed**? It cannot be for *me*--it cannot be for *my* sake that his manners are thus softened. My reproofs at Hunsford could not work such a change as this. It is impossible that he should still love me."

After walking some time in this way, the two ladies in front, the two gentlemen behind, on resuming their **places**, after **descending** to the **brink** of the river for the better **inspection** of some curious water-plant, there chanced to be a little alteration. It originated in Mrs. Gardiner, who, fatigued by the exercise of the morning, found Elizabeth's arm inadequate to her support, and consequently preferred her husband's. Mr. Darcy took her place by her niece, and they walked on together. After a short silence, the lady first spoke. She wished him to know that she had been assured of his absence before she came to the place, and accordingly began by observing, that his arrival had been very unexpected--"for your housekeeper," she added, "informed us that you would certainly not be here till to-morrow; and indeed, before we left Bakewell, we understood that you were not immediately expected in the country." He acknowledged the truth of it all, and said that business with his steward had occasioned his coming forward a few hours before the rest of the party with whom he had been travelling. "They will join me early to-morrow," he continued, "and among them are some who will claim an acquaintance with you--Mr. Bingley and his sisters."

Elizabeth answered only by a slight bow. Her thoughts were instantly driven back to the time when Mr. Bingley's name had been the last mentioned between them; and, if she might judge by his complexion, *his* mind was not very differently engaged.

"There is also one other person in the party," he continued after a pause, "who more particularly wishes to be known to you. Will you allow me, or do I ask too much, to introduce my sister to your acquaintance during your stay at Lambton?"

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altered: (*adj*) transformed, changed, diversified, varied, distorted, affected, castrated, malformed, misrepresented, misshapen; (*v*) battered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unaltered, unadjusted.

brink: (*n, v*) edge; (*n*) border, hem, threshold, boundary, brim, shore, periphery, lip, margin, limit. ANTONYMS: (*n*) middle, interior, end.

continually: (*adv*) perpetually,

ceaselessly, incessantly, endlessly, unceasingly, continuously, persistently, eternally, steadily, frequently; (*adj, adv*) always. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) acutely, infrequently, spasmodically, sporadically.
descending: (*v*) descend; (*adj*) downhill, down, descendent, decreasing, dropping, falling, sloping, degressive, occasive; (*adv*) downward. ANTONYM: (*adj*)

upward.

inspection: (*n*) check, review, surveillance, study, scrutiny, inquiry, survey, exploration, search, checkup; (*n, v*) sight.

places: (*n*) chairs, seating, spaces.
proceed: (*v*) move, advance, originate, ensue, flow, issue, arise, emanate; (*adj, v*) pass, run, extend. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discontinue, recede, regress, return, retreat.

The surprise of such an application was great indeed; it was too great for her to know in what manner she acceded to it. She immediately felt that whatever desire Miss Darcy might have of being acquainted with her must be the work of her brother, and, without looking farther, it was satisfactory; it was gratifying to know that his resentment had not made him think really ill of her.

They now walked on in silence, each of them deep in thought. Elizabeth was not comfortable; that was impossible; but she was flattered and pleased. His wish of introducing his sister to her was a compliment of the highest kind. They soon outstripped the others, and when they had reached the carriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner were half a quarter of a mile behind.

He then asked her to walk into the house--but she declared herself not tired, and they stood together on the **lawn**. At such a time much might have been said, and silence was very **awkward**. She wanted to talk, but there seemed to be an **embargo** on every subject. At last she recollects that she had been travelling, and they talked of Matlock and Dove Dale with great perseverance. Yet time and her aunt moved slowly--and her patience and her ideas were nearly worn out before the tete-a-tete was over. On Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner's coming up they were all pressed to go into the house and take some refreshment; but this was declined, and they parted on each side with utmost **politeness**. Mr. Darcy handed the ladies into the carriage; and when it drove off, Elizabeth saw him walking slowly towards the house.

The observations of her uncle and aunt now began; and each of them pronounced him to be infinitely superior to anything they had expected. "He is perfectly well behaved, polite, and unassuming," said her uncle.

"There is something a little **stately** in him, to be sure," replied her aunt, "but it is confined to his air, and is not **unbecoming**. I can now say with the housekeeper, that though some people may call him proud, I have seen nothing of it."

"I was never more surprised than by his behaviour to us. It was more than civil; it was really attentive; and there was no necessity for such attention. His acquaintance with Elizabeth was very trifling."

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awkward: (*adj*) inconvenient, clumsy, embarrassing, uncomfortable, ungainly, untoward, crude, inept, sticky, left-handed, heavy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) graceful, easy, adroit, manageable, straightforward, simple, dexterous, rotund, convenient, helpful, skillful.

embargo: (*n*) veto, sanction, prohibition, inhibition, injunction, prohibit, proscription, restraint, bar, exclusion; (*v*) proscribe.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) allowance, permission.

lawn: (*n*) grassplot, field, green, park, meadow, grassplat, plot, lea, turfs, turves, turf.

polite: (*adj*) cultured, gentle, courtly, civil, refined, proper, genteel, kind, attentive, friendly, complaisant.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rude, discourteous, boorish, improper, abusive, common, authoritative, disobedient, uncivilized, uncivil, curt.

stately: (*adj*) solemn, imposing, elegant; (*adj, v*) noble, dignified, grand, proud, great; (*adj, adv*) regal, majestic, royal. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) boisterous, humble, modest, lowly.

unbecoming: (*adj*) indecorous, unseemly, inappropriate, indecent, indelicate, untoward, unworthy, unsuitable, shameful, unbefitting, incongruous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) dignified, becoming, fitting, proper, seemly, correct, decent, suitable.

"To be sure, Lizzy," said her aunt, "he is not so handsome as Wickham; or, rather, he has not Wickham's countenance, for his features are perfectly good. But how came you to tell me that he was so disagreeable?"

Elizabeth excused herself as well as she could; said that she had liked him better when they had met in Kent than before, and that she had never seen him so pleasant as this morning.

"But perhaps he may be a little **whimsical** in his civilities," replied her uncle. "Your great men often are; and therefore I shall not take him at his word, as he might change his mind another day, and **warn** me off his grounds."

Elizabeth felt that they had entirely **misunderstood** his character, but said nothing.

"From what we have seen of him," continued Mrs. Gardiner, "I really should not have thought that he could have behaved in so cruel a way by anybody as he has done by poor Wickham. He has not an ill-natured look. On the contrary, there is something pleasing about his mouth when he speaks. And there is something of dignity in his countenance that would not give one an **unfavourable** idea of his heart. But, to be sure, the good lady who showed us his house did give him a most **flaming** character! I could hardly help laughing aloud sometimes. But he is a liberal master, I suppose, and *that* in the eye of a servant **comprehends** every virtue."

Elizabeth here felt herself called on to say something in vindication of his behaviour to Wickham; and therefore gave them to understand, in as guarded a manner as she could, that by what she had heard from his relations in Kent, his actions were capable of a very different construction; and that his character was by no means so **faulty**, nor Wickham's so amiable, as they had been considered in Hertfordshire. In confirmation of this, she related the particulars of all the pecuniary transactions in which they had been connected, without actually **naming** her authority, but stating it to be such as such as might be relied on.

Mrs. Gardiner was surprised and concerned; but as they were now approaching the scene of her former pleasures, every idea gave way to the charm

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comprehends: (v) comprehend.

faulty: (adj) erroneous, deficient, defective, false, vicious, bad, broken, wrong, incorrect, inaccurate, damaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) perfect, flawless, sound, adequate, working, certain, logical, fine.

flaming: (adj, n) burning, ardent, glowing, passionate; (adj) blazing, ablaze, aflame, hot; (n) enthusiastic, flame, fire. ANTONYMS: (adj) extinguished, placid, gentle, quiet.

misunderstood: (adj) mistreated, confused.

naming: (n) appointment, identification, denomination, appellation, nomination, indication, delegacy, assignment, mention; (adj, n) appellative; (adj) designating.

unfavourable: (adj) adverse, inauspicious, untoward, hostile, contrary, inappropriate, inimical, harmful, inconvenient, awkward, unsuitable. ANTONYM: (adj)

favorable.

warn: (v) counsel, caution, admonish, advise, inform, alert, threaten, exhort, forewarn, tell, notify. ANTONYM: (v) protect.

whimsical: (adj, n) fanciful, eccentric; (adj) capricious, freakish, humorous, changeable, fickle, erratic, wayward, odd, arbitrary. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, behaving, normal, serious, predictable.

of recollection; and she was too much engaged in pointing out to her husband all the **interesting spots** in its **environs** to think of anything else. Fatigued as she had been by the morning's **walk** they had no sooner dined than she set off again in quest of her former acquaintance, and the evening was **spent** in the satisfactions of a intercourse **renewed** after many years' discontinuance.

The occurrences of the day were too full of interest to leave Elizabeth much attention for any of these new friends; and she could do nothing but think, and think with **wonder**, of Mr. Darcy's civility, and, above all, of his wishing her to be acquainted with his sister.

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environs: (*adj, n*) purlieus; (*n*) vicinity, confines, outskirts, environment, entourage, precincts, scene, surround, surroundings; (*adj*) vicinage.
interesting: (*adj*) entertaining, amusing, attractive, absorbing, delightful, fascinating, exciting, readable, diverting; (*adj, v*) charming, engaging. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) boring, dull, unremarkable, unappealing, repulsive, repellent, normal,

ordinary.
renewed: (*adj*) changed, born again, new, fresh, redintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate.
spent: (*adj, v*) prostrate; (*adj*) fatigued, expended, finished, gone, dead, played out, effete, jaded, tired; (*v*) spend. ANTONYM: (*adj*) energetic.
spots: (*n*) damp, drifter, floater, floating policy, muscae volitantes, Musca volitans.

walk: (*adj, n, v*) step; (*n, v*) gait, ramble, march, pace, hike, course, saunter, stroll, roam; (*n*) path. ANTONYMS: (*v*) run, ride, stride.
wonder: (*adj, n*) prodigy; (*n*) astonishment, admiration, amazement, surprise, miracle, phenomenon, muse; (*v*) admire, reflect, question. ANTONYMS: (*n*) expectation, belief, disapproval; (*v*) know, believe, anticipate, decide.

CHAPTER 44

Elizabeth had settled it that Mr. Darcy would bring his sister to visit her the very day after her reaching Pemberley; and was consequently **resolved** not to be out of sight of the inn the whole of that morning. But her conclusion was false; for on the very morning after their arrival at Lambton, these visitors came. They had been walking about the place with some of their new friends, and were just returning to the inn to dress themselves for dining with the same family, when the sound of a carriage drew them to a window, and they saw a gentleman and a lady in a **curricles** driving up the street. Elizabeth immediately **recognizing** the **livery**, **guessed** what it meant, and imparted no small degree of her surprise to her relations by acquainting them with the honour which she expected. Her uncle and aunt were all amazement; and the **embarrassment** of her manner as she spoke, joined to the circumstance itself, and many of the circumstances of the preceding day, opened to them a new idea on the business. Nothing had ever suggested it before, but they felt that there was no other way of accounting for such attentions from such a quarter than by supposing a partiality for their niece. While these newly-born **notions** were passing in their heads, the perturbation of Elizabeth's feelings was at every moment increasing. She was quite amazed at her own discomposure; but amongst other causes of **disquiet**, she dreaded lest the partiality of the brother should have said too much in her favour; and, more

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curricles: (n) phaeton, chariot, mail phaeton, coach, wagonette, cart, break.

disquiet: (v) discompose, perturb; (n, v) worry, alarm, trouble, disorder, dismay, discomfort, concern; (n) anxiety, apprehension. ANTONYMS: (n) reassurance, quiet, tranquility, serenity, calmness, optimism; (v) soothe, settle, relax, compose, tranquilize.

embarrassment: (n) abashment,

difficulty, quandary, discomfiture, humiliation, bewilderment, mortification, uneasiness, shame; (n, v) distress; (adj, n) dilemma. ANTONYMS: (n) confidence, honor, pride, shortage.

guessed: (adj) rude, inscrutable.

livery: (adj) liverish, bilious; (n) clothing, accouterment, uniform, complexion, legal transfer, color, hue, dye, bailment.

notions: (n) belief, thinking, thought,

sundries, opinion, concept, ideas, ribbon, philosophy, odds and ends; (adj) irrational.

recognizing: (v) recognize, acknowledge, recognise; (adj) conscious, respectful; (n) observation.

resolved: (adj, v) resolute, firm, certain; (adj) fixed, definite, set, decided, conclusive, intent, solved, positive. ANTONYMS: (adj) undecided, flexible, irresolute, unconfirmed, uncertain.

than commonly anxious to please, she naturally suspected that every power of pleasing would fail her.

She **retreated** from the window, fearful of being seen; and as she walked up and down the room, endeavouring to compose herself, saw such looks of inquiring surprise in her uncle and aunt as made everything worse.

Miss Darcy and her brother appeared, and this formidable introduction took place. With astonishment did Elizabeth see that her new acquaintance was at least as much embarrassed as herself. Since her being at Lambton, she had heard that Miss Darcy was exceedingly proud; but the observation of a very few minutes convinced her that she was only exceedingly shy. She found it difficult to obtain even a word from her beyond a **monosyllable**.

Miss Darcy was tall, and on a larger scale than Elizabeth; and, though little more than **sixteen**, her figure was formed, and her appearance **womanly** and **graceful**. She was less handsome than her brother; but there was sense and good humour in her face, and her manners were perfectly unassuming and gentle. Elizabeth, who had expected to find in her as acute and **unembarrassed** an observer as ever Mr. Darcy had been, was much relieved by **discerning** such different feelings.

They had not long been together before Mr. Darcy told her that Bingley was also coming to wait on her; and she had barely time to express her satisfaction, and prepare for such a visitor, when Bingley's quick step was heard on the stairs, and in a moment he entered the room. All Elizabeth's anger against him had been long done away; but had she still felt any, it could hardly have stood its ground against the unaffected cordiality with which he expressed himself on seeing her again. He inquired in a friendly, though general way, after her family, and looked and spoke with the same good-humoured ease that he had ever done.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner he was scarcely a less interesting **personage** than to herself. They had long wished to see him. The whole party before them, indeed, excited a lively attention. The suspicions which had just arisen of Mr. Darcy and their niece directed their observation towards each with an earnest

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discerning: (*adj*) apprehensive, perceptive, acute, shrewd, discriminating, discreet, penetrating, refined, judicious, sharp, conscious.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indiscriminate, undiscriminating, disregarded, negligent, overlooking, undiscerning, unobservant, unperceptive, insensitive, obtuse, tasteless.

graceful: (*adj*) beautiful, delicate, amiable, easy, fine, charming, fair, airy, becoming, lovely, lithe.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inelegant, stocky, awkward, vigorous, jerky, ugly, stilted, heavy, coarse, strenuous.
monosyllable: (*n*) word, polysyllable, dissyllable.
personage: (*n*) person, notable, celebrity, personality, individual, bigwig, figure, somebody, human, character, being.
retreated: (*adj*) withdrawn, people.
sixteen: (*n*) large integer.
unembarrassed: (*adj*) unencumbered,

impudence, impudent, not dense, lavish, light, light vapors, loose, natural, not encumbered, not burdensome. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) abashed.
womanly: (*adj, v*) effeminate; (*adj*) ladylike, womanish, female, womanlike, wifely, weak, maidenly, matronly; (*v*) soft, feminine.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) unwomanly.

though guarded inquiry; and they soon drew from those inquiries the full conviction that one of them at least knew what it was to love. Of the lady's **sensations** they remained a little in doubt; but that the gentleman was **overflowing** with admiration was evident enough.

Elizabeth, on her side, had much to do. She wanted to **ascertain** the feelings of each of her visitors; she wanted to compose her own, and to make herself agreeable to all; and in the latter object, where she feared most to fail, she was most sure of success, for those to whom she endeavoured to give pleasure were **prepossessed** in her favour. Bingley was ready, Georgiana was eager, and Darcy determined, to be pleased.

In seeing Bingley, her thoughts naturally flew to her sister; and, oh! how ardently did she long to know whether any of his were directed in a like manner. Sometimes she could fancy that he talked less than on former **occasions**, and once or twice pleased herself with the notion that, as he looked at her, he was trying to trace a resemblance. But, though this might be **imaginary**, she could not be deceived as to his behaviour to Miss Darcy, who had been set up as a rival to Jane. No look appeared on either side that spoke particular regard. Nothing occurred between them that could justify the hopes of his sister. On this point she was soon satisfied; and two or three little circumstances occurred ere they parted, which, in her anxious interpretation, denoted a recollection of Jane not untinctured by tenderness, and a wish of saying more that might lead to the mention of her, had he dared. He observed to her, at a moment when the others were talking together, and in a tone which had something of real regret, that it "was a very long time since he had had the pleasure of seeing her;" and, before she could reply, he added, "It is above eight months. We have not met since the 26th of November, when we were all **dancing** together at Netherfield."

Elizabeth was pleased to find his memory so exact; and he afterwards took occasion to ask her, when **unattended** to by any of the rest, whether *all* her sisters were at Longbourn. There was not much in the question, nor in the preceding **remark**; but there was a look and a manner which gave them meaning.

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ascertain: (v) determine, find out, learn, discover, check, tell, control, find, ensure, detect; (adj, v) establish. **ANTONYM:** (v) disprove.

dancing: (n) choreography, Terpsichore, saltation, break dancing, ceremonial dance, galloping, hoofing, Pavan; (adj) morrice; (adv) adance; (v) saltant.

imaginary: (adj) fictitious, unreal, false, mythical, illusory, ideal, hypothetical, visionary, fictional,

notional, chimerical. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) real, palpable, actual, concrete, prosaic, normal, true.

occasion: (n, v) cause; (n) case, event, juncture, episode, incident; (v) bring about, create, beget, make, induce.

overflowing: (adj) full, copious, exuberant, flooding, bountiful, generous, brimming, profuse; (n, v) flood, inundation, deluge.

ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, scarce.

prepossessed: (adj) infatuated,

jaundiced, forepossessed, partial, partisan, colored, obsessed, preoccupied.

remark: (n, v) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (adj, n, v) observe; (v) perceive, mark, discern; (n) observation.

sensations: (n) feelings, vibrations, ambiance.

unattended: (adj) ignored, neglected, alone, solitary, abandoned, disregarded, not safeguarded, lonely.

It was not often that she could turn her eyes on Mr. Darcy himself; but, **whenever** she did catch a **glimpse**, she saw an expression of general complaisance, and in all that he said she heard an accent so removed from hauteur or disdain of his companions, as convinced her that the improvement of manners which she had yesterday witnessed however temporary its existence might prove, had at least outlived one day. When she saw him thus seeking the acquaintance and **courting** the good opinion of people with whom any intercourse a few months ago would have been a disgrace--when she saw him thus civil, not only to herself, but to the very relations whom he had openly disdained, and recollected their last lively scene in Hunsford Parsonage--the difference, the change was so great, and struck so forcibly on her mind, that she could hardly restrain her astonishment from being visible. Never, even in the company of his dear friends at Netherfield, or his dignified relations at Rosings, had she seen him so desirous to please, so free from self-consequence or **unbending** reserve, as now, when no importance could result from the success of his endeavours, and when even the acquaintance of those to whom his attentions were addressed would draw down the ridicule and censure of the ladies both of Netherfield as Rosings.

Their visitors stayed with them above half-an-hour; and when they arose to depart, Mr. Darcy called on his sister to join him in expressing their wish of seeing Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, and Miss Bennet, to dinner at Pemberley, before they left the country. Miss Darcy, though with a diffidence which marked her little in the habit of giving invitations, readily obeyed. Mrs. Gardiner looked at her niece, desirous of knowing how *she*, whom the invitation most concerned, felt disposed as to its acceptance, but Elizabeth had turned away her head. Presuming however, that this studied **avoidance** spoke rather a momentary embarrassment than any dislike of the proposal, and seeing in her husband, who was fond of society, a perfect **willingness** to accept it, she ventured to engage for her attendance, and the day after the next was fixed on.

Bingley expressed great pleasure in the **certainty** of seeing Elizabeth again, having still a great deal to say to her, and many inquiries to make after all their

Thesaurus

avoidance: (*n*) escape, evasion, abstention, forbearance, cancellation, prevention, annulment, dodging, avoid, evade, shun. ANTONYMS: (*n*) embrace, confronting.
certainty: (*n*) assurance, sureness, certain, trust, confidence, fact, reliability, surety, security, reality, certitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) doubt, unpredictability, indecisiveness, skepticism, unknown, idealism, vagueness, fantasy, feeling,

hesitation, insecurity.
courting: (*n*) wooing, courtship, bundling, appeal, attraction, case, causa, cause, flirtation, suit.
glimpse: (*n, v*) look, peek; (*v*) blink, see, notice, spy, spot, espy; (*n*) coup d'oeil, view, peep. ANTONYMS: (*n*) scrutiny, observation, perusal; (*v*) scrutinize, survey, Miss, study.
unbending: (*adj*) inflexible, stiff, firm, adamant, stubborn, obdurate, inexorable, severe, intractable,

implacable, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flexible, bending, compliant, pliable, weak, soft, irresolute, floppy, lenient, liberal, accommodating.
whenever: (*n*) anytime, convenience; (*adv*) always, whene'er. ANTONYM: (*adv*) immediately.
willingness: (*n*) alacrity, obedience, promptness, receptiveness, receptivity, openness, desire, appetite, happy, volition, aptitude. ANTONYM: (*n*) reluctance.

Hertfordshire friends. Elizabeth, construing all this into a wish of hearing her speak of her sister, was pleased, and on this account, as well as some others, found herself, when their visitors left them, capable of considering the last half-hour with some satisfaction, though while it was passing, the enjoyment of it had been little. Eager to be alone, and fearful of inquiries or hints from her uncle and aunt, she stayed with them only long enough to hear their favourable opinion of Bingley, and then hurried away to dress.

But she had no reason to fear Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner's curiosity; it was not their wish to force her communication. It was evident that she was much better acquainted with Mr. Darcy than they had before any idea of; it was evident that he was very much in love with her. They saw much to interest, but nothing to justify inquiry.

Of Mr. Darcy it was now a matter of anxiety to think well; and, as far as their acquaintance reached, there was no fault to find. They could not be **untouched** by his politeness; and had they drawn his character from their own feelings and his servant's report, without any reference to any other account, the circle in Hertfordshire to which he was known would not have recognized it for Mr. Darcy. There was now an interest, however, in believing the housekeeper; and they soon became sensible that the authority of a servant who had known him since he was four years old, and whose own manners indicated respectability, was not to be **hastily** rejected. Neither had anything occurred in the intelligence of their Lambton friends that could materially lessen its weight. They had nothing to accuse him of but pride; pride he probably had, and if not, it would certainly be imputed by the **inhabitants** of a small market-town where the family did not visit. It was acknowledged, however, that he was a liberal man, and did much good among the poor.

With respect to Wickham, the travellers soon found that he was not held there in much estimation; for though the chief of his concerns with the son of his **patron** were **imperfectly** understood, it was yet a well-known fact that, on his quitting Derbyshire, he had left many **debts** behind him, which Mr. Darcy afterwards **discharged**.

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debts: (*n*) amount overdue, amount outstanding. ANTONYM: (*n*) credit.

discharged: (*adj*) released, exempt, clear, freer, free, fired, finished, drained, dismissed, defunct, deadened.

hastily: (*adv*) hurriedly, rapidly, quickly, rashly, promptly, suddenly, thoughtlessly, impetuously, swiftly, imprudently, speedily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) carefully, unhurriedly, industriously, sensibly, prudently,

late, calmly, thoroughly, patiently, gradually, cautiously.

imperfectly: (*adv*) faultily, defectively, badly, deficiently, incompletely, partially, poorly, inadequately, sketchily, incorrectly, halfway. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) perfectly, flawlessly, correctly, well.

inhabitants: (*n*) population, citizens, populace, folk, country, community, abode, group, inhabitation, nation, natives.

patron: (*n*) backer, advocate, friend, defender, customer, client, helper, sponsor, benefactor, frequenter, supporter. ANTONYM: (*n*) detractor.

untouched: (*adj*) intact, unharmed, unmoved, unscathed, virgin, whole, unhurt, new, impervious, imperturbable, impassive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) affected, touched, refined, vulnerable, used, spoiled, partial, injured, marred, tainted, impure.

As for Elizabeth, her thoughts were at Pemberley this evening more than the last; and the evening, though as it passed it seemed long, was not long enough to determine her feelings towards *one* in that mansion; and she lay awake two whole hours endeavouring to make them out. She certainly did not hate him. No; hatred had vanished long ago, and she had almost as long been ashamed of ever feeling a dislike against him, that could be so called. The respect created by the conviction of his valuable qualities, though at first unwillingly admitted, had for some time ceased to be **repugnant** to her feeling; and it was now heightened into somewhat of a friendlier nature, by the testimony so highly in his favour, and bringing forward his disposition in so amiable a light, which yesterday had produced. But above all, above respect and esteem, there was a motive within her of goodwill which could not be overlooked. It was gratitude; gratitude, not merely for having once loved her, but for loving her still well enough to forgive all the **petulance** and **acrimony** of her manner in rejecting him, and all the unjust accusations accompanying her rejection. He who, she had been persuaded, would avoid her as his greatest enemy, seemed, on this accidental meeting, most eager to preserve the acquaintance, and without any **indelicate** display of regard, or any **peculiarity** of manner, where their two **selves** only were concerned, was soliciting the good opinion of her friends, and bent on making her known to his sister. Such a change in a man of so much pride exciting not only astonishment but gratitude--for to love, ardent love, it must be attributed; and as such its impression on her was of a sort to be encouraged, as by no means **unpleasing**, though it could not be exactly defined. She respected, she esteemed, she was grateful to him, she felt a real interest in his welfare; and she only wanted to know how far she wished that welfare to depend upon herself, and how far it would be for the happiness of both that she should employ the power, which her fancy told her she still possessed, of bringing on her the renewal of his addresses.

It had been settled in the evening between the aunt and the niece, that such a striking civility as Miss Darcy's in coming to see them on the very day of her arrival at Pemberley, for she had reached it only to a late breakfast, ought to be **imitated**, though it could not be equalled, by some exertion of politeness on their

Thesaurus

acrimony: (*n*) bitterness, asperity, acridity, virulence, pique, gall, tartness, harshness, resentment, rancor, ill will. ANTONYMS: (*n*) suavity, civility, sweetness, affection, goodwill, harmony.

imitated: (*adj*) mimical.

indelicate: (*adj*) indecent, immodest, crude, gross, improper, coarse, crass, bawdy, unbecoming, broad,

scurrilous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) decorous, tasteful, sensitive, discreet,

decent, correct.

peculiarity: (*n*) idiosyncrasy, distinction, particularity, oddness, eccentricity, distinctiveness, abnormality, characteristic, attribute, difference, individuality.

ANTONYM: (*n*) similarity.

petulance: (*n*) touchiness, testiness, tetchiness, crossness, choler, fretfulness, peevishness, temper, acerbity; (*adj*) petulant, flippancy. **repugnant:** (*adj*) abominable,

abhorrent, odious, hateful, loathsome, ugly, adverse, obscene, offensive; (*adj, v*) repulsive; (*adj, n*) contradictory. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attractive, agreeable, desirable, lovable, nice, delightful.

selves: (*pron*) oneself.

unpleasing: (*adj*) displeasing, graceless, ungracious, unpleasant, disagreeable, wicked, not grateful, offensive, perturbed, restless, stiff.

side; and, **consequently**, that it would be highly **expedient** to wait on her at Pemberley the following morning. They were, therefore, to go. Elizabeth was **pleased**; though when she asked herself the reason, she had very little to say in reply.

Mr. Gardiner left them soon after breakfast. The **fishing** scheme had been renewed the day before, and a positive **engagement** made of his meeting some of the gentlemen at Pemberley before **noon**.

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consequently: (*adv*) therefore, subsequently, as a result, then, sequentially, followingly, so, naturally, in consequence, hence; (*conj*) ergo.

engagement: (*n, v*) combat, battle, action, fight, contest; (*n*) conflict, commitment, appointment, contract, duty, date. ANTONYM: (*n*) disengagement.

expedient: (*adj*) fit, advisable, becoming, desirable, adequate, apt,

convenient, suitable; (*n*) contrivance, resource, artifice. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inappropriate, inexpedient, impractical, futile, detrimental, inconvenient, foolish.

fishing: (*n*) fishery, casting, fishing job, piscary, piscation, rodding, halieutics, sport fishing; (*v*) coursing, hawking; (*adj*) halieutic.

noon: (*n*) high noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, hour, dinnertime, crest, twelve noon; (*adj*)

meridian, meridional; (*adj, n*) culmination.

pleased: (*adj*) contented, glad, delighted, content, joyful, thankful, gratified, appreciative, overjoyed, cheerful; (*adj, v*) elated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, annoyed, angry, worried, ashamed, disappointed, frustrated, sad, unsatisfied, ungrateful, uncomplimentary.

CHAPTER 45

Convinced as Elizabeth now was that Miss Bingley's dislike of her had originated in **jealousy**, she could not help feeling how unwelcome her appearance at Pemberley must be to her, and was curious to know with how much civility on that lady's side the acquaintance would now be renewed.

On **reaching** the house, they were shown through the hall into the **saloon**, whose northern aspect rendered it delightful for summer. Its windows opening to the ground, admitted a most refreshing view of the high woody hills behind the house, and of the beautiful **oaks** and Spanish **chestnuts** which were **scattered** over the intermediate lawn.

In this house they were received by Miss Darcy, who was sitting there with Mrs. Hurst and Miss Bingley, and the lady with whom she lived in London. Georgiana's reception of them was very civil, but attended with all the embarrassment which, though proceeding from shyness and the fear of doing wrong, would easily give to those who felt themselves **inferior** the belief of her being proud and **reserved**. Mrs. Gardiner and her niece, however, did her justice, and pitied her.

By Mrs. Hurst and Miss Bingley they were noticed only by a curtsey; and, on their being seated, a pause, awkward as such pauses must always be, succeeded for a few moments. It was first broken by Mrs. Annesley, a genteel, agreeable-looking woman, whose endeavour to introduce some kind of discourse proved

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chestnuts: (*n*) *Castanopsis*, *Fagaceae*, *Castanea*, genus *Castanea*, beech family.

inferior: (*adj*) secondary, bad, humble, poor, junior, petty, lesser, cheap, base, feeble, vulgar. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) better, choice, excellent, premium, adscript, perfect, higher, quality, senior; (*adj, n*) superscript; (*n*) boss.

jealousy: (*n*) suspicion, jealous, jealousy, envy, envious, alertness,

distrust, contention, competition, scruple, qualm.

oaks: (*n*) beech family, *Castanopsis*, *Nothofagus*, *Lithocarpus*, genus *Quercus*, Genera *Castanea*, family *Fagaceae*, *Fagus*, *Fagaceae*, chestnuts.

reaching: (*n*) reach, arrival, coming, accomplishment, outreach, advent, achievement, grasp, arriver, getting; (*adj*) suspicious.

reserved: (*adj, n*) cold, distant, frigid; (*adj*) coy, reticent, diffident, bashful,

aloof, retiring, quiet, shy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) open, forthcoming, uninhibited, relaxed, warm, communicative, talkative, free, definite, cordial, forward.

saloon: (*n*) pub, public house, salon, parlour, pothouse, hall, barroom, gin mill, alehouse, tavern, taproom.

scattered: (*adj*) dissipated, thin, disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (*v*) disperse.

her to be more truly well-bred than either of the others; and between her and Mrs. Gardiner, with occasional help from Elizabeth, the conversation was carried on. Miss Darcy looked as if she wished for **courage** enough to join in it; and sometimes did venture a short sentence when there was least danger of its being heard.

Elizabeth soon saw that she was herself closely watched by Miss Bingley, and that she could not speak a word, especially to Miss Darcy, without calling her attention. This observation would not have prevented her from trying to talk to the latter, had they not been seated at an inconvenient distance; but she was not sorry to be spared the necessity of saying much. Her own thoughts were employing her. She expected every moment that some of the gentlemen would enter the room. She wished, she feared that the master of the house might be amongst them; and whether she wished or feared it most, she could scarcely determine. After sitting in this manner a quarter of an hour without hearing Miss Bingley's voice, Elizabeth was roused by receiving from her a cold inquiry after the health of her family. She answered with equal indifference and **brevity**, and the others said no more.

The next variation which their visit afforded was produced by the entrance of servants with cold meat, cake, and a variety of all the finest **fruits** in season; but this did not take place till after many a significant look and smile from Mrs. Annesley to Miss Darcy had been given, to remind her of her post. There was now employment for the whole party--for though they could not all talk, they could all eat; and the beautiful **pyramids** of **grapes**, nectarines, and **peaches** soon collected them round the table.

While thus engaged, Elizabeth had a fair opportunity of deciding whether she most feared or wished for the appearance of Mr. Darcy, by the feelings which prevailed on his entering the room; and then, though but a moment before she had believed her wishes to **predominate**, she began to **regret** that he came.

He had been some time with Mr. Gardiner, who, with two or three other gentlemen from the house, was engaged by the river, and had left him only on learning that the ladies of the family intended a visit to Georgiana that morning.

Thesaurus

brevity: (*n*) briefness, shortness, succinctness, transience, terseness, abruptness, crispness, duration, economy, length, brevities.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) lengthiness, length.

courage: (*n*) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness.

fruits: (*n*) revenue.

grapes: (*v*) clam, chupatty, compote, damper, fish, frumenty, chowder; (*n*) vintage.

peaches: (*n*) amphetamine sulfate.
predominate: (*v*) command, outweigh, govern, reign, overrule, rule; (*adj, v*) prevail, master; (*adj*) predominant, preponderate, paramount.

pyramids: (*n*) billiards, pingpong, pool, bagatelle, jackstones, pushball, hopscotch.

regret: (*n, v*) grieve, sorrow; (*v*) bewail,

lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (*n*) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) welcome, praise; (*n*) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction.

scarcely: (*adv*) narrowly, rarely, hardly, just, scarce, uncommonly, insufficiently, scantily, scantly, only just, seldom. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) easily, liberally.

No sooner did he appear than Elizabeth wisely resolved to be perfectly easy and unembarrassed; a resolution the more necessary to be made, but perhaps not the more easily kept, because she saw that the suspicions of the whole party were awakened against them, and that there was scarcely an eye which did not watch his behaviour when he first came into the room. In no countenance was attentive curiosity so strongly marked as in Miss Bingley's, in spite of the smiles which overspread her face whenever she spoke to one of its objects; for jealousy had not yet made her desperate, and her attentions to Mr. Darcy were by no means over. Miss Darcy, on her brother's entrance, exerted herself much more to talk, and Elizabeth saw that he was anxious for his sister and herself to get acquainted, and forwarded as much as possible, every attempt at conversation on either side. Miss Bingley saw all this likewise; and, in the imprudence of anger, took the first opportunity of saying, with **sneering** civility:

"Pray, Miss Eliza, are not the ---shire Militia removed from Meryton? They must be a great loss to *your* family."

In Darcy's presence she dared not mention Wickham's name; but Elizabeth instantly comprehended that he was **uppermost** in her thoughts; and the various recollections connected with him gave her a moment's distress; but **exerting** herself vigorously to **repel** the ill-natured attack, she presently answered the question in a tolerably detached tone. While she spoke, an involuntary glance showed her Darcy, with a heightened complexion, earnestly looking at her, and his sister overcome with confusion, and unable to lift up her eyes. Had Miss Bingley known what pain she was then giving her beloved friend, she undoubtedly would have refrained from the hint; but she had merely intended to **discompose** Elizabeth by bringing forward the idea of a man to whom she believed her partial, to make her betray a **sensibility** which might **injure** her in Darcy's opinion, and, perhaps, to remind the latter of all the follies and absurdities by which some part of her family were connected with that corps. Not a syllable had ever reached her of Miss Darcy's meditated elopement. To no creature had it been revealed, where secrecy was possible, except to Elizabeth; and from all Bingley's connections her brother was particularly anxious to

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discompose: (v) confuse, discomfit, ruffle, agitate, abash, derange, disturb, disorder, unsettle, upset, embarrass. ANTONYMS: (v) compose, soothe, alleviate, calm, quiet, settle.

exerting: (n) push.

injure: (n, v) damage, harm, impair; (v) contuse, disfigure, maim, bruise, blemish, wound, insult; (adj, v) abuse. ANTONYMS: (v) heal, enable, repair, protect, help.

repel: (v) nauseate, revolt, disgust, repulse, sicken, rebuff, decline, displease, drive back, reject, refuse. ANTONYMS: (v) draw, charm, welcome, incline, yield, please, delight.

sensibility: (adj, n, v) feeling, notion; (n, v) sensation, appreciation, sense; (n) emotion, sensitivity, consciousness, perceptivity, awareness; (adj, n) sentiment. ANTONYM: (n) insensitivity.

sneering: (adj) contemptuous, disdainful, sarcastic, mocking, snide, scornful, disparaging, disapproving; (n) mockery, disdain; (adv) sneeringly. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, admiring.

uppermost: (adj) top, upmost, upper, highest, chief, maximum, supreme, greatest, major, outermost; (n) main. ANTONYMS: (adj) bottom, lowest, trivial, lower.

conceal it, from the very wish which Elizabeth had long ago **attributed** to him, of their becoming hereafter her own. He had certainly formed such a plan, and without meaning that it should effect his endeavour to separate him from Miss Bennet, it is probable that it might add something to his lively concern for the welfare of his friend.

Elizabeth's collected behaviour, however, soon quieted his emotion; and as Miss Bingley, vexed and disappointed, dared not approach **nearer** to Wickham, Georgiana also **recovered** in time, though not enough to be able to speak any more. Her brother, whose eye she feared to meet, scarcely recollected her interest in the affair, and the very circumstance which had been designed to turn his thoughts from Elizabeth seemed to have fixed them on her more and more **cheerfully**.

Their visit did not continue long after the question and answer above mentioned; and while Mr. Darcy was attending them to their carriage Miss Bingley was **venting** her feelings in criticisms on Elizabeth's person, behaviour, and dress. But Georgiana would not join her. Her brother's **recommendation** was enough to ensure her favour; his judgement could not err. And he had spoken in such terms of Elizabeth as to leave Georgiana without the power of finding her otherwise than lovely and amiable. When Darcy returned to the saloon, Miss Bingley could not help repeating to him some part of what she had been saying to his sister.

"How very ill Miss Eliza Bennet looks this morning, Mr. Darcy," she cried; "I never in my life saw anyone so much altered as she is since the winter. She is grown so brown and **coarse!** Louisa and I were agreeing that we should not have known her again."

However little Mr. Darcy might have liked such an address, he contented himself with coolly replying that he perceived no other alteration than her being rather **tanned**, no miraculous consequence of travelling in the summer.

"For my own part," she rejoined, "I must confess that I never could see any beauty in her. Her face is too thin; her complexion has no brilliancy; and her features are not at all handsome. Her nose wants character--there is nothing

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attributed: (*adj*) credited. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unofficial.

cheerfully: (*adj, adv*) gladly; (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) merrily, readily, brightly, jovially, cheerily, genially, chirpily, lively, blithely.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) bleakly, dismally, grimly, sullenly, unhappily, somberly, sadly, grudgingly, gloomily, doily, forlornly.

coarse: (*adj*) vulgar, boorish, rough, brutal, crude, gross, common, earthy,

blunt, bawdy; (*adj, v*) harsh.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sophisticated, refined, smooth, polite, soft, civil, cultured, delicate, fine, genteel, gentlemanly.

nearer: (*adj*) adjacent, narre, hither; (*adv*) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer.

recommendation: (*n*) commendation, suggestion, advice, counsel, advocacy, reference, approval, proposal, admonition, endorsement,

character.

recovered: (*adj*) cured, retrieved, well, well again, healthier, aged, improved, whole, better, corned. ANTONYM: (*adj*) worse.

tanned: (*adj*) bronzed, suntanned, browned; (*n*) brunette. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pale, untanned.

venting: (*n*) discharge, run, release, firing, sack, sacking, firing off, electric arc, spark, expelling; (*adj*) vocal.

marked in its lines. Her teeth are tolerable, but not out of the common way; and as for her eyes, which have sometimes been called so fine, I could never see anything extraordinary in them. They have a sharp, **shrewish** look, which I do not like at all; and in her air altogether there is a **self-sufficiency** without **fashion**, which is intolerable."

Persuaded as Miss Bingley was that Darcy admired Elizabeth, this was not the best method of **recommending** herself; but angry people are not always **wise**; and in seeing him at last look somewhat **nettled**, she had all the success she expected. He was **resolutely** silent, however, and, from a determination of making him speak, she continued:

"I remember, when we first knew her in Hertfordshire, how amazed we all were to find that she was a reputed beauty; and I particularly recollect your saying one night, after they had been dining at Netherfield, '*she* a beauty!--I should as soon call her mother a wit.' But afterwards she seemed to improve on you, and I believe you thought her rather pretty at one time."

"Yes," replied Darcy, who could contain himself no longer, "but *that* was only when I first saw her, for it is many months since I have considered her as one of the handsomest women of my acquaintance."

He then went away, and Miss Bingley was left to all the satisfaction of having forced him to say what gave no one any pain but herself.

Mrs. Gardiner and Elizabeth talked of all that had occurred during their visit, as they returned, except what had particularly interested them both. The look and behaviour of everybody they had seen were discussed, except of the person who had mostly engaged their attention. They talked of his sister, his friends, his house, his fruit--of everything but himself; yet Elizabeth was **longing** to know what Mrs. Gardiner thought of him, and Mrs. Gardiner would have been highly gratified by her niece's beginning the subject.

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fashion: (*n*) mode, craze, fad, manner, method, way; (*n, v*) cut, construct, style; (*v*) contrive, make.
ANTONYM: (*v*) destroy.

longing: (*n, v*) desire, aspiration; (*adj*) eager, wistful, nostalgic; (*n*) nostalgia, wish, hankering, urge, appetite; (*adj, n*) yearning. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) apathy, disinclination; (*adj*) satisfied, unconcerned.

nettled: (*adj*) annoyed, harried, stung, steamed, roiled, riled, pissed, peeved,

miffed, loaded, huffy. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) unconcerned.

recommending: (*adj*)

recommendatory, commendatory.

resolutely: (*adv*) determinedly, decidedly, steadfastly, decisively, unfalteringly, boldly, steadily, stubbornly, definitely, resolutely, unwaveringly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) irresolutely, indecisively, uncertainly, feebly, hesitantly, aimlessly.

self-sufficiency: (*n*) pride,

independence.

shrewish: (*adj*) choleric, passionate, fiery, peppery, mischievous, vixenish, peevish, wicked, quick-tempered, sagacious, shrewd.

wise: (*adj*) reasonable, sensible, sound, rational, sagacious, intelligent, prudent, shrewd, discreet; (*adj, n*) knowing; (*n*) method. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unwise, stupid, ignorant, mistaken, illogical, reckless, naive, irrational, dense.

CHAPTER 46

Elizabeth had been a good deal **disappointed** in not finding a letter from Jane on their first arrival at Lambton; and this disappointment had been renewed on each of the mornings that had now been spent there; but on the third her **repining** was over, and her sister justified, by the **receipt** of two letters from her at once, on one of which was marked that it had been missent elsewhere. Elizabeth was not surprised at it, as Jane had written the direction remarkably ill.

They had just been preparing to walk as the letters came in; and her uncle and aunt, leaving her to enjoy them in quiet, set off by themselves. The one missent must first be attended to; it had been written five days ago. The beginning **contained** an account of all their little parties and engagements, with such news as the country afforded; but the latter half, which was **dated** a day later, and written in evident agitation, gave more important **intelligence**. It was to this effect:

"Since writing the above, dearest Lizzy, something has occurred of a most unexpected and serious nature; but I am afraid of alarming you--be assured that we are all well. What I have to say relates to poor Lydia. An express came at twelve last night, just as we were all gone to bed, from Colonel Forster, to inform us that she was gone off to Scotland with one of his officers; to own the truth, with Wickham! Imagine our surprise. To Kitty, however, it does not seem so

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contained: (*adj*) implicit, unspoken, unexpressed, latent, understood, numbered, inside, confined to a small area, being within, limited to a small area. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unrestrained, generalized, pervasive.
dated: (*adj*) archaic, outmoded, obsolete, outdated, old-fashioned, dowdy, behind the times, antediluvian, ancient, unfashionable, old. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) contemporary, new, trendy, fresh,

fashionable, chic, modern, in.
disappointed: (*adj*) despondent, disgruntled, regretful, dissatisfied, depressed, sad, unhappy, frustrated, disenchanted, dejected, disappoint. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleased, satisfied, composed, happy, triumphant, fulfilled, cheerful, idealistic.
intelligence: (*n*) cleverness, intellect, news, tidings, understanding, acumen, mentality, knowledge, brains, comprehension, brainpower.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) stupidity, emotion, slowness, foolishness, ineptness.
receipt: (*n*) acknowledgment, acknowledgement, acceptance, acquittance, ticket, check, recipe, revenue, certificate, profit; (*v*) acknowledge. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rejection, invoice.
repining: (*n*) regret, plaintive, lamenting, mourning, grief, mournful; (*v*) taking on; (*adj*) regretful.

wholly unexpected. I am very, very sorry. So imprudent a match on both sides! But I am willing to hope the best, and that his character has been misunderstood. Thoughtless and **indiscreet** I can easily believe him, but this step (and let us rejoice over it) marks nothing bad at heart. His choice is **disinterested** at least, for he must know my father can give her nothing. Our poor mother is sadly grieved. My father bears it better. How thankful am I that we never let them know what has been said against him; we must forget it ourselves. They were off Saturday night about **twelve**, as is **conjectured**, but were not missed till yesterday morning at eight. The express was sent off directly. My dear Lizzy, they must have passed within ten miles of us. Colonel Forster gives us reason to expect him here soon. Lydia left a few lines for his wife, informing her of their intention. I must conclude, for I cannot be long from my poor mother. I am afraid you will not be able to make it out, but I hardly know what I have written."

Without **allowing** herself time for consideration, and scarcely knowing what she felt, Elizabeth on **finishing** this letter instantly **seized** the other, and opening it with the utmost impatience, read as follows: it had been written a day later than the conclusion of the first.

"By this time, my dearest sister, you have received my hurried letter; I wish this may be more intelligible, but though not confined for time, my head is so **bewildered** that I cannot answer for being coherent. Dearest Lizzy, I hardly know what I would write, but I have bad news for you, and it cannot be delayed. Imprudent as the marriage between Mr. Wickham and our poor Lydia would be, we are now anxious to be assured it has taken place, for there is but too much reason to fear they are not gone to Scotland. Colonel Forster came yesterday, having left Brighton the day before, not many hours after the express. Though Lydia's short letter to Mrs. F. gave them to understand that they were going to Gretna Green, something was dropped by Denny expressing his belief that W. never intended to go there, or to marry Lydia at all, which was repeated to Colonel F., who, instantly taking the alarm, set off from B. intending to trace their route. He did trace them easily to Clapham, but no further; for on entering that

allowing: (adj) permissive; (n) acknowledgment.

bewildered: (adj) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (adj, v) lost.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert.

conjectured: (adj) supposed, opinionative.

disinterested: (adj) indifferent,

detached, fair, unbiased, objective, neutral, dispassionate, equitable, evenhanded, uninterested, impassive. ANTONYMS: (adj) biased, interested, prejudiced, eager, passionate, riveted, concerned, partial, personal.
finishing: (n) completion, close, accomplishment, conclusion, end, coating; (adj, n) ending; (adj) closing, last, final, ultimate. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning; (adj) first.

indiscreet: (adj) careless, imprudent, incautious, ill-advised, rash, unadvised, unwise, impolitic, hasty, tactless, inadvisable. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtful, tacitful, judicious, guarded.

seized: (adj) confiscate, appropriated, condemned, apprehended, grasped, taken, held, seized, detained, obtained, arraigned.

twelve: (adj, n) dozen, XII; (n) boxcars, large integer.

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place, they removed into a **hackney** coach, and dismissed the chaise that brought them from Epsom. All that is known after this is, that they were seen to continue the London road. I know not what to think. After making every possible inquiry on that side London, Colonel F. came on into Hertfordshire, **anxiously** renewing them at all the turnpikes, and at the inns in Barnet and Hatfield, but without any success--no such people had been seen to pass through. With the kindest concern he came on to Longbourn, and broke his apprehensions to us in a manner most creditable to his heart. I am sincerely grieved for him and Mrs. F., but no one can throw any blame on them. Our distress, my dear Lizzy, is very great. My father and mother believe the worst, but I cannot think so ill of him. Many circumstances might make it more eligible for them to be married **privately** in town than to pursue their first plan; and even if *he* could form such a design against a young woman of Lydia's connections, which is not likely, can I suppose her so lost to everything? Impossible! I grieve to find, however, that Colonel F. is not disposed to depend upon their marriage; he shook his head when I expressed my hopes, and said he fear W. was not a man to be **trusted**. My poor mother is really ill, and keeps her room. Could she exert herself, it would be better; but this is not to be expected. And as to my father, I never in my life saw him so affected. Poor Kitty has anger for having concealed their attachment; but as it was a matter of confidence, one cannot wonder. I am truly glad, dearest Lizzy, that you have been spared something of these distressing scenes; but now, as the first shock is over, shall I own that I long for your return? I am not so **selfish**, however, as to press for it, if inconvenient. Adieu! I take up my pen again to do what I have just told you I would not; but circumstances are such that I cannot help earnestly **begging** you all to come here as soon as possible. I know my dear uncle and aunt so well, that I am not afraid of requesting it, though I have still something more to ask of the former. My father is going to London with Colonel Forster instantly, to try to discover her. What he means to do I am sure I know not; but his excessive distress will not allow him to pursue any measure in the best and safest way, and Colonel Forster is obliged to be at Brighton again to-morrow evening. In such and **exigence**, my

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anxiously: (*adv*) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly.

begging: (*n*) mendicancy, request, plea; (*v*) asking, beg; (*adj*) beseeching, entreating, mendicant, imploring, suppliant, vagabond.

exigence: (*n*) urgency, occasion, alteration, turn, convenience, cast, bend, appropriate time, due chance.

hackney: (*n*) hireling, carriage, grubber, taxicab, equipage, drudger; (*adj*) trite.

privately: (*adv*) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (*adj, adv*) quietly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) publicly, officially.

selfish: (*adj*) mean, greedy, mercenary, egotistical, egotistic, egoistic, self-interested, stingy, egocentric, self-centered, covetous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) selfless, altruistic, generous, altruism, considerate, philanthropic, thoughtful, constructive, concerned, abstemious, kind.

trusted: (*adj*) intimate, confidential, sure, bosom, beloved, cherished, familiar, trustworthy, indisputable, trusty, reliable.

uncle's advice and assistance would be everything in the world; he will immediately comprehend what I must feel, and I rely upon his goodness."

"Oh! where, where is my uncle?" cried Elizabeth, **darting** from her seat as she finished the letter, in eagerness to follow him, without losing a moment of the time so precious; but as she reached the door it was opened by a servant, and Mr. Darcy appeared. Her pale face and **impetuous** manner made him start, and before he could recover himself to speak, she, in whose mind every idea was **superseded** by Lydia's situation, hastily exclaimed, "I beg your pardon, but I must leave you. I must find Mr. Gardiner this moment, on business that cannot be delayed; I have not an instant to lose."

"Good God! what is the matter?" cried he, with more feeling than politeness; then recollecting himself, "I will not **detain** you a minute; but let me, or let the servant go after Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner. You are not well enough; you cannot go yourself."

Elizabeth hesitated, but her knees trembled under her and she felt how little would be gained by her attempting to pursue them. Calling back the servant, therefore, she commissioned him, though in so breathless an accent as made her almost **unintelligible**, to fetch his master and mistress home instantly.

On his quitting the room she sat down, unable to support herself, and looking so miserably ill, that it was impossible for Darcy to leave her, or to refrain from saying, in a tone of gentleness and **commiseration**, "Let me call your **maid**. Is there nothing you could take to give you present relief? A glass of wine; shall I get you one? You are very ill."

"No, I thank you," she replied, endeavouring to recover herself. "There is nothing the matter with me. I am quite well; I am only distressed by some dreadful news which I have just received from Longbourn."

She burst into tears as she alluded to it, and for a few minutes could not speak another word. Darcy, in wretched suspense, could only say something **indistinctly** of his concern, and observe her in compassionate silence. At length she spoke again. "I have just had a letter from Jane, with such dreadful news. It

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commiseration: (*n*) pity, compassion, sympathy, condolence, ruth, mercy, commiserate, bowels, consolation, fellow feeling, acknowledgement.

darting: (*adj*) arrowy, moving; (*v*) Sally.

detain: (*v*) arrest, confine, catch, capture, apprehend, stay, keep, jail, imprison, incarcerate, retard.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) free, liberate, rush.

impetuous: (*adj*) boisterous, hasty, fiery, headlong, heady, hot, brash,

foolhardy, dashing, fierce; (*adj, v*) impulsive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considered, careful, slow, sensible, patient.

indistinctly: (*adv*) vaguely, dimly, hazily, mistily, inarticulately, shadowily, obscurely, unclearly, fuzzily, confusedly, ambiguously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) precisely, audibly, coherently, distinctly.

maid: (*n*) damsels, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin,

maiden, housemaid, handmaid.

superseded: (*adj*) outmoded, archaic, extinct, obsolete, out of date, outdated.

unintelligible: (*adj*) opaque, inarticulate, unfathomable, impenetrable, unaccountable, ambiguous, not clear, obscure, indistinct, inconceivable, secret. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) understandable, clear, comprehensible, intelligible, obvious.

cannot be concealed from anyone. My younger sister has left all her friends--has eloped; has thrown herself into the power of--of Mr. Wickham. They are gone off together from Brighton. *You* know him too well to doubt the rest. She has no money, no connections, nothing that can tempt him to--she is lost for ever."

Darcy was fixed in astonishment. "When I consider," she added in a yet more agitated voice, "that I might have prevented it! I, who knew what he was. Had I but explained some part of it only--some part of what I learnt, to my own family! Had his character been known, this could not have happened. But it is all--all too late now."

"I am grieved indeed," cried Darcy; "grieved--shocked. But is it certain--absolutely certain?"

"Oh, yes! They left Brighton together on Sunday night, and were **traced** almost to London, but not beyond; they are certainly not gone to Scotland."

"And what has been done, what has been attempted, to recover her?"

"My father is gone to London, and Jane has written to beg my uncle's immediate assistance; and we shall be off, I hope, in half-an-hour. But nothing can be done--I know very well that nothing can be done. How is such a man to be **worked** on? How are they even to be discovered? I have not the smallest hope. It is every way horrible!"

Darcy shook his head in silent acquiescence.

"When *my* eyes were opened to his real character--Oh! had I known what I ought, what I dared to do! But I knew not--I was afraid of doing too much. Wretched, wretched mistake!"

Darcy made no answer. He seemed scarcely to hear her, and was walking up and down the room in earnest **meditation**, his **brow** contracted, his air gloomy. Elizabeth soon observed, and instantly understood it. Her power was sinking; everything *must* sink under such a proof of family weakness, such an assurance of the deepest **disgrace**. She could neither wonder nor **condemn**, but the belief of his self-conquest brought nothing to her **consolatory** to her **bosom**, afforded no **palliation** of her distress. It was, on the contrary, exactly calculated to make

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bosom: (*n*) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (*v*) embrace; (*v*) cherish, hug; (*adj*) intimate.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) outside, exteriority. **brow:** (*n*) peak, brink, brows, height, summit, forehead, eyebrow, edge, crown, brim, border. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) trough.

condemn: (*v*) censure, reproach, castigate, attaint, deplore, sentence, excoriate, upbraid, knock, doom, criticize. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) praise,

approve, commend, free, pardon, absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate, release, support.

consolatory: (*adj*) consoling, soothing, cheering.

disgrace: (*adj*, *n*, *v*) dishonor; (*n*, *v*) discredit, shame, stain, blemish, blot, slur, reproach; (*v*) degrade, debase; (*n*) degradation. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*, *v*) respect, esteem, credit; (*v*) glorify, dignify, praise; (*n*) merit, grace, pride, rise, worthiness.

meditation: (*n*, *v*) contemplation, study; (*n*) consideration, reflection, deliberation, thought, introspection, musing, rumination, conception, reflexion. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) distraction.

palliation: (*n*) mitigation, alleviation, extenuation, easement, easing, plea, mollification, soothing, justification, assuagement, appeasement.

traced: (*adj*) graphic.

worked: (*adj*) elaborated, beaten.

her understand her own wishes; and never had she so honestly felt that she could have loved him, as now, when all love must be vain.

But self, though it would **intrude**, could not **engross** her. Lydia—the humiliation, the misery she was bringing on them all, soon swallowed up every private care; and covering her face with her handkerchief, Elizabeth was soon lost to everything else; and, after a pause of several minutes, was only recalled to a sense of her situation by the voice of her companion, who, in a manner which, though it spoke compassion, spoke likewise restraint, said, “I am afraid you have been long desiring my absence, nor have I anything to **plead** in excuse of my stay, but real, though unavailing concern. Would to Heaven that anything could be either said or done on my part that might offer consolation to such distress! But I will not **torment** you with vain wishes, which may seem purposely to ask for your thanks. This unfortunate affair will, I fear, prevent my sister's having the pleasure of seeing you at Pemberley to-day.”

“Oh, yes. Be so kind as to **apologise** for us to Miss Darcy. Say that urgent business calls us home immediately. Conceal the unhappy truth as long as it is possible, I know it cannot be long.”

He readily assured her of his secrecy; again expressed his sorrow for her distress, wished it a happier conclusion than there was at present reason to hope, and leaving his compliments for her relations, with only one serious, parting look, went away.

As he quitted the room, Elizabeth felt how improbable it was that they should ever see each other again on such terms of cordiality as had marked their several meetings in Derbyshire; and as she threw a **retrospective** glance over the whole of their acquaintance, so full of contradictions and varieties, sighed at the perverseness of those feelings which would now have promoted its continuance, and would formerly have rejoiced in its **termination**.

If gratitude and esteem are good foundations of affection, Elizabeth's change of sentiment will be neither improbable nor faulty. But if otherwise—if regard springing from such sources is unreasonable or unnatural, in comparison of what is so often described as **arising** on a first interview with its object, and even

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apologise: (v) excuse, defend, support, pardon, palliate, mitigating, colour, rationalize, rationalise, plead, pled.

arising: (n) emanation.

engross: (v) absorb, engage, consume, occupy, copy, captivate, fascinate, involve, swallow, engulf; (adj, v) immerse. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, ignore, distract, bore.

intrude: (v) interfere, trespass, encroach, infringe, impose, obtrude, disturb, interrupt, impinge, barge in,

butt in. ANTONYM: (v) disregard.
plead: (v) entreat, implore, beg, adjure, petition, ask, appeal, defend, invoke, sue; (n, v) allege. ANTONYMS: (v) answer, demand.

retrospective: (adj) nostalgic, reminiscent, thoughtful, ex post facto; (n) art exhibition, demonstration, display, exposition, trade fair, showing, show.

termination: (n) close, end, conclusion, result, dissolution, cessation,

expiration, finale, finish, completion, issue. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning, preservation, initiation, inauguration, creation.

torment: (n, v) tease, distress, harass, afflict, pain, annoy; (n) agony, anguish, suffering; (v) persecute, oppress. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight, placate, comfort, soothe; (n) contentment, happiness, pleasure, calm, content.

before two words have been **exchanged**, nothing can be said in her defence, except that she had given somewhat of a trial to the latter method in her partiality for Wickham, and that its ill success might, perhaps, **authorise** her to seek the other less interesting mode of attachment. Be that as it may, she saw him go with regret; and in this early example of what Lydia's **infamy** must produce, found additional anguish as she reflected on that wretched business. Never, since reading Jane's second letter, had she entertained a hope of Wickham's meaning to marry her. No one but Jane, she thought, could flatter herself with such an expectation. Surprise was the least of her feelings on this development. While the contents of the first letter remained in her mind, she was all surprise--all astonishment that Wickham should marry a girl whom it was impossible he could marry for money; and how Lydia could ever have attached him had appeared incomprehensible. But now it was all too natural. For such an attachment as this she might have sufficient charms; and though she did not suppose Lydia to be deliberately engaging in an elopement without the intention of marriage, she had no difficulty in believing that neither her virtue nor her understanding would preserve her from falling an easy prey.

She had never perceived, while the regiment was in Hertfordshire, that Lydia had any partiality for him; but she was convinced that Lydia wanted only encouragement to attach herself to anybody. Sometimes one officer, sometimes another, had been her favourite, as their attentions raised them in her opinion. Her affections had continually been **fluctuating** but never without an object. The **mischief** of neglect and mistaken **indulgence** towards such a girl--oh! how acutely did she now feel it!

She was wild to be at home--to hear, to see, to be upon the spot to share with Jane in the cares that must now fall wholly upon her, in a family so **deranged**, a father absent, a mother incapable of exertion, and requiring constant attendance; and though almost persuaded that nothing could be done for Lydia, her uncle's interference seemed of the utmost importance, and till he entered the room her impatience was severe. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner had hurried back in alarm, supposing by the servant's account that their niece was taken suddenly ill; but

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authorise: (v) empower, approve, licence, license, entitle, commission, sanction, authorize, allow, authorising, okay.

deranged: (adj) demented, disordered, crazed, maddened, unbalanced, insane, lunatic, mad, confused, disturbed, acephalous. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, balanced, lucid, rational, stable.

exchanged: (adj) counterchanged, bartered, substituted.

fluctuating: (adj) variable, unpredictable, unstable, erratic, inconstant, irresolute, mutable, unsteady, irregular, fickle; (v) fluctuate. ANTONYMS: (adj) constant, fixed.

indulgence: (adj, n) gratification, delight; (n) allowance, extravagance, debauchery, hobby, tolerance, luxury, enjoyment, leniency, pardon. ANTONYMS: (n) denial, virtue, intolerance, uprightness, necessity,

indifference, dismay, severity.
infamy: (n) dishonor, disrepute, ignominy, notoriety, shame, opprobrium, reproach, stain, discredit, baseness; (adj, n) pollution. ANTONYMS: (n) fame, virtue, honor, obscurity, pride.
mischief: (adj, n) evil, hurt, harm; (n) damage, ill, detriment, disadvantage, devilry, caper, devilmest, maleficence. ANTONYMS: (n) obedience, beneficence, help.

satisfying them instantly on that head, she eagerly communicated the cause of their **summons**, reading the two letters aloud, and dwelling on the postscript of the last with **trembling** energy, though Lydia had never been a favourite with them, Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner could not but be deeply **afflicted**. Not Lydia only, but all were concerned in it; and after the first exclamations of surprise and horror, Mr. Gardiner promised every assistance in his power. Elizabeth, though expecting no less, thanked him with tears of **gratitude**; and all three being **actuated** by one spirit, everything relating to their journey was speedily settled. They were to be off as soon as possible. "But what is to be done about Pemberley?" cried Mrs. Gardiner. "John told us Mr. Darcy was here when you sent for us; was it so?"

"Yes; and I told him we should not be able to keep our engagement. *that* is all settled."

"What is all settled?" repeated the other, as she ran into her room to prepare. "And are they upon such terms as for her to **disclose** the real truth? Oh, that I knew how it was!"

But wishes were vain, or at least could only serve to amuse her in the hurry and confusion of the following hour. Had Elizabeth been at leisure to be idle, she would have remained certain that all employment was impossible to one so **wretched** as herself; but she had her share of business as well as her aunt, and amongst the rest there were notes to be written to all their friends at Lambton, with false excuses for their sudden departure. An hour, however, saw the whole completed; and Mr. Gardiner meanwhile having settled his account at the inn, nothing remained to be done but to go; and Elizabeth, after all the misery of the morning, found herself, in a **shorter** space of time than she could have supposed, seated in the carriage, and on the road to Longbourn.

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actuated: (*adj*) motivated, actuate.

afflicted: (*adj*) miserable, distressed, stricken, pitiful, sorrowful, ill, woeful, dejected, sorry; (*v*) afflict, displeased.

disclose: (*v*) declare, betray, reveal, detect, divulge, discover, convey, announce, air; (*n, v*) impart; (*adj, v*) confess. ANTONYMS: (*v*) secrete, withhold, hide, cover, deny, fold, suppress.

gratitude: (*n*) appreciation, thanks,

thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) ingratitude, ungratefulness.

shorter: (*adj*) smaller, inferior.

summons: (*n*) call, invitation, bidding, process, writ, invocation, warrant, command; (*n, v*) summon; (*v*) demand, cite.

trembling: (*adj, n*) shaking; (*adj, n, v*)

tremor; (*adj*) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, steady.

wretched: (*adj*) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (*adj, v*) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable.

CHAPTER 47

"I have been thinking it over again, Elizabeth," said her uncle, as they drove from the town; "and really, upon serious consideration, I am much more **inclined** than I was to judge as your eldest sister does on the matter. It appears to me so very unlikely that any young man should form such a design against a girl who is by no means **unprotected** or **friendless**, and who was actually staying in his colonel's family, that I am strongly inclined to hope the best. Could he expect that her friends would not step forward? Could he expect to be **noticed** again by the regiment, after such an affront to Colonel Forster? His temptation is not adequate to the risk!"

"Do you really think so?" cried Elizabeth, **brightening** up for a moment.

"Upon my word," said Mrs. Gardiner, "I begin to be of your uncle's opinion. It is really too great a **violation** of **decency**, honour, and interest, for him to be guilty of. I cannot think so very ill of Wickham. Can you yourself, Lizzy, so wholly give him up, as to believe him capable of it?"

"Not, perhaps, of neglecting his own interest; but of every other neglect I can believe him capable. If, indeed, it should be so! But I dare not hope it. Why should they not go on to Scotland if that had been the case?"

"In the first place," replied Mr. Gardiner, "there is no absolute proof that they are not gone to Scotland."

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brightening: (*n*) blooming, polishing, limb, illumination, first blush, break of day.

decency: (*n*) dignity, modesty, decorum, kindness, morality, courtesy, correctness, goodness, virtue, respectability, propriety. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indecency, offensiveness, corruption, immorality, wickedness, unsuitability, unkindness, rudeness, impropriety, badness, nastiness.

friendless: (*adj*) alone, lonely, abandoned, solitary, helpless, lonesome, forsaken, unfriended, deserted, introverted, unwanted. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sociable.

inclined: (*adj, v*) given; (*adj*) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious.

noticed: (*adj*) noted.

unprotected: (*adj*) exposed, unguarded, open, naked, helpless, defenseless, unshielded, uncovered, unarmed, undefended, insecure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) armed, protected, secure, invulnerable.

violation: (*n*) infraction, breach, infringement, trespass, assault, outrage, invasion; (*adj, n, v*) abuse; (*n, v*) crime, offense; (*adj, n*) defilement. ANTONYMS: (*n*) obedience, observance, consecration, respect.

"Oh! but their **removing** from the chaise into a hackney coach is such a **presumption!** And, besides, no traces of them were to be found on the Barnet road."

"Well, then--supposing them to be in London. They may be there, though for the purpose of concealment, for no more exceptional purpose. It is not likely that money should be very abundant on either side; and it might strike them that they could be more economically, though less **expeditiously**, married in London than in Scotland."

"But why all this secrecy? Why any fear of detection? Why must their marriage be private? Oh, no, no--this is not likely. His most particular friend, you see by Jane's account, was persuaded of his never intending to marry her. Wickham will never marry a woman without some money. He cannot afford it. And what claims has Lydia--what attraction has she beyond youth, health, and good humour that could make him, for her sake, **forego** every chance of benefiting himself by marrying well? As to what restraint the apprehensions of disgrace in the corps might throw on a **dishonourable** elopement with her, I am not able to judge; for I know nothing of the effects that such a step might produce. But as to your other objection, I am afraid it will hardly hold good. Lydia has no brothers to step forward; and he might imagine, from my father's behaviour, from his **indolence** and the little attention he has ever seemed to give to what was going forward in his family, that *he* would do as little, and think as little about it, as any father could do, in such a matter."

"But can you think that Lydia is so lost to everything but love of him as to consent to live with him on any terms other than marriage?"

"It does seem, and it is most **shocking** indeed," replied Elizabeth, with tears in her eyes, "that a sister's sense of decency and virtue in such a point should admit of doubt. But, really, I know not what to say. Perhaps I am not doing her justice. But she is very young; she has never been taught to think on serious subjects; and for the last **half-year**, nay, for a twelvemonth--she has been given up to nothing but amusement and vanity. She has been allowed to dispose of her time in the most idle and frivolous manner, and to adopt any opinions that

dishonourable: (adj) base, disgraceful, shabby, dishonest, sordid, discreditable, ignoble, shameful, crooked, opprobrious, black.
expeditiously: (adv) swiftly, rapidly, fleetly, quickly, efficiently, hastily, agilely, speedily, fast, expedited, fastly.
forego: (v) disclaim, antedate, renounce, antecede, waive, abandon, resign, forgo, precede, relinquish, spare.

half-year: (n) semester.
indolence: (n) laziness, inaction, lethargy, inertia, inactivity, listlessness, slowness, torpor, sluggishness, apathy; (adj, n) sloth.
ANTONYMS: (n) energy, nimbleness, activity, bustle, liveliness, vigor.
presumption: (n) effrontery, confidence, assurance, premise, arrogance, guess, conjecture, surmise, insolence, impertinence, belief.

ANTONYM: (n) respect.
removing: (adj) departing.
shocking: (adj) frightful, shameful, formidable, ghastly, horrible, hideous, disgraceful, disgusting, scandalous; (adj, v) offensive, abominable. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) admirable, delightful, pleasing, lovely, comforting, honorable, wonderful, bland, inoffensive, decent, excellent.

came in her way. Since the ----shire were first quartered in Meryton, nothing but love, flirtation, and officers have been in her head. She has been doing everything in her power by thinking and talking on the subject, to give greater--what shall I call it? susceptibility to her feelings; which are naturally lively enough. And we all know that Wickham has every charm of person and address that can **captivate** a woman."

"But you see that Jane," said her aunt, "does not think so very ill of Wickham as to believe him capable of the attempt."

"Of whom does Jane ever think ill? And who is there, whatever might be their former conduct, that she would think capable of such an attempt, till it were proved against them? But Jane knows, as well as I do, what Wickham really is. We both know that he has been **profligate** in every sense of the word; that he has neither integrity nor **honour**; that he is as false and **deceitful** as he is insinuating."

"And do you really know all this?" cried Mrs. Gardiner, whose curiosity as to the mode of her intelligence was all alive.

"I do indeed," replied Elizabeth, colouring. "I told you, the other day, of his infamous behaviour to Mr. Darcy; and you yourself, when last at Longbourn, heard in what manner he spoke of the man who had behaved with such forbearance and **liberality** towards him. And there are other circumstances which I am not at liberty--which it is not worth while to relate; but his lies about the whole Pemberley family are endless. From what he said of Miss Darcy I was thoroughly prepared to see a proud, reserved, disagreeable girl. Yet he knew to the contrary himself. He must know that she was as amiable and **unpretending** as we have found her."

"But does Lydia know nothing of this? can she be ignorant of what you and Jane seem so well to understand?"

"Oh, yes!--that, that is the worst of all. Till I was in Kent, and saw so much both of Mr. Darcy and his relation Colonel Fitzwilliam, I was ignorant of the truth myself. And when I returned home, the ----shire was to leave Meryton in a

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captivate: (*adj, v*) attract, charm, fascinate; (*v*) bewitch, enchant, take, lure, hypnotize; (*n, v*) allure, tempt, entice. ANTONYMS: (*v*) repulse, disillusion, offend, bore, annoy.
deceitful: (*adj*) false, fraudulent, insincere, crooked, dishonest, untrue, sly, artful, untrustworthy, unreliable, treacherous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straightforward, genuine, trustworthy, truthful, loyal, open, principled, straight, upright, faithful,

dependable.
honour: (*n*) fame, award, dignity, homage, celebrity, accolade, reputation; (*n, v*) honor; (*v*) respect, celebrate, dignify. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) dishonor; (*v*) disrespect.
liberality: (*n, v*) charity, almsgiving; (*adj, n*) bounty; (*n*) largess, munificence, benevolence, beneficence, generosity, tolerance; (*adj*) largesse, gift. ANTONYM: (*n*) illiberality.

profligate: (*adj*) debauched, lavish, corrupt, extravagant, immoral, wasteful, abandoned; (*adj, n*) prodigal, licentious, spendthrift, libertine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frugal, upright, moral, economical, parsimonious, sensible, cautious, innocent.
unpretending: (*adj*) unassuming, humble, unostentatious, unobtrusive, lowly, unpretentious, restrained; (*n*) plain, homely, familiar, intimate.

week or fortnight's time. As that was the case, neither Jane, to whom I related the whole, nor I, thought it necessary to make our knowledge public; for of what use could it apparently be to any one, that the good opinion which all the neighbourhood had of him should then be overthrown? And even when it was settled that Lydia should go with Mrs. Forster, the necessity of opening her eyes to his character never occurred to me. That *she* could be in any danger from the **deception** never entered my head. That such a consequence as *this* could **ensue**, you may easily believe, was far enough from my thoughts."

"When they all removed to Brighton, therefore, you had no reason, I suppose, to believe them fond of each other?"

"Not the **slightest**. I can remember no symptom of affection on either side; and had anything of the kind been **perceptible**, you must be aware that ours is not a family on which it could be thrown away. When first he entered the **corps**, she was ready enough to admire him; but so we all were. Every girl in or near Meryton was out of her senses about him for the first two months; but he never distinguished *her* by any particular attention; and, consequently, after a moderate period of extravagant and wild admiration, her fancy for him gave way, and others of the regiment, who treated her with more distinction, again became her favourites."

It may be easily believed, that however little of novelty could be added to their fears, hopes, and conjectures, on this interesting subject, by its repeated discussion, no other could detain them from it long, during the whole of the journey. From Elizabeth's thoughts it was never absent. Fixed there by the keenest of all **anguish**, self-reproach, she could find no interval of ease or forgetfulness.

They **travelled** as expeditiously as possible, and, sleeping one night on the road, reached Longbourn by dinner time the next day. It was a comfort to Elizabeth to consider that Jane could not have been **wearied** by long expectations.

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anguish: (*n, v*) pain, ache; (*n*) torment, agony, torture, distress, misery, suffering, despair, grief, sorrow.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, happiness, calm, euphoria, joyfulness, ecstasy, content, peace, hopefulness.

corps: (*n*) company, army, army corps, detachment, troop, battalion, body, regiment, crew, party, task force.

deception: (*n, v*) cheat; (*n*) illusion, trick, pretense, delusion, betrayal,

fake, flam, bluff, gammon, cheating.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) honesty, candidness, sincerity, openness, correction, integrity, genuine, truthfulness.

ensue: (*v*) come, arise, happen, result, succeed, occur, transpire, turn out, befall, come after, stem.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) forerun, preface, antecede, dwindle, recede.

perceptible: (*adj*) conspicuous, appreciable, evident, discernible,

obvious, visible, palpable, apparent, detectable, manifest, observable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intangible, unclear, inaudible, inconspicuous, obscure, undetectable, invisible.

slightest: (*adj*) minimal, first, smallest amount.

travelled: (*adj*) cosmopolitan.

wearied: (*adj*) jaded, tired, spent, fatigued, weary, prostrate, limp, haggard, shattered, worn, fatiguate.

The little Gardiners, **attracted** by the sight of a chaise, were standing on the steps of the house as they entered the **paddock**; and, when the carriage **drove** up to the door, the **joyful** surprise that **lighted** up their faces, and displayed itself over their whole **bodies**, in a variety of capers and frisks, was the first pleasing earnest of their welcome.

Elizabeth jumped out; and, after giving each of them a hasty **kiss**, hurried into the vestibule, where Jane, who came running down from her mother's **apartment**, immediately met her.

Elizabeth, as she affectionately **embraced** her, whilst tears filled the eyes of both, lost not a moment in asking whether anything had been heard of the fugitives.

"Not yet," replied Jane. "But now that my dear uncle is come, I hope everything will be well."

"Is my father in town?"

"Yes, he went on Tuesday, as I wrote you word."

"And have you heard from him often?"

"We have heard only twice. He wrote me a few lines on Wednesday to say that he had arrived in safety, and to give me his directions, which I particularly begged him to do. He merely added that he should not write again till he had something of importance to mention."

"And my mother--how is she? How are you all?"

"My mother is tolerably well, I trust; though her **spirits** are greatly **shaken**. She is upstairs and will have great satisfaction in seeing you all. She does not yet leave her dressing-room. Mary and Kitty are, thank Heaven, are quite well."

"But you--how are you?" cried Elizabeth. "You look pale. How much you must have gone through!"

Her sister, however, assured her of her being perfectly well; and their conversation, which had been passing while Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner were engaged with their children, was now put an end to by the approach of the

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apartment: (*n*) residence, lodging, suite, place, dwelling, chamber, room, abode, house, home, accommodation.

attracted: (*adj*) paying attention, concerned, enamored, enthusiastic, interested, involved, amatory.

bodies: (*n*) people, public.

drove: (*adj, n*) flock, swarm, shoal; (*n*) horde, crowd, covey, mob, throng, multitude; (*adj*) bevy, driven.

embraced: (*adj*) popular.

joyful: (*adj*) gay, glad, elated, cheerful, gleeful, cheery, delighted, joyous, jolly, blissful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) miserable, sorrowful, unhappy, despairing, unpleasant, staid, sorry, disappointed, depressed, heavy.

kiss: (*n, v*) caress, brush, embrace, touch; (*n*) osculation, salute, lip, Kiss of peace, kiss hands; (*v*) osculate, love.

lighted: (*adj*) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning,

ignite, kindled, lighten.

paddock: (*n*) field, enclosure, pasture, meadow, corral, compound, pound, stall, ground, hutch, parrock.

shaken: (*adj*) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (*v*) passe, lame, broken, threadbare, wilted, shabby, vibrare.

spirits: (*n*) alcohol, booze, humor, frame of mind, liqueur, strong drink, hard drink; (*adj*) cheer, geniality, good humor, (*v*) wine.

whole party. Jane ran to her uncle and aunt, and welcomed and thanked them both, with **alternate** smiles and tears.

When they were all in the drawing-room, the questions which Elizabeth had already asked were of course repeated by the others, and they soon found that Jane had no intelligence to give. The **sanguine** hope of good, however, which the benevolence of her heart suggested had not yet **deserted** her; she still expected that it would all end well, and that every morning would bring some letter, either from Lydia or her father, to explain their proceedings, and, perhaps, announce their marriage.

Mrs. Bennet, to whose apartment they all repaired, after a few minutes' conversation together, received them exactly as might be expected; with tears and lamentations of regret, invectives against the **villainous** conduct of Wickham, and complaints of her own sufferings and ill-usage; blaming everybody but the person to whose ill-judging indulgence the errors of her daughter must **principally** be owing.

"If I had been able," said she, "to carry my point in going to Brighton, with all my family, *this* would not have happened; but poor dear Lydia had nobody to take care of her. Why did the Forsters ever let her go out of their sight? I am sure there was some great neglect or other on their side, for she is not the kind of girl to do such a thing if she had been well looked after. I always thought they were very unfit to have the charge of her; but I was overruled, as I always am. Poor dear child! And now here's Mr. Bennet gone away, and I know he will fight Wickham, wherever he meets him and then he will be killed, and what is to become of us all? The Collinses will turn us out before he is cold in his grave, and if you are not kind to us, brother, I do not know what we shall do."

They all exclaimed against such **terrific** ideas; and Mr. Gardiner, after general assurances of his affection for her and all her family, told her that he meant to be in London the very next day, and would assist Mr. Bennet in every endeavour for recovering Lydia.

"Do not give way to useless alarm," added he; "though it is right to be prepared for the worst, there is no occasion to look on it as certain. It is not quite

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alternate: (adj, n, v) substitute; (n) surrogate, standby, vice; (v) reciprocate, vary, take turns, fluctuate, change; (adj, n) alternative; (adj) secondary. ANTONYMS: (adj) consecutive, successive, required, opposite, necessary, essential; (v) remain, continue.
deserted: (adj) desert, solitary, empty, lonely, isolated, forsaken, lonesome, desolate, bleak, vacant; (adj, v) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) occupied,

packed, crowded, mobbed, populated, populous, overcrowded.
principally: (adv) mainly, primarily, especially, predominantly, particularly, above all, mostly, largely, in the main, masterly, essentially.
sanguine: (adj) hopeful, optimistic, bloody, rubicund, confident, crimson, cheerful, buoyant, sanguineous; (adj, n) red, florid. ANTONYMS: (adj) pessimistic, gloomy, doubtful.

terrific: (adj) tremendous, fantastic, great, wonderful, dreadful, formidable, splendid, brilliant, marvellous; (adj, v) terrible, shocking. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, abysmal, bad, calm, moderate, nasty, dreadful, insignificant, ordinary, unremarkable.
villainous: (adj, v) base, infamous, vile, black, shameful; (adj) heinous, atrocious, depraved, wicked, evil, vicious.

a week since they left Brighton. In a few days more we may gain some news of them; and till we know that they are not married, and have no design of marrying, do not let us give the matter over as lost. As soon as I get to town I shall go to my brother, and make him come home with me to Gracechurch Street; and then we may **consult** together as to what is to be done."

"Oh! my dear brother," replied Mrs. Bennet, "that is exactly what I could most wish for. And now do, when you get to town, find them out, wherever they may be; and if they are not married already, *make* them marry. And as for wedding clothes, do not let them wait for that, but tell Lydia she shall have as much money as she chooses to buy them, after they are married. And, above all, keep Mr. Bennet from fighting. Tell him what a dreadful state I am in, that I am frightened out of my wits--and have such tremblings, such flutterings, all over me--such spasms in my side and pains in my head, and such beatings at heart, that I can get no rest by night nor by day. And tell my dear Lydia not to give any directions about her clothes till she has seen me, for she does not know which are the best warehouses. Oh, brother, how kind you are! I know you will contrive it all."

But Mr. Gardiner, though he assured her again of his earnest endeavours in the cause, could not avoid recommending **moderation** to her, as well in her hopes as her fear; and after talking with her in this manner till dinner was on the table, they all left her to **vent** all her feelings on the housekeeper, who attended in the absence of her daughters.

Though her brother and sister were persuaded that there was no real occasion for such a **seclusion** from the family, they did not attempt to **oppose** it, for they knew that she had not prudence enough to hold her tongue before the servants, while they waited at table, and judged it better that *one* only of the household, and the one whom they could most trust should comprehend all her fears and solicitude on the subject.

In the dining-room they were soon joined by Mary and Kitty, who had been too **busily** engaged in their separate apartments to make their appearance before. One came from her books, and the other from her toilette. The faces of both,

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busily: (*adv*) actively, occupiedly, briskly, industriously, engagedly, energetically, assiduously, lively, officiously, fussily, meddlesomely. ANTONYM: (*adv*) inactively.
consult: (*v*) consider, negotiate, deliberate, advise, refer, discuss, ask, reason, look up, canvass; (*n, v*) talk. ANTONYMS: (*v*) ignore, bypass.
moderation: (*n*) abstinence, abstemiousness, moderateness, abatement, measure, alleviation,

sobriety, patience, restraint, soberness, easing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intemperance, overindulgence, excess, increase, immoderation, strength, extremism, indulgence, impatience, harshness, abandon.
oppose: (*v*) contest, contend, resist, contradict, controvert, contravene, counteract, fight, counter, disagree, dissent. ANTONYMS: (*v*) advocate, agree, back, advise, promote, accept, submit, encourage, correspond,

approve, favor.
seclusion: (*n*) retreat, segregation, retirement, isolation, secrecy, concealment, insulation, separation, hermitage; (*adj, n*) solitude, loneliness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) company, closeness, inclusion.
vent: (*n*) exit, opening, flue, chimney, escape, blowhole; (*n, v*) discharge, air, release; (*v*) emit, ventilate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) door, closure; (*v*) block, suppress.

however, were tolerably calm; and no change was visible in either, except that the loss of her favourite sister, or the anger which she had herself incurred in this business, had given more of **fretfulness** than usual to the accents of Kitty. As for Mary, she was mistress enough of herself to **whisper** to Elizabeth, with a countenance of grave reflection, soon after they were seated at table:

"This is a most unfortunate affair, and will probably be much talked of. But we must stem the tide of malice, and pour into the wounded bosoms of each other the **balm** of sisterly consolation."

Then, perceiving in Elizabeth no inclination of replying, she added, "Unhappy as the event must be for Lydia, we may draw from it this useful lesson: that loss of virtue in a female is **irrecoverable**; that one false step involves her in endless ruin; that her reputation is no less **brittle** than it is beautiful; and that she cannot be too much guarded in her behaviour towards the undeserving of the other sex."

Elizabeth lifted up her eyes in amazement, but was too much oppressed to make any reply. Mary, however, continued to console herself with such kind of moral extractions from the evil before them.

In the afternoon, the two elder Miss Bennets were able to be for half-an-hour by themselves; and Elizabeth instantly availed herself of the opportunity of making any inquiries, which Jane was equally eager to satisfy. After joining in general lamentations over the dreadful **sequel** of this event, which Elizabeth considered as all but certain, and Miss Bennet could not **assert** to be wholly impossible, the former continued the subject, by saying, "But tell me all and everything about it which I have not already heard. Give me further particulars. What did Colonel Forster say? Had they no apprehension of anything before the elopement took place? They must have seen them together for ever."

"Colonel Forster did own that he had often suspected some partiality, especially on Lydia's side, but nothing to give him any alarm. I am so grieved for him! His behaviour was attentive and kind to the utmost. He *was* coming to us, in order to assure us of his concern, before he had any idea of their not being

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assert: (v) allege, affirm, say, claim, declare, swear, show, avow, aver, maintain, argue. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, controvert, repress, refute.
balm: (n) salve, unguent, incense, perfume, aroma, unction, liniment, balsam, arnica, lotion, fragrance. ANTONYMS: (n) irritant, nuisance.
brittle: (adj) crumbly, breakable, crisp, fragile, short, crispy, brittle, sensitive, insubstantial, shivery, brash. ANTONYMS: (adj) solid,

strong, resilient, durable, relaxed, sturdy, unbreakable, soft.
fretfulness: (n) disquiet, crossness, impatience, peevishness, irritability, testiness, chagrin, ill humor, vexation, surliness, pettishness.
irrecoverable: (adj) irrecoverable, irremediable, irreversible, remediless, irreclaimable, irrevocable, unrecoverable, incurable, irredeemable, desperate; (v) indefeasible. ANTONYMS: (adj)

superficial, flexible, impermanent, temporary.
sequel: (n) sequence, result, issue, aftermath, continuation, continuance, outcome, consequence, ending, upshot, outgrowth. ANTONYM: (n) prelude.
whisper: (n, v) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (v) breathe, hiss; (n) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (n) information.

gone to Scotland: when that apprehension first got abroad, it hastened his journey."

"And was Denny **convinced** that Wickham would not **marry**? Did he know of their intending to go off? Had Colonel Forster seen Denny himself?"

"Yes; but, when questioned by *him*, Denny denied knowing anything of their plans, and would not give his real opinion about it. He did not **repeat** his persuasion of their not marrying--and from *that*, I am inclined to hope, he might have been misunderstood before."

"And till Colonel Forster came himself, not one of you entertained a doubt, I suppose, of their being really married?"

"How was it possible that such an idea should enter our **brains**? I felt a little uneasy--a little fearful of my sister's happiness with him in marriage, because I knew that his conduct had not been always quite right. My father and mother knew nothing of that; they only felt how imprudent a match it must be. Kitty then **owned**, with a very natural **triumph** on knowing more than the rest of us, that in Lydia's last letter she had prepared her for such a step. She had known, it seems, of their being in love with each other, many weeks."

"But not before they went to Brighton?"

"No, I believe not."

"And did Colonel Forster appear to think well of Wickham himself? Does he know his real character?"

"I must confess that he did not speak so well of Wickham as he formerly did. He believed him to be imprudent and extravagant. And since this sad affair has taken place, it is said that he left Meryton **greatly** in debt; but I hope this may be false."

"Oh, Jane, had we been less secret, had we told what we knew of him, this could not have happened!"

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brains: (*n*) cleverness, intellect, intelligence, sense, mind, wisdom, pate, wit, wits, reason; (*adj*, *n*) head. ANTONYM: (*n*) stupidity.

convinced: (*adj*, *v*) sure, positive, confident, firm; (*v*) cocksure, persuaded, satisfied, assured, bold; (*adj*) clear, definite. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) doubtful, unconvinced, uncertain, cynical.

greatly: (*adv*) badly, enormously, considerably, extremely, highly,

vastly, immensely, mightily, hugely; (*adj*, *adv*) far, deeply. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, hardly, superficially, poorly, lightly, insignificantly, barely, moderately.

marry: (*n*, *v*) wed, espouse; (*v*) get married, link, conjoin, wife, splice, tie, unite, couple; (*n*) marriage. ANTONYMS: (*v*) divorce, separate, split.

owned: (*v*) owed, ought; (*adj*) own, proprietary; (*n*) aught.

repeat: (*v*) copy, recapitulate, reduplicate, reiterate, rehearse, return, say, double, renew, iterate, duplicate.

triumph: (*v*) exult, prevail, crow, rejoice, succeed; (*n*, *v*) glory, win, joy; (*n*) victory, conquest, exultation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) failure, defeat, sorrow, unhappiness, dud, sadness, loss, flop; (*v*) fail, lose, forfeit.

"Perhaps it would have been better," replied her sister. "But to **expose** the former faults of any person without knowing what their present feelings were, seemed **unjustifiable**. We acted with the best intentions."

"Could Colonel Forster repeat the particulars of Lydia's note to his wife?"

"He brought it with him for us to see."

Jane then took it from her pocket-book, and gave it to Elizabeth. These were the contents:

My dear Harriet,

You will laugh when you know where I am gone, and I cannot help laughing myself at your surprise to-morrow morning, as soon as I am missed. I am going to Gretna Green, and if you cannot guess with who, I shall think you a simpleton, for there is but one man in the world I love, and he is an **angel**. I should never be happy without him, so think it no harm to be off. You need not send them word at Longbourn of my going, if you do not like it, for it will make the surprise the greater, when I write to them and sign my name 'Lydia Wickham.' What a good joke it will be! I can hardly write for laughing. Pray make my excuses to Pratt for not keeping my engagement, and dancing with him to-night. Tell him I hope he will excuse me when he knows all; and tell him I will dance with him at the next ball we meet, with great pleasure. I shall send for my clothes when I get to Longbourn; but I wish you would tell Sally to mend a great **slit** in my worked muslin gown before they are packed up. **Good-bye**. Give my love to Colonel Forster. I hope you will drink to our good journey.

Your affectionate friend,
"Lydia Bennet."

"Oh! **thoughtless**, thoughtless Lydia!" cried Elizabeth when she had finished it. "What a letter is this, to be written at such a moment! But at least it shows

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angel: (n, v) sponsor, support; (n) backer, cherub, messenger, patron, benefactor, saint; (adj) Dulcinea, goddess; (adj, n) darling.
ANTONYMS: (n) fiend, devil, jerk, demon.

expose: (v) endanger, exhibit, betray, detect, display, air, uncover, debunk, denude, unfold, divulge.

ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, cover, enclose, suppress, shield, shelter, insulate, hide, guard, drape.

good-bye: (n) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodby, vale, adios, cheerio.

slit: (n, v) score, rip, split, breach, slash, crack, scratch; (n) crevice, gap; (adj, n) cleft; (v) slice.

thoughtless: (adj, v) careless, heedless, rash, improvident; (adj) reckless, inattentive, hasty, unthinking, negligent, neglectful, imprudent.

ANTONYMS: (adj) considerate, considered, heedful, prudent, kind, cautious, mindful, responsible,

attentive, observant, sensible.

unjustifiable: (adj) unwarranted, unwarrantable, unreasonable, inexcusable, unjustified, unfair, unfounded, unforgivable, unallowable, undue; (adj, v) unpardonable. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) justifiable, excusable, understandable, fair, justified, necessary.

that *she* was serious on the subject of their journey. Whatever he might afterwards persuade her to, it was not on her side a *scheme* of infamy. My poor father! how he must have felt it!"

"I never saw anyone so **shocked**. He could not speak a word for full ten minutes. My mother was taken ill immediately, and the whole house in such confusion!"

"Oh! Jane," cried Elizabeth, "was there a servant **belonging** to it who did not know the whole story before the end of the day?"

"I do not know. I hope there was. But to be guarded at such a time is very difficult. My mother was in **hysterics**, and though I endeavoured to give her every assistance in my power, I am afraid I did not do so much as I might have done! But the horror of what might possibly happen almost took from me my faculties."

"Your attendance upon her has been too much for you. You do not look well. Oh that I had been with you! you have had every care and anxiety upon yourself alone."

"Mary and Kitty have been very kind, and would have shared in every fatigue, I am sure; but I did not think it right for either of them. Kitty is slight and delicate; and Mary studies so much, that her hours of **repose** should not be broken in on. My aunt Phillips came to Longbourn on Tuesday, after my father went away; and was so good as to stay till Thursday with me. She was of great use and comfort to us all. And Lady Lucas has been very kind; she walked here on Wednesday morning to **condole** with us, and offered her services, or any of her daughters', if they should be of use to us."

"She had better have stayed at home," cried Elizabeth; "perhaps she *meant* well, but, under such a misfortune as this, one cannot see too little of one's neighbours. Assistance is impossible; **condolence insufferable**. Let them triumph over us at a distance, and be satisfied."

She then proceeded to inquire into the measures which her father had intended to pursue, while in town, for the recovery of his daughter.

Thesaurus

belonging: (*adj*) appertaining, appertinent, apropos, apposite; (*n*) household, family, appendage, appurtenance, intimacy, commodity, closeness. ANTONYM: (*n*) antipathy.
condole: (*v*) pity, sympathize, comfort, compassionate, lament.
condolence: (*n*) compassion, pity, sympathy, condolment, condolences, lamentation, mercy, mourning, acknowledgement, solace, acknowledgment. ANTONYM: (*n*)

congratulation.
hysterics: (*adj*) frenzy, hysterical, phrensy; (*n*) panic, mirth, emotional behavior, dramatics, paroxysm, rage, tantrum, affected behavior.
insufferable: (*adj*, *v*) intolerable, abhorrent; (*adj*) excruciating, impossible, unbearable, insupportable, unendurable, unsufferable, hateful, painful; (*v*) nauseous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) manageable, nice, lovable.

repose: (*n*, *v*) recline, peace, lie, calm; (*n*) composure, ease, quiet, leisure, recreation, relaxation; (*v*) lay.
ANTONYMS: (*n*, *v*) work; (*n*) activity, panic, agitation.
shocked: (*adj*) dismayed, aghast, amazed, surprised, stunned, distressed, afraid, speechless, appalled, bewildered, dumbfounded. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delighted, indifferent, unaffected.

"He meant I believe," replied Jane, "to go to Epsom, the place where they last changed horses, see the postillions and try if anything could be made out from them. His **principal** object must be to **discover** the number of the hackney **coach** which took them from Clapham. It had come with a **fare** from London; and as he thought that the circumstance of a gentleman and lady's removing from one carriage into another might be remarked he meant to make inquiries at Clapham. If he could **anyhow** discover at what house the **coachman** had before set down his fare, he determined to make inquiries there, and hoped it might not be impossible to find out the stand and number of the coach. I do not know of any other designs that he had formed; but he was in such a **hurry** to be gone, and his spirits so greatly discomposed, that I had difficulty in finding out even so much as this."

Thesaurus

anyhow: (*adv*) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another.

coach: (*adj, v*) prime; (*n*) trainer, teacher, instructor, stagecoach, charabanc, carriage, autobus, bus; (*v*) train, educate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) listen, learn; (*n*) pupil, student.

coachman: (*n*) teamster, cabman, charioteer, carter, carman, Jehu, postboy, drayman, wagoner,

postilion; (*v*) whip.

discover: (*v*) discern, disclose, ascertain, find, perceive, catch, expose, hear, determine, sense, detect. ANTONYMS: (*v*) overlook, ignore, disregard, confuse, conceal, lose.

fare: (*n, v*) do; (*n*) food, aliment, board, table, charge, chow, menu, traveller; (*v*) come, eat. ANTONYM: (*v*) stop.

hurry: (*n*) haste; (*n, v*) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (*v*) scurry,

dash, accelerate, expedite, run.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (*v*) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (*intj*) wait.

principal: (*adj, n*) chief, master, cardinal, primary, leading, capital, prime, main; (*adj*) grand; (*n*) manager, leader. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) secondary, subordinate, peripheral, trivial, marginal, side.

CHAPTER 48

The whole party were in hopes of a letter from Mr. Bennet the next morning, but the post came in without bringing a single line from him. His family knew him to be, on all common occasions, a most negligent and **dilatory** correspondent; but at such a time they had hoped for exertion. They were forced to conclude that he had no pleasing intelligence to send; but even of *that* they would have been glad to be certain. Mr. Gardiner had waited only for the letters before he set off.

When he was gone, they were certain at least of receiving constant information of what was going on, and their uncle promised, at parting, to prevail on Mr. Bennet to return to Longbourn, as soon as he could, to the great consolation of his sister, who considered it as the only security for her husband's not being **killed** in a duel.

Mrs. Gardiner and the children were to remain in Hertfordshire a few days longer, as the former thought her presence might be **serviceable** to her nieces. She shared in their attendance on Mrs. Bennet, and was a great comfort to them in their hours of freedom. Their other aunt also visited them frequently, and always, as she said, with the design of cheering and **heartening** them up--though, as she never came without reporting some fresh instance of Wickham's extravagance or **irregularity**, she seldom went away without leaving them more **dispirited** than she found them.

Thesaurus

dilatory: (adj) slow, dawdling, tardy, Fabian, laggard, slack, poky, late, cautious, procrastinating; (adv) backward. ANTONYMS: (adj) timely, diligent, ready.
dispirited: (adj) depressed, disconsolate, downcast, discouraged, blue, crestfallen, dismal, down, downhearted, disheartened, melancholy. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, optimistic, euphoric, enthused, heartened, happy,

enthusiastic, positive.
heartening: (adj) cheering, inspiriting, hopeful, inspiring, reassuring, encourage, enriching, joyful, cheerfully encouraging, comforting, educational. ANTONYM: (adj) disturbing.
irregularity: (n) abnormality, anomaly, eccentricity, inequality, deviation, aberration, constipation, exception, unevenness, variation; (adj, n) deformity. ANTONYMS: (n)

symmetry, normality, regularity, dependability, equality, frequency, evenness, consistency, predictability, smoothness.
killed: (n) casualty; (adj) fallen.
serviceable: (adj) practical, helpful, handy, profitable, beneficial, effective, useful, convenient, efficient, operative, practicable. ANTONYMS: (adj) impractical, unusable, unserviceable, useless, flimsy, worthless.

All Meryton seemed **striving** to **blacken** the man who, but three months before, had been almost an angel of light. He was declared to be in debt to every **tradesman** in the place, and his intrigues, all honoured with the title of **seduction**, had been extended into every tradesman's family. Everybody declared that he was the wickedest young man in the world; and everybody began to find out that they had always **distrusted** the appearance of his goodness. Elizabeth, though she did not credit above half of what was said, believed enough to make her former assurance of her sister's **ruin** more certain; and even Jane, who believed still less of it, became almost hopeless, more especially as the time was now come when, if they had gone to Scotland, which she had never before entirely despaired of, they must in all probability have gained some news of them.

Mr. Gardiner left Longbourn on Sunday; on Tuesday his wife received a letter from him; it told them that, on his arrival, he had immediately found out his brother, and persuaded him to come to Gracechurch Street; that Mr. Bennet had been to Epsom and Clapham, before his arrival, but without gaining any satisfactory information; and that he was now determined to inquire at all the principal hotels in town, as Mr. Bennet thought it possible they might have gone to one of them, on their first coming to London, before they procured lodgings. Mr. Gardiner himself did not expect any success from this measure, but as his brother was eager in it, he meant to assist him in **pursuing** it. He added that Mr. Bennet seemed wholly **disinclined** at present to leave London and promised to write again very soon. There was also a postscript to this effect:

"I have written to Colonel Forster to desire him to find out, if possible, from some of the young man's intimates in the regiment, whether Wickham has any relations or connections who would be likely to know in what part of town he has now concealed himself. If there were anyone that one could apply to with a probability of gaining such a clue as that, it might be of essential consequence. At present we have nothing to guide us. Colonel Forster will, I dare say, do everything in his power to satisfy us on this head. But, on second thoughts,

Thesaurus

blacken: (v) asperse, bespatter, malign, denigrate, cloud, darken, defame, calumniate, stain, libel, tarnish. ANTONYMS: (v) respect, compliment, glorify, honor, brighten, praise, lighten.

disinclined: (adj) reluctant, loath, averse, indisposed, loth, backward, not content, opposed, dubious, afraid, not in the vein. ANTONYMS: (adj) tending, willing, leaning, eager, bent, keen, disposed.

distrusted: (adj) suspect.

pursuing: (n) pursuit, search, hunt; (adj) coming, engaged.

ruin: (n) devastation, desolation; (adj, n) downfall; (v) break, consume, demolish, destroy; (n, v) doom, ravage, destruction, damage.

ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, enhance, save, restore, improve; (n, v) respect; (n) making, success, triumph, rise, preservation.

seduction: (n) allurement, attraction,

temptation, enticement, lure, conquest, persuasion, seducement; (adj) fascination, enchantment, witchery.

striving: (n) nisus, pains, endeavor, strife, try, strain, attempt, strive, ambition, struggle, exertion.

ANTONYM: (adj) unmotivated.

tradesman: (n) shopkeeper, dealer, merchant, market keeper, cleaner, florist, hosier, retailer, tradespeople, businessman, retail dealer.

perhaps, Lizzy could tell us what relations he has now living, better than any other person."

Elizabeth was at no loss to understand from whence this **deference** to her authority proceeded; but it was not in her power to give any information of so satisfactory a nature as the compliment **deserved**. She had never heard of his having had any relations, except a father and mother, both of whom had been dead many years. It was possible, however, that some of his companions in the - ---shire might be able to give more information; and though she was not very sanguine in expecting it, the application was a something to look forward to.

Every day at Longbourn was now a day of anxiety; but the most anxious part of each was when the post was expected. The arrival of letters was the grand object of every morning's impatience. Through letters, whatever of good or bad was to be told would be communicated, and every succeeding day was expected to bring some news of importance.

But before they heard again from Mr. Gardiner, a letter arrived for their father, from a different quarter, from Mr. Collins; which, as Jane had received directions to open all that came for him in his absence, she accordingly read; and Elizabeth, who knew what curiosities his letters always were, looked over her, and read it likewise. It was as follows:

"My dear Sir,

"I feel myself called upon, by our relationship, and my situation in life, to condole with you on the grievous **affliction** you are now suffering under, of which we were yesterday informed by a letter from Hertfordshire. Be assured, my dear sir, that Mrs. Collins and myself **sincerely sympathise** with you and all your respectable family, in your present distress, which must be of the bitterest kind, because proceeding from a cause which no time can remove. No arguments shall be wanting on my part that can **alleviate** so severe a misfortune--or that may comfort you, under a circumstance that must be of all others the most **afflicting** to a parent's mind. The death of your daughter would have

Thesaurus

afflicting: (*adj*) distressing, grievous, vexatious.

affliction: (*n, v*) adversity; (*n*) distress, regret, martyrdom, torment, curse, trial, bane, misadventure, sorrow, agony. ANTONYMS: (*n*) gift, godsend, solace, blessing.

alleviate: (*n, v*) ease; (*v*) relieve, comfort, mitigate, relax; (*adj, v*) assuage, soothe, calm, still, smooth, appease. ANTONYMS: (*v*) aggravate, intensify, magnify, worsen, heighten,

increase, augment, burden.

deference: (*n*) homage, respect, compliance, admiration, allegiance, reverence, obedience, submission, compliancy, duty, complaisance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) contempt, opposition, rebellion, resistance, disobedience.

deserved: (*v*) merited, richly deserved; (*adj*) appropriate, due, fitting, just, earned, suitable, rightful, adequate, required.

sincerely: (*adv*) candidly, honestly, really, genuinely, heartily, openly, earnestly, simply, truly, seriously, unreservedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) dishonestly, affectedly, flippantly, jokingly, untruthfully, unenthusiastically, pretentiously, mildly.

sympathise: (*v*) sympathize, commiserate, empathise, empathize, gather, infer, interpret, read, realise, realize, see.

been a blessing in comparison of this. And it is the more to be **lamented**, because there is reason to suppose as my dear Charlotte informs me, that this **licentiousness** of behaviour in your daughter has proceeded from a faulty degree of indulgence; though, at the same time, for the consolation of yourself and Mrs. Bennet, I am inclined to think that her own disposition must be naturally bad, or she could not be guilty of such an **enormity**, at so early an age. Howsoever that may be, you are **grievously** to be pitied; in which opinion I am not only joined by Mrs. Collins, but likewise by Lady Catherine and her daughter, to whom I have related the affair. They agree with me in **apprehending** that this false step in one daughter will be injurious to the fortunes of all the others; for who, as Lady Catherine herself **condescendingly** says, will connect themselves with such a family? And this consideration leads me moreover to reflect, with augmented satisfaction, on a certain event of last November; for had it been otherwise, I must have been involved in all your sorrow and disgrace. Let me then advise you, dear sir, to console yourself as much as possible, to throw off your unworthy child from your affection for ever, and leave her to reap the fruits of her own **heinous** offense.

"I am, dear Sir, etc., etc."

Mr. Gardiner did not write again till he had received an answer from Colonel Forster; and then he had nothing of a pleasant nature to send. It was not known that Wickham had a single relationship with whom he kept up any connection, and it was certain that he had no near one living. His former acquaintances had been numerous; but since he had been in the militia, it did not appear that he was on terms of particular friendship with any of them. There was no one, therefore, who could be pointed out as likely to give any news of him. And in the wretched state of his own finances, there was a very powerful motive for secrecy, in addition to his fear of discovery by Lydia's relations, for it had just transpired that he had left **gaming** debts behind him to a very considerable

Thesaurus

apprehending: (v) apprehend; (n) perception, thought, recognition.

condescendingly: (adv) arrogantly, haughtily, contemptuously, patronisingly, superciliously, disdainfully, snootily, proudly, scornfully, loftily, snobbishly.

ANTONYM: (adv) humbly.

enormity: (n) magnitude, size, greatness, vileness, immensity, outrage, vastness, seriousness, crime, evil, indecency. **ANTONYMS:** (n)

minuteness, veniality, unimportance, timiness, virtue, goodness, diminutiveness, remissibility, smallness, mildness, insignificance.

gaming: (n) play, game, diversion, speculation, wager, frolic, bet, gamble, recreation, vice, betting.

grievously: (adv) seriously, heavily, sorrowfully, gravely, severely, mortally, mournfully, heinously, weightily; (adj, adv) painfully, bitterly.

heinous: (adj) atrocious, grievous, evil, wicked, flagrant, flagitious, monstrous, hateful; (adj, v) gross, nefarious, infamous. **ANTONYM:** (adj) good.

lamented: (adj) mourned, bewailed.

licentiousness: (n) dissolution, dissipation, lewdness, immorality, profligacy, dissoluteness, extravagance, evil, indecency, freedom; (v) license. **ANTONYMS:** (n) decency, restraint.

amount. Colonel Forster believed that more than a thousand pounds would be necessary to clear his expenses at Brighton. He **owed** a good deal in town, but his debts of honour were still more **formidable**. Mr. Gardiner did not attempt to conceal these particulars from the Longbourn family. Jane heard them with **horror**. "A gamester!" she cried. "This is wholly unexpected. I had not an idea of it."

Mr. Gardiner added in his letter, that they might expect to see their father at home on the following day, which was Saturday. Rendered **spiritless** by the ill-success of all their endeavours, he had **yielded** to his brother-in-law's entreaty that he would return to his family, and leave it to him to do whatever occasion might suggest to be advisable for continuing their pursuit. When Mrs. Bennet was told of this, she did not express so much satisfaction as her children expected, considering what her anxiety for his life had been before.

"What, is he coming home, and without poor Lydia?" she cried. "Sure he will not leave London before he has found them. Who is to fight Wickham, and make him marry her, if he comes away?"

As Mrs. Gardiner began to wish to be at home, it was settled that she and the children should go to London, at the same time that Mr. Bennet came from it. The coach, therefore, took them the first stage of their journey, and brought its master back to Longbourn.

Mrs. Gardiner went away in all the perplexity about Elizabeth and her Derbyshire friend that had attended her from that part of the world. His name had never been **voluntarily** mentioned before them by her niece; and the kind of half-expectation which Mrs. Gardiner had formed, of their being followed by a letter from him, had ended in nothing. Elizabeth had received none since her return that could come from Pemberley.

The present unhappy state of the family rendered any other excuse for the **lowness** of her spirits unnecessary; nothing, therefore, could be fairly conjectured from *that*, though Elizabeth, who was by this time tolerably well acquainted with her own feelings, was perfectly aware that, had she known

Thesaurus

formidable: (*adj*) grim, appalling, awful, difficult, forbidding, heavy, dreadful, fearful, uphill, trying, tough. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insignificant, easy, comforting, feeble, cheerful.

horror: (*n*) abomination, abhorrence, dismay, fear, fright, revulsion, alarm, repulsion, anxiety; (*adj, n*) dread, terror. ANTONYMS: (*n*) delight, attraction, proclivity, bravery, calm, confidence, security.

lowness: (*n*) depression, baseness, tallness, meanness, deepness, sordidness, baby blues, completeness, dejection, truncation, abundance.

owed: (*adj*) due, outstanding, unpaid, payable, deserved, fitting; (*v*) ought, behoove, owned, possessed; (*n*) aught. ANTONYM: (*adj*) paid.

spiritless: (*adj*) listless, inanimate, languid, flat, cheerless, soulless, dead, depressed; (*adj, v*) feeble, low;

(*v*) soft. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, lively, happy, decisive.

voluntarily: (*adv*) spontaneously, willingly, intentionally, willfully, volunteerly, deliberately, gratuitously, readily, optionally, independently, unforcedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) obligatory, reluctantly, forced, grudgingly, unwillingly.

yielded: (*v*) yold, yolden.

nothing of Darcy, she could have borne the **dread** of Lydia's infamy somewhat better. It would have spared her, she thought, one **sleepless** night out of two.

When Mr. Bennet arrived, he had all the appearance of his usual **philosophic** composure. He said as little as he had ever been in the habit of saying; made no mention of the business that had taken him away, and it was some time before his daughters had courage to speak of it.

It was not till the afternoon, when he had joined them at tea, that Elizabeth ventured to introduce the subject; and then, on her briefly expressing her **sorrow** for what he must have endured, he replied, "Say nothing of that. Who should suffer but myself? It has been my own doing, and I ought to feel it."

"You must not be too severe upon yourself," replied Elizabeth.

"You may well warn me against such an evil. Human nature is so **prone** to fall into it! No, Lizzy, let me once in my life feel how much I have been to blame. I am not afraid of being overpowered by the impression. It will pass away soon enough."

"Do you suppose them to be in London?"

"Yes; where else can they be so well concealed?"

"And Lydia used to want to go to London," added Kitty.

"She is happy then," said her father drily; "and her residence there will probably be of some duration."

Then after a short silence he continued:

"Lizzy, I bear you no ill-will for being justified in your advice to me last May, which, considering the event, shows some greatness of mind."

They were interrupted by Miss Bennet, who came to fetch her mother's tea.

"This is a parade," he cried, "which does one good; it gives such an elegance to misfortune! Another day I will do the same; I will sit in my library, in my **nightcap** and **powdering** gown, and give as much trouble as I can; or, perhaps, I may defer it till Kitty runs away."

Thesaurus

dread: (*n, v*) apprehension, fear, panic; (*n*) anxiety, awe, consternation, alarm, trepidation, dismay, foreboding, terror. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasing, welcomed, pleasant; (*v*) welcome, want; (*n*) reassurance, fearlessness, confidence, security, ease, calm.

nightcap: (*n*) drink, dram, game, cap, mobcap, drop.

philosophic: (*v*) platonic, staid, stayed, stoical; (*adj*) thoughtful, rational,

patient, learned, ideologic, ideological. ANTONYM: (*adj*) nonphilosophical.

powdering: (*n*) pattern, diaper, parquetry, paneling, graining.

prone: (*adj*) liable, apt, inclined, disposed, subject, flat, predisposed, likely, prostrate, procumbent, susceptible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) upright, immune, resitant, unwilling, impervious, disinclined.

sleepless: (*adj*) insomniac, lidless,

vigilant, wakeful, awake, watchful, disturbed, alert, unquiet, uneasy, restive.

sorrow: (*n, v*) regret, lament, grieve; (*v*) mourn; (*n*) mourning, heartache, repentance, remorse; (*adj, n*) sadness, misery; (*adj, n, v*) distress. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joy, delight, happiness, peace, hopefulness, cheerfulness, shamelessness, calm, content; (*v*) rejoice.

"I am not going to run away, papa," said Kitty fretfully. "If I should ever go to Brighton, I would **behave** better than Lydia."

"*You* go to Brighton. I would not trust you so near it as Eastbourne for **fifty** pounds! No, Kitty, I have at last learnt to be cautious, and you will feel the effects of it. No officer is ever to enter into my house again, nor even to pass through the village. Balls will be absolutely **prohibited**, unless you stand up with one of your sisters. And you are never to **stir** out of doors till you can prove that you have spent ten minutes of every day in a **rational** manner."

Kitty, who took all these threats in a serious light, began to cry.

"Well, well," said he, "do not make yourself **unhappy**. If you are a good girl for the next ten years, I will take you to a review at the end of them."

Thesaurus

behave: (*n, v*) conduct, exercise; (*v*) bear, deal, deport, operate, perform, acquit, walk, react, go. ANTONYMS: (*v*) misdemean, malfunction.

fifty: (*adj, n*) I; (*n*) half a hundred, fifty dollar bill, cubic decimeter, cubic decimetre.

prohibited: (*adj*) illicit, illegal, taboo, banned, unlawful, contraband, barred, proscribed, not allowed, out; (*adj, adv*) off-limits. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) legitimate, permitted, allowed,

authorized, legal, permissible, acceptable, eligible, lawful, open.

rational: (*adj, n*) reasonable, just; (*adj*) intelligent, sane, judicious, logical, mental, sound, sober, wise, practical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) illogical, anxious, biased, untenable, unreasonable, unrealistic, unconvincing, physical, intuitive, foolish, delirious.

stir: (*adj, n, v*) move, bustle; (*v*) rouse, arouse, affect, agitate, inspire; (*adj, n*) movement; (*n*) commotion,

excitement, disturbance.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) dampen, retire, stultify, bore, steady, stifle, suppress; (*n*) quiet, peace; (*n, v*) calm.

unhappy: (*adj*) gloomy, dismal, depressed, melancholy, sad, miserable, sorrowful, distressed, disconsolate, infelicitous, low.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, cheerful, satisfied, pleased, glad, euphoric, fortunate, contented, joyful, timely, lucky.

CHAPTER 49

Two days after Mr. Bennet's return, as Jane and Elizabeth were walking together in the shrubbery behind the house, they saw the housekeeper coming towards them, and, **concluding** that she came to call them to their mother, went forward to meet her; but, instead of the expected summons, when they approached her, she said to Miss Bennet, "I beg your **pardon**, madam, for interrupting you, but I was in hopes you might have got some good news from town, so I took the **liberty** of coming to ask."

"What do you mean, Hill? We have heard nothing from town."

"Dear madam," cried Mrs. Hill, in great astonishment, "don't you know there is an express come for master from Mr. Gardiner? He has been here this half-hour, and master has had a letter."

Away ran the girls, too eager to get in to have time for speech. They ran through the vestibule into the breakfast-room; from **thence** to the library; their father was in neither; and they were on the point of **seeking** him **upstairs** with their mother, when they were met by the **butler**, who said:

"If you are looking for my master, ma'am, he is walking towards the little copse."

Thesaurus

butler: (*n*) waiter, pantryman, attendant, valet de chambre, livery servant, steward, flunkey, footman, lackey, manservant, valet.

concluding: (*adj*) last, terminal, ultimate, closing, definitive, conclusive, latest; (*n*) ending, dying, finishing, reasoning. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) opening, former, first.

liberty: (*adj, n*) freedom, franchise; (*n*) license, leave, independence, autonomy, emancipation, latitude,

permission, scope, release. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slavery, domination, constraint, suppression, dependence.

pardon: (*v*) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (*n*) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (*adj, v*) justify, exonerate, exculpate. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) blame; (*v*) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (*n*) intolerance. **seeking:** (*n*) hunt, pursuit, hunting, effort, pursuance; (*adj*) searching,

zetetic; (*prep*) looking for.

thence: (*adv*) therefore, thus, therefrom, thereof, consequently, then, so, thereafter, thenceforth, since, on account of.

upstairs: (*adj*) upstair; (*adv*) on a higher floor, in the mind, in the head, up the stairs, over; (*n*) heaven, administration, authority, board, eternity. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) downstairs.

Upon this information, they instantly passed through the hall once more, and ran across the lawn after their father, who was **deliberately** pursuing his way towards a small wood on one side of the paddock.

Jane, who was not so light nor so much in the **habit** of running as Elizabeth, soon lagged behind, while her sister, **panting** for breath, came up with him, and eagerly cried out:

"Oh, papa, what news--what news? Have you heard from my uncle?"

"Yes I have had a letter from him by express."

"Well, and what news does it bring--good or bad?"

"What is there of good to be expected?" said he, taking the letter from his **pocket**. "But perhaps you would like to read it."

Elizabeth impatiently caught it from his hand. Jane now came up.

"Read it aloud," said their father, "for I hardly know myself what it is about."

"Gracechurch Street, Monday, August 2.

"My dear brother,

"At last I am able to send you some tidings of my niece, and such as, upon the whole, I hope it will give you **satisfaction**. Soon after you left me on Saturday, I was fortunate enough to find out in what part of London they were. The particulars I **reserve** till we meet; it is enough to know they are discovered. I have seen them both--"

"Then it is as I always hoped," cried Jane; "they are married!" Elizabeth read on: "I have seen them both. They are not married, nor can I find there was any intention of being so; but if you are willing to perform the engagements which I have ventured to make on your side, I hope it will not be long before they are. All that is required of you is, to assure to your daughter, by settlement, her equal share of the five thousand pounds secured among your children after the decease of yourself and my sister; and, moreover, to enter into an engagement of

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deliberately: (*adv*) consciously, intentionally, designedly, knowingly, carefully, on purpose, purposely, willfully, slowly, premeditatedly, purposefully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) accidentally, involuntarily, furtively, arbitrarily, automatically, naively, secretly, unconsciously, unwittingly, innocently, covertly.

habit: (*n*) clothing, practice, dress, garb, attire, convention, character, ritual, addiction, clothes; (*n, v*) use.

ANTONYM: (*n*) innovation.
panting: (*adj*) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (*v*) palpitation; (*n*) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff.
pocket: (*v*) take, appropriate, steal, lift, catch; (*n, v*) sack, pouch; (*n*) cavity, hole, hollow; (*adj*) digest.
ANTONYM: (*v*) return.

reserve: (*adj, v*) save; (*n*) reservation, backup, modesty, bank; (*adj, n*) substitute; (*v*) keep back, maintain,

book, withhold, appropriate.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) warmth, friendliness, informality, approachability, arrogance, boldness, brashness; (*v*) show, use; (*adj*) active.
satisfaction: (*n, v*) pleasure, gratification, contentment, content; (*n*) enjoyment, joy, complacency, amends, reparation, redress, recompense. ANTONYMS: (*n*) displeasure, discontent, aggravation, sorrow, dismay, anxiety.

allowing her, during your life, one hundred pounds per annum. These are conditions which, considering everything, I had no **hesitation** in complying with, as far as I thought myself **privileged**, for you. I shall send this by express, that no time may be lost in **bringing** me your answer. You will easily comprehend, from these particulars, that Mr. Wickham's circumstances are not so hopeless as they are generally believed to be. The world has been deceived in that respect; and I am happy to say there will be some little money, even when all his debts are discharged, to settle on my niece, in addition to her own fortune. If, as I conclude will be the case, you send me full powers to act in your name throughout the whole of this business, I will immediately give directions to Haggerston for preparing a proper settlement. There will not be the smallest occasion for your coming to town again; therefore stay quiet at Longbourn, and depend on my **diligence** and care. Send back your answer as fast as you can, and be careful to write **explicitly**. We have judged it best that my niece should be married from this house, of which I hope you will **approve**. She comes to us to-day. I shall write again as soon as anything more is determined on. Yours, etc.,

"Edw. Gardiner."

"Is it possible?" cried Elizabeth, when she had finished. "Can it be possible that he will marry her?"

"Wickham is not so undeserving, then, as we thought him," said her sister. "My dear father, I congratulate you."

"And have you answered the letter?" cried Elizabeth.

"No; but it must be done soon."

Most earnestly did she then entreaty him to lose no more time before he wrote.

"Oh! my dear father," she cried, "come back and write immediately. Consider how important every moment is in such a case."

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approve: (v) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose.

bringing: (n) delivery, consignment, serving, service, passage, post.

diligence: (n) assiduity, industry, attention, application, assiduousness, concentration, activity, perseverance,

carefulness, sedulity, industriousness. ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, indolence, feebleness, slackness, negligence, sloth.

explicitly: (adv) definitely, specifically, clearly, unequivocally, plainly, openly, positively, unambiguously, emphatically, exactly, obviously. ANTONYMS: (adv) secretly, unclearly, vaguely.

hesitation: (n, v) falter, fear; (n) hesitation, faltering, delay, hesitate,

diffidence, hesitancy, qualm, reluctance; (v) hesitating. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, resolution, confidence, decisiveness, enthusiasm, inclination, willingness.

privileged: (adj) exclusive, confidential, inside, free, favored, inner, vested, advantaged; (adj, v) sanctioned; (n) prerogative; (v) warranted. ANTONYMS: (adj) underprivileged, poor, deprived, public, harsh, Standard.

"Let me write for you," said Jane, "if you dislike the trouble yourself."

"I dislike it very much," he replied; "but it must be done."

And so saying, he turned back with them, and walked towards the house.

"And may I ask--" said Elizabeth; "but the terms, I suppose, must be complied with."

"Complied with! I am only ashamed of his asking so little."

"And they *must* marry! Yet he is *such* a man!"

"Yes, yes, they must marry. There is nothing else to be done. But there are two things that I want very much to know; one is, how much money your uncle has **laid** down to bring it about; and the other, how am I ever to pay him."

"Money! My uncle!" cried Jane, "what do you mean, sir?"

"I mean, that no man in his **senses** would marry Lydia on so **slight** a **temptation** as one hundred a year during my life, and fifty after I am gone."

"That is very true," said Elizabeth; "though it had not occurred to me before. His debts to be discharged, and something still to remain! Oh! it must be my uncle's doings! Generous, good man, I am afraid he has distressed himself. A small sum could not do all this."

"No," said her father; "Wickham's a **fool** if he takes her with a **farthing** less than ten thousand pounds. I should be sorry to think so ill of him, in the very beginning of our relationship."

"Ten thousand pounds! Heaven forbid! How is half such a sum to be repaid?"

Mr. Bennet made no answer, and each of them, deep in thought, continued **silent** till they reached the house. Their father then went on to the library to write, and the girls walked into the breakfast-room.

"And they are really to be married!" cried Elizabeth, as soon as they were by themselves. "How strange this is! And for *this* we are to be thankful. That they should marry, small as is their chance of happiness, and wretched as is his character, we are forced to rejoice. Oh, Lydia!"

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farthing: (*n*) craps, faro, ante, chuck, doit, small change; (*adj*) bulrush, pinch of snuff, peppercorn, old son, jot.

fool: (*n*) blockhead, dunce, clown, idiot, ass, booby, buffoon; (*v*) deceive, bamboozle; (*n, v*) joke, gull. ANTONYM: (*n*) savant.

laid: (*adj*) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered.

senses: (*adj*) sober senses, sound mind;

(*n*) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity.

silent: (*adj, adv*) motionless; (*adj*) dumb, tacit, mute, noiseless, reserved, placid, reticent, mum, taciturn, hush. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spoken, talkative, loud, explicit, open, live, forthcoming, verbal, audible, talking, moving.

slight: (*adj, adv*) light; (*adj*) thin, flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little; (*adv, n, v*)

neglect; (*n, v*) insult, scorn; (*v*) ignore. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considerable, major, obvious, thickset, severe, wide, fat, intense, heavy, likely; (*v*) acknowledge.

temptation: (*n, v*) lure, enticement, bait; (*n*) attraction, allurement, invitation, seduction, inducement, allure, appeal, pull. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, discouragement.

"I comfort myself with thinking," replied Jane, "that he certainly would not marry Lydia if he had not a real regard for her. Though our kind uncle has done something towards clearing him, I cannot believe that ten thousand pounds, or anything like it, has been advanced. He has children of his own, and may have more. How could he spare half ten thousand pounds?"

"If he were ever able to learn what Wickham's debts have been," said Elizabeth, "and how much is settled on his side on our sister, we shall exactly know what Mr. Gardiner has done for them, because Wickham has not **sixpence** of his own. The kindness of my uncle and aunt can never be requited. Their taking her home, and affording her their personal protection and countenance, is such a sacrifice to her advantage as years of gratitude cannot enough acknowledge. By this time she is actually with them! If such goodness does not make her **miserable** now, she will never **deserve** to be happy! What a meeting for her, when she first sees my aunt!"

"We must endeavour to forget all that has passed on either side," said Jane: "I hope and trust they will yet be happy. His **consenting** to marry her is a proof, I will believe, that he is come to a right way of thinking. Their mutual affection will steady them; and I flatter myself they will settle so quietly, and live in so rational a manner, as may in time make their past imprudence forgotten."

"Their conduct has been such," replied Elizabeth, "as neither you, nor I, nor anybody can ever forget. It is **useless** to talk of it."

It now occurred to the girls that their **mother** was in all **likeness** perfectly ignorant of what had happened. They went to the library, therefore, and asked their father whether he would not wish them to make it known to her. He was writing and, without raising his head, coolly replied:

"Just as you please."

"May we take my uncle's letter to read to her?"

"Take whatever you like, and get away."

Elizabeth took the letter from his writing-table, and they went upstairs together. Mary and Kitty were both with Mrs. Bennet: one communication

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clearing: (*n*) clarification, clearance, purgation, purging, purge, clear-melting, correction, tract, improvement, release, freeing.

consenting: (*adj*) agreeable, yielding, submissive, consentant, compliant, affirmative, accepting; (*v*) complying, chosen.

deserve: (*v*) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (*n, v*) reward; (*n*) richly deserve, worth.

likelihood: (*n*) chance, odds,

probability, eventuality, expectation, likeliness, prospect, expectancy, verisimilitude, appearance, option. ANTONYM: (*n*) improbability.

miserable: (*adj, v*) forlorn, wretched, unhappy; (*adj*) mean, low, abject, deplorable, downcast, bad, desolate; (*adj, adv*) meager. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, generous, cheerful, cheery, bright, fortunate, hopeful, jubilant, luxurious, overjoyed, heavenly.

mother: (*n*) mamma, mommy, origin,

mama, ma, mammy, mummy; (*n, v*) father; (*v*) engender, generate, beget. **sixpence:** (*n*) bender, coin, teston, taster.

useless: (*adj*) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile.

would, therefore, do for all. After a slight preparation for good news, the letter was read aloud. Mrs. Bennet could hardly contain herself. As soon as Jane had read Mr. Gardiner's hope of Lydia's being soon married, her joy burst forth, and every following sentence added to its **exuberance**. She was now in an irritation as violent from delight, as she had ever been **fidgety** from alarm and vexation. To know that her daughter would be married was enough. She was disturbed by no fear for her felicity, nor **humbled** by any remembrance of her misconduct.

"My dear, dear Lydia!" she cried. "This is delightful indeed! She will be married! I shall see her again! She will be married at sixteen! My good, kind brother! I knew how it would be. I knew he would manage everything! How I long to see her! and to see dear Wickham too! But the clothes, the wedding clothes! I will write to my sister Gardiner about them directly. Lizzy, my dear, run down to your father, and ask him how much he will give her. Stay, stay, I will go myself. Ring the bell, Kitty, for Hill. I will put on my things in a moment. My dear, dear Lydia! How merry we shall be together when we meet!"

Her eldest daughter endeavoured to give some relief to the violence of these transports, by leading her thoughts to the obligations which Mr. Gardiner's behaviour laid them all under.

"For we must attribute this happy conclusion," she added, "in a great measure to his kindness. We are persuaded that he has pledged himself to assist Mr. Wickham with money."

"Well," cried her mother, "it is all very right; who should do it but her own uncle? If he had not had a family of his own, I and my children must have had all his money, you know; and it is the first time we have ever had anything from him, except a few presents. Well! I am so happy! In a short time I shall have a daughter married. Mrs. Wickham! How well it sounds! And she was only sixteen last June. My dear Jane, I am in such a **flutter**, that I am sure I can't write; so I will **dictate**, and you write for me. We will settle with your father about the money afterwards; but the things should be ordered immediately."

She was then proceeding to all the particulars of **calico**, muslin, and **cambric**, and would shortly have **dictated** some very plentiful orders, had not Jane,

calico: (*n*) cambric, fabric, cashmere, chintz, cloth; (*adj*) motley, varicoloured, pied, assorted.

cambric: (*n*) calico, cambric-muslin, cashmere, fabric, textile, material, cloth, linen.

dictate: (*n, v*) command, charge, order, decree; (*n*) bidding, behest, edict; (*v*) bid, prescribe, rule, ordain.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) request, ask, record; (*n, v*) obey.

dictated: (*adj*) set, hard-and-fast,

compulsive; (*n*) contumely, blameworthy, abuse.

exuberance: (*adj, n*) abundance; (*n*) copiousness, ebullience, happiness, life, affluence, spirit, excess, overflow, joy; (*adj*) plenty.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, shortage, scarcity, listlessness, lethargy, depression, boredom, sadness, misery.

fidgety: (*adj, n*) nervous; (*adj*) unquiet, fretful, fussy, anxious, hasty, jittery,

jumpy, mercurial, restive; (*n*) apprehensive. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) relaxed, calm.

flutter: (*adj, n, v*) bustle, flurry; (*n, v*) beat, palpitate, flap, wave, waver, quiver; (*v*) flit, flitter; (*n*) excitement.

humbled: (*adj*) humble, humiliated, crushed, depressed, dispirited, abased, broken in, abject, ashamed; (*n*) humbler; (*v*) apart.

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though with some difficulty, persuaded her to wait till her father was at leisure to be consulted. One day's delay, she observed, would be of small importance; and her mother was too happy to be quite so obstinate as usual. Other schemes, too, came into her head.

"I will go to Meryton," said she, "as soon as I am dressed, and tell the good, good news to my sister Philips. And as I come back, I can call on Lady Lucas and Mrs. Long. Kitty, run down and order the carriage. An **airing** would do me a great deal of good, I am sure. Girls, can I do anything for you in Meryton? Oh! Here comes Hill! My dear Hill, have you heard the good news? Miss Lydia is going to be married; and you shall all have a bowl of **punch** to make **merry** at her wedding."

Mrs. Hill began instantly to express her joy. Elizabeth received her congratulations amongst the rest, and then, sick of this **folly**, took **refuge** in her own room, that she might think with freedom.

Poor Lydia's situation must, at best, be bad enough; but that it was no worse, she had need to be thankful. She felt it so; and though, in looking forward, neither rational happiness nor worldly **prosperity** could be **justly** expected for her sister, in looking back to what they had feared, only two hours ago, she felt all the advantages of what they had gained.

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airing: (*n, v*) drive, ride, outing; (*n*) aeration, stroll, saunter, walk, expedition, improvement, turn, journey.

folly: (*n*) fatuity, foolishness, silliness, tomfoolery, nonsense, stupidity, craziness, density, freak; (*adj, n*) irrationality, trifling. ANTONYM: (*n*) sense.

justly: (*adv*) accurately, fairly, correctly, honestly, lawfully, properly, exactly, uprightly,

legitimately, impartially, purely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wrongly, unfairly, unjustifiably, unjustly, unlawfully, sinfully, falsely, immorally.

merry: (*adj*) joyful, lively, cheerful, glad, jolly, facetious, frolicsome, lighthearted, festive; (*adj, n*) convivial, jovial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, miserable, serious, uptight.

prosperity: (*n*) affluence, wealth, success, flourish, good fortune,

fortune, welfare, opulence, abundance, good, prosperousness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) failure, fruitlessness, hardship, insufficiency.

punch: (*n, v*) jab, hit, drill, stab, thrust, cuff, wallop, beat; (*v*) prick, perforate; (*n*) die. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, lethargy, sluggishness.

refuge: (*n*) sanctuary, asylum, safety, retreat, cover, harborage, haven, shelter, harbor; (*n, v*) recourse, resort.

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Mr. Bennet had very often wished before this period of his life that, instead of spending his whole income, he had laid by an annual sum for the better provision of his children, and of his wife, if she survived him. He now wished it more than ever. Had he done his duty in that respect, Lydia need not have been indebted to her uncle for whatever of honour or credit could now be **purchased** for her. The satisfaction of **prevailing** on one of the most worthless young men in Great Britain to be her husband might then have **rested** in its proper place.

He was seriously concerned that a cause of so little advantage to anyone should be forwarded at the sole expense of his brother-in-law, and he was determined, if possible, to find out the extent of his assistance, and to **discharge** the obligation as soon as he could.

When first Mr. Bennet had married, economy was held to be perfectly useless, for, of course, they were to have a son. The son was to join in cutting off the entail, as soon as he should be of age, and the **widow** and younger children would by that means be provided for. Five daughters **successively** entered the world, but yet the son was to come; and Mrs. Bennet, for many years after Lydia's birth, had been certain that he would. This event had at last been despaired of, but it was then too late to be **saving**. Mrs. Bennet had no turn for economy, and her husband's love of independence had alone prevented their **exceeding** their income.

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discharge: (*n*) dismissal; (*adj, v*) acquit, deliver, bounce; (*v*) clear, complete, eject, absolve, cashier; (*n, v*) drain; (*adj, n, v*) burst. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hire, load, hold, detain, convict, delegate, charge, assign, enlist, incarcerate; (*n*) burdening.
exceeding: (*prep*) beyond, more than, greater than; (*adj*) excessive, transcendent, extraordinary, exceptional, prodigious, surpassing, Olympian; (*v*) exceed.

prevailing: (*adj*) prevalent, rife, dominant, common, current, overriding, popular, general, influential, epidemic, powerful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insignificant, rare, unusual.
purchased: (*adj*) boughten, not homemade; (*prep*) bribed.
rested: (*adj*) comfortable.
saving: (*adj, n*) frugal, economical; (*adj*) thrifty, save; (*n*) economy, conservation, salvation, rescue,

preservation, cut, retrenchment. ANTONYMS: (*n*) extravagance, expenditure; (*adj*) spendthrift.
successively: (*adv*) in turn, one after the other, in succession, sequentially, serially, running, in order, gradually, subsequently, repeatedly, one after another.
widow: (*n*) woman, relict, widower, adult female, widow woman, war widow, nobbled line; (*adj*) widowed, additional; (*v*) leave behind.

Five thousand pounds was settled by marriage articles on Mrs. Bennet and the children. But in what proportions it should be divided amongst the latter depended on the will of the parents. This was one point, with regard to Lydia, at least, which was now to be settled, and Mr. Bennet could have no hesitation in **acceding** to the proposal before him. In terms of grateful acknowledgment for the kindness of his brother, though expressed most **concisely**, he then delivered on paper his perfect approbation of all that was done, and his willingness to fulfil the engagements that had been made for him. He had never before supposed that, could Wickham be prevailed on to marry his daughter, it would be done with so little inconvenience to himself as by the present arrangement. He would scarcely be ten pounds a year the **loser** by the hundred that was to be paid them; for, what with her board and pocket allowance, and the continual presents in money which passed to her through her mother's hands, Lydia's expenses had been very little within that sum.

That it would be done with such trifling exertion on his side, too, was another very welcome surprise; for his wish at present was to have as little trouble in the business as possible. When the first transports of rage which had produced his activity in seeking her were over, he naturally returned to all his former indolence. His letter was soon dispatched; for, though dilatory in undertaking business, he was quick in its execution. He begged to know further particulars of what he was indebted to his brother, but was too angry with Lydia to send any message to her.

The good news spread quickly through the house, and with **proportionate** speed through the neighbourhood. It was borne in the latter with decent philosophy. To be sure, it would have been more for the advantage of conversation had Miss Lydia Bennet come upon the town; or, as the happiest alternative, been **secluded** from the world, in some distant **farmhouse**. But there was much to be talked of in marrying her; and the good-natured wishes for her well-doing which had proceeded before from all the **spiteful** old ladies in Meryton lost but a little of their spirit in this change of circumstances, because with such an husband her misery was considered certain.

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acceding: (*adj*) accompanying, subservient, subsidiary; (*n*) agreement, appeasement.

concisely: (*adv*) shortly, pithily, tersely, succinctly, curtly, laconically, summarily, compendiously, condensedly, compactly, epigrammatically.

farmhouse: (*n*) toft, farmstead, hacienda, house, cottage, manor, grange, homestead, building, accommodation, bungalow.

loser: (*n*) flop, washout, underdog, lame duck, dud, also-ran, geek, oaf, nerd; (*adj*) defeated, stupid. ANTONYMS: (*n*) winner, achiever.

proportionate: (*adj, v*) proportional; (*adj*) proportionable, equal, harmonious, comparable, balanced, sufficient, relative, appropriate, adequate, equitable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disproportionate.

secluded: (*adj*) remote, secret, reclusive, privy, cloistered, isolated,

lonely, retired, sequestered, solitary; (*adj, v*) hidden. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nearby, near, exposed, busy, accessible.

spiteful: (*adj*) malicious, malevolent, sinister, nasty, malignant, venomous, spiteful, ill-natured, vindictive, cruel, hateful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) benevolent, harmless, merciful, kindhearted, friendly, pleasant, loving, benign, generous, gentle, flattering.

It was a fortnight since Mrs. Bennet had been downstairs; but on this happy day she again took her seat at the head of her table, and in spirits **oppressively** high. No sentiment of shame gave a damp to her triumph. The marriage of a daughter, which had been the first object of her wishes since Jane was sixteen, was now on the point of accomplishment, and her thoughts and her words ran wholly on those **attendants** of elegant **nuptials**, fine muslins, new carriages, and servants. She was busily searching through the neighbourhood for a proper situation for her daughter, and, without knowing or considering what their income might be, rejected many as deficient in size and importance.

"Haye Park might do," said she, "if the Gouldings could quit it--or the great house at Stoke, if the drawing-room were larger; but Ashworth is too far off! I could not bear to have her ten miles from me; and as for Pulvis Lodge, the attics are dreadful."

Her husband allowed her to talk on without interruption while the servants remained. But when they had withdrawn, he said to her: "Mrs. Bennet, before you take any or all of these houses for your son and daughter, let us come to a right understanding. Into *one* house in this neighbourhood they shall never have **admittance**. I will not encourage the **impudence** of either, by receiving them at Longbourn."

A long dispute followed this declaration; but Mr. Bennet was firm. It soon led to another; and Mrs. Bennet found, with amazement and horror, that her husband would not advance a **guinea** to buy clothes for his daughter. He protested that she should receive from him no mark of affection whatever on the occasion. Mrs. Bennet could hardly comprehend it. That his anger could be carried to such a point of **inconceivable** resentment as to refuse his daughter a privilege without which her marriage would scarcely seem valid, exceeded all she could believe possible. She was more alive to the disgrace which her want of new clothes must reflect on her daughter's nuptials, than to any sense of shame at her eloping and living with Wickham a fortnight before they took place.

Elizabeth was now most heartily sorry that she had, from the distress of the moment, been led to make Mr. Darcy acquainted with their fears for her sister;

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admittance: (*n*) access, accession, introduction, door, matriculation, inlet, permit, entrance, entree, entry, input.

attendants: (*n*) entourage, followers, retinue, tendance, persons present, suite.

guinea: (*n*) greaseball, Republic of Guinea, poultry, change, shilling, penny, doit, domestic fowl, farthing, fowl, French Guinea.

impudence: (*adj, n*) boldness, brass; (*n*)

cheek, gall, audacity, impertinence, insolence, face, cheekiness, effrontery, assurance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, reticence.

inconceivable: (*adj, v*) unbelievable, hard to believe; (*adj*) impossible, implausible, incomprehensible, unimaginable, unthinkable, improbable, unintelligible, inscrutable, fabulous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conceivable, believable, likely, understandable, credible.

nuptials: (*n*) wedding, matrimony, bridal, wedding ceremony, marriage ceremony, spousal, wedding party, ceremonial, ceremony, espousal, hymeneals. ANTONYM: (*n*) divorce.

oppressively: (*adv*) severely, overbearingly, heavily, sultrily, stiflingly, stuffily, repressively, weightily, depressingly, overpoweringly, onerously.

for since her marriage would so shortly give the proper termination to the elopement, they might hope to conceal its unfavourable beginning from all those who were not immediately on the spot.

She had no fear of its spreading farther through his means. There were few people on whose secrecy she would have more confidently depended; but, at the same time, there was no one whose knowledge of a sister's **frailty** would have mortified her so much--not, however, from any fear of disadvantage from it individually to herself, for, at any rate, there seemed a gulf **impassable** between them. Had Lydia's marriage been concluded on the most honourable terms, it was not to be supposed that Mr. Darcy would connect himself with a family where, to every other objection, would now be added an alliance and relationship of the nearest kind with a man whom he so justly **scorned**.

From such a connection she could not wonder that he would **shrink**. The wish of procuring her regard, which she had assured herself of his feeling in Derbyshire, could not in rational expectation survive such a blow as this. She was humbled, she was grieved; she repented, though she hardly knew of what. She became jealous of his esteem, when she could no longer hope to be benefited by it. She wanted to hear of him, when there seemed the least chance of gaining intelligence. She was convinced that she could have been happy with him, when it was no longer likely they should meet.

What a triumph for him, as she often thought, could he know that the proposals which she had proudly **spurned** only four months ago, would now have been most **gladly** and gratefully received! He was as generous, she doubted not, as the most generous of his sex; but while he was **mortal**, there must be a triumph.

She began now to comprehend that he was exactly the man who, in disposition and talents, would most suit her. His understanding and temper, though unlike her own, would have answered all her wishes. It was an union that must have been to the advantage of both; by her ease and liveliness, his mind might have been softened, his manners improved; and from his judgement,

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frailty: (*adj, n*) foible, fragility, weakness, fault, defect, imperfection, failing, deficiency; (*n*) feebleness, frailness, infirmity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stamina, hardiness, hardihood, sturdiness, robustness, health.

gladly: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gleefully, contentedly, cheerfully, faint, joyfully, jovially, cheerily, delightedly, gladsomely, readily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) reluctantly, unwillingly, sadly, resentfully, miserably.

impassable: (*adj*) impervious, impenetrable, impracticable, invincible, insuperable, inaccessible, unpassable, innavigable, inextricable, closed, impossible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) passable, open.

mortal: (*adj*) deadly, fatal, lethal, deathly, earthly; (*n*) man, individual, creature, person, human being, body. ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) immortal; (*adj*) eternal, heavenly, mild, perfect, spiritual.

scorned: (*adj*) detested, hated, abject, neglected, contemptuous, despicable, insolent, undesirable, unloved, unpopular, mean.

shrink: (*adj, v*) recoil; (*n, v*) flinch, wince; (*v*) contract, shorten, lessen, diminish, cower, reduce, quail, decrease. ANTONYMS: (*v*) increase, enlarge, grow, stretch, swell, bloom, rise, inflate.

spurned: (*adj*) jilted, unloved.

information, and knowledge of the world, she must have received benefit of greater importance.

But no such happy marriage could now **teach** the admiring **multitude** what **connubial** felicity really was. An union of a different tendency, and precluding the possibility of the other, was soon to be formed in their family.

How Wickham and Lydia were to be supported in tolerable independence, she could not imagine. But how little of permanent happiness could belong to a couple who were only brought together because their passions were stronger than their virtue, she could easily conjecture.

Mr. Gardiner soon wrote again to his brother. To Mr. Bennet's acknowledgments he briefly replied, with assurance of his eagerness to promote the welfare of any of his family; and concluded with entreaties that the subject might never be mentioned to him again. The principal purport of his letter was to inform them that Mr. Wickham had resolved on quitting the militia.

"It was greatly my wish that he should do so," he added, "as soon as his marriage was fixed on. And I think you will agree with me, in considering the removal from that corps as highly advisable, both on his account and my niece's. It is Mr. Wickham's intention to go into the **regulars**; and among his former friends, there are still some who are able and willing to assist him in the army. He has the promise of an ensigncy in General ----'s regiment, now quartered in the North. It is an advantage to have it so far from this part of the kingdom. He promises fairly; and I hope among different people, where they may each have a character to preserve, they will both be more **prudent**. I have written to Colonel Forster, to inform him of our present arrangements, and to request that he will satisfy the various creditors of Mr. Wickham in and near Brighton, with assurances of **speedy** payment, for which I have **pledged** myself. And will you give yourself the trouble of carrying similar assurances to his creditors in Meryton, of whom I shall **subjoin** a list according to his information? He has given in all his debts; I hope at

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connubial: (*adj, v*) matrimonial, marital; (*adj*) nuptial, wedded, married, spousal, bridal; (*adv*) conjugally. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unmarried, unwedded, divorced.
multitude: (*n*) flock, horde, crowd, host, throng, concourse, mob, masses, mass, herd, swarm. ANTONYM: (*n*) trickle.

pledged: (*adj, v*) affianced; (*adj*) betrothed, busy, bound, occupied, bespoken, promised, sworn,

responsible, intermeshed, guaranteed.
prudent: (*adj, v*) discreet; (*adj*) cautious, circumspect, reasonable, chary, economical, careful, frugal, deliberate, advisable, canny. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) imprudent, reckless, spendthrift, stupid, careless, unwise, unsafe, tactless.
regulars: (*n*) clientele, Sabaoth, patrons, military forces, the army, clients, soldiery, troops, customers,

armed force.
speedy: (*adj, v*) rapid, prompt, fleet, swift; (*adj*) fast, agile, ready, immediate, cursory, hurried, brisk. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) leisurely, plodding.
subjoin: (*v*) annex, affix, append, add, attach, eke, superpose, augment, connect, join, tack on.
teach: (*v*) enlighten, educate, instruct, coach, indoctrinate, drill, learn, lecture, school; (*adj, v*) guide, show.

least he has not deceived us. Haggerston has our directions, and all will be completed in a week. They will then join his regiment, unless they are first invited to Longbourn; and I understand from Mrs. Gardiner, that my niece is very desirous of seeing you all before she leaves the South. She is well, and begs to be dutifully remembered to you and your mother.--Yours, etc.,

“E. Gardiner.”

Mr. Bennet and his daughters saw all the advantages of Wickham's **removal** from the ----shire as clearly as Mr. Gardiner could do. But Mrs. Bennet was not so well pleased with it. Lydia's being **settled** in the North, just when she had expected most pleasure and pride in her company, for she had by no means given up her plan of their **residing** in Hertfordshire, was a severe disappointment; and, **besides**, it was such a **pity** that Lydia should be taken from a regiment where she was acquainted with everybody, and had so many favourites.

“She is so fond of Mrs. Forster,” said she, “it will be quite shocking to send her away! And there are several of the young men, too, that she likes very much. The officers may not be so pleasant in General----'s regiment.”

His daughter's request, for such it might be considered, of being admitted into her family again before she set off for the North, received at first an absolute negative. But Jane and Elizabeth, who agreed in wishing, for the sake of their sister's feelings and consequence, that she should be noticed on her marriage by her parents, urged him so earnestly yet so rationally and so **mildly**, to receive her and her husband at Longbourn, as soon as they were married, that he was prevailed on to think as they thought, and act as they wished. And their mother had the satisfaction of knowing that she would be able to show her married daughter in the neighbourhood before she was banished to the North. When Mr. Bennet wrote again to his brother, therefore, he sent his permission for them to come; and it was settled, that as soon as the **ceremony** was over, they should proceed to Longbourn. Elizabeth was surprised, however, that Wickham should

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besides: (*adv*) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (*prep*) apart from, beside; (*adj, adv*) more.

ceremony: (*n*) courtesy, celebration, ceremonial, parade, pomp, rite, ceremonies, manners, custom, ritual, pageant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) modesty, understatement.

mildly: (*adv*) moderately, placidly, gently, tenderly, graciously, softly, lightly, kindly, calmly, sweetly,

suavely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) passionately, intensely, extremely, enormously, pithily, powerfully, harshly, severely, considerably.

pity: (*n, v*) compassion, ruth; (*n*) mercy, commiseration, condolence, sympathy, clemency, remorse; (*v*) sympathize, compassionate, feel sorry for. ANTONYMS: (*n*) blame, cruelty, indifference, harshness, joy.

removal: (*n*) transfer, expulsion, elimination, dismissal, exclusion,

shift, remove, ablation, move, withdrawal, abatement.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) insertion, addition, provision, arrival, return, inclusion.

residing: (*adj*) residential, situated, permanently fixed, placed, residential, located.

settled: (*adj*) definite, set, firm, permanent, certain, calm, established, decided, formed, defined, finished. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unsettled, exciting, temporary.

consent to such a **scheme**, and had she consulted only her own **inclination**, any **meeting** with him would have been the last **object** of her wishes.

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consent: (*adj., n, v*) accord; (*n, v*) acquiescence, agreement; (*v*) concur, approve, agree, acquiesce, accept; (*n*) consensus, approval; (*adj., v*) allow. ANTONYMS: (*v*) refuse, reject, protest, object, differ, oppose; (*n, v*) veto; (*n*) refusal, opposition, dissent, disagreement.

inclination: (*n, v*) desire, bent; (*n*) fancy, affection, tendency, leaning, drift, appetite, dip, proclivity, bias. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disinclination,

reluctance, aversion, indifference, unwillingness, antipathy, dislike, horror.

meeting: (*n*) confluence, convention, concourse, assembly, conference, congress, council, meet, caucus, appointment, junction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) parting, trough.

object: (*n*) cause, intent, meaning, mark, subject, objective, substance; (*n, v*) aim, end, intention; (*v*) except. ANTONYMS: (*v*) agree, approve,

praise; (*n*) notion.

scheme: (*n, v*) plot, design, intrigue, project; (*n*) contrivance, dodge, device, diagram, method; (*v*) devise, conspire.

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Their sister's wedding day arrived; and Jane and Elizabeth felt for her probably more than she felt for herself. The carriage was sent to meet them at ----, and they were to return in it by dinner-time. Their arrival was dreaded by the elder Miss Bennets, and Jane more especially, who gave Lydia the feelings which would have attended herself, had she been the **culprit**, and was wretched in the thought of what her sister must endure.

They came. The family were assembled in the breakfast room to receive them. Smiles **decked** the face of Mrs. Bennet as the carriage drove up to the door; her husband looked **impenetrably** grave; her daughters, alarmed, anxious, uneasy.

Lydia's voice was heard in the vestibule; the door was thrown open, and she ran into the room. Her mother **stepped** forwards, embraced her, and welcomed her with rapture; gave her hand, with an affectionate smile, to Wickham, who followed his lady; and wished them both joy with an alacrity which shewed no doubt of their happiness.

Their reception from Mr. Bennet, to whom they then turned, was not quite so cordial. His countenance rather gained in austerity; and he scarcely opened his lips. The easy assurance of the young couple, indeed, was enough to provoke him. Elizabeth was **disgusted**, and even Miss Bennet was shocked. Lydia was Lydia still; **untamed**, **unabashed**, wild, noisy, and **fearless**. She turned from

culprit: (*adj, n*) convict; (*n*) delinquent, accused, malefactor, perpetrator, transgressor, prisoner, sinner, offender; (*adj*) guilty, felon.
decked: (*adj*) bedecked, decked out, ornamented, decorated, festooned.
disgusted: (*adj*) fed up, ill, weary, sickened, nauseated, queasy, indisposed, demented, shocked, crazy, horrified. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attracted, happy, pleased.
fearless: (*adj, n*) daring; (*adj*) brave,

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dauntless, courageous, undaunted, intrepid, heroic, audacious, gallant, confident, valiant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) afraid, frightened, scared, apprehensive, terrified, timid.
impenetrably: (*adv*) hermetically, hermetically, unintelligibly, unfathomably.
stepped: (*v*) advanced, gone, stopen.
unabashed: (*adj*) shameless, brazen, barefaced, unashamed, undaunted, aweless, blatant, bold,

unapprehensive, unflinching, unshrinking, ANTONYMS: (*adj*) embarrassed, remorseful, prudish, discreet, ashamed, abashed, apologetic.
untamed: (*adj*) unbroken, barbarous, fierce, feral, barbarian, wild, unpolished, uncivilised, uncivilized, uncombed, ferocious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cultivated, tame.

sister to sister, demanding their congratulations; and when at length they all sat down, looked eagerly round the room, took notice of some little alteration in it, and observed, with a laugh, that it was a great while since she had been there.

Wickham was not at all more distressed than herself, but his manners were always so pleasing, that had his character and his marriage been exactly what they ought, his smiles and his easy address, while he claimed their relationship, would have delighted them all. Elizabeth had not before believed him quite equal to such **assurance**; but she sat down, resolving within herself to draw no limits in future to the impudence of an **impudent** man. She blushed, and Jane blushed; but the cheeks of the two who caused their confusion suffered no variation of colour.

There was no want of discourse. The bride and her mother could neither of them talk fast enough; and Wickham, who happened to sit near Elizabeth, began inquiring after his acquaintance in that neighbourhood, with a good humoured ease which she felt very unable to equal in her replies. They seemed each of them to have the happiest memories in the world. Nothing of the past was recollected with pain; and Lydia led voluntarily to subjects which her sisters would not have alluded to for the world.

"Only think of its being three months," she cried, "since I went away; it seems but a fortnight I **declare**; and yet there have been things enough happened in the time. Good gracious! when I went away, I am sure I had no more idea of being married till I came back again! though I thought it would be very good fun if I was."

Her father lifted up his eyes. Jane was distressed. Elizabeth looked **expressively** at Lydia; but she, who never heard nor saw anything of which she chose to be insensible, gaily continued, "Oh! mamma, do the people **hereabouts** know I am married to-day? I was afraid they might not; and we **overtook** William Goulding in his curricle, so I was determined he should know it, and so I let down the side-glass next to him, and took off my **glove**, and let my hand just rest upon the window frame, so that he might see the ring, and then I **bowed** and smiled like anything."

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assurance: (*n*) confidence, guarantee, belief, pledge, security, promise, sureness, poise, conviction, nerve, warrant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) doubt, uncertainty, mistrust, lie, fiction, awkwardness, timidity, clumsiness.

bowed: (*adj*) arched, curved, inclined, crooked, arciform, arching, arced, bandy, arcuate, twisted, bended.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, concave, plucked.

declare: (*v*) advertise, assert, allege,

attest, aver, admit, acknowledge, proclaim, avow; (*v*) affirm, say. ANTONYMS: (*v*) conceal, revoke, suppress, retract, repress, disclaim, withhold, request, refute, block.

expressively: (*adv*) meaningfully, eloquently, indicatively, poignantly, movingly, vividly, suggestively, emphatically, evocatively, mobilely, tellingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unemotionally, inexpressively, innocently, blandly.

glove: (*n*) boxing glove, gloves, mitt, mitten, baseball mitt, baseball glove, handwear, wristband, sleeve, mittens, batting glove.

hereabouts: (*adv*) hereabout, thereabouts.

impudent: (*adj, n*) bold, daring; (*adj*) disrespectful, audacious, impertinent, brassy, barefaced, brazen, insolent, brash, cheeky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, cowardly.

overtook: (*v*) overtake.

Elizabeth could bear it no longer. She got up, and ran out of the room; and returned no more, till she heard them passing through the hall to the dining parlour. She then joined them soon enough to see Lydia, with anxious **parade**, walk up to her mother's right hand, and hear her say to her eldest sister, "Ah! Jane, I take your place now, and you must go lower, because I am a married woman."

It was not to be supposed that time would give Lydia that embarrassment from which she had been so **wholly** free at first. Her **ease** and good spirits increased. She longed to see Mrs. Phillips, the Lucases, and all their other neighbours, and to hear herself called "Mrs. Wickham" by each of them; and in the mean time, she went after **dinner** to show her ring, and boast of being married, to Mrs. Hill and the two housemaids.

"Well, mamma," said she, when they were all returned to the breakfast room, "and what do you think of my husband? Is not he a **charming** man? I am sure my sisters must all envy me. I only hope they may have half my good **luck**. They must all go to Brighton. That is the place to get husbands. What a pity it is, mamma, we did not all go."

"Very true; and if I had my will, we should. But my dear Lydia, I don't at all like your going such a way off. Must it be so?"

"Oh, lord! yes;--there is nothing in that. I shall like it of all things. You and papa, and my sisters, must come down and see us. We shall be at Newcastle all the winter, and I dare say there will be some balls, and I will take care to get good **partners** for them all."

"I should like it beyond anything!" said her mother.

"And then when you go away, you may leave one or two of my sisters behind you; and I dare say I shall get husbands for them before the winter is over."

"I thank you for my share of the favour," said Elizabeth; "but I do not particularly like your way of getting husbands."

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charming: (*adj*) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating, offensive, uninteresting, annoying.
dinner: (*n*) banquet, lunch, dinner party, meal, party, beanfeast, spread; (*v*) tiffin, dejeuner, bever; (*adj*) dinnerly.

ease: (*v*) alleviate, assuage, relieve, allay; (*n*) convenience, rest, leisure, relief, satisfaction; (*adj, v*) facilitate; (*n, v*) relax. ANTONYMS: (*n*) discomfort, formality, awkwardness, worry, toil, problem, pain, maladroitness; (*v*) aggravate, worsen, impede.
luck: (*n*) fortune, fate, accident, destiny, hazard, lot, advantage, providence, portion, happiness; (*n, v*) chance. ANTONYM: (*n*) design.

parade: (*v*) flaunt, exhibit, demonstrate, strut, swagger; (*n, v*) march, show, array; (*n*) ostentation, pageant, ceremony.
partners: (*n*) associates, team.
wholly: (*adj, adv*) totally, entirely, altogether, quite, exclusively, perfectly, solely; (*adv, pref*) all; (*adv*) fully, utterly, absolutely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) partially, inclusively, hardly, incompletely, slightly.

Their visitors were not to remain above ten days with them. Mr. Wickham had received his commission before he left London, and he was to join his regiment at the end of a fortnight.

No one but Mrs. Bennet regretted that their stay would be so short; and she made the most of the time by visiting about with her daughter, and having very frequent parties at home. These parties were acceptable to all; to avoid a family circle was even more desirable to such as did think, than such as did not.

Wickham's affection for Lydia was just what Elizabeth had expected to find it; not equal to Lydia's for him. She had scarcely needed her present observation to be **satisfied**, from the reason of things, that their **elopement** had been brought on by the strength of her love, rather than by his; and she would have wondered why, without violently **caring** for her, he chose to elope with her at all, had she not felt certain that his flight was rendered necessary by **distress** of circumstances; and if that were the case, he was not the young man to **resist** an opportunity of having a **companion**.

Lydia was exceedingly fond of him. He was her dear Wickham on every occasion; no one was to be put in competition with him. He did every thing best in the world; and she was sure he would kill more birds on the first of September, than any body else in the country.

One morning, soon after their arrival, as she was sitting with her two elder sisters, she said to Elizabeth:

"Lizzy, I never gave *you* an account of my wedding, I believe. You were not by, when I told mamma and the others all about it. Are not you curious to hear how it was managed?"

"No really," replied Elizabeth; "I think there cannot be too little said on the subject."

"La! You are so strange! But I must tell you how it went off. We were married, you know, at St. Clement's, because Wickham's lodgings were in that parish. And it was settled that we should all be there by eleven o'clock. My uncle and aunt and I were to go together; and the others were to meet us at the

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caring: (*adj*) tender, affectionate, loving, fond, compassionate, concerned, sympathetic, kind, solicitous, considerate, obliging.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncaring, unfeeling, callous, flippant, unkind, inhumane, hardhearted, unhelpful, thoughtless, rough, paternal.

companion: (*adj, n*) associate; (*n*) colleague, buddy, mate, peer, chum, partner, fellow, comrade, assistant, brother. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) foe,

stranger, adversary.

distress: (*n, v*) pain, torment, trouble, concern, torture, upset, worry; (*n*) anguish, agony; (*adj, n*) difficulty, grief. **ANTONYMS:** (*n, v*) comfort; (*v*) please, soothe, relieve; (*n*) peace, encouragement, straightforwardness, solace, relieving, relief, prosperity.

elope: (*v*) escape, run off, flee, desert, bolt, slip away, decamp, run, fly, run away, leave.

resist: (*n, v*) oppose, confront; (*v*) rebel,

defy, revolt, endure, reject, protest, refuse, impede, fight back.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) surrender, yield, assent, agree, suppress, favor, accept, attract, obey, welcome.

satisfied: (*adj*) happy, content, full, pleased, confident, complacent, persuaded, fulfilled; (*adj, v*) certain, sure; (*v*) convinced. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, pensive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed.

church. Well, Monday morning came, and I was in such a **fuss!** I was so afraid, you know, that something would happen to put it off, and then I should have gone quite **distracted**. And there was my aunt, all the time I was dressing, **preaching** and talking away just as if she was reading a **sermon**. However, I did not hear above one word in ten, for I was thinking, you may suppose, of my dear Wickham. I longed to know whether he would be married in his blue coat."

"Well, and so we breakfasted at ten as usual; I thought it would never be over; for, by the bye, you are to understand, that my uncle and aunt were **horrid** unpleasant all the time I was with them. If you'll believe me, I did not once put my foot out of doors, though I was there a fortnight. Not one party, or scheme, or anything. To be sure London was rather thin, but, however, the Little Theatre was open. Well, and so just as the carriage came to the door, my uncle was called away upon business to that horrid man Mr. Stone. And then, you know, when once they get together, there is no end of it. Well, I was so frightened I did not know what to do, for my uncle was to give me away; and if we were beyond the hour, we could not be married all day. But, luckily, he came back again in ten minutes' time, and then we all set out. However, I recollect afterwards that if he had been prevented going, the wedding need not be put off, for Mr. Darcy might have done as well."

"Mr. Darcy!" repeated Elizabeth, in **utter** amazement.

"Oh, yes!--he was to come there with Wickham, you know. But gracious me! I quite forgot! I ought not to have said a word about it. I promised them so **faithfully!** What will Wickham say? It was to be such a secret!"

"If it was to be secret," said Jane, "say not another word on the subject. You may depend upon my seeking no further."

"Oh! certainly," said Elizabeth, though burning with curiosity; "we will ask you no questions."

"Thank you," said Lydia, "for if you did, I should certainly tell you all, and then Wickham would be angry."

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distracted: (*adj*) demented, inattentive, abstracted, crazy, frenzied, distraught, preoccupied, distressed, confused; (*adj, v*) mad, disconcerted. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) attentive, alert, assured, calm, mellow.

faithfully: (*adv*) exactly, accurately, sincerely, staunchly, precisely, truly, authentically, dutifully, literally, steadfastly, truly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) unfaithfully, approximately, falsely, insincerely, carelessly,

inaccurately.

fuss: (*n, v*) flurry, bicker, fidget, hubbub; (*adj, n*) stir; (*n*) flap, commotion, ado, bother, disturbance; (*v*) fret. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) peace.

horrid: (*adj*) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, direful, dire, horrible, fearsome. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind.

preaching: (*n*) sermon, lecture, homily, preaching, baccalaureate,

speech, pulpit, exhortation, kerygma; (*v*) preach; (*adj*) hence.

sermon: (*n*) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preaching, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (*n, v*) lecture.

utter: (*v*) say, state, speak, breathe, articulate, deliver, voice, pronounce; (*adj, n, v*) express, declare; (*adj, v*) tell. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) qualified, incomplete, uncertain, rather, slight; (*v*) conceal, hide, block.

On such encouragement to ask, Elizabeth was forced to put it out of her power, by running away.

But to live in **ignorance** on such a point was impossible; or at least it was impossible not to try for information. Mr. Darcy had been at her sister's wedding. It was exactly a scene, and exactly among people, where he had apparently least to do, and least temptation to go. Conjectures as to the meaning of it, rapid and wild, hurried into her brain; but she was satisfied with none. Those that best pleased her, as **placing** his conduct in the noblest light, seemed most improbable. She could not bear such suspense; and hastily **seizing** a **sheet** of paper, wrote a short letter to her aunt, to request an explanation of what Lydia had dropt, if it were compatible with the **secrecy** which had been intended.

"You may readily comprehend," she added, "what my curiosity must be to know how a person unconnected with any of us, and (comparatively speaking) a stranger to our family, should have been amongst you at such a time. Pray write instantly, and let me understand it--unless it is, for very **cogent** reasons, to remain in the secrecy which Lydia seems to think necessary; and then I must endeavour to be satisfied with ignorance."

"Not that *I shall*, though," she added to herself, as she finished the letter; "and my dear aunt, if you do not tell me in an honourable manner, I shall certainly be reduced to **tricks** and stratagems to find it out."

Jane's delicate sense of honour would not allow her to speak to Elizabeth privately of what Lydia had let fall; Elizabeth was glad of it;--till it appeared whether her inquiries would receive any satisfaction, she had rather be without a **confidante**.

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cogent: (*adj*) weighty, powerful, pithy, strong, telling, persuasive, forcible, forceful, compelling, conclusive; (*adj, v*) convincing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) confused, weak, ineffective, impotent, invalid, irrational.

confidante: (*n*) comrade, intimate, camarade, companion, compeer, familiar, lady's maid, guest, confrere, soul mate, associate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) enemy, foe, rival.

ignorance: (*n*) illiteracy, nescience,

folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intelligence, acquaintance, education. **placing:** (*n*) placement, arrangement, disposition, installation, allocation, ordering, disposal, borrowing, composition.

secrecy: (*adj, n, v*) privacy; (*n*) concealment, silence, confidentiality, darkness, seclusion, retirement,

mystery, secretiveness, privateness, mum.

seizing: (*v*) seize; (*n*) seizure, clutches, prehension, taking, apprehension, capture, infection; (*adj*) catching, galling, controlling.

sheet: (*n*) board, leaf, paper, film, bed sheet, canvas, coat, coating, cover, plane, newspaper.

tricks: (*n*) actions, behavior, thing, clowning around, fooling, magic, plunder, possession, activities.

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Elizabeth had the satisfaction of receiving an answer to her letter as soon as she possibly could. She was no sooner in **possession** of it than, hurrying into the little **copse**, where she was least likely to be interrupted, she sat down on one of the **benches** and prepared to be happy; for the length of the letter convinced her that it did not contain a denial.

"Gracechurch Street, Sept. 6.

"My dear niece,

"I have just received your letter, and shall **devote** this whole morning to answering it, as I **foresee** that a *little* writing will not **comprise** what I have to tell you. I must confess myself surprised by your application; I did not expect it from *you*. Don't think me angry, however, for I only mean to let you know that I had not imagined such inquiries to be necessary on *your* side. If you do not choose to understand me, **forgive** my impertinence. Your uncle is as much surprised as I am--and nothing but the belief of your being a party concerned would have allowed him to act as he has done. But if you are really innocent and ignorant, I must be more **explicit**. On the very day of my coming home from Longbourn, your uncle had a most unexpected visitor. Mr. Darcy called, and was shut up with him several hours. It was all over before I arrived; so my

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benches: (*n*) bleachers.

comprise: (*v*) contain, comprehend, include, compose, constitute, make up, carry, encompass, form, make, subsume. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lack, need.

copse: (*n*) brush, coppice, brake, brushwood, forest, underwood, grove, spinney, thicket, undergrowth, canebrake.

devote: (*n, v*) apply, destine, give, assign, vow; (*v*) consecrate, dedicate,

commit, appropriate, allot; (*n*) devotion. ANTONYMS: (*v*) withhold, refuse.

explicit: (*adj*) clear, unmistakable, manifest, exact, sharp, lucid, definite, broad, direct, perspicuous, emphatic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unspoken, tacit, understood, implicit, bland, ambiguous, confused, indirect, obscure, unclear, hidden.

foresee: (*v*) expect, forecast, anticipate, envisage, previse, foreknow,

prophecy, provide, foresaw, predict, see.

forgive: (*v*) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, punish, castigate.

possession: (*n*) occupation, ownership, keeping, goods, substance, tenure, property, grasp, estate, domain; (*n, v*) acquisition. ANTONYMS: (*n*) vacancy, sale.

curiosity was not so dreadfully **racked** as *your's* seems to have been. He came to tell Mr. Gardiner that he had found out where your sister and Mr. Wickham were, and that he had seen and talked with them both; Wickham repeatedly, Lydia once. From what I can collect, he left Derbyshire only one day after ourselves, and came to town with the resolution of hunting for them. The **motive** professed was his conviction of its being owing to himself that Wickham's **worthlessness** had not been so well known as to make it impossible for any young woman of character to love or **confide** in him. He **generously** imputed the whole to his mistaken pride, and **confessed** that he had before thought it beneath him to lay his private actions open to the world. His character was to speak for itself. He called it, therefore, his duty to step forward, and endeavour to remedy an evil which had been brought on by himself. If he *had another* motive, I am sure it would never disgrace him. He had been some days in town, before he was able to discover them; but he had something to direct his search, which was more than *we* had; and the consciousness of this was another reason for his resolving to follow us. There is a lady, it seems, a Mrs. Younge, who was some time ago governess to Miss Darcy, and was **dismissed** from her charge on some cause of disapprobation, though he did not say what. She then took a large house in Edward-street, and has since maintained herself by letting lodgings. This Mrs. Younge was, he knew, intimately acquainted with Wickham; and he went to her for intelligence of him as soon as he got to town. But it was two or three days before he could get from her what he wanted. She would not betray her trust, I suppose, without **bribery** and corruption, for she really did know where her friend was to be found. Wickham indeed had gone to her on their first arrival in London, and had she been able to receive them into her house, they would have taken up their abode with her. At length, however, our kind friend procured the **wished-for** direction. They were in ---- street. He saw Wickham, and afterwards insisted on seeing Lydia. His first object with her, he acknowledged, had been to persuade her to quit her present disgraceful

Thesaurus

bribery: (n) corruption, felony, blackmail, bait, lure, invitation, incentive, temptation, coemption, dishonesty. ANTONYM: (n) honesty.

confessed: (adj) known.

confide: (v) commit, trust, entrust, intrust, consign, rely, charge, unbosom, whisper, lean, hope. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, keep, conceal, retain.

dismissed: (adj) discharged, unemployed, clear, convalescent.

generously: (adv) profusely, copiously, bountifully, abundantly, largely, magnanimously, munificently, kindly, handsomely, freely, benevolently. ANTONYMS: (adv) acquisitively, selfishly, prudently, grudgingly, malevolently, parsimoniously, harshly, scantily, stingily, thinly, ungenerously.

motive: (n, v) cause; (n) account, incentive, impulse, inducement, motif, motivation, incitement, reason,

subject; (v) aim. ANTONYM: (n) disincentive.

racked: (adj) assured, confident, miserable.

wished-for: (adj) favorite.

worthlessness: (n) emptiness, uselessness, paltriness, trashiness, insignificance, nothingness, negativity, purposelessness, pride, pointlessness; (adj) inanity. ANTONYMS: (n) importance, worth, helpfulness, appropriateness.

situation, and return to her friends as soon as they could be prevailed on to receive her, offering his assistance, as far as it would go. But he found Lydia absolutely resolved on remaining where she was. She cared for none of her friends; she wanted no help of his; she would not hear of leaving Wickham. She was sure they should be married some time or other, and it did not much signify when. Since such were her feelings, it only remained, he thought, to secure and **expedite** a marriage, which, in his very first conversation with Wickham, he easily learnt had never been *his* design. He confessed himself obliged to leave the regiment, on account of some debts of honour, which were very pressing; and scrupled not to lay all the ill-consequences of Lydia's flight on her own folly alone. He meant to **resign** his commission immediately; and as to his future situation, he could conjecture very little about it. He must go somewhere, but he did not know where, and he knew he should have nothing to live on. Mr. Darcy asked him why he had not married your sister at once. Though Mr. Bennet was not imagined to be very rich, he would have been able to do something for him, and his situation must have been benefited by marriage. But he found, in reply to this question, that Wickham still cherished the hope of more **effectually** making his fortune by marriage in some other country. Under such circumstances, however, he was not likely to be **proof** against the temptation of immediate relief. They met several times, for there was much to be discussed. Wickham of course wanted more than he could get; but at length was reduced to be reasonable. Every thing being settled between *them*, Mr. Darcy's next step was to make your uncle acquainted with it, and he first called in Gracechurch street the evening before I came home. But Mr. Gardiner could not be seen, and Mr. Darcy found, on further **inquiry**, that your father was still with him, but would quit town the next morning. He did not judge your father to be a person whom he could so properly consult as your uncle, and therefore readily **postponed** seeing him till after the **departure** of the former. He did not leave his name, and till the next day it was only known that a gentleman had

Thesaurus

departure: (*n, v*) decease, demise; (*n*) exit, leave, deviation, divergence, depart, parting, aberration, passing, takeoff. ANTONYMS: (*n*) appearance, conformity, greeting, ingress, influx, homecoming, regularity, entrance, birth, coming, advance.

effectually: (*adv*) efficaciously, effectively, validly, adequately, potently, tellingly, strongly, decisively; (*adj*) nicely, fully, head

and shoulders. ANTONYM: (*adv*) ineffectually.

expedite: (*n, v*) accelerate; (*v*) dispatch, advance, hasten, speed, quicken, assist, hurry, hurry up, rush, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stop, delay, halt, hinder, impede.

inquiry: (*n, v*) search; (*n*) investigation, enquiry, query, hearing, inquest, research, exploration, trial, question, demand.

postponed: (*adj*) delayed, late, belated,

off, later than usual, put off.

proof: (*n*) confirmation, probation, authentication, sign, substantiation, evidence, verification, validation, argument, experiment, indication. ANTONYM: (*n*) contradiction.

resign: (*v*) renounce, cede, relinquish, quit, give up, leave, abandon, drop, deliver, surrender, forgo. ANTONYMS: (*v*) accept, continue, retain, stay.

called on business. On Saturday he came again. Your father was gone, your uncle at home, and, as I said before, they had a great deal of talk together. They met again on Sunday, and then *I* saw him too. It was not all settled before Monday: as soon as it was, the express was sent off to Longbourn. But our visitor was very obstinate. I fancy, Lizzy, that obstinacy is the real **defect** of his character, after all. He has been accused of many faults at different times, but *this* is the true one. Nothing was to be done that he did not do himself; though I am sure (and I do not speak it to be thanked, therefore say nothing about it), your uncle would most readily have settled the whole. They battled it together for a long time, which was more than either the gentleman or lady concerned in it deserved. But at last your uncle was forced to **yield**, and instead of being allowed to be of use to his niece, was forced to put up with only having the probable credit of it, which went **sorely** against the **grain**; and I really believe your letter this morning gave him great pleasure, because it required an explanation that would rob him of his **borrowed feathers**, and give the praise where it was due. But, Lizzy, this must go no farther than yourself, or Jane at most. You know pretty well, I suppose, what has been done for the young people. His debts are to be paid, amounting, I believe, to considerably more than a thousand pounds, another thousand in **addition** to her own settled upon *her*, and his commission purchased. The reason why all this was to be done by him alone, was such as I have given above. It was owing to him, to his reserve and want of proper consideration, that Wickham's character had been so misunderstood, and consequently that he had been received and noticed as he was. Perhaps there was some truth in *this*; though I doubt whether *his* reserve, or *anybody's* reserve, can be answerable for the event. But in spite of all this fine talking, my dear Lizzy, you may rest perfectly assured that your uncle would never have yielded, if we had not given him credit for *another interest* in the affair. When all this was resolved on, he returned again to his friends, who were still staying at Pemberley; but it was agreed that he should be in London once more

Thesaurus

addition: (*n*) accession, accessory, increase, extension, addendum, accretion, attachment, appendage, annex, extra; (*n, prep*) accumulation.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) removal, estimation, deduction, exclusion, decline, erosion, loss, setback.

borrowed: (*adj*) foreign, rubato, secondary.

called: (*adj*) named, titled, chosen, known as; (*v*) nempt, ycleped.
defect: (*adj, n*) blemish, imperfection,

infirmity; (*n*) flaw, blot, shortcoming, weakness, deficiency, scar, failing, dearth. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) strength, merit, faultlessness, excellence, capability, enhancement, perfection; (*v*) uphold, remain, join, embrace.

feathers: (*n*) plumage, fur, indument, garment, garb, fine hair, clothing, dress, apparel, attire, array.

grain: (*adj, n*) crumb; (*n*) bit, berry, fragment, cereal, scrap, kernel, speck, atom, grist, character. **ANTONYM:**

(*n*) lot.

sorely: (*adv*) severely, tenderly, madly, very, greatly, highly, most, distressingly, extremely, hard, sensitively.

yield: (*n, v*) produce, return, allow, give; (*v*) surrender, concede, submit, give up, grant, cede; (*n*) output. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) persevere, survive, stand, withstand, repel, reject, prevent, withhold, acquire, oppose, veto.

when the wedding took place, and all money matters were then to receive the last finish. I believe I have now told you every thing. It is a relation which you tell me is to give you great surprise; I hope at least it will not afford you any displeasure. Lydia came to us; and Wickham had constant admission to the house. *He* was exactly what he had been, when I knew him in Hertfordshire; but I would not tell you how little I was satisfied with her behaviour while she **staid** with us, if I had not perceived, by Jane's letter last Wednesday, that her conduct on coming home was exactly of a piece with it, and therefore what I now tell you can give you no fresh pain. I talked to her repeatedly in the most serious manner, representing to her all the wickedness of what she had done, and all the unhappiness she had brought on her family. If she heard me, it was by good luck, for I am sure she did not listen. I was sometimes quite **provoked**, but then I recollect my dear Elizabeth and Jane, and for their sakes had patience with her. Mr. Darcy was punctual in his return, and as Lydia informed you, attended the wedding. He dined with us the next day, and was to leave town again on Wednesday or Thursday. Will you be very angry with me, my dear Lizzy, if I take this opportunity of saying (what I was never **bold** enough to say before) how much I like him. His behaviour to us has, in every respect, been as pleasing as when we were in Derbyshire. His understanding and opinions all please me; he wants nothing but a little more liveliness, and *that*, if he marry **prudently**, his wife may teach him. I thought him very sly;--he hardly ever mentioned your name. But slyness seems the fashion. Pray forgive me if I have been very **presuming**, or at least do not **punish** me so far as to exclude me from P. I shall never be quite happy till I have been all round the park. A low phaeton, with a nice little pair of ponies, would be the very thing. But I must write no more. The children have been wanting me this half hour.

Yours, very sincerely,
"M. Gardiner."

Thesaurus

bold: (*adj*) adventurous, audacious, manly, arrogant, intrepid, fearless, spirited, heroic, daring, courageous, stalwart. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) timid, modest, afraid, meek, shy, light, courteous, discreet, faint, fearful, abashed.

presuming: (*adj*) forward, arrogant, insolent, familiar, overconfident, conceited, assuming, rash, brash, pretentious, confident.

provoked: (*adj, prep*) exasperated,

inflamed; (*adj*) irritated, aggravated, infuriated, indignant, irate, huffy, hot, excited; (*adv*) up in arms. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, gratuitous, pleased.

prudently: (*adv*) wisely, cautiously, judiciously, discreetly, shrewdly, sparingly, charily, sagaciously, warily, frugally, circumspectly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) recklessly, imprudently, extravagantly, generously, indiscreetly, immaturely,

stupidly.

punish: (*v*) amerce, discipline, castigate, chasten, chastise, penalize, strike, avenge, pay, beat, execute. ANTONYMS: (*v*) excuse, exonerate, pardon, reward, commend.

staid: (*adj, v*) serious, sedate, grave, solemn, sober, demure; (*adj*) calm, quiet, composed, somber, decorous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frivolous, exciting, funny, daring, playful, bright, relaxed.

The contents of this letter threw Elizabeth into a flutter of spirits, in which it was difficult to determine whether pleasure or pain bore the greatest share. The vague and **unsettled** suspicions which uncertainty had produced of what Mr. Darcy might have been doing to forward her sister's match, which she had feared to encourage as an exertion of goodness too great to be probable, and at the same time dreaded to be just, from the pain of obligation, were proved beyond their greatest extent to be true! He had followed them purposely to town, he had taken on himself all the trouble and mortification attendant on such a research; in which **supplication** had been necessary to a woman whom he must **abominate** and **despise**, and where he was reduced to meet, frequently meet, reason with, persuade, and finally **bribe**, the man whom he always most wished to avoid, and whose very name it was punishment to him to pronounce. He had done all this for a girl whom he could neither regard nor esteem. Her heart did whisper that he had done it for her. But it was a hope shortly checked by other considerations, and she soon felt that even her vanity was insufficient, when required to depend on his affection for her --for a woman who had already refused him--as able to overcome a sentiment so natural as abhorrence against relationship with Wickham. Brother-in-law of Wickham! Every kind of pride must revolt from the connection. He had, to be sure, done much. She was ashamed to think how much. But he had given a reason for his interference, which asked no extraordinary stretch of belief. It was reasonable that he should feel he had been wrong; he had liberality, and he had the means of **exercising** it; and though she would not place herself as his principal inducement, she could, perhaps, believe that remaining partiality for her might assist his endeavours in a cause where her peace of mind must be materially concerned. It was painful, exceedingly painful, to know that they were under obligations to a person who could never receive a return. They owed the restoration of Lydia, her character, every thing, to him. Oh! how heartily did she grieve over every ungracious sensation she had ever encouraged, every **saucy** speech she had ever directed towards him. For herself she was humbled; but she was proud of him. Proud that in a cause of compassion and honour, he had been able to get the better of himself. She read over her aunt's commendation of him again and again. It was

Thesaurus

abominate: (v) loathe, detest, hate, execrate, despise, dislike, nauseate, disgust, condemn, resent, can't bear.
ANTONYMS: (v) love, adore.

bribe: (n) bribery, boddle, lure, payment, payoff; (v) corrupt, fix, pay off, pervert, blackmail; (n, v) reward.

despise: (v) disdain, loathe, deprecate, abhor, dislike, detest, slight, hate; (n, v) contemn; (n) contempt, deride. ANTONYMS: (v) respect, love, adore, appreciate,

cherish, like, praise, accept.

exercising: (n) calisthenics, aerobics, bodybuilding, conditioner, callisthenics, employment, drill, practice, anaerobic exercise, example, delay.

saucy: (adj, n) pert; (adj) bold, impudent, audacious, insolent, fresh, forward, impertinent, flippant, rude, brazen. ANTONYM: (adj) respectful.

supplication: (n, v) entreaty, solicitation; (n) petition, invocation,

appeal, request, rogation, plea, orison, blessing, imploration.

unsettled: (adj) changeable, undecided, doubtful, uneasy, outstanding, variable, unpaid, unresolved; (adj, v) unfixed, indefinite, undetermined.
ANTONYMS: (adj) confident, definite, decided, well, sure, happy, constant, conclusive, certain, calmed, calm.

hardly enough; but it pleased her. She was even **sensible** of some pleasure, though **mixed** with regret, on finding how steadfastly both she and her uncle had been persuaded that affection and confidence subsisted between Mr. Darcy and herself.

She was roused from her seat, and her reflections, by some one's approach; and before she could strike into another path, she was overtaken by Wickham.

"I am afraid I interrupt your solitary ramble, my dear sister?" said he, as he joined her.

"You certainly do," she replied with a smile; "but it does not follow that the interruption must be unwelcome."

"I should be sorry indeed, if it were. We were always good friends; and now we are better."

"True. Are the others coming out?"

"I do not know. Mrs. Bennet and Lydia are going in the carriage to Meryton. And so, my dear sister, I find, from our uncle and aunt, that you have actually seen Pemberley."

She replied in the affirmative.

"I almost envy you the pleasure, and yet I believe it would be too much for me, or else I could take it in my way to Newcastle. And you saw the old housekeeper, I suppose? Poor Reynolds, she was always very fond of me. But of course she did not mention my name to you."

"Yes, she did."

"And what did she say?"

"That you were gone into the army, and she was afraid had --not turned out well. At such a distance as *that*, you know, things are **strangely** misrepresented."

"Certainly," he replied, **biting** his lips. Elizabeth hoped she had **silenced** him; but he soon afterwards said:

"I was **surprised** to see Darcy in town last month. We passed each other several times. I wonder what he can be doing there."

Thesaurus

biting: (*adj, v*) acute, acrid, sarcastic, sharp, acrimonious, pungent, severe, cutting; (*adj*) acid, bitter, barbed.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, blunt, kind, bland, nice, soothing, sweet, hot, complimentary, faint, sympathetic.

lips: (*n*) lip, inlet, logical inference per second, chops, porch, portal, portico, propylion, snout, door, orifice.

sensible: (*adj*) aware, sagacious, prudent, rational, judicious, perceptible, sane, wise, intelligent, appreciable, sage. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) ludicrous, crazy, unreasonable, stupid, silly, ridiculous, reckless, idiotic, outrageous, imprudent, mad.

mixed: (*adj*) miscellaneous, composite, assorted, heterogeneous, medley, integrated, impure, amalgamated,

silenced: (*adj*) mute, muffled, disabled.

strangely: (*adv*) curiously, queerly, unusually, funny, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously.

surprised: (*adj*) amazed, dumbfounded, shocked, astounded, stunned, taken aback, bewildered, startled, surprise, aghast, to be astonished. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) unsurprised.

"Perhaps preparing for his marriage with Miss de Bourgh," said Elizabeth. "It must be something particular, to take him there at this time of year."

"Undoubtedly. Did you see him while you were at Lambton? I **thought** I understood from the Gardiners that you had."

"Yes; he introduced us to his sister."

"And do you like her?"

"Very much."

"I have heard, indeed, that she is uncommonly **improved** within this year or two. When I last saw her, she was not very **promising**. I am very **glad** you liked her. I hope she will turn out well."

"I dare say she will; she has got over the most trying age."

"Did you go by the village of Kympton?"

"I do not recollect that we did."

"I mention it, because it is the living which I ought to have had. A most delightful place!--Excellent Parsonage House! It would have suited me in every respect."

"How should you have liked making sermons?"

"Exceedingly well. I should have considered it as part of my duty, and the exertion would soon have been nothing. One ought not to repine;--but, to be sure, it would have been such a thing for me! The quiet, the **retirement** of such a life would have answered all my ideas of happiness! But it was not to be. Did you ever hear Darcy mention the circumstance, when you were in Kent?"

"I have heard from authority, which I thought *as good*, that it was left you conditionally only, and at the will of the present patron."

"You have. Yes, there was something in *that*; I told you so from the first, you may remember."

"I *did* hear, too, that there was a time, when sermon-making was not so **palatable** to you as it seems to be at present; that you actually **declared** your

Thesaurus

declared: (adj) stated, apparent, state, public, professed, proclaimed, explicit, ostensible, expressed, confirmed, alleged.

glad: (adj) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry.

improved: (adj) enhanced, new, reformed, finer, enlarged, greater,

greater than before, more, higher, increased, transformed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, lesser, unimproved.

ought: (n, v) need; (v) had better, should, have, possessed, owned, owed, behoove; (n) aught, zero, duty.

palatable: (adj) luscious, tasty, agreeable, toothsome, appetizing, eatable, delectable, delicate, tasteful, sweet, savory. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, indigestible, inedible,

tasteless.

promising: (adj) auspicious, bright, favorable, propitious, encouraging, favourable, hopeful, promise, budding, optimistic, probable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeless, inauspicious, threatening, unfavorable, unlikely, depressing.

retirement: (n) resignation, departure, privacy, retire, secrecy, withdrawal, seclusion, recession, solitude, abdication, cancellation.

resolution of never taking **orders**, and that the business had been compromised accordingly."

"You did! and it was not wholly without **foundation**. You may remember what I told you on that point, when first we talked of it."

They were now almost at the door of the house, for she had walked **fast** to get rid of him; and **unwilling**, for her sister's sake, to provoke him, she only said in **reply**, with a good-humoured smile:

"Come, Mr. Wickham, we are brother and sister, you know. Do not let us quarrel about the past. In future, I hope we shall be always of one mind."

She held out her hand; he kissed it with affectionate gallantry, though he hardly knew how to look, and they entered the house.

Thesaurus

fast: (adj, v) firm; (adj) dissolute, instant, agile, staunch, quick, hurried, fixed, rapid; (adv) soon, hard. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, loosely, sluggishly; (n) binge; (adj) sluggish, loose, unattached, plodding; (adj, adv) leisurely; (v) gorge, eat.
foundation: (n) base, bottom, creation, institution, foot, principle, establishment, cause, footing, fundamental, support. ANTONYMS: (n) end, successor, destruction,

culmination, effect; (adj) final.
orders: (n) holy orders, information, preparation, remit, briefing, guidelines.
reply: (n) echo, response, reaction, repay; (n, v) return, rejoinder; (v) respond, react, rejoin, retort, counter. ANTONYMS: (n, v) question; (v) interrogate, ignore.
resolution: (n) determination, purpose, firmness, conclusion, answer, solution, resolve,

decomposition, resoluteness, perseverance, settlement. ANTONYMS: (n) problem, feebleness, indecision, irresoluteness, irresolution, weakness, indifference.
unwilling: (adj) involuntary, loath, disinclined, averse, recalcitrant, backward, indisposed, grudging, loth, adverse, forced. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, amenable, keen, prepared, ready, eager, disposed, agreeable, accepting, happy.

CHAPTER 53

Mr. Wickham was so **perfectly** satisfied with this conversation that he never again distressed himself, or provoked his dear sister Elizabeth, by introducing the subject of it; and she was pleased to find that she had said enough to keep him quiet.

The day of his and Lydia's departure soon came, and Mrs. Bennet was forced to **submit** to a **separation**, which, as her husband by no means entered into her scheme of their all going to Newcastle, was likely to continue at least a twelvemonth.

"Oh! my dear Lydia," she cried, "when shall we meet again?"

"Oh, lord! I don't know. Not these two or three years, perhaps."

"Write to me very often, my dear."

"As often as I can. But you know married women have never much time for writing. My sisters may write to *me*. They will have nothing else to do."

Mr. Wickham's adieus were much more affectionate than his wife's. He smiled, looked handsome, and said many pretty things.

"He is as fine a fellow," said Mr. Bennet, as soon as they were out of the house, "as ever I saw. He simpers, and smirks, and makes love to us all. I am **prodigiously** proud of him. I defy even Sir William Lucas himself to produce a more **valuable** son-in-law."

Thesaurus

perfectly: (*adj, adv*) entirely; (*adv*) fully, thoroughly, consummately, utterly, flawlessly, absolutely, purely, totally, faultlessly, wholly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) badly, imperfectly, incorrectly, wrong, inaccurately, partially, partly, poorly, unpleasantly, wrongly. **prodigiously:** (*adv*) astonishingly, enormously, immensely, vastly, marvelously, exceptionally, colossally, largely, wonderfully, hugely, tremendously.

separation: (*n*) disjunction, detachment, disunion, seclusion, disconnection, rift, isolation, divorce, parting, departure; (*n, v*) division. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unification, closeness, marriage, union, unity, connection, bond, integration, synthesis, inclusion, meeting. **submit:** (*v*) comply, obey, acquiesce, give in, present, hand in, put forward, hand over, propose, give; (*n, v*) resign. ANTONYMS: (*v*) resist,

persevere, defy, overpower, face, disobey, conquer.

valuable: (*adj*) costly, beneficial, expensive, helpful, useful, admirable, important, invaluable; (*adj, n*) estimable, worthy; (*n*) treasure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) useless, unimportant, valueless, insignificant, ineffectual, shabby, cheap, detrimental, disadvantageous; (*n*) trash, garbage.

The loss of her daughter made Mrs. Bennet very **dull** for several days.

"I often think," said she, "that there is nothing so bad as parting with one's friends. One seems so **forlorn** without them."

"This is the consequence, you see, Madam, of marrying a daughter," said Elizabeth. "It must make you better satisfied that your other four are single."

"It is no such thing. Lydia does not leave me because she is married, but only because her husband's regiment happens to be so far off. If that had been nearer, she would not have gone so soon."

But the spiritless condition which this event threw her into was shortly **relieved**, and her mind opened again to the agitation of hope, by an article of news which then began to be in **circulation**. The housekeeper at Netherfield had received orders to **prepare** for the arrival of her master, who was coming down in a day or two, to **shoot** there for several weeks. Mrs. Bennet was quite in the **fidgets**. She looked at Jane, and smiled and shook her head by turns.

"Well, well, and so Mr. Bingley is coming down, sister," (for Mrs. Phillips first brought her the news). "Well, so much the better. Not that I care about it, though. He is nothing to us, you know, and I am sure *I* never want to see him again. But, however, he is very welcome to come to Netherfield, if he likes it. And who knows what *may* happen? But that is nothing to us. You know, sister, we agreed long ago never to mention a word about it. And so, is it quite certain he is coming?"

"You may depend on it," replied the other, "for Mrs. Nicholls was in Meryton last night; I saw her passing by, and went out myself on purpose to know the truth of it; and she told me that it was certain true. He comes down on Thursday at the latest, very likely on Wednesday. She was going to the butcher's, she told me, on purpose to order in some meat on Wednesday, and she has got three couple of **ducks** just fit to be killed."

Miss Bennet had not been able to hear of his coming without changing colour. It was many months since she had mentioned his name to Elizabeth; but now, as soon as they were alone together, she said:

Thesaurus

circulation: (*n*) dissemination, cycle, diffusion, distribution, circle, delivery, turn, revolution, extension, spreading, spread.

ducks: (*n*) geese, family Anatidae, birds, Anseriformes, Anatidae, game birds, order Anseriformes, wildfowl. **dull:** (*adj*) dreary, dense, sluggish, dismal, slack, torpid; (*adj, v*) blunt, stupid; (*v*) deaden, dampen; (*adj, n*) cold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lively, sharp, stimulating, exciting, lustrous,

interesting, exhilarating, varied, glossy, glittery, luminous.

fidgets: (*n*) jitters, nervousness, fidgetiness, anxiety.

forlorn: (*adj*) hopeless, desolate, despairing, unhappy, miserable, deserted, disconsolate, downcast, cheerless, wretched, abject. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, hopeful, fine.

prepare: (*n, v*) arrange, form, plan, make; (*v*) dress, set, lay, devise,

groom, equip; (*adj, v*) coach. ANTONYM: (*v*) perform.

relieved: (*adj*) alleviated, thankful, mitigated, prominent, pleased, joyful, fresh, delighted, comfortable, cheerful, happy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) worried.

shoot: (*v*) discharge, flash, drive, dart, dash, send, photograph; (*n*) scion, branch; (*n, v*) sprout, hunt. ANTONYM: (*v*) trickle.

"I saw you look at me to-day, Lizzy, when my aunt told us of the present report; and I know I appeared distressed. But don't imagine it was from any silly cause. I was only confused for the moment, because I felt that I *should* be looked at. I do assure you that the news does not affect me either with pleasure or pain. I am glad of one thing, that he comes alone; because we shall see the less of him. Not that I am afraid of *myself*, but I dread other people's remarks."

Elizabeth did not know what to make of it. Had she not seen him in Derbyshire, she might have supposed him capable of coming there with no other view than what was acknowledged; but she still thought him partial to Jane, and she wavered as to the greater probability of his coming there *with* his friend's permission, or being bold enough to come without it.

"Yet it is hard," she sometimes thought, "that this poor man cannot come to a house which he has **legally hired**, without raising all this speculation! I will leave him to himself."

In spite of what her sister declared, and really believed to be her feelings in the expectation of his arrival, Elizabeth could easily **perceive** that her spirits were affected by it. They were more **disturbed**, more **unequal**, than she had often seen them.

The subject which had been so warmly canvassed between their parents, about a twelvemonth ago, was now brought forward again.

"As soon as ever Mr. Bingley comes, my dear," said Mrs. Bennet, "you will wait on him of course."

"No, no. You forced me into visiting him last year, and promised, if I went to see him, he should marry one of my daughters. But it ended in nothing, and I will not be sent on a fool's **errand** again."

His wife represented to him how absolutely necessary such an attention would be from all the **neighbouring** gentlemen, on his returning to Netherfield.

"'Tis an etiquette I despise," said he. "If he wants our society, let him seek it. He knows where we live. I will not spend my hours in running after my neighbours every time they go away and come back again."

Thesaurus

disturbed: (adj, v) concerned; (adj) anxious, disquieted, upset, confused, worried, restless, disordered, unsettled, distressed, turbulent.
ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, relaxed, calm, sane, unaffected, unbroken, peaceful, stable, carefree, unconcerned, untroubled.

errand: (n) chore, mission, job, task, assignment, embassy, duty, charge, messenger, communication, work.

hired: (adj) leased, chartered,

mercenary, hackneyed, hack; (v) contented, compensated, paid.
legally: (adv) lawfully, legitimately, justly, statutorily, licitly, validly, constitutionally, rightfully, judicially, juridically, correctly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unlawfully, illegally.
neighbouring: (adj) adjoining, contiguous, vicinal, abutting; (v) adjoin.
perceive: (v) comprehend, apprehend, discover, see, grasp, find, know,

observe, sense, appreciate; (adj, v) discern. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, observe, ignore.
unequal: (adj) different, unlike, uneven, rough, lopsided, unfair, inadequate, disparate, disproportionate, unbalanced, unsymmetrical. ANTONYMS: (adj) equal, even, fair, identical, similar, same, level, constant, balanced, like, corresponding.

"Well, all I know is, that it will be abominably **rude** if you do not wait on him. But, however, that shan't prevent my asking him to dine here, I am determined. We must have Mrs. Long and the Gouldings soon. That will make **thirteen** with ourselves, so there will be just room at table for him."

Consoled by this resolution, she was the better able to bear her husband's incivility; though it was very mortifying to know that her neighbours might all see Mr. Bingley, in consequence of it, before *they* did. As the day of his arrival drew near:

"I begin to be sorry that he comes at all," said Jane to her sister. "It would be nothing; I could see him with perfect indifference, but I can hardly bear to hear it thus perpetually talked of. My mother means well; but she does not know, no one can know, how much I suffer from what she says. Happy shall I be, when his stay at Netherfield is over!"

"I wish I could say anything to comfort you," replied Elizabeth; "but it is wholly out of my power. You must feel it; and the usual satisfaction of preaching patience to a **sufferer** is denied me, because you have always so much."

Mr. Bingley arrived. Mrs. Bennet, through the assistance of servants, contrived to have the **earliest** tidings of it, that the period of **anxiety** and fretfulness on her side might be as long as it could. She counted the days that must **intervene** before their invitation could be sent; hopeless of seeing him before. But on the third morning after his arrival in Hertfordshire, she saw him, from her dressing-room window, enter the paddock and ride towards the house.

Her daughters were eagerly called to partake of her joy. Jane resolutely kept her place at the table; but Elizabeth, to **satisfy** her mother, went to the window--she looked,--she saw Mr. Darcy with him, and sat down again by her sister.

"There is a gentleman with him, mamma," said Kitty; "who can it be?"

"Some acquaintance or other, my dear, I suppose; I am sure I do not know."

Thesaurus

anxiety: (*n*) disquiet, trouble, fear, care, alarm, anxiousness, uneasiness, worry, anguish, concern; (*adj, n*) solicitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calm, bravery, confidence, reassurance, security, relaxation, indifference, serenity, tranquility, peace, satisfaction.

earliest: (*adj*) earlier, early, initial, primordial, matutinal, original, primitive, aboriginal, chief, foremost, opening. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) latest,

subsequent, contemporary.

intervene: (*v*) intercede, interpose, meddle, arbitrate, step in, interject, interlope, pass; (*adj, v*) mediate, intermediate; (*n*) interference. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disregard, provoke.

rude: (*adj, n*) rough, impudent, coarse, abrupt, bold; (*adj*) blunt, discourteous, impolite, brutal, crude, mean. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, refined, courteous, chivalrous, civil, proper, decent, exact, clean, gentle,

inoffensive.

satisfy: (*v*) please, persuade, meet, satiate, indulge, sate, appease; (*adj, v*) content, fill, suffice, do. ANTONYMS: (*v*) intensify, displease, disappoint, disgruntle, frustrate.

sufferer: (*n*) victim, martyr, prey, casualty, invalid, depressive, diseased person, sick person, rheumatic, diabetic, neurotic. **thirteen:** (*n*) long dozen, large integer.

"La!" replied Kitty, "it looks just like that man that used to be with him before. Mr. what's-his-name. That tall, proud man."

"Good gracious! Mr. Darcy!--and so it does, I vow. Well, any friend of Mr. Bingley's will always be welcome here, to be sure; but else I must say that I hate the very sight of him."

Jane looked at Elizabeth with surprise and concern. She knew but little of their meeting in Derbyshire, and therefore felt for the awkwardness which must attend her sister, in seeing him almost for the first time after receiving his **explanatory** letter. Both sisters were uncomfortable enough. Each felt for the other, and of course for themselves; and their mother talked on, of her dislike of Mr. Darcy, and her resolution to be civil to him only as Mr. Bingley's friend, without being heard by either of them. But Elizabeth had sources of uneasiness which could not be suspected by Jane, to whom she had never yet had courage to **shew** Mrs. Gardiner's letter, or to relate her own change of sentiment towards him. To Jane, he could be only a man whose proposals she had refused, and whose **merit** she had undervalued; but to her own more extensive information, he was the person to whom the whole family were indebted for the first of benefits, and whom she regarded herself with an interest, if not quite so tender, at least as reasonable and just as what Jane felt for Bingley. Her astonishment at his coming--at his coming to Netherfield, to Longbourn, and voluntarily seeking her again, was almost equal to what she had known on first witnessing his altered behaviour in Derbyshire.

The colour which had been **driven** from her face, returned for half a minute with an additional **glow**, and a smile of delight added **lustre** to her eyes, as she thought for that space of time that his affection and wishes must still be **unshaken**. But she would not be secure.

"Let me first see how he behaves," said she; "it will then be early enough for expectation."

She sat intently at work, striving to be composed, and without daring to lift up her eyes, till anxious curiosity carried them to the face of her sister as the servant was approaching the door. Jane looked a little paler than usual, but

Thesaurus

driven: (v) drive, impel, operate, propel; (adj) impelled, compulsive, motivated, involuntary, dynamic, successful; (n) drove.

explanatory: (adj) expository, explicative, declarative, justifying, declaratory, demonstrative, exegetical, illustrative, exponent, expositive, extenuating.

ANTONYMS: (adj) baffling, bewildering, confusing, perplexing, puzzling.

glow: (n, v) flush, gleam, shine, glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (v) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (n) wainess, darkness, paleness; (v) pale, struggle.

lustre: (n) brilliance, gloss, brilliancy, grandeur, splendour, effulgence, splendor, shininess, shine, sheen, brightness.

merit: (n, v) deserve; (adj, n) excellence, worth, desert; (n) virtue, credit, significance, value, goodness,

quality; (v) rate. ANTONYMS: (n) demerit, disgrace, fault, insignificance, mediocrity, commonness.

shew: (v) demonstrate, prove, show, contradict, establish, substantiate, support, sustain, indicate, exhibit, display. ANTONYM: (v) disprove.

unshaken: (adj) steady, firm, constant, undismayed, undaunted, unallayed, unworn, unwavering, unmoved, steadfast, calm.

more **sedate** than Elizabeth had expected. On the gentlemen's appearing, her colour increased; yet she received them with tolerable ease, and with a propriety of behaviour equally free from any symptom of resentment or any unnecessary complaisance.

Elizabeth said as little to either as civility would allow, and sat down again to her work, with an eagerness which it did not often command. She had ventured only one glance at Darcy. He looked serious, as usual; and, she thought, more as he had been used to look in Hertfordshire, than as she had seen him at Pemberley. But, perhaps he could not in her mother's presence be what he was before her uncle and aunt. It was a painful, but not an improbable, conjecture.

Bingley, she had likewise seen for an instant, and in that short period saw him looking both pleased and embarrassed. He was received by Mrs. Bennet with a degree of civility which made her two daughters ashamed, especially when **contrasted** with the cold and ceremonious politeness of her curtsey and address to his friend.

Elizabeth, particularly, who knew that her mother owed to the latter the preservation of her favourite daughter from **irremediable** infamy, was hurt and distressed to a most painful degree by a distinction so ill applied.

Darcy, after inquiring of her how Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner did, a question which she could not answer without confusion, said scarcely anything. He was not seated by her; perhaps that was the reason of his silence; but it had not been so in Derbyshire. There he had talked to her friends, when he could not to herself. But now several minutes **elapsed** without bringing the sound of his voice; and when occasionally, unable to resist the **impulse** of curiosity, she raised her eyes to his face, she as often found him looking at Jane as at herself, and frequently on no object but the ground. More **thoughtfulness** and less anxiety to please, than when they last met, were plainly expressed. She was disappointed, and angry with herself for being so.

"Could I expect it to be otherwise!" said she. "Yet why did he come?"

Thesaurus

contrasted: (*adj*) opposed, antagonistic, opposing, contrary, antipodean, counter, diverse, heterogeneous, opposite, unlike, adverse.
elapsed: (*adj*) gone, forgotten, lapsed, back, beyond, onwards, over and done.
impulse: (*n*) pulse, urge, impulsion, force, motive, whim, drive, goad, motivation, momentum, incentive. ANTONYMS: (*n*) aversion,

disincentive, disinclination.
irremediable: (*adj*) incurable, irrecoverable, irretrievable, irrevocable, hopeless, irredeemable, irrecoverable, remediless, beyond repair, desperate, cureless.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) remediable, superficial, temporary.
sedate: (*adj, v*) calm, serious, quiet, demure; (*adj*) staid, composed, solemn, sober, earnest, cool, heavy. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stimulate; (*adj*)

wild, frenetic, bold, boisterous, frivolous.
thoughtfulness: (*n*) kindness, tact, deliberation, attentiveness, contemplativeness, attention, introspection, meditation, pensiveness, reflection, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) thoughtlessness, carelessness, cruelty, rashness, unthoughtfulness, inconsideration, unkindness, selfishness, insensitivity, neglect, cheerfulness.

She was in no **humour** for conversation with anyone but himself; and to him she had hardly courage to speak.

She inquired after his sister, but could do no more.

"It is a long time, Mr. Bingley, since you went away," said Mrs. Bennet.

He **readily** agreed to it.

"I began to be afraid you would never come back again. People *did* say you meant to quit the place entirely at Michaelmas; but, however, I hope it is not true. A great many changes have happened in the neighbourhood, since you went away. Miss Lucas is married and settled. And one of my own daughters. I suppose you have heard of it; indeed, you must have seen it in the papers. It was in *The Times* and *The Courier*, I know; though it was not put in as it ought to be. It was only said, 'Lately, George Wickham, Esq. to Miss Lydia Bennet,' without there being a **syllable** said of her father, or the place where she lived, or anything. It was my brother Gardiner's **drawing** up too, and I wonder how he came to make such an awkward business of it. Did you see it?"

Bingley replied that he did, and made his congratulations. Elizabeth dared not **lift** up her **eyes**. How Mr. Darcy looked, therefore, she could not tell.

"It is a delightful thing, to be sure, to have a daughter well married," continued her mother, "but at the same time, Mr. Bingley, it is very hard to have her taken such a way from me. They are gone down to Newcastle, a place quite **northward**, it seems, and there they are to stay I do not know how long. His regiment is there; for I suppose you have heard of his leaving the ---shire, and of his being gone into the regulars. Thank Heaven! he has *some* friends, though perhaps not so many as he deserves."

Elizabeth, who knew this to be levelled at Mr. Darcy, was in such misery of shame, that she could hardly keep her seat. It drew from her, however, the exertion of **speaking**, which nothing else had so effectually done before; and she asked Bingley whether he meant to make any stay in the country at present. A few weeks, he believed.

Thesaurus

drawing: (*n*) draft, delineation, picture, plan, cartoon, depiction, draught, draw, draftsmanship, painting, image.

eyes: (*n*) sight, eye, vision, view, baby blues, guard, propensity, eyen.

humour: (*n*) fun, wit, witticism, body fluid, temper, mood, amiability, drollery, disposition; (*adj*) humorous; (*v*) gratify.

lift: (*n, v*) raise, rise, elevator, boost, heave, hike, airlift, advance; (*v*)

elevate, erect, filch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lower, descend, drop, hinder, put, return, impose; (*n, v*) knock.

northward: (*adj, adv*) north; (*adj*) northbound; (*adv*) northerly, northwards, in the north, to the north.

readily: (*adv*) easily, lightly, freely, quickly, immediately, instantly, willingly, soon, eagerly; (*adj, adv*) handily, smoothly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) grudgingly, eventually,

reluctantly, unenthusiastically.

speaking: (*n*) talk, discourse, speech, public speaking, reading, oral presentation, recital, recitation, disputation; (*v*) speak; (*adj*) expressive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nonspeaking, silent.

syllable: (*n*) antepenultimate, antepenult, penultima, penultimate, articulate, utter, linguistic unit, solfa syllable, speech sound, syllabe, language unit.

"When you have killed all your own birds, Mr. Bingley," said her mother, "I beg you will come here, and shoot as many as you please on Mr. Bennet's **manor**. I am sure he will be **vastly** happy to oblige you, and will save all the best of the covies for you."

Elizabeth's misery increased, at such unnecessary, such **officious** attention! Were the same fair prospect to arise at present as had flattered them a year ago, every thing, she was persuaded, would be hastening to the same vexatious conclusion. At that instant, she felt that years of happiness could not make Jane or herself amends for moments of such painful confusion.

"The first wish of my heart," said she to herself, "is never more to be in company with either of them. Their society can afford no pleasure that will atone for such wretchedness as this! Let me never see either one or the other again!"

Yet the misery, for which years of happiness were to offer no compensation, received soon afterwards material relief, from observing how much the beauty of her sister re-kindled the admiration of her former lover. When first he came in, he had spoken to her but little; but every five minutes seemed to be giving her more of his attention. He found her as handsome as she had been last year; as good natured, and as **unaffected**, though not quite so **chatty**. Jane was anxious that no difference should be perceived in her at all, and was really persuaded that she talked as much as ever. But her mind was so busily engaged, that she did not always know when she was silent.

When the gentlemen rose to go away, Mrs. Bennet was **mindful** of her intended civility, and they were invited and engaged to dine at Longbourn in a few days time.

"You are quite a visit in my debt, Mr. Bingley," she added, "for when you went to town last winter, you promised to take a family dinner with us, as soon as you returned. I have not forgot, you see; and I assure you, I was very much disappointed that you did not come back and keep your engagement."

Thesaurus

chatty: (adj) gabby, garrulous, loquacious, familiar, informal, communicative, gossipy, voluble, talky, conversable, expansive. ANTONYMS: (adj) taciturn, quiet, formal, silent, laconic, reticent, restrained, reserved.

manor: (n) land, mansion, manor house, castle, hall, residence, estate, seigniory, demesne, manse, dominion.

mindful: (adj) aware, attentive,

careful, observant, conscious, heedful, considerate, cautious, cognizant, regardful, thoughtful. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmindful, heedless, inattentive, oblivious, forgetful.

officious: (adj, v) meddlesome; (adj) busy, interfering, meddling, obtrusive, impertinent, pragmatical, busybodied, overbearing, nosy; (v) pushing. ANTONYM: (adj) meek.

unaffected: (adj) sincere, artless,

natural, plain, real, genuine, unimpressed, ingenuous, naive, untouched, honest. ANTONYMS: (adj) unnatural, sophisticated, refined, pretentious, moved, hurt, disturbed, changed, vulnerable, dishonest, emotional.

vastly: (adv) greatly, hugely, enormously, infinitely, extremely, exceedingly, massively, very, tremendously, highly, colossally.

Bingley looked a little **silly** at this **reflection**, and said something of his concern at having been prevented by business. They then went away.

Mrs. Bennet had been **strongly** inclined to ask them to stay and dine there that day; but, though she always kept a very good table, she did not think anything less than two courses could be good enough for a man on whom she had such **anxious** designs, or satisfy the **appetite** and pride of one who had ten thousand a year.

Thesaurus

anxious: (*adj*) uneasy, alarmed, thoughtful, fearful, apprehensive, agitated, keen; (*adj, v*) nervous, tense, solicitous, jumpy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, carefree, confident, rational, unconcerned, undisturbed, untroubled, assured, comfortable, cool, apathetic.

appetite: (*n, v*) desire; (*n*) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike,

repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste. **reflection:** (*n*) contemplation, thought, deliberation, meditation, musing, cogitation, idea, notion, introspection; (*n, v*) observation, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) impulsiveness, confirmation.

silly: (*adj*) ridiculous, absurd, childish, fatuous, irrational, frivolous, idiotic, preposterous, unreasonable; (*adj, n*) fool; (*n*) imbecile. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mature, wise, rational, clever,

advisable, profound, reasonable, responsible, significant.

strongly: (*adv*) firmly, vigorously, robustly, violently, solidly, vehemently, sturdily, hardily, mightily, energetically, severely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, dimly, faintly, feebly, gently, loosely, slightly, submissively, thinly, languorously, impassively.

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As soon as they were gone, Elizabeth walked out to recover her spirits; or in other words, to **dwell** without interruption on those subjects that must **deaden** them more. Mr. Darcy's behaviour astonished and vexed her.

"Why, if he came only to be silent, grave, and indifferent," said she, "did he come at all?"

She could settle it in no way that gave her pleasure.

"He could be still amiable, still pleasing, to my uncle and aunt, when he was in town; and why not to me? If he fears me, why come hither? If he no longer cares for me, why silent? Teasing, teasing, man! I will think no more about him."

Her resolution was for a short time **involuntarily kept** by the approach of her sister, who joined her with a **cheerful** look, which showed her better satisfied with their visitors, than Elizabeth.

"Now," said she, "that this first meeting is over, I feel perfectly easy. I know my own strength, and I shall never be **embarrassed** again by his coming. I am glad he dines here on Tuesday. It will then be publicly seen that, on both sides, we meet only as common and indifferent acquaintance."

"Yes, very indifferent indeed," said Elizabeth, laughingly. "Oh, Jane, take care."

"My dear Lizzy, you cannot think me so weak, as to be in danger now?"

Thesaurus

cheerful: (*adj, v*) buoyant; (*adj*) breezy, merry, optimistic, pleasant, glad, blithe, carefree, bright, lively, happy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) depressed, gloomy, sad, depressing, grim, hopeless, miserable, morose, somber, dejected, unwelcoming.

deaden (*n, v*) dampen, blunt, benumb, stun, obtund; (*adj, n, v*) damp; (*v*) muffle, mute, cushion; (*adj, v*) quell; (*adj*) allay. ANTONYMS: (*v*) accentuate, amplify, enliven,

heighten, strengthen, build, invigorate, increase.

dwell: (*adj, v*) inhabit; (*v*) reside, bide, live, stay, lodge, delay, occupy, continue, be, settle. ANTONYM: (*v*) wander.

embarrassed: (*adj*) awkward, abashed, uncomfortable, disconcerted, bashful, sheepish, shy, shamefaced, mortified, discomfited, chagrined. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, unabashed, natural, talkative.

involuntarily: (*adv*) unconsciously, unintentionally, inadvertently, automatically, forcedly, mechanically, unthinkingly, reluctantly, accidentally, automatically, unwillingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) voluntarily, consciously, willingly, purposely.

kept: (*adj*) reserved, preserve, retained, remain, store, reserve, hold, lodge, keep, retain, detained. ANTONYM: (*adj*) broken.

"I think you are in very great danger of making him as much in love with you as ever."

They did not see the gentlemen again till Tuesday; and Mrs. Bennet, in the meanwhile, was giving way to all the happy schemes, which the good humour and common politeness of Bingley, in half an hour's visit, had revived.

On Tuesday there was a large party **assembled** at Longbourn; and the two who were most anxiously expected, to the credit of their punctuality as sportsmen, were in very good time. When they repaired to the dining-room, Elizabeth eagerly watched to see whether Bingley would take the place, which, in all their former parties, had belonged to him, by her sister. Her prudent mother, occupied by the same ideas, **forbore** to **invite** him to sit by herself. On entering the room, he seemed to hesitate; but Jane happened to look round, and happened to smile: it was decided. He placed himself by her.

Elizabeth, with a triumphant sensation, looked towards his friend. He bore it with noble indifference, and she would have imagined that Bingley had received his **sanction** to be happy, had she not seen his eyes likewise turned towards Mr. Darcy, with an expression of half-laughing alarm.

His behaviour to her sister was such, during dinner time, as showed an admiration of her, which, though more guarded than formerly, persuaded Elizabeth, that if left wholly to himself, Jane's happiness, and his own, would be speedily secured. Though she dared not depend upon the consequence, she yet received pleasure from observing his behaviour. It gave her all the animation that her spirits could boast; for she was in no cheerful humour. Mr. Darcy was almost as far from her as the table could **divide** them. He was on one side of her mother. She knew how little such a situation would give pleasure to either, or make either appear to advantage. She was not near enough to hear any of their discourse, but she could see how **seldom** they spoke to each other, and how formal and cold was their manner whenever they did. Her mother's **ungraciousness**, made the sense of what they owed him more painful to Elizabeth's mind; and she would, at times, have given anything to be privileged

Thesaurus

assembled: (*adj*) amassed, collected, collective, concentrated, united, gather, assembling, gathered, massed, built, aggregate.

bore: (*v*) dig, tire, pierce, tap, annoy, perforate; (*n, v*) bother, plague; (*n*) auger, well, gimlet. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fascinate, excite, hypnotize, engage, entertain, stimulate; (*n*) charmer, exciter, excitement, pleasure.

divide: (*n, v*) cut, part, distribute, share, split; (*v*) dissociate,

dismember, separate, dispense, disconnect, detach. ANTONYMS: (*v*) unite, join, connect, combine, multiply, lump, link, keep, hold, gather, disarrange.

invite: (*v*) tempt, allure, bid, call, entice, ask, summon, attract, receive, solicit; (*n*) invitation. ANTONYMS: (*v*) elect, repel.

sanction: (*n, v*) warrant, countenance, assent, consent, license; (*v*) approve, okay, authorize; (*n*) endorsement,

permission, authority. ANTONYMS: (*v*) forbid, prohibit, disapprove, reject, outlaw, debar; (*n, v*) ban, veto; (*n*) reward, prohibition, refusal.

seldom: (*adj*) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (*adv*) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) often, seldom.

ungraciousness: (*n*) incivility, rudeness.

to tell him that his kindness was neither unknown nor unfelt by the whole of the family.

She was in hopes that the evening would afford some opportunity of bringing them together; that the whole of the visit would not pass away without enabling them to enter into something more of conversation than the mere ceremonious salutation attending his entrance. Anxious and uneasy, the period which passed in the drawing-room, before the gentlemen came, was **wearisome** and dull to a degree that almost made her uncivil. She looked forward to their entrance as the point on which all her chance of pleasure for the evening must depend.

"If he does not come to me, *then*," said she, "I shall give him up for ever."

The gentlemen came; and she thought he looked as if he would have answered her hopes; but, **alas!** the ladies had crowded round the table, where Miss Bennet was making tea, and Elizabeth **pouring** out the coffee, in so close a **confederacy** that there was not a single **vacancy** near her which would admit of a chair. And on the gentlemen's approaching, one of the girls moved closer to her than ever, and said, in a whisper:

"The men shan't come and part us, I am determined. We want none of them; do we?"

Darcy had walked away to another part of the room. She followed him with her eyes, envied everyone to whom he spoke, had scarcely patience enough to help anybody to coffee; and then was **enraged** against herself for being so silly!

"A man who has once been refused! How could I ever be foolish enough to expect a renewal of his love? Is there one among the sex, who would not protest against such a weakness as a second proposal to the same woman? There is no indignity so **abhorrent** to their feelings!"

She was a little revived, however, by his bringing back his coffee cup himself; and she seized the opportunity of saying:

"Is your sister at Pemberley still?"

"Yes, she will remain there till Christmas."

Thesaurus

abhorrent: (*adj. v*) hateful, odious, execrable; (*adj*) offensive, detestable, repugnant, horrible, revolting, unpleasant, obnoxious, loathsome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, lovable, desirable, inoffensive, nice. **alas:** (*adv*) unluckily, regrettably, sadly, unhappily, sorry to say; (*n*) oh; (*int*) lackaday. ANTONYM: (*adv*) luckily. **confederacy:** (*n*) coalition, confederation, federation,

association, union, conspiracy, cabal, combination, league, merger, faction. ANTONYM: (*n*) divergence. **enraged:** (*adj*) angered, furious, infuriated, irate, mad, livid, incensed, exasperated, raging, irritated, boiling. **pouring:** (*adj*) gushing, teeming, flowing profusely, burbling, burbly; (*n*) casting, affusion, downpour, effusion, tapping, baptism. ANTONYM: (*adj*) light. **vacancy:** (*n*) emptiness, blank,

opening, void, incogitancy, post, blankness, inanity, absence; (*adj, n*) vacuity; (*adj*) depletion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fill, tenancy, overflow. **wearisome:** (*adj, v*) tiresome, irksome, troublesome; (*adj*) tedious, dull, monotonous, boring, laborious, trying, slow, annoying. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) satisfying, soothing, exciting, refreshing, easy.

"And quite alone? Have all her friends left her?"

"Mrs. Annesley is with her. The others have been gone on to Scarborough, these three weeks."

She could think of nothing more to say; but if he wished to **converse** with her, he might have better success. He stood by her, however, for some minutes, in silence; and, at last, on the young lady's **whispering** to Elizabeth again, he walked away.

When the tea-things were removed, and the card-tables placed, the ladies all rose, and Elizabeth was then hoping to be soon joined by him, when all her views were overthrown by seeing him fall a victim to her mother's **rapacity** for whist players, and in a few moments after seated with the rest of the party. She now lost every expectation of pleasure. They were confined for the evening at different tables, and she had nothing to hope, but that his eyes were so often turned towards her side of the room, as to make him play as **unsuccessfully** as herself.

Mrs. Bennet had designed to keep the two Netherfield gentlemen to supper; but their carriage was unluckily ordered before any of the others, and she had no opportunity of detaining them.

"Well girls," said she, as soon as they were left to themselves, "What say you to the day? I think every thing has passed off uncommonly well, I assure you. The dinner was as well dressed as any I ever saw. The **venison** was **roasted** to a turn--and everybody said they never saw so fat a **haunch**. The soup was fifty times better than what we had at the Lucas' last week; and even Mr. Darcy acknowledged, that the **partridges** were remarkably well done; and I suppose he has two or three French cooks at least. And, my dear Jane, I never saw you look in greater beauty. Mrs. Long said so too, for I asked her whether you did not. And what do you think she said besides? 'Ah! Mrs. Bennet, we shall have her at Netherfield at last.' She did indeed. I do think Mrs. Long is as good a creature as ever lived--and her nieces are very pretty behaved girls, and not at all handsome: I like them prodigiously."

Thesaurus

converse: (*n, v*) chat, discourse, argue; (*v*) confer, confabulate, speak; (*n*) conversation, colloquy, contrast; (*adj, n*) opposite; (*adj*) counter.

ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) equal; (*adj*) similar, complementary; (*n*) similarity.

haunch: (*n*) loin, thigh, hindquarters, flank, hip, ham, rump, buttock, small of the back, waist, body part.

partridges: (*n*) family Phasianidae, order Galliformes, curassows,

Phasianidae, chickens, Galliformes, hoatzins, grouse.

rapacity: (*adj, n*) greed, avarice; (*n*) cupidity, edacity, covetousness, rapaciousness, esurience, extortion, gluttony, voracity; (*adj*) avidity.

roasted: (*adj*) fried, baked.

unsuccessfully: (*adv*) ineffectually, uselessly, badly, poorly, unfortunately, futilely, fruitlessly, ineffectively, abortively, unluckily, inadequately. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*)

fruitfully, well, happily, effectively, usefully, competently, persuasively.

venison: (*adj*) turtle; (*n*) beef, chicken, ham, lamb, mutton, pork, red meat, animal protein, white meat.

whispering: (*n*) whisper, murmur, susurration, rustle, report, stage whisper; (*adj, n*) rustling; (*adj*) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, susurous.

Mrs. Bennet, in short, was in very great spirits; she had seen enough of Bingley's behaviour to Jane, to be convinced that she would get him at last; and her expectations of advantage to her family, when in a happy humour, were so far beyond reason, that she was quite disappointed at not seeing him there again the next day, to make his proposals.

"It has been a very agreeable day," said Miss Bennet to Elizabeth. "The party seemed so well **selected**, so suitable one with the other. I hope we may often meet again."

Elizabeth smiled.

"Lizzy, you must not do so. You must not **suspect** me. It mortifies me. I assure you that I have now learnt to enjoy his conversation as an agreeable and sensible young man, without having a wish beyond it. I am perfectly satisfied, from what his manners now are, that he never had any design of engaging my affection. It is only that he is **blessed** with greater sweetness of address, and a **stronger** desire of generally pleasing, than any other man."

"You are very cruel," said her sister, "you will not let me smile, and are provoking me to it every moment."

"How hard it is in some cases to be believed!"

"And how impossible in others!"

"But why should you wish to **persuade** me that I feel more than I acknowledge?"

"That is a question which I hardly know how to answer. We all love to **instruct**, though we can teach only what is not worth knowing. Forgive me; and if you **persist** in indifference, do not make me your confidante."

Thesaurus

blessed: (*adj*) happy, holy, cursed, sacred, damned, hallowed, blasted, fortunate, saintly, lucky, divine.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unlucky, condemned, damned, disapproved, unhappy, unholy, secular.

instruct: (*v*) charge, educate, teach, advise, enlighten, direct, drill, inform, command, indoctrinate, tutor.

persist: (*v*) persevere, go on, endure, insist, maintain, remain, linger,

follow; (*n, v*) last, abide, hold. ANTONYMS: (*v*) abandon, desist, cease.

persuade: (*v*) convince, coax, assure, allure, entice, influence, induce, cajole, argue, exhort, lure. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discourage, dissuade, deter, restrain, force.

selected: (*adj*) chosen, preferred, choice, elected, elect, designate, premium, to be, designated, elite; (*adj, n*) best. ANTONYM: (*adj*) all.

stronger: (*adj*) reprobate, insensible, reproof, iniquity, hardening, shameless, graceless, immorality, ministry; (*v*) Milman, misery.

suspect: (*v*) mistrust, suppose, distrust, conjecture, guess, surmise, divine, disbelief; (*adj*) fishy, questionable, shady. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trustworthy, trusted, innocent, reliable, credible, aboveboard; (*n*) plaintiff; (*v*) know, believe.

CHAPTER 55

A few days after this visit, Mr. Bingley called again, and **alone**. His friend had left him that morning for London, but was to return home in ten days time. He sat with them above an hour, and was in remarkably good spirits. Mrs. Bennet **invited** him to dine with them; but, with many expressions of concern, he confessed himself engaged elsewhere.

"Next time you call," said she, "I hope we shall be more lucky."

He should be particularly happy at any time, etc. etc.; and if she would give him leave, would take an early opportunity of **waiting** on them.

"Can you come to-morrow?"

Yes, he had no engagement at all for to-morrow; and her invitation was accepted with alacrity.

He came, and in such very good time that the ladies were **none** of them **dressed**. In ran Mrs. Bennet to her daughter's room, in her **dressing** gown, and with her hair half finished, **crying** out:

"My dear Jane, make haste and hurry down. He is come--Mr. Bingley is come. He is, indeed. Make haste, make haste. Here, Sarah, come to Miss Bennet this moment, and help her on with her gown. Never mind Miss Lizzy's hair."

"We will be down as soon as we can," said Jane; "but I dare say Kitty is **forwarder** than either of us, for she went up **stairs** half an hour ago."

Thesaurus

alone: (*adj*) forlorn, individual, lonely, lonesome; (*adj, adv*) only, apart; (*adv*) solely, entirely, exclusively, separately, individually.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) overshadowed, ordinary, mobbed, equalled, crowded, accompanied, common, grouped, surpassed; (*adv*) jointly; (*n*) foe.

crying: (*adj, v*) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (*adj*) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (*n*) weeping; (*v*) weep; (*adj, n*) sniveling.

dressed: (*adj*) attired, clad, garbed, appared, spruced up, spiffed up, covered, polished, garmented; (*v*) clothed, habited.

dressing: (*n*) bandage, stuffing, fertilization, binding, bandaging, scolding, fertilizer, manure, compress, preparation, farce.

forwarder: (*n*) forwarding agent, carrier, shipper, sender, promoter.
invited: (*adj*) welcomer, wanted, cherished.

none: (*n*) nought, naught, nobody, zilch, anything; (*adv*) not, neither, any; (*adj*) whatsoever, no, whatever.

stairs: (*n*) stair, ladder, staircase, stairway, flight of steps, flight, steps, flight of stairs, escalator, companionway, backstairs.

waiting: (*n*) abeyance, suspense, expectancy, hold, time lag, postponement; (*adj*) ready and waiting, ready, expectant; (*adv*) to come, in the making.

"Oh! hang Kitty! what has she to do with it? Come be quick, be quick!
Where is your **sash**, my dear?"

But when her mother was gone, Jane would not be prevailed on to go down without one of her sisters.

The same anxiety to get them by themselves was visible again in the evening. After tea, Mr. Bennet retired to the library, as was his custom, and Mary went up stairs to her instrument. Two obstacles of the five being thus removed, Mrs. Bennet sat looking and **winking** at Elizabeth and Catherine for a considerable time, without making any impression on them. Elizabeth would not observe her; and when at last Kitty did, she very **innocently** said, "What is the matter mamma? What do you keep winking at me for? What am I to do?"

"Nothing child, nothing. I did not wink at you." She then sat still five minutes longer; but unable to waste such a precious occasion, she suddenly got up, and saying to Kitty, "Come here, my love, I want to speak to you," took her out of the room. Jane instantly gave a look at Elizabeth which spoke her distress at such **premeditation**, and her entreaty that *she* would not give in to it. In a few minutes, Mrs. Bennet half-opened the door and called out:

"Lizzy, my dear, I want to speak with you."

Elizabeth was forced to go.

"We may as well leave them by themselves you know;" said her mother, as soon as she was in the hall. "Kitty and I are going upstairs to sit in my dressing-room."

Elizabeth made no attempt to reason with her mother, but remained quietly in the hall, till she and Kitty were out of sight, then returned into the drawing-room.

Mrs. Bennet's schemes for this day were **ineffectual**. Bingley was every thing that was charming, except the professed lover of her daughter. His ease and cheerfulness rendered him a most agreeable addition to their evening party; and he bore with the ill-judged **officiousness** of the mother, and heard all her silly

Thesaurus

ineffectual: (*adj*) ineffective, futile, useless, feeble, abortive, powerless, idle, weak, unable, void, vain.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) strong, effectual, effective, useful, viable, competent, invulnerable, helpful, decisive.

innocently: (*adv*) innocuously, ingenuously, inoffensively, naively, purely, simply, artlessly, unsophisticatedly, blamelessly, spotlessly, cleanly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) artfully, meaningfully,

indecently, immorally, illicitly, intentionally, knowingly, unkindly, suspiciously, offensively, deliberately.

officiousness: (*n*) meddlesomeness, curiosity, importunity, aggressiveness, obtrusiveness.

premeditation: (*n*) predetermination, predestination, provision, preparation, purpose, aforethought, predeliberation, forecast, preordination, foresight, planning.

sash: (*n*) girdle, cincture, band, cummerbund, baldric, framing, waistband, framework, frame, fillet, fascia.

wink: (*n, v*) twinkle, blink, flash; (*n*) instant, twinkling, trice; (*v*) sparkle, nictitate, flicker, nictate, leer.

winking: (*n*) twinkling, wink, blink, New York minute, jiffy, instant, nictation, nictitation, trice, blink of an eye; (*adj*) pink ribbons.

remarks with a forbearance and command of countenance particularly grateful to the daughter.

He scarcely needed an invitation to stay supper; and before he went away, an engagement was formed, chiefly through his own and Mrs. Bennet's means, for his coming next morning to shoot with her husband.

After this day, Jane said no more of her indifference. Not a word passed between the sisters concerning Bingley; but Elizabeth went to bed in the happy belief that all must speedily be concluded, unless Mr. Darcy returned within the stated time. Seriously, however, she felt tolerably persuaded that all this must have taken place with that gentleman's **concurrence**.

Bingley was punctual to his appointment; and he and Mr. Bennet spent the morning together, as had been agreed on. The latter was much more agreeable than his companion expected. There was nothing of presumption or folly in Bingley that could provoke his ridicule, or disgust him into silence; and he was more **communicative**, and less **eccentric**, than the other had ever seen him. Bingley of course returned with him to dinner; and in the evening Mrs. Bennet's **invention** was again at work to get every body away from him and her daughter. Elizabeth, who had a letter to write, went into the breakfast room for that purpose soon after tea; for as the others were all going to sit down to cards, she could not be wanted to **counteract** her mother's schemes.

But on returning to the drawing-room, when her letter was finished, she saw, to her infinite surprise, there was reason to fear that her mother had been too ingenuous for her. On opening the door, she perceived her sister and Bingley standing together over the **hearth**, as if engaged in earnest conversation; and had this led to no suspicion, the faces of both, as they hastily turned round and moved away from each other, would have told it all. Their situation was awkward enough; but *her's* she thought was still worse. Not a syllable was uttered by either; and Elizabeth was on the point of going away again, when Bingley, who as well as the other had sat down, suddenly rose, and whispering a few words to her sister, ran out of the room.

Thesaurus

communicative: (*adj*) communicable, chatty, communicatory, expansive, expressive, clear, frank, fluent, companionable, conversational, open.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uninformative, reserved, reticent, closed, taciturn, impassive, restrained, inarticulate.
concurrence: (*n*) coincidence, accord, assent, concord, consent, agreement, approval, compliance, concourse, conjunction, confluence.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disagreement,

conflict, refusal, rejection.
counteract: (*v*) antagonize, counterbalance, check, balance, cancel, hinder, neutralize, contradict, resist, compensate, contravene.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) help, cooperate, assist, approve, coordinate, support, back, reinforce.
eccentric: (*adj, n*) odd; (*adj*) wacky, bizarre, abnormal, crazy, strange, outlandish, anomalous, cranky, erratic; (*n*) character. **ANTONYMS:**

(*adj*) normal, ordinary, conventional, usual, concentric, common, sane, dull, orthodox; (*n*) conformer, traditionalist.
hearth: (*n*) fire, oven, fireside, stove, chimney, focus, furnace, dwelling, kiln, home, abode.
invention: (*n*) fabrication, conception, fiction, imagination, creation, discovery, device, innovation, exegitation, artifice; (*n, v*) forgery. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) truth.

Jane could have no **reserves** from Elizabeth, where confidence would give pleasure; and instantly **embracing** her, acknowledged, with the liveliest **emotion**, that she was the happiest **creature** in the world.

"'Tis too much!" she added, "by far too much. I do not deserve it. Oh! why is not everybody as happy?"

Elizabeth's congratulations were given with a sincerity, a **warmth**, a delight, which words could but **poorly** express. Every sentence of kindness was a fresh source of happiness to Jane. But she would not allow herself to stay with her sister, or say half that remained to be said for the present.

"I must go instantly to my mother;" she cried. "I would not on any account trifle with her affectionate solicitude; or allow her to hear it from anyone but myself. He is gone to my father already. Oh! Lizzy, to know that what I have to relate will give such pleasure to all my dear family! how shall I bear so much happiness!"

She then hastened away to her mother, who had purposely broken up the card party, and was sitting up stairs with Kitty.

Elizabeth, who was left by herself, now smiled at the rapidity and ease with which an affair was finally settled, that had given them so many previous months of suspense and vexation.

"And this," said she, "is the end of all his friend's anxious circumspection! of all his sister's falsehood and contrivance! the happiest, wisest, most reasonable end!"

In a few minutes she was joined by Bingley, whose conference with her father had been short and to the purpose.

"Where is your sister?" said he hastily, as he opened the door.

"With my mother up stairs. She will be down in a moment, I dare say."

He then shut the door, and, coming up to her, **claimed** the good wishes and affection of a sister. Elizabeth honestly and heartily expressed her delight in the prospect of their relationship. They shook hands with great cordiality; and then,

Thesaurus

claimed: (adj) personal.

creature: (n) being, brute, animal, tool, individual, person, body, entity, human, puppet, somebody.

embracing: (n) embrace, hugging, kissing, taking on, implementation, espousal, clutches; (adj) twining, osculant, grasping, close.

emotion: (n) love, feeling, passion, heart, commotion, mood, pathos, excitement, sensibility; (n, v) sensation; (v) impression.

ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, coldness, unfeelingness, calmness.

poorly: (adv) inadequately, meanly, bad, meagrely, unfortunately, insufficiently, imperfectly; (adj, adv) ill, sickly; (adj, v) indisposed, sick.

ANTONYMS: (adv) opulently, satisfactorily, graciously, clearly, fully, excellently, perfectly, outstandingly, affluently, smartly; (adj) healthy.

reserves: (n) reserve, resources, militia,

savings, saving, backup, provisions, provision, hoard, stockpile, second fiddle.

warmth: (adj, n) glow, fire; (n) temperature, warmness, passion, fervor, geniality, affection, tenderness, fondness, sympathy.

ANTONYMS: (n) aloofness, chill, chilliness, coldness, coolness, unfriendliness, hostility, sourness, abruptness, plainness, frostiness.

till her sister came down, she had to listen to all he had to say of his own happiness, and of Jane's perfections; and in spite of his being a lover, Elizabeth really believed all his expectations of felicity to be rationally founded, because they had for basis the excellent understanding, and super-excellent disposition of Jane, and a general **similarity** of feeling and taste between her and himself.

It was an evening of no common delight to them all; the satisfaction of Miss Bennet's mind gave a glow of such sweet animation to her face, as made her look handsomer than ever. **Kitty** simpered and smiled, and hoped her turn was coming soon. Mrs. Bennet could not give her consent or speak her approbation in terms warm enough to satisfy her feelings, though she talked to Bingley of nothing else for half an hour; and when Mr. Bennet joined them at supper, his voice and manner **plainly** showed how really happy he was.

Not a word, however, passed his lips in allusion to it, till their visitor took his leave for the night; but as soon as he was gone, he turned to his daughter, and said:

"Jane, I congratulate you. You will be a very happy woman."

Jane went to him instantly, kissed him, and thanked him for his goodness.

"You are a good girl;" he replied, "and I have great pleasure in thinking you will be so happily settled. I have not a doubt of your doing very well together. Your tempers are by no means unlike. You are each of you so complying, that nothing will ever be resolved on; so easy, that every servant will **cheat** you; and so generous, that you will always **exceed** your income."

"I hope not so. Imprudence or **thoughtlessness** in money matters would be unpardonable in me."

"Exceed their income! My dear Mr. Bennet," cried his wife, "what are you talking of? Why, he has four or five thousand a year, and very likely more." Then addressing her daughter, "Oh! my dear, dear Jane, I am so happy! I am sure I shan't get a wink of sleep all night. I knew how it would be. I always said it must be so, at last. I was sure you could not be so beautiful for nothing! I remember, as soon as ever I saw him, when he first came into Hertfordshire last

Thesaurus

cheat: (*n, v*) trick, con, fake, sham; (*n*) fraud, bilk, impostor; (*v*) defraud, beguile, betray, fleece. ANTONYMS: (*v*) support, repay, help, contribute, aid.

exceed: (*v*) beat, pass, surpass, transcend, outdo, surmount, cap, outshine, overrun, top, outweigh. ANTONYMS: (*v*) follow, fail, trail, make.

kitty: (*n*) pussy, pussycat, pool, puss, jackpot, stakes, stake, wager, cat,

fund, consortium.

plainly: (*adv*) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously, patently, overtly, definitely; (*adj, adv*) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly.

similarity: (*n*) parallelism, likeness, kinship, parallel, identity, conformity, parity, semblance,

sameness, affinity, comparison.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) difference, contrast, disparity, isolation.

thoughtlessness: (*n*) inconsideration, rashness, carelessness, impulsiveness, imprudence, indiscretion, heedlessness, bluntness, foolhardiness, neglect, negligence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) thoughtfulness, care, responsibility, carefulness, caution, wisdom, diplomacy, sensitivity.

year, I thought how likely it was that you should come together. Oh! he is the handsomest young man that ever was seen!"

Wickham, Lydia, were all forgotten. Jane was beyond competition her favourite child. At that moment, she cared for no other. Her younger sisters soon began to make interest with her for objects of happiness which she might in future be able to dispense.

Mary petitioned for the use of the library at Netherfield; and Kitty begged very hard for a few balls there every winter.

Bingley, from this time, was of course a daily visitor at Longbourn; coming frequently before breakfast, and always remaining till after supper; unless when some **barbarous neighbour**, who could not be enough **detested**, had given him an invitation to dinner which he thought himself obliged to accept.

Elizabeth had now but little time for conversation with her sister; for while he was present, Jane had no attention to bestow on anyone else; but she found herself considerably useful to both of them in those hours of separation that must sometimes occur. In the absence of Jane, he always **attached** himself to Elizabeth, for the pleasure of talking of her; and when Bingley was gone, Jane **constantly sought** the same means of relief.

"He has made me so happy," said she, one evening, "by telling me that he was totally ignorant of my being in town last spring! I had not believed it possible."

"I suspected as much," replied Elizabeth. "But how did he account for it?"

"It must have been his sister's doing. They were certainly no friends to his acquaintance with me, which I cannot wonder at, since he might have chosen so much more **advantageously** in many respects. But when they see, as I trust they will, that their brother is happy with me, they will learn to be contented, and we shall be on good terms again; though we can never be what we once were to each other."

Thesaurus

advantageously: (*adv*) lucratively, expeditiously, propitiously, positively, gainfully, fortunately, conveniently, usefully, helpfully, goodly; (*adv, v*) well. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) negatively, inauspiciously, unhelpfully.

attached: (*adj*) affectionate, committed, affiliated, associated, devoted, fond, loving, loyal, near, added; (*n*) attachment. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) separate, unmarried, unattached, vagile, free, distant.

barbarous: (*adj*) barbaric, savage, gothic, brutal, heathen, truculent, rude, fell, ferocious, fierce, uncivilized. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, cultured, civilized, sophisticated, refined, humane.

constantly: (*adv*) continually, firmly, incessantly, eternally, steadily, endlessly, unremittingly, ceaselessly, steadfastly; (*adj, adv*) always, forever. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) inconsistently, intermittently, acutely, erratically,

infrequently.
detested: (*adj*) despised, unpopular, disliked, loathed, not accepted, unloved, scorned, reviled, out of favor, not liked.
neighbour: (*adj*) neighboring, neighbouring, neighborly, adjacent, contiguous; (*v*) abut, populate, adjoin, butt on, butt against; (*n*) neighbourhood.
sought: (*adj*) required, quest, seeking, popular.

"That is the most **unforgiving** speech," said Elizabeth, "that I ever heard you utter. Good girl! It would vex me, indeed, to see you again the **dupe** of Miss Bingley's **pretended** regard."

"Would you believe it, Lizzy, that when he went to town last November, he really **loved** me, and nothing but a persuasion of *my* being indifferent would have prevented his coming down again!"

"He made a little mistake to be sure; but it is to the credit of his modesty."

This naturally introduced a panegyric from Jane on his diffidence, and the little value he put on his own good **qualities**. Elizabeth was pleased to find that he had not betrayed the interference of his friend; for, though Jane had the most **generous** and forgiving heart in the world, she knew it was a circumstance which must prejudice her against him.

"I am certainly the most fortunate creature that ever existed!" cried Jane. "Oh! Lizzy, why am I thus singled from my family, and blessed above them all! If I could but see *you* as happy! If there *were* but such another man for you!"

"If you were to give me forty such men, I never could be so happy as you. Till I have your disposition, your **goodness**, I never can have your happiness. No, no, let me shift for myself; and, perhaps, if I have very good luck, I may meet with another Mr. Collins in time."

The situation of affairs in the Longbourn family could not be long a secret. Mrs. Bennet was privileged to whisper it to Mrs. Phillips, and she ventured, without any permission, to do the same by all her neighbours in Meryton.

The Bennets were speedily pronounced to be the luckiest family in the world, though only a few weeks before, when Lydia had first run away, they had been generally proved to be marked out for misfortune.

Thesaurus

dupe: (*n, v*) fool, con, gull; (*v*) defraud, bamboozle, beguile, deceive, take in, kid, trick; (*n*) victim. ANTONYM: (*v*) enlighten.

forgiving: (*adj*) compassionate, lenient, tolerant, charitable, remissive, humane, kind, magnanimous, generous, merciful, mild. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unforgiving, hardhearted, impatient, strict.

generous: (*adj*) ample, abundant,

copious, benevolent, bountiful, kind, charitable, flush, fair, liberal; (*adj, n*) free. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) meager, tightfisted, miserly, measly, mean, small, ungenerous, avaricious, greedy, petty, pitiful.

goodness: (*adj, n*) generosity, kindness, gentleness; (*n*) good, excellence, benefit, virtue, worth, morality; (*adj*) favor, beneficence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) evil, wickedness, badness, corruptness, bad,

immorality, corruption.

loved: (*adj*) beloved, pet, cherished, precious, liked, adored, respected, treasured, esteemed, valued; (*n*) darling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hated.

pretended: (*adj, v*) sham, mock, counterfeit, pseudo, spurious; (*adj*) assumed, fake, feigned, fictitious, bogus, affected.

qualities: (*n*) character, disposition, nature, spirit, tone, quality, role, self, part, traits, individuality.

CHAPTER 56

One morning, about a week after Bingley's engagement with Jane had been formed, as he and the females of the family were sitting together in the dining-room, their attention was suddenly drawn to the window, by the sound of a carriage; and they perceived a chaise and four **driving** up the lawn. It was too early in the morning for visitors, and besides, the **equipage** did not answer to that of any of their neighbours. The horses were post; and neither the carriage, nor the livery of the servant who preceded it, were familiar to them. As it was certain, however, that somebody was coming, Bingley instantly prevailed on Miss Bennet to avoid the **confinement** of such an intrusion, and walk away with him into the shrubbery. They both set off, and the conjectures of the remaining three continued, though with little satisfaction, till the door was **thrown** open and their visitor entered. It was Lady Catherine de Bourgh.

They were of course all intending to be surprised; but their astonishment was beyond their expectation; and on the part of Mrs. Bennet and Kitty, though she was perfectly unknown to them, even inferior to what Elizabeth felt.

She entered the room with an air more than usually ungracious, made no other reply to Elizabeth's salutation than a slight inclination of the head, and sat down without saying a word. Elizabeth had mentioned her name to her mother on her ladyship's **entrance**, though no **request** of introduction had been made.

Thesaurus

confinement: (n, v) childbirth, delivery; (n) detention, custody, restraint, interment, prison, labor, containment, incarceration, arrest. ANTONYMS: (n) release, death, liberation.

driving: (adj) energetic, impulsive, enterprising, pushing, vigorous; (n) drive, travel, drove, direction, motoring, push. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, weak, light.

entrance: (v) enchant, charm,

captivate, bewitch, enrapture; (n) access, entry, admittance, threshold, arrival, door. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, exit, egress, egression, exiting, exclusion, retirement; (v) bore, repel, repulse.

equipage: (n) carriage, chariot, brougham, coach, barouche, rig, field-equipage, buggy, cab, cabriolet, chaise.

request: (n, v) demand, bid, invite, wish, appeal; (v) ask, order, pray, call

for; (n) prayer, application. ANTONYMS: (v) command, grant, insist, force, supply, reject; (n) ruling, response.

thrown: (adj) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (n) reminder. ANTONYM: (adj) calm.

Mrs. Bennet, all amazement, though flattered by having a **guest** of such high importance, received her with the utmost politeness. After sitting for a moment in silence, she said very **stiffly** to Elizabeth,

"I hope you are well, Miss Bennet. That lady, I suppose, is your mother."

Elizabeth replied very concisely that she was.

"And *that* I suppose is one of your sisters."

"Yes, madam," said Mrs. Bennet, **delighted** to speak to a Lady Catherine. "She is my youngest girl but one. My youngest of all is lately married, and my eldest is somewhere about the grounds, **walking** with a young man who, I believe, will soon become a part of the family."

"You have a very small park here," returned Lady Catherine after a short silence.

"It is nothing in comparison of Rosings, my lady, I dare say; but I assure you it is much larger than Sir William Lucas's."

"This must be a most inconvenient sitting room for the evening, in summer; the windows are full west."

Mrs. Bennet assured her that they never sat there after dinner, and then added:

"May I take the liberty of asking your ladyship whether you left Mr. and Mrs. Collins well."

"Yes, very well. I saw them the night before last."

Elizabeth now expected that she would produce a letter for her from Charlotte, as it seemed the only probable motive for her calling. But no letter appeared, and she was completely **puzzled**.

Mrs. Bennet, with great civility, begged her ladyship to take some refreshment; but Lady Catherine very resolutely, and not very **politely**, declined **eating** anything; and then, rising up, said to Elizabeth,

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delighted: (*adj*) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (*adj, v*) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shocked, unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down.

eating: (*n*) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion; (*v*) eat.

guest: (*n*) caller, visitor, customer,

alien, foreigner, client, invitee, foreign, company, guests, houseguest.

politely: (*adv*) kindly, civilly, respectfully, properly, graciously, urbanely, elegantly, gallantly, genteelly, refinedly, considerately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) rudely, brusquely, discourteously, disrespectfully, uncooperatively, disagreeably.

puzzled: (*adj*) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful,

bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplussed, dazed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) clear.

stiffly: (*adv*) firmly, stiff, awkwardly, unbendingly, difficultly, woodenly, strongly, formally, stringently, clumsily, strictly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) loosely.

walking: (*n*) gait, ambulation, wading, shuffling, shambling, marching, noctambulism, traveling; (*adv*) afoot; (*adj*) moving, active.

"Miss Bennet, there seemed to be a prettyish kind of a little **wilderness** on one side of your lawn. I should be glad to take a turn in it, if you will favour me with your company."

"Go, my dear," cried her mother, "and show her ladyship about the different walks. I think she will be pleased with the hermitage."

Elizabeth obeyed, and running into her own room for her parasol, attended her noble guest **downstairs**. As they passed through the hall, Lady Catherine opened the doors into the dining-parlour and drawing-room, and **pronouncing** them, after a short survey, to be decent looking rooms, walked on.

Her carriage remained at the door, and Elizabeth saw that her waiting-woman was in it. They proceeded in silence along the gravel walk that led to the copse; Elizabeth was determined to make no effort for conversation with a woman who was now more than usually insolent and disagreeable.

"How could I ever think her like her nephew?" said she, as she looked in her face.

As soon as they entered the copse, Lady Catherine began in the following manner:--

"You can be at no loss, Miss Bennet, to understand the reason of my journey hither. Your own heart, your own **conscience**, must tell you why I come."

Elizabeth looked with unaffected astonishment.

"Indeed, you are mistaken, Madam. I have not been at all able to account for the honour of seeing you here."

"Miss Bennet," replied her ladyship, in an angry tone, "you ought to know, that I am not to be trifled with. But however **insincere** you may choose to be, you shall not find *me* so. My character has ever been celebrated for its sincerity and **frankness**, and in a cause of such moment as this, I shall certainly not depart from it. A report of a most alarming nature reached me two days ago. I was told that not only your sister was on the point of being most advantageously married, but that you, that Miss Elizabeth Bennet, would, in all likelihood, be soon afterwards united to my nephew, my own nephew, Mr. Darcy. Though I *know* it

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conscience: (*n*) moral sense,

Conscience money, sense of right and wrong, scruple, intention, tender conscience, small voice, principles, morals, morality, inward monitor. ANTONYM: (*n*) indifference.

downstairs: (*adv*) beneath, below, underneath, down the stairs, downward, infra, at a lower place, downhill, on a lower floor; (*adj*) downstair; (*n*) floor. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) upstairs.

frankness: (*n*) honesty, truth,

forthrightness, candidness, freedom, sincerity, candour, plainness, bluffness, outspokenness, ingenuousness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cunning, tact, delicacy, deceit, conformity, reticence, indirectness, evasiveness.

insincere: (*adj*) false, artificial, feigned, hypocritical, hollow, affected, empty, devious, dishonest, counterfeit, fraudulent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

sincere, genuine, natural, straightforward, meaningful, real, true, serious, restrained, honest; (*adv*) partially.

pronouncing: (*v*) pronounce; (*n*) pronunciation, utterance.

wilderness: (*adj, n, v*) desert; (*adj, n*) wild; (*n*) wasteland, solitude, badlands, wildness, frontier, boondocks, backwoods; (*adj*) Sahara; (*v*) squandering. ANTONYM: (*n*) metropolis.

must be a scandalous falsehood, though I would not injure him so much as to suppose the truth of it possible, I instantly resolved on setting off for this place, that I might make my sentiments known to you."

"If you believed it impossible to be true," said Elizabeth, colouring with astonishment and disdain, "I wonder you took the trouble of coming so far. What could your ladyship **propose** by it?"

"At once to insist **upon** having such a report universally contradicted."

"Your coming to Longbourn, to see me and my family," said Elizabeth coolly, "will be rather a **confirmation** of it; if, indeed, such a report is in existence."

"If! Do you then pretend to be ignorant of it? Has it not been **industriously circulated** by yourselves? Do you not know that such a report is spread abroad?"

"I never heard that it was."

"And can you likewise declare, that there is no foundation for it?"

"I do not pretend to **possess** equal frankness with your ladyship. You may ask questions which I shall not choose to answer."

"This is not to be borne. Miss Bennet, I insist on being satisfied. Has he, has my nephew, made you an offer of marriage?"

"Your ladyship has declared it to be impossible."

"It ought to be so; it must be so, while he retains the use of his reason. But your arts and allurements may, in a moment of **infatuation**, have made him forget what he owes to himself and to all his family. You may have drawn him in."

"If I have, I shall be the last person to confess it."

"Miss Bennet, do you know who I am? I have not been accustomed to such language as this. I am almost the nearest relation he has in the world, and am entitled to know all his dearest concerns."

"But you are not entitled to know mine; nor will such behaviour as this, ever **induce** me to be explicit."

Thesaurus

circulated: (*adj*) disseminated, diffuse, dispersed, distributed.

confirmation: (*n*) ratification, approval, corroboration, testimony, sanction, demonstration, agreement, authentication, check, endorsement, evidence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) opposite, question, repudiation, retraction, withdrawal, condemnation, denial.

induce: (*v*) generate, tempt, cause, impel, bring, create, draw, engender, beget, get, infer. ANTONYMS: (*v*)

prevent, restrain.

industriously: (*adv*) diligently, painstakingly, busily, sedulously, tirelessly, untiringly, eagerly, studiously, laboriously, carefully, conscientiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wearily, carelessly.

infatuation: (*adj*) devotion, fascination, enchantment, gross credulity; (*adj, n*) passion, fervor, fanaticism; (*n*) crush, idolatry, love, hobby. ANTONYM: (*n*) indifference.

possess: (*adj, v*) own; (*v*) hold, wield, occupy, bear, keep, enjoy, contain, retain, to have, maintain.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) lack, remove.

propose: (*v*) bid, nominate, design, plan, proffer, move, intend, mean, aim, suggest; (*n, v*) advance.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, improvise, oppose.

upon: (*adv, prep*) above; (*prep*) up, onto, against, towards; (*adv*) on, on that occasion, then, before, by; (*n*) at.

"Let me be **rightly** understood. This match, to which you have the presumption to **aspire**, can never take place. No, never. Mr. Darcy is engaged to my daughter. Now what have you to say?"

"Only this; that if he is so, you can have no reason to suppose he will make an offer to me."

Lady Catherine hesitated for a moment, and then replied:

"The engagement between them is of a peculiar kind. From their **infancy**, they have been intended for each other. It was the favourite wish of *his* mother, as well as of her's. While in their cradles, we planned the union: and now, at the moment when the wishes of both sisters would be **accomplished** in their marriage, to be prevented by a young woman of inferior birth, of no importance in the world, and wholly **unallied** to the family! Do you pay no regard to the wishes of his **friends**? To his **tacit** engagement with Miss de Bourgh? Are you lost to every feeling of propriety and delicacy? Have you not heard me say that from his earliest hours he was destined for his cousin?"

"Yes, and I had heard it before. But what is that to me? If there is no other objection to my marrying your nephew, I shall certainly not be kept from it by knowing that his mother and aunt wished him to marry Miss de Bourgh. You both did as much as you could in planning the marriage. Its completion depended on others. If Mr. Darcy is neither by honour nor inclination confined to his cousin, why is not he to make another choice? And if I am that choice, why may not I accept him?"

"Because honour, decorum, prudence, nay, interest, forbid it. Yes, Miss Bennet, interest; for do not expect to be noticed by his family or friends, if you wilfully act against the inclinations of all. You will be censured, slighted, and **despised**, by everyone connected with him. Your alliance will be a disgrace; your name will never even be mentioned by any of us."

"These are heavy misfortunes," replied Elizabeth. "But the wife of Mr. Darcy must have such extraordinary sources of happiness necessarily attached to her situation, that she could, upon the whole, have no cause to repine."

Thesaurus

accomplished: (*adj*) proficient, able, skillful, gifted, finished, experienced, completed, adept, fine, versed, competent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfinished, amateur, untrained, unskilled, unseasoned, unable, inexpert, green, clumsy, bad, mediocre.

aspire: (*v*) aim, lust, hanker, crave, plan, hope, want, rise, purpose, wish, long. ANTONYM: (*v*) wallow.

despised: (*adj*) scorned, despicable,

hated, abject, disparaged, mean, attaching disgrace, unpopular, unloved, reviled, opprobrious.

friends: (*n*) circle, associates, connections, links, support group, acquaintances.

infancy: (*n*) babyhood, cradle, beginning, birth, genesis, minority, early childhood, youth, nonage, adolescence, early days. ANTONYM: (*n*) maturity.

rightly: (*adv*) correctly, rightfully,

properly, accurately, appropriately, exactly, fitly, straightly, fairly, really; (*adv, v*) adequately. ANTONYMS:

(*adv*) wrongly, inappropriately, incorrectly, immorally, unjustly, partially, sinfully, unfairly, falsely.

tacit: (*adj*) silent, implicit, understood, implied, undeclared, unspoken, voiceless, mute, mum; (*n*) tacit; (*v*) not expressed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spoken, express.

unallied: (*adj*) heterogeneous.

"Obstinate, headstrong girl! I am ashamed of you! Is this your gratitude for my attentions to you last spring? Is nothing due to me on that score? Let us sit down. You are to understand, Miss Bennet, that I came here with the determined resolution of carrying my purpose; nor will I be dissuaded from it. I have not been used to submit to any person's whims. I have not been in the habit of brooking disappointment."

"That will make your ladyship's situation at present more pitiable; but it will have no effect on me."

"I will not be interrupted. Hear me in silence. My daughter and my nephew are formed for each other. They are descended, on the **maternal** side, from the same **noble** line; and, on the father's, from **respectable**, honourable, and ancient--though untitled--families. Their fortune on both sides is splendid. They are destined for each other by the voice of every member of their **respective** houses; and what is to divide them? The **upstart** pretensions of a young woman without family, connections, or fortune. Is this to be endured! But it must not, shall not be. If you were sensible of your own good, you would not wish to quit the **sphere** in which you have been brought up."

"In marrying your nephew, I should not consider myself as quitting that sphere. He is a gentleman; I am a gentleman's daughter; so far we are equal."

"True. You *are* a gentleman's daughter. But who was your mother? Who are your uncles and aunts? Do not imagine me ignorant of their condition."

"Whatever my connections may be," said Elizabeth, "if your nephew does not object to them, they can be nothing to *you*."

"Tell me once for all, are you engaged to him?"

Though Elizabeth would not, for the **mere** purpose of obliging Lady Catherine, have answered this question, she could not but say, after a moment's deliberation:

"I am not."

Lady Catherine seemed pleased.

Thesaurus

maternal: (*adj*) parental, paternal, parent, motherlike, mother, loving, enatic, agnatic, ancestral, enate, fraternal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) paternal, filial.

mere: (*adj, n*) entire; (*adj*) bare, simple, pure; (*n*) loch, tarn, boundary, absolute; (*n, v*) downright; (*adv*) merely; (*adj, v*) clear.

noble: (*adj, n*) grand, glorious, patrician; (*adj*) imposing, impressive, elevated, majestic, generous, high;

(*adj, v*) dignified, great. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shameful, humble, dishonorable, lowly, lowborn, disgraceful, unimpressive, ignoble, modest, petty; (*n*) lady.

respectable: (*adj*) considerable, decorous, fair, estimable, decent, honorable, good, proper, creditable, passable, honest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bad, small, sordid, scruffy, inadequate, unrespectable, paltry, discourteous, inappropriate, sinful,

unacceptable.

respective: (*adj*) individual, proper, relative, several, appropriate, peculiar, singular, corresponding, private, personal, regardful.

sphere: (*n*) region, range, province, domain, realm, area, department, round, ball, circle, globe.

upstart: (*n*) mushroom, nouveau riche, skipjack, climber, arriviste, social climber, unknown, smart aleck, sleep; (*adj*) parvenue, cockhorse.

"And will you **promise** me, never to enter into such an engagement?"

"I will make no promise of the kind."

"Miss Bennet I am shocked and astonished. I expected to find a more reasonable young woman. But do not deceive yourself into a belief that I will ever **recede**. I shall not go away till you have given me the assurance I require."

"And I certainly *never* shall give it. I am not to be **intimidated** into anything so wholly **unreasonable**. Your ladyship wants Mr. Darcy to marry your daughter; but would my giving you the wished-for promise make their marriage at all more probable? Supposing him to be attached to me, would my refusing to accept his hand make him wish to bestow it on his cousin? Allow me to say, Lady Catherine, that the arguments with which you have **supported** this extraordinary application have been as frivolous as the application was ill-judged. You have widely mistaken my character, if you think I can be worked on by such persuasions as these. How far your nephew might approve of your interference in his affairs, I cannot tell; but you have certainly no right to concern yourself in mine. I must beg, therefore, to be importuned no farther on the subject."

"Not so hasty, if you please. I have by no means done. To all the objections I have already urged, I have still another to add. I am no stranger to the particulars of your youngest sister's infamous elopement. I know it all; that the young man's marrying her was a patched-up business, at the expence of your father and uncles. And is such a girl to be my nephew's sister? Is her husband, is the son of his late father's steward, to be his brother? Heaven and earth!--of what are you thinking? Are the **shades** of Pemberley to be thus polluted?"

"You can now have nothing further to say," she resentfully answered. "You have **insulted** me in every possible method. I must beg to return to the house."

And she rose as she spoke. Lady Catherine rose also, and they turned back. Her ladyship was highly **incensed**.

Thesaurus

incensed: (*adj*) angry, exasperated, enraged, indignant, irate, infuriated, irritated, mad, livid, angered, aggravated. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleased.

insulted: (*adj*) affronted, offended, injured, huffy.

intimidated: (*adj*) frightened, scared, afraid, browbeaten, cowed, hangdog, timid, daunted, overcome, anxious, demoralized. ANTONYM: (*adj*) confident.

promise: (*n, v*) covenant, guarantee, contract, vow, bargain; (*v*) augur, assure; (*n*) engagement, assurance, plight, word.

recede: (*v*) decline, withdraw, retire, fall back, diminish, retreat, abate, give, draw back, decrease, lose. ANTONYMS: (*v*) approach, gain, proceed, surge, stay, increase, appear, level.

shades: (*n*) shade, sunglasses, dark glasses, shadow, glasses, blind,

awning, roller blind, eyeglasses.

supported: (*adj*) sustained, backed, bolstered, based; (*v*) borne, carried, conveyed, supporting; (*adv*) on.

unreasonable: (*adj*) immoderate, undue, absurd, extravagant, excessive, preposterous, exorbitant, illogical, inordinate, irrational, ridiculous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) logical, practical, sensible, affordable, economical, justified, realistic, fair, obliging, just, rational.

"You have no regard, then, for the honour and credit of my nephew! Unfeeling, selfish girl! Do you not consider that a connection with you must disgrace him in the eyes of everybody?"

"Lady Catherine, I have nothing further to say. You know my sentiments."

"You are then **resolved** to have him?"

"I have said no such thing. I am only resolved to act in that manner, which will, in my own opinion, **constitute** my happiness, without reference to *you*, or to any person so wholly unconnected with me."

"It is well. You **refuse**, then, to oblige me. You refuse to **obey** the claims of duty, honour, and gratitude. You are determined to ruin him in the opinion of all his friends, and make him the contempt of the world."

"Neither duty, nor honour, nor gratitude," replied Elizabeth, "have any possible claim on me, in the present instance. No principle of either would be **violated** by my marriage with Mr. Darcy. And with regard to the resentment of his family, or the indignation of the world, if the former *were* excited by his marrying me, it would not give me one moment's concern--and the world in general would have too much sense to join in the scorn."

"And this is your real opinion! This is your final resolve! Very well. I shall now know how to act. Do not imagine, Miss Bennet, that your **ambition** will ever be gratified. I came to try you. I hoped to find you reasonable; but, depend upon it, I will carry my point."

In this manner Lady Catherine talked on, till they were at the door of the carriage, when, turning hastily round, she added, "I take no leave of you, Miss Bennet. I send no compliments to your mother. You deserve no such attention. I am most seriously displeased."

Elizabeth made no answer; and without attempting to persuade her ladyship to return into the house, walked quietly into it herself. She heard the carriage drive away as she proceeded up stairs. Her mother impatiently met her at the door of the dressing-room, to ask why Lady Catherine would not come in again and rest herself.

Thesaurus

ambition: (*n*) aim, hope, goal, drive, ambitiousness, wish, dream, purpose, target, objective, intention.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) satisfaction,

contentment, sloth, laziness, lethargy.

constitute: (*v*) compose, commission, appoint, establish, comprise, build, name, create, found, institute; (*n, v*) make. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deny, repeal, refuse, disband.

obey: (*v*) comply, listen, keep, fulfill, hear, conform, abide by, serve,

comply with; (*n, v*) mind, heed. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disobey, defy, break, transgress, infringe, challenge, deny.

refuse: (*v*) deny, reject, decline, disallow, rebuff, turn down; (*adj, n*) waste, trash; (*n*) offal, litter; (*n, v*) dross. ANTONYMS: (*v*) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm.

resolve: (*n, v*) purpose; (*v*) determine,

solve, decide, dissolve, decompose, settle; (*n*) determination, firmness, decision, resolution. ANTONYMS: (*n*) weakness, irresoluteness, vacillation, cowardice, flexibility, indecisiveness, indifference; (*v*) aggravate, complicate, exacerbate, waver.

violated: (*adj*) profaned, seduced, dishonored; (*v*) strained, disunited, ruined financially, subjugated, rough, not continuous, humbled, fractured.

"She did not choose it," said her daughter, "she would go."

"She is a very fine-looking woman! and her **calling** here was prodigiously civil! for she only came, I suppose, to tell us the Collinses were well. She is on her road somewhere, I dare say, and so, **passing** through Meryton, thought she might as well call on you. I suppose she had nothing particular to say to you, Lizzy?"

Elizabeth was **forced** to give into a little falsehood here; for to **acknowledge** the **substance** of their **conversation** was impossible.

Thesaurus

acknowledge: (*v*) recognize, confess, accept, profess, own, admit, concede, appreciate, notice, declare, approve. ANTONYMS: (*v*) ignore, overlook, reject, repudiate, snub, refuse, renounce, abjure, disavow, disregard, refute.

calling: (*n*) business, occupation, call, avocation, job, trade, career, employment, walk, pursuit; (*n, v*) profession. ANTONYMS: (*n*) entertainment, hobby.

conversation: (*n*) talk, conference, communication, colloquy, confabulation, discussion, language, discourse, speech, talking, palaver.

forced: (*adj*) compelled, bound, constrained, artificial, involuntary, unnatural, forcible, farfetched, strained, obligatory, labored.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unprovoked, spontaneous, voluntary, natural, genuine, willing, optional.

passing: (*adj*) transient, ephemeral,

momentary, cursory, brief; (*n*) overtaking, departure, expiration, decease, passage, death.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lasting, thorough, intended, lengthy, long; (*n*) birth, failing.

substance: (*adj, n*) subject; (*n*) body, significance, import, material, matter, meaning, amount, means, gist, core. ANTONYMS: (*n*) meaninglessness, lightness, surface.

CHAPTER 57

The discomposure of spirits which this extraordinary visit threw Elizabeth into, could not be easily **overcome**; nor could she, for many **hours**, learn to think of it less than incessantly. Lady Catherine, it appeared, had actually taken the trouble of this journey from Rosings, for the **sole** purpose of **breaking** off her supposed engagement with Mr. Darcy. It was a rational scheme, to be sure! but from what the report of their engagement could **originate**, Elizabeth was at a loss to imagine; till she recollected that *his* being the intimate friend of Bingley, and *her* being the sister of Jane, was enough, at a time when the expectation of one wedding made everybody eager for another, to supply the idea. She had not herself forgotten to feel that the marriage of her sister must bring them more frequently together. And her neighbours at Lucas Lodge, therefore (for through their communication with the Collinses, the report, she concluded, had reached lady Catherine), had only set that down as almost certain and immediate, which she had looked forward to as possible at some future time.

In **revolving** Lady Catherine's expressions, however, she could not help feeling some uneasiness as to the possible consequence of her **persisting** in this interference. From what she had said of her resolution to prevent their marriage, it occurred to Elizabeth that she must meditate an application to her nephew; and how *he* might take a similar representation of the evils attached to a connection with her, she dared not pronounce. She knew not the **exact** degree of

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breaking: (*n*) breakage, breach, violation, infringement, contravention, smash, rift, scutching, shift, intermission; (*v*) deaden.
exact: (*adj, n*) correct; (*v*) demand, claim, command, ask; (*n, v*) require; (*adj, v*) close, direct; (*adj*) precise, detailed, faithful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wrong, vague, imprecise, approximate, inexact, rough, careless, thoughtless, indeterminate; (*v*) tender, give.

hours: (*n*) period, duty period; (*adv*) o'clock.
originate: (*v*) begin, arise, initiate, commence, issue, develop, start, come, invent, grow, make.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) terminate, kill.
overcome: (*v*) crush, subdue, beat, vanquish, overpower, master, defeat, hurdle, get over, overwhelm; (*adj*) beaten. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fail, lose, comfort, protect, resist, surrender, capitulate; (*adj*) unimpressed.

persisting: (*adj*) abiding, lasting, constant, continual, enduring, living, inveterate, dogging, diligent, continuous; (*v*) persist.
revolving: (*adj*) turning, rotating, vertiginous, rotary, gyratory, wheeling, rotative, rotatory, rotational; (*n*) revolution; (*v*) revolve.
sole: (*n*) bottom, flounder, base; (*adj*) single, singular, one, exclusive, individual, only, alone, solitary. ANTONYM: (*adj*) common.

his affection for his aunt, or his dependence on her judgment, but it was natural to suppose that he thought much higher of her ladyship than *she* could do; and it was certain that, in enumerating the miseries of a marriage with *one*, whose immediate connections were so unequal to his own, his aunt would address him on his **weakest** side. With his notions of dignity, he would probably feel that the arguments, which to Elizabeth had appeared weak and ridiculous, contained much good sense and solid reasoning.

If he had been **wavering** before as to what he should do, which had often seemed likely, the advice and entreaty of so near a relation might settle every doubt, and determine him at once to be as happy as dignity **unblemished** could make him. In that case he would return no more. Lady Catherine might see him in her way through town; and his engagement to Bingley of coming again to Netherfield must give way.

"If, therefore, an excuse for not keeping his promise should come to his friend within a few days," she added, "I shall know how to understand it. I shall then give over every expectation, every wish of his **constancy**. If he is satisfied with only regretting me, when he might have **obtained** my affections and hand, I shall soon cease to regret him at all."

The surprise of the rest of the family, on hearing who their visitor had been, was very great; but they **obligingly** satisfied it, with the same kind of supposition which had **appeased** Mrs. Bennet's curiosity; and Elizabeth was spared from much teasing on the subject.

The next morning, as she was going downstairs, she was met by her father, who came out of his library with a letter in his hand.

"Lizzy," said he, "I was going to look for you; come into my room."

She followed him thither; and her curiosity to know what he had to tell her was heightened by the supposition of its being in some manner connected with the letter he held. It suddenly struck her that it might be from Lady Catherine; and she anticipated with dismay all the consequent explanations.

Thesaurus

appeased: (adj) content, pacate.
constancy: (n) allegiance, devotion, resolution, fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness, faithfulness, steadiness, firmness, perseverance, unchangeableness. ANTONYMS: (n) inconstancy, inconsistency, changefulness, instability, disloyalty, unfaithfulness, unreliability, dishonesty.
obligingly: (adv) accommodatingly, attentively, courteously, kindly,

thoughtfully, gently, cooperatively, helpfully, benignly, goodly, pleasantly. ANTONYM: (adv) uncooperatively.
obtained: (adj) fulfilled, derivative.
unblemished: (adj) clean, perfect, faultless, pure, immaculate, blameless, clear, irreproachable, unspotted, untarnished, flawless. ANTONYMS: (adj) blemished, flawed, marked, imperfect, used, marred, guilty, infirm.

wavering: (adj, v) vacillating; (n) fluctuation, hesitation, vacillation; (adj) irresolute, indecisive, undecided, hesitant, uncertain, variable, changeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) decided, constant, resolute, stable, decisive; (n) resolution, stability.
weakest: (adj) ridiculous, suggestion, supposes, notions, plainly, irrational, incongruous, project, foolish, fatuity, inconsistent.

She followed her father to the fire place, and they both sat down. He then said,

"I have received a letter this morning that has astonished me exceedingly. As it principally concerns yourself, you ought to know its contents. I did not know before, that I had two daughters on the brink of matrimony. Let me congratulate you on a very important conquest."

The colour now rushed into Elizabeth's cheeks in the **instantaneous** conviction of its being a letter from the nephew, instead of the aunt; and she was **undetermined** whether most to be pleased that he explained himself at all, or offended that his letter was not rather addressed to herself; when her father continued:

"You look conscious. Young ladies have great penetration in such matters as these; but I think I may defy even *your sagacity*, to discover the name of your admirer. This letter is from Mr. Collins."

"From Mr. Collins! and what can *he* have to say?"

"Something very much to the purpose of course. He begins with congratulations on the approaching nuptials of my eldest daughter, of which, it seems, he has been told by some of the good-natured, **gossiping** Lucases. I shall not sport with your impatience, by reading what he says on that point. What relates to yourself, is as follows: 'Having thus offered you the sincere congratulations of Mrs. Collins and myself on this happy event, let me now add a short hint on the subject of another; of which we have been advertised by the same authority. Your daughter Elizabeth, it is **presumed**, will not long bear the name of Bennet, after her elder sister has resigned it, and the chosen partner of her fate may be reasonably looked up to as one of the most **illustrious** personages in this land.'

"Can you possibly guess, Lizzy, who is **meant** by this?" "This young gentleman is blessed, in a peculiar way, with every thing the heart of mortal can most desire,—splendid property, noble **kindred**, and extensive patronage. Yet in spite of all these temptations, let me warn my cousin Elizabeth, and yourself, of

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gossiping: (*adj*) gabby, garrulous, scandalous; (*n*) gossipmongering.
illustrious: (*adj, n*) glorious, celebrated, excellent, grand; (*adj*) famous, bright, eminent, famed, distinguished, brilliant, well-known.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unknown, obscure, ordinary, undistinguished, lowly.

instantaneous: (*adj*) immediate, prompt, sudden, precipitate, momentary, abrupt, precipitous,

precipitant, swift, momentaneous, quick. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gradual, delayed, considered.

kindred: (*adj*) cognate, akin, similar, allied, related; (*n*) kin, consanguinity, relation, folk, folks, kin group.

meant: (*adj*) destined, implied, sincere, preordained, intentional, predestined; (*v*) intend, designate.

presumed: (*adj*) supposed, reputed, putative, understood, alleged, probable, theoretical.

sagacity: (*n, v*) discernment, judgment, penetration; (*n*) judiciousness, sense, prudence, gumption, acumen, perspicacity; (*adj, n*) discretion, wisdom. ANTONYM: (*n*) foolishness.

undetermined: (*adj, v*) uncertain, indefinite, vague; (*adj*) indeterminate, unsettled, indecisive, unresolved, irresolute, accidental, open; (*v*) ambiguous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) determinate, definite, decided, specific.

what evils you may **incur** by a **precipitate** closure with this gentleman's proposals, which, of course, you will be inclined to take immediate advantage of.'

"Have you any idea, Lizzy, who this gentleman is? But now it comes out:

"My motive for cautioning you is as follows. We have reason to imagine that his aunt, Lady Catherine de Bourgh, does not look on the match with a friendly eye.'

"MR. DARCY, you see, is the man! Now, Lizzy, I think I *have* surprised you. Could he, or the Lucases, have **pitched** on any man within the circle of our acquaintance, whose name would have given the lie more effectually to what they related? Mr. Darcy, who never looks at any woman but to see a **blemish**, and who probably never looked at you in his life! It is admirable!"

Elizabeth tried to join in her father's **pleasantry**, but could only force one most reluctant smile. Never had his wit been directed in a manner so little agreeable to her.

"Are you not diverted?"

"Oh! yes. Pray read on."

"After mentioning the likelihood of this marriage to her ladyship last night, she immediately, with her usual condescension, expressed what she felt on the occasion; when it became apparent, that on the score of some family objections on the part of my cousin, she would never give her consent to what she termed so disgraceful a match. I thought it my duty to give the speediest intelligence of this to my cousin, that she and her noble admirer may be aware of what they are about, and not run hastily into a marriage which has not been properly sanctioned.' Mr. Collins moreover adds, 'I am truly rejoiced that my cousin Lydia's sad business has been so well **hushed** up, and am only concerned that their living together before the marriage took place should be so generally known. I must not, however, neglect the duties of my station, or refrain from **declaring** my amazement at hearing that you received the young couple into your house as soon as they were married. It was an encouragement of **vice**; and

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blemish: (*n, v*) stain, scar, flaw, blot, slur; (*n*) defect, stigma, fault; (*v*) deface; (*adj, n*) imperfection; (*adj, v*) disfigure. ANTONYMS: (*v*) enhance, beautify, embellish, improve; (*n*) perfection, enhancement.

declaring: (*adj*) affirming, predicator.

hushed: (*adj*) calm, silent, still, subdued, placid, muffled, noiseless, soft, soundless, tranquil, gentle.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) noisy.

incur: (*n, v*) contract; (*v*) catch, get,

incite, begin, cause, encounter, experience, obtain, suffer, receive.

pitched: (*adj*) oblique, thrown, slanting, at an angle, leaning; (*v*) fixed, pight, determined. ANTONYM: (*adj*) level.

pleasantry: (*n*) joke, wit, jocularity, jest, fancy, wagery, drollery, esprit, banter, sport, jocosity.

precipitate: (*adj, n*) hasty; (*adj, n, v*) deposit; (*adj*) impetuous, headlong, sudden, immediate, instant,

precipitant; (*n, v*) accelerate, expedite; (*v*) hurry. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) overdue, cautious, protracted; (*v*) retard.

vice: (*adj, n*) imperfection, defect, blemish, failing, frailty; (*n*) corruption, sin, evil, immorality, iniquity, depravity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) asset, strength, propriety, virtue, righteousness, goodness, good, honesty; (*adj*) chief.

had I been the **rector** of Longbourn, I should very strenuously have opposed it. You ought certainly to forgive them, as a Christian, but never to admit them in your sight, or allow their **names** to be mentioned in your hearing.' That is his notion of Christian **forgiveness!** The rest of his letter is only about his dear Charlotte's situation, and his expectation of a young olive-branch. But, Lizzy, you look as if you did not enjoy it. You are not going to be *missish*, I hope, and pretend to be affronted at an idle report. For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbours, and laugh at them in our turn?"

"Oh!" cried Elizabeth, "I am excessively **diverted**. But it is so strange!"

"Yes--*that* is what makes it amusing. Had they fixed on any other man it would have been nothing; but *his* perfect indifference, and *your* pointed dislike, make it so delightfully **absurd!** Much as I abominate writing, I would not give up Mr. Collins's correspondence for any consideration. Nay, when I read a letter of his, I cannot help giving him the preference even over Wickham, much as I value the impudence and **hypocrisy** of my son-in-law. And pray, Lizzy, what said Lady Catherine about this report? Did she call to refuse her consent?"

To this question his daughter replied only with a laugh; and as it had been asked without the least suspicion, she was not distressed by his repeating it. Elizabeth had never been more at a loss to make her feelings appear what they were not. It was necessary to laugh, when she would rather have cried. Her father had most cruelly mortified her, by what he said of Mr. Darcy's indifference, and she could do nothing but wonder at such a want of **penetration**, or fear that perhaps, instead of his seeing too little, she might have fancied too much.

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absurd: (*adj*) ridiculous, foolish, unreasonable, irrational, meaningless, inept, senseless, nonsensical, illogical, ludicrous; (*adj, n*) silly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rational, reasonable, logical, wise, weighty, sound, consistent, serious, plausible, credible, acceptable.

diverted: (*adj*) abstracted, entertained, pleased, inattentive, sidetracked, unfocused, preoccupied.

forgiveness: (*n*) mercy, condonation,

clemency, kindness, pity, remission, leniency, absolution, grace, compassion; (*n, v*) pardon. ANTONYMS: (*n*) condemnation, cruelty, harshness.

hypocrisy: (*n, v*) insincerity; (*n*) cant, dissimulation, falsity, deception, falsehood, sanctimony, deceit, lip service; (*v*) double dealing; (*adj*) hypocritical. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sincerity, honesty.

names: (*n*) calumny, defamation,

hatchet job.

penetration: (*n, v*) intelligence, discernment, discrimination, judgment; (*adj, n*) acumen; (*n*) incursion, acuteness, entrance, interpenetration, invasion, breakthrough. ANTONYM: (*n*) foolishness.

rector: (*n*) minister, pastor, president, manager, principal, governor, clergyman, curate, parson, director, priest.

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Instead of receiving any such letter of excuse from his friend, as Elizabeth half expected Mr. Bingley to do, he was able to bring Darcy with him to Longbourn before many days had passed after Lady Catherine's visit. The gentlemen arrived early; and, before Mrs. Bennet had time to tell him of their having seen his aunt, of which her daughter sat in momentary dread, Bingley, who wanted to be alone with Jane, proposed their all walking out. It was agreed to. Mrs. Bennet was not in the habit of walking; Mary could never spare time; but the remaining five set off together. Bingley and Jane, however, soon allowed the others to **outstrip** them. They lagged behind, while Elizabeth, Kitty, and Darcy were to **entertain** each other. Very little was said by either; Kitty was too much afraid of him to talk; Elizabeth was **secretly forming** a desperate resolution; and perhaps he might be doing the same.

They walked towards the Lucases, because Kitty wished to call upon Maria; and as Elizabeth saw no occasion for making it a general concern, when Kitty left them she went **boldly** on with him alone. Now was the moment for her resolution to be **executed**, and, while her courage was high, she immediately said:

"Mr. Darcy, I am a very selfish creature; and, for the sake of giving relief to my own feelings, care not how much I may be wounding your's. I can no longer help thanking you for your **unexampled** kindness to my poor sister. Ever since I

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boldly: (*adj. adv*) courageously, valiantly, heroically; (*adv*) fearlessly, daringly, bravely, intrepidly, impudently, audaciously, shamelessly, brashly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) discreetly, modestly, nervously, hesitantly, shyly, fearfully, meekly, submissively, secretly, respectfully, diffidently.
entertain: (*v*) amuse, delight, bear, cherish, beguile, admit, accommodate, harbor, hold, distract;

(*n, v*) interest. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disregard, ignore, banish, forget, tire, displease.
executed: (*adj*) finished, fulfilled, complete.
forming: (*n*) shaping, form, form turning, organization, construction, molding, conformation, synthesis; (*v*) create, constitute; (*adj*) constituent.
outstrip: (*v*) outdo, exceed, beat, surpass, distance, outshine, outdistance, outrun, better, best,

outclass.
secretly: (*adv*) privately, confidentially, quietly, stealthily, surreptitiously, furtively, in secret, darkly, secretly, clandestinely, occultly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) publicly, deliberately, brazenly.
unexampled: (*adj*) new, unique, unparalleled, rare, novel, undescribed, peerless, inimitable, singular, fantastic, fresh.

have known it, I have been most anxious to acknowledge to you how gratefully I feel it. Were it known to the rest of my family, I should not have merely my own gratitude to express."

"I am sorry, exceedingly sorry," replied Darcy, in a tone of surprise and emotion, "that you have ever been informed of what may, in a mistaken light, have given you uneasiness. I did not think Mrs. Gardiner was so little to be trusted."

"You must not blame my aunt. Lydia's thoughtlessness first betrayed to me that you had been concerned in the matter; and, of course, I could not rest till I knew the particulars. Let me thank you again and again, in the name of all my family, for that generous compassion which induced you to take so much trouble, and bear so many mortifications, for the sake of **discovering** them."

"If you *will* thank me," he replied, "let it be for yourself alone. That the wish of giving happiness to you might add force to the other inducements which led me on, I shall not attempt to deny. But your *family* owe me nothing. Much as I respect them, I believe I thought only of *you*."

Elizabeth was too much embarrassed to say a word. After a short pause, her companion added, "You are too generous to trifle with me. If your feelings are still what they were last April, tell me so at once. *my* affections and wishes are **unchanged**, but one word from you will silence me on this subject for ever."

Elizabeth, feeling all the more than common awkwardness and anxiety of his situation, now forced herself to speak; and immediately, though not very **fluently**, gave him to understand that her sentiments had undergone so material a change, since the period to which he alluded, as to make her receive with gratitude and pleasure his present assurances. The happiness which this reply produced, was such as he had probably never felt before; and he expressed himself on the occasion as **sensibly** and as warmly as a man violently in love can be supposed to do. Had Elizabeth been able to **encounter** his eye, she might have seen how well the expression of **heartfelt** delight, **diffused** over his face, became him; but, though she could not look, she could listen, and he told her of

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diffused: (*adj*) spread, dispersed, dim, distributed, softened.

discovering: (*adj*) observant, oracular.

encounter: (*n*) collision, conflict, battle, action, confrontation, brush; (*n, v*) combat, contest, rencounter; (*v*) confront, face. ANTONYMS: (*v*)

Miss, surrender, evade, avoid, yield; (*n*) shunning, avoidance, withdrawal.

fluently: (*adv*) easily, glibly, eloquently, liquidiy, flowingly, articulately, clearly, persuasively,

verbosely, talkatively, fluidly.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) awkwardly.

heartfelt: (*adj*) cordial, sincere, devout, dear, genuine, wholehearted, frank, deep, honest, fervent, real.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dishonest,

unenthusiastic, impassive.

sensibly: (*adv*) sanely, intelligently, rationally, pragmatically, realistically, cleverly, politically, perceptibly, soundly, noticeably, wisely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) foolishly,

ludicrously, ridiculously, unreasonably, illogically, madly, irrationally, hastily, stupidly, irresponsibly, immaturely.

unchanged: (*adj*) regular, undeviating, unalterable, unchanging, invariable, unvarying, unvaried, unmoved; (*adj, v*) identical, same; (*v*) like.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reformed, distorted, affected, changed, altered, varied, fluid.

feelings, which, in **proving** of what importance she was to him, made his affection every moment more valuable.

They walked on, without knowing in what direction. There was too much to be thought, and felt, and said, for attention to any other objects. She soon learnt that they were indebted for their present good understanding to the efforts of his aunt, who did call on him in her return through London, and there relate her journey to Longbourn, its motive, and the substance of her conversation with Elizabeth; dwelling **emphatically** on every expression of the latter which, in her ladyship's apprehension, peculiarly denoted her perverseness and assurance; in the belief that such a relation must assist her endeavours to obtain that promise from her nephew which she had refused to give. But, unluckily for her ladyship, its effect had been exactly **contrariwise**.

"It taught me to hope," said he, "as I had scarcely ever allowed myself to hope before. I knew enough of your disposition to be certain that, had you been absolutely, **irrevocably** decided against me, you would have acknowledged it to Lady Catherine, **frankly** and openly."

Elizabeth coloured and laughed as she replied, "Yes, you know enough of my frankness to believe me capable of *that*. After abusing you so abominably to your face, I could have no scruple in abusing you to all your relations."

"What did you say of me, that I did not deserve? For, though your accusations were **ill-founded**, formed on mistaken premises, my behaviour to you at the time had merited the severest reproof. It was unpardonable. I cannot think of it without abhorrence."

"We will not quarrel for the greater share of blame **annexed** to that evening," said Elizabeth. "The conduct of neither, if strictly examined, will be **irreproachable**; but since then, we have both, I hope, improved in civility."

"I cannot be so easily reconciled to myself. The recollection of what I then said, of my conduct, my manners, my expressions during the whole of it, is now, and has been many months, **inexpressibly** painful to me. Your reproof, so well applied, I shall never forget: 'had you behaved in a more gentlemanlike manner.'

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annexed: (adj) affiliated, enclosed; (v) adjunct, appendant.

contrariwise: (adv) vice versa, contrarily, counter, on the contrary, perversely, conversely, oppositely, adversely; (adj) contra, per contra, nay rather.

emphatically: (adv) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressily.

frankly: (adv) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely. **ill-founded:** (adj) invalid.

inexpressibly: (adv) unspeakably, indescribably, beyond words.

irreproachable: (adj) blameless, spotless, faultless, flawless, innocent,

unimpeachable, inculpable, impeccable, immaculate, unblemished, above reproach.

ANTONYMS: (adj) reprehensible, shameful, blameworthy, guilty. **irrevocably:** (adv) finally, irreversibly, conclusively.

proving: (adj) furnishing evidence, asserting, evidential, evidentiary; (n) authentication, confirmation, contest, determination, documentation, finding, monetisation.

Those were your words. You know not, you can scarcely **conceive**, how they have **tortured** me;--though it was some time, I confess, before I was reasonable enough to allow their justice."

"I was certainly very far from **expecting** them to make so strong an impression. I had not the smallest idea of their being ever felt in such a way."

"I can easily believe it. You thought me then **devoid** of every proper feeling, I am sure you did. The turn of your countenance I shall never forget, as you said that I could not have addressed you in any possible way that would induce you to accept me."

"Oh! do not repeat what I then said. These recollections will not do at all. I assure you that I have long been most heartily ashamed of it."

Darcy mentioned his letter. "Did it," said he, "did it soon make you think better of me? Did you, on reading it, give any credit to its contents?"

She explained what its effect on her had been, and how gradually all her former prejudices had been removed.

"I knew," said he, "that what I wrote must give you pain, but it was necessary. I hope you have destroyed the letter. There was one part especially, the opening of it, which I should dread your having the power of reading again. I can remember some expressions which might justly make you hate me."

"The letter shall certainly be **burnt**, if you believe it essential to the **preservation** of my regard; but, though we have both reason to think my opinions not entirely **unalterable**, they are not, I hope, quite so easily changed as that implies."

"When I wrote that letter," replied Darcy, "I believed myself perfectly calm and cool, but I am since convinced that it was written in a dreadful bitterness of spirit."

"The letter, perhaps, began in bitterness, but it did not end so. The adieu is charity itself. But think no more of the letter. The feelings of the person who wrote, and the person who received it, are now so widely different from what they were then, that every unpleasant circumstance attending it ought to be

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burnt: (*adj*) astound, heated, baked, torrid, sunburnt, seared, scorched, well done, tempered, overdone, combust. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) underdone, unburned, wet.
conceive: (*v*) think, imagine, comprehend, design, apprehend, realize, discover, cogitate, appreciate, invent, catch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) destroy, doubt, misunderstand, question, ruin.
devoid: (*adj*) empty, vacant, absent,

wanting, vacuous, destitute, clear, deficient, bereft, inane; (*v*) quit. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) filled, supplied, replete, full.
expecting: (*adj*) pregnant, confident, with child, heavy, hopeful; (*n*) family way.
preservation: (*n*) maintenance, keeping, protection, retention, custody, storage, upkeep, care, embalmment, saving, conservancy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) release, extinction,

abandonment, change, end, neglect.
tortured: (*adj*) anguished, suffering, agonized, excruciate, excruciated, gnarled, hagridden, miserable, woeful, hurt.
unalterable: (*adj*) constant, inalterable, immutable, permanent, invariable, firm, changeless, rigid, stable, irrevocable, unchangeable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) alterable, impermanent, temporary, fluid, flexible.

forgotten. You must learn some of my philosophy. Think only of the past as its remembrance gives you pleasure."

"I cannot give you credit for any philosophy of the kind. Your retrospections must be so totally **void** of reproach, that the contentment arising from them is not of philosophy, but, what is much better, of innocence. But with me, it is not so. Painful recollections will intrude which cannot, which ought not, to be repelled. I have been a selfish being all my life, in practice, though not in principle. As a child I was taught what was right, but I was not taught to correct my temper. I was given good principles, but left to follow them in pride and conceit. Unfortunately an only son (for many years an only child), I was spoilt by my parents, who, though good themselves (my father, particularly, all that was **benevolent** and amiable), allowed, encouraged, almost taught me to be selfish and **overbearing**; to care for none beyond my own family circle; to think meanly of all the rest of the world; to wish at least to think meanly of their sense and worth compared with my own. Such I was, from eight to eight and twenty; and such I might still have been but for you, dearest, loveliest Elizabeth! What do I not owe you! You taught me a lesson, hard indeed at first, but most **advantageous**. By you, I was properly humbled. I came to you without a doubt of my reception. You showed me how insufficient were all my pretensions to please a woman worthy of being pleased."

"Had you then persuaded yourself that I should?"

"Indeed I had. What will you think of my vanity? I believed you to be wishing, expecting my addresses."

"My manners must have been in fault, but not **intentionally**, I assure you. I never meant to deceive you, but my spirits might often lead me wrong. How you must have hated me after *that evening*?"

"Hate you! I was angry perhaps at first, but my anger soon began to take a proper direction."

"I am almost afraid of asking what you thought of me, when we met at Pemberley. You blamed me for coming?"

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advantageous: (*adj*) expedient, useful, auspicious, helpful, gainful, serviceable, convenient, lucky, worthwhile, beneficial; (*adj, v*) profitable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) useless, disadvantageous, detrimental, unhelpful, unfortunate, inauspicious, worthless, unpleasant.

benevolent: (*adj*) good, charitable, generous, kind, philanthropic, gracious, loving, amiable; (*adj, n*) beneficent, compassionate, kindly.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) malicious, unfeeling, mean, selfish, unkind, misanthropic, nasty, hardhearted, inhumane.

intentionally: (*adv*) deliberately, advisedly, consciously, purposely, on purpose, knowingly, willfully, studiedly, expressly, purposefully, intendedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) accidentally, innocently.

overbearing: (*adj*) dictatorial, domineering, arrogant, imperious,

oppressive, despotic, authoritarian, supercilious, dogmatic, disdainful, lordly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) meek, straightforward, modest, reasonable, subservient, weak.

void: (*adj, n*) hollow, null, blank; (*n*) emptiness, vacancy; (*adj, v*) vacant; (*v*) nullify, quash, rescind; (*adj*) invalid, vacuous. ANTONYMS: (*v*) validate, sanction, permit, keep, allow; (*adj*) full, occupied, filled, meaningful, solid; (*n*) fullness.

"No indeed; I felt nothing but surprise."

"Your surprise could not be greater than *mine* in being noticed by you. My conscience told me that I deserved no extraordinary politeness, and I confess that I did not expect to receive *more* than my due."

"My object then," replied Darcy, "was to show you, by every civility in my power, that I was not so mean as to resent the past; and I hoped to obtain your forgiveness, to lessen your ill opinion, by letting you see that your reproofs had been attended to. How soon any other wishes introduced themselves I can hardly tell, but I believe in about half an hour after I had seen you."

He then told her of Georgiana's delight in her acquaintance, and of her disappointment at its **sudden** interruption; which naturally leading to the cause of that interruption, she soon learnt that his resolution of following her from Derbyshire in quest of her sister had been formed before he quitted the inn, and that his **gravity** and thoughtfulness there had arisen from no other struggles than what such a purpose must comprehend.

She expressed her gratitude again, but it was too **painful** a subject to each, to be dwelt on farther.

After walking several miles in a **leisurely** manner, and too busy to know anything about it, they found at last, on **examining** their watches, that it was time to be at home.

"What could become of Mr. Bingley and Jane!" was a wonder which introduced the discussion of their affairs. Darcy was delighted with their engagement; his friend had given him the earliest information of it.

"I must ask whether you were surprised?" said Elizabeth.

"Not at all. When I went away, I felt that it would soon happen."

"That is to say, you had given your **permission**. I guessed as much." And though he exclaimed at the term, she found that it had been pretty much the case.

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examining: (v) examine, investigate; (adj) investigative, curious,

disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring.

gravity: (n) solemnity, earnestness, gravitation, graveness, gravitational attraction, weight, seriousness, significance, severity, sedateness; (n, v) poise. ANTONYMS: (n)

insignificance, lightheartedness, triviality, cheerfulness, levity.

leisurely: (adj) slow, deliberate,

easygoing, leisure, at ease, unhurried,

measured, idle; (adv) deliberately, slowly, at leisure. ANTONYMS: (adj) rushed, hurried, formal, vigorous, speedy, fast; (adv) formally, quickly.

painful: (adj) hard, difficult, sharp, harrowing, grievous, afflictive, bad, irritating; (adj, v) distressing, harsh, bitter. ANTONYMS: (adj) content, heartwarming, soothing, comfortable, bearable, agreeable, effortless, dull, slight, wonderful, happy.

permission: (n, v) allowance; (n)

consent, license, permit, authority, leave, licence, liberty, approval, sanction, assent. ANTONYMS: (n) refusal, ban, veto, intolerance, exclusion.

sudden: (adj) precipitous, quick, abrupt, hasty, rash, unexpected, steep, unforeseen, drastic, immediate, swift. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, slow, gentle, leisurely, protracted, sensible, smooth.

"On the evening before my going to London," said he, "I made a **confession** to him, which I believe I ought to have made long ago. I told him of all that had occurred to make my former interference in his affairs absurd and impertinent. His surprise was great. He had never had the slightest **suspicion**. I told him, moreover, that I believed myself mistaken in supposing, as I had done, that your sister was indifferent to him; and as I could easily perceive that his attachment to her was **unabated**, I felt no doubt of their happiness together."

Elizabeth could not help smiling at his easy manner of **directing** his friend.

"Did you speak from your own observation," said she, "when you told him that my sister loved him, or merely from my information last spring?"

"From the former. I had narrowly observed her during the two visits which I had lately made here; and I was convinced of her affection."

"And your assurance of it, I suppose, carried immediate conviction to him."

"It did. Bingley is most unaffectedly modest. His diffidence had prevented his depending on his own judgment in so anxious a case, but his **reliance** on mine made every thing easy. I was obliged to confess one thing, which for a time, and not unjustly, offended him. I could not allow myself to conceal that your sister had been in town three months last winter, that I had known it, and purposely kept it from him. He was angry. But his anger, I am persuaded, lasted no longer than he remained in any doubt of your sister's sentiments. He has heartily **forgiven** me now."

Elizabeth longed to observe that Mr. Bingley had been a most delightful friend; so easily **guided** that his worth was **invaluable**; but she checked herself. She remembered that he had yet to learn to be laughed at, and it was rather too early to begin. In anticipating the happiness of Bingley, which of course was to be inferior only to his own, he continued the conversation till they reached the house. In the hall they parted.

Thesaurus

confession: (*n*) admission, acknowledgment, recognition, acknowledgement, concession, divulgence, disclosure, shrift, penance, profession, admission of guilt. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disavowal, refutation.
directing: (*adj*) guiding, directive, administrative, determinative, directional, sovereign, commanding, controlling; (*n*) administration, conducting, conservation.

forgiven: (*v*) conciliatory, placable.
guided: (*adj*) conducted, directed, led.
invaluable: (*adj*) valuable, inestimable, incalculable, precious, costly, rare, unvalued, beyond price, unvaluable, serviceable, unprizable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dispensable.
reliance: (*n*) credit, faith, trust, dependence, belief, credence, conviction, hope, assurance, dependency, expectation. ANTONYM: (*n*) distrust.

suspicion: (*n*) distrust, inkling, misgiving, hunch, qualm, scruple, surmise, supposition; (*n, v*) doubt, mistrust, fear. ANTONYMS: (*n*) certainty, knowledge, information, carelessness, recklessness, certitude.
unabated: (*adj*) unreduced, unrestricted, unmitigated, unflagging, relentless, intense, unrelenting.

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"My dear Lizzy, where can you have been walking to?" was a question which Elizabeth received from Jane as soon as she entered their room, and from all the others when they sat down to table. She had only to say in reply, that they had wandered about, till she was beyond her own knowledge. She coloured as she spoke; but neither that, nor anything else, awakened a suspicion of the truth.

The evening passed **quietly, unmarked** by anything extraordinary. The acknowledged lovers talked and laughed, the **unacknowledged** were silent. Darcy was not of a disposition in which happiness overflows in mirth; and Elizabeth, agitated and confused, rather *knew* that she was happy than *felt* herself to be so; for, besides the immediate embarrassment, there were other evils before her. She anticipated what would be felt in the family when her situation became known; she was aware that no one liked him but Jane; and even feared that with the others it was a dislike which not all his fortune and **consequence** might do away.

At night she opened her heart to Jane. Though suspicion was very far from Miss Bennet's general **habits**, she was absolutely incredulous here.

"You are **joking**, Lizzy. This cannot be!--engaged to Mr. Darcy! No, no, you shall not deceive me. I know it to be impossible."

Thesaurus

consequence: (*n*) effect, outcome, import, result, importance, product, account, concern, event, aftermath; (*n, v*) weight. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cause, inconsequence, insignificance, antecedent, unimportance, triviality, source, meaninglessness.

habits: (*n*) behavior, decorum, pratique.

joking: (*n*) banter, fooling, fun; (*adj*) jocose, jocular, humorous, funny, kidding, playful, puckish, comical.

ANTONYM: (*n*) seriousness.
quietly: (*adv*) stilly, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly.

spoke: (*n*) bar, rung, radius, rule, shoe, skid, rundle, line, clog, round; (*v*) said.

unacknowledged: (*v*) unavowed; (*adj*)

anonymous, unthanked, unrequited, unrewarded, unrecognized, unrecognised, virtual, unrewarding, undeclared, unappreciated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) acknowledged, rewarding.

unmarked: (*adj*) overlooked, unidentified, blank, unblemished, without a scratch, without a number; (*adj. v*) unnoted; (*v*) unheeded, unthought of, unregarded, unmissed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) injured, old.

"This is a wretched beginning indeed! My sole dependence was on you; and I am sure **nobody** else will believe me, if you do not. Yet, indeed, I am in earnest. I speak nothing but the truth. He still loves me, and we are engaged."

Jane looked at her **doubtfully**. "Oh, Lizzy! it cannot be. I know how much you dislike him."

"You know nothing of the matter. *That* is all to be forgot. Perhaps I did not always love him so well as I do now. But in such cases as these, a good memory is unpardonable. This is the last time I shall ever remember it myself."

Miss Bennet still looked all amazement. Elizabeth again, and more **seriously** assured her of its truth.

"Good Heaven! can it be really so! Yet now I must believe you," cried Jane. "My dear, dear Lizzy, I would--I do congratulate you--but are you certain? forgive the question --are you quite certain that you can be happy with him?"

"There can be no doubt of that. It is settled between us already, that we are to be the happiest couple in the world. But are you pleased, Jane? Shall you like to have such a brother?"

"Very, very much. Nothing could give either Bingley or myself more delight. But we considered it, we talked of it as impossible. And do you really love him quite well enough? Oh, Lizzy! do anything rather than marry without affection. Are you quite sure that you feel what you ought to do?"

"Oh, yes! You will only think I feel *more* than I ought to do, when I tell you all."

"What do you mean?"

"Why, I must confess that I love him better than I do Bingley. I am **afraid** you will be angry."

"My dearest sister, now *be* serious. I want to talk very seriously. Let me know every thing that I am to know, without **delay**. Will you tell me how long you have loved him?"

Thesaurus

afraid: (*adj*) fearful, timid, shy, apprehensive, anxious, worried, scared, frightened, nervous, terrified; (*adj, adv*) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, venturesome, calm, confident, cool, courageous, eager, unafraid, valiant, bold, carefree. **delay:** (*adj, v*) defer, linger; (*n, v*) arrest, wait, check, stay; (*n*) deferment, interruption; (*v*) postpone, reserve, adjourn. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) rush; (*n*)

decisiveness, promptness; (*v*) advance, hurry, begin, hasten, go, expedite, speed, prompt. **doubtfully:** (*adv*) distrustfully, skeptically, suspiciously, sceptically, uncertainly, questioningly, hesitantly, cynically, apprehensively, incredulously; (*adj*) doubting. ANTONYM: (*adv*) optimistically. **nobody:** (*n*) cipher, naught, zero, nil, nothing, nonentity, cypher, zip, whippersnapper, none; (*n, pron*) no

one. ANTONYMS: (*n*) celebrity, notable, somebody; (*pron*) everyone, anyone, everybody. **seriously:** (*adv*) earnestly, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, deeply, stolidly, sincerely, thoughtfully, greatly, weightily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) frivolously, playfully, cheerfully, slightly, teasingly, jovially, nonchalantly, lightheartedly, briskly, mildly, lightly.

"It has been coming on so gradually, that I hardly know when it began. But I believe I must date it from my first seeing his beautiful grounds at Pemberley."

Another entreaty that she would be serious, however, produced the **desired** effect; and she soon satisfied Jane by her **solemn** assurances of attachment. When convinced on that article, Miss Bennet had nothing further to wish.

"Now I am quite happy," said she, "for you will be as happy as myself. I always had a value for him. Were it for nothing but his love of you, I must always have esteemed him; but now, as Bingley's friend and your husband, there can be only Bingley and yourself more dear to me. But Lizzy, you have been very sly, very reserved with me. How little did you tell me of what passed at Pemberley and Lambton! I owe all that I know of it to another, not to you."

Elizabeth told her the motives of her secrecy. She had been unwilling to mention Bingley; and the unsettled state of her own feelings had made her equally avoid the name of his friend. But now she would no longer conceal from her his share in Lydia's marriage. All was acknowledged, and half the night spent in conversation.

"Good gracious!" cried Mrs. Bennet, as she stood at a window the next morning, "if that disagreeable Mr. Darcy is not coming here again with our dear Bingley! What can he mean by being so tiresome as to be always coming here? I had no notion but he would go a-shooting, or something or other, and not **disturb** us with his company. What shall we do with him? Lizzy, you must walk out with him again, that he may not be in Bingley's way."

Elizabeth could hardly help **laughing** at so **convenient** a proposal; yet was really vexed that her mother should be always giving him such an **epithet**.

As soon as they entered, Bingley looked at her so expressively, and shook hands with such warmth, as left no doubt of his good information; and he soon afterwards said aloud, "Mrs. Bennet, have you no more lanes hereabouts in which Lizzy may lose her way again to-day?"

Thesaurus

convenient: (*adj*) comfortable, commodious, handy, appropriate, expedient, timely, fit, useful, nearby, opportune; (*adj, n*) advantageous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwieldy, fixed, useless, distant, troublesome, unsuited, remote, unsuitable, unadaptable, unuseful, inappropriate.

desired: (*adj*) coveted, desirable, favorite, wanted, welcome, needed, beloved, required, most wanted; (*adj*,

v) chosen; (*v*) consenting.
disturb: (*v*) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern. ANTONYMS: (*v*) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order, reassure, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize.
epithet: (*n*) name, cognomen, appellation, denomination, nickname, moniker, sobriquet, title, picture, byname, byword.

laughing: (*adj*) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (*adv*) laughingly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) serious.
solemn: (*adj, n, v*) serious; (*adj, v*) sober, important, sedate, devout, formal, demure; (*adj*) heavy, dignified, sacred; (*adj, n*) earnest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frivolous, cheerful, unceremonious, funny, playful, flippant, relaxed.

"I advise Mr. Darcy, and Lizzy, and Kitty," said Mrs. Bennet, "to walk to Oakham Mount this morning. It is a nice long walk, and Mr. Darcy has never seen the view."

"It may do very well for the others," replied Mr. Bingley; "but I am sure it will be too much for Kitty. Won't it, Kitty?" Kitty owned that she had rather stay at home. Darcy professed a great curiosity to see the view from the Mount, and Elizabeth silently consented. As she went up stairs to get ready, Mrs. Bennet followed her, saying:

"I am quite sorry, Lizzy, that you should be forced to have that disagreeable man all to yourself. But I hope you will not mind it: it is all for Jane's sake, you know; and there is no occasion for talking to him, except just now and then. So, do not put yourself to inconvenience."

During their walk, it was resolved that Mr. Bennet's consent should be asked in the course of the evening. Elizabeth reserved to herself the application for her mother's. She could not determine how her mother would take it; sometimes doubting whether all his wealth and grandeur would be enough to overcome her abhorrence of the man. But whether she were violently set against the match, or violently delighted with it, it was certain that her manner would be equally ill adapted to do credit to her sense; and she could no more bear that Mr. Darcy should hear the first raptures of her joy, than the first **vehemence** of her disapprobation.

In the evening, soon after Mr. Bennet withdrew to the library, she saw Mr. Darcy rise also and follow him, and her agitation on seeing it was **extreme**. She did not fear her father's opposition, but he was going to be made unhappy; and that it should be through her means--that *she*, his favourite child, should be distressing him by her choice, should be **filling** him with fears and **regrets** in **disposing** of her--was a wretched reflection, and she sat in misery till Mr. Darcy appeared again, when, looking at him, she was a little relieved by his smile. In a few minutes he approached the table where she was sitting with Kitty; and, while **pretending** to admire her work said in a whisper, "Go to your father, he wants you in the library." She was gone directly.

Thesaurus

advise: (v) recommend, propose, warn, inform, acquaint, suggest, notify, announce, tell, offer, forewarn. ANTONYMS: (v) betray, deceive, delude, fool, trick.
disposing: (adv) disposingly; (v) dispose; (adj) decretive, dispositive; (n) distribution.
extreme: (adj) deep, excessive, enormous, supreme, terrible, uttermost, ultimate, utmost, intense, immoderate; (n) edge. ANTONYMS:

(adj, n) mild, slight; (adj) middle, reasonable, near, limited, close, conventional, ordinary, normal, insignificant.
filling: (n) filler, weft, contents, loading, plug, packing, pad, replenishment, padding, impletion, stuffing. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, insufficient.
pretending: (n, v) pretense; (n) affectation, appearance, acting, pretence, mannerism, dissembling,

pretension, deception, deceit; (adv) pretendingly.
regrets: (n) regret, declination, RSVP regrets only, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, celestial latitude, excuse, Dec.
vehemence: (n) force, violence, fury, passion, eagerness, strength, impetuosity, enthusiasm, fierceness, heat, fervor. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, meekness, serenity.

Her father was walking about the room, looking **grave** and anxious. "Lizzy," said he, "what are you doing? Are you out of your senses, to be accepting this man? Have not you always **hated** him?"

How earnestly did she then wish that her former opinions had been more reasonable, her expressions more **moderate!** It would have spared her from explanations and professions which it was exceedingly awkward to give; but they were now necessary, and she assured him, with some confusion, of her attachment to Mr. Darcy.

"Or, in other words, you are determined to have him. He is rich, to be sure, and you may have more fine clothes and fine carriages than Jane. But will they make you happy?"

"Have you any other objection," said Elizabeth, "than your belief of my indifference?"

"None at all. We all know him to be a proud, unpleasant sort of man; but this would be nothing if you really liked him."

"I do, I do like him," she replied, with tears in her eyes, "I love him. Indeed he has no improper pride. He is perfectly amiable. You do not know what he really is; then pray do not pain me by speaking of him in such terms."

"Lizzy," said her father, "I have given him my consent. He is the kind of man, indeed, to whom I should never dare refuse anything, which he condescended to ask. I now give it to *you*, if you are resolved on having him. But let me advise you to think better of it. I know your disposition, Lizzy. I know that you could be neither happy nor respectable, unless you truly esteemed your husband; unless you looked up to him as a superior. Your **lively talents** would place you in the greatest danger in an unequal marriage. You could scarcely escape discredit and misery. My child, let me not have the grief of seeing *you* unable to respect your partner in life. You know not what you are about."

Elizabeth, still more affected, was earnest and solemn in her reply; and at length, by **repeated** assurances that Mr. Darcy was really the object of her choice,

Thesaurus

grave: (*adj*) solemn, serious, critical, earnest, dangerous, sedate, sad, grand; (*adj, v*) severe, acute; (*v*) engrave. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frivolous, funny, cheerful, carefree, slight, nonchalant, trivial, stable, minor, insignificant, favorable. **hated:** (*adj*) despised, disliked, not liked, reviled, scorned, unloved, unpopular. ANTONYM: (*adj*) precious. **lively:** (*adj, adv*) jolly, sprightly; (*adj, v*)

active, cheerful; (*adj*) energetic, agile, keen, busy, gay, fresh, jovial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lethargic, listless, inactive, unexciting, lifeless, awkward, sad, gentle, tired, insipid, subdued. **moderate:** (*adj, v*) temperate, calm; (*adj*) abstemious, mild, middling; (*v*) mitigate, lessen, allay, diminish, curb; (*adv, v*) check. ANTONYMS: (*v*) increase, intensify; (*adj*) immoderate, radical, unrestrained, speculative,

strong, unreasonable, great, intemperate, massive. **repeated:** (*adj*) continual, recurrent, frequent, persistent, repeat, double, habitual, chronic, again, common, continuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) temporary, rare, unique, alternate, unusual, spasmodic. **talents:** (*adj*) talent, ability, capacity, parts, ingenuity, cleverness, turn; (*n*) faculty, endowment, genius, accomplishment.

by **explaining** the gradual change which her estimation of him had undergone, relating her absolute certainty that his affection was not the work of a day, but had stood the test of many months suspense, and enumerating with energy all his good qualities, she did **conquer** her father's incredulity, and **reconcile** him to the match.

"Well, my dear," said he, when she ceased speaking, "I have no more to say. If this be the case, he deserves you. I could not have parted with you, my Lizzy, to anyone less worthy."

To complete the favourable impression, she then told him what Mr. Darcy had voluntarily done for Lydia. He heard her with astonishment.

"This is an evening of wonders, indeed! And so, Darcy did every thing; made up the match, gave the money, paid the fellow's debts, and got him his commission! So much the better. It will save me a world of trouble and economy. Had it been your uncle's doing, I must and *would* have paid him; but these violent young lovers carry every thing their own way. I shall offer to pay him to-morrow; he will **rant** and **storm** about his love for you, and there will be an end of the matter."

He then recollected her embarrassment a few days before, on his reading Mr. Collins's letter; and after laughing at her some time, allowed her at last to go-saying, as she quitted the room, "If any young men come for Mary or Kitty, send them in, for I am quite at leisure."

Elizabeth's mind was now relieved from a very heavy weight; and, after half an hour's quiet reflection in her own room, she was able to join the others with tolerable composure. Every thing was too recent for gaiety, but the evening passed **tranquilly** away; there was no longer anything material to be dreaded, and the comfort of ease and **familiarity** would come in time.

When her mother went up to her dressing-room at night, she followed her, and made the important communication. Its effect was most extraordinary; for on first hearing it, Mrs. Bennet sat quite still, and unable to utter a syllable. Nor was it under many, many minutes that she could comprehend what she heard;

Thesaurus

conquer: (*n, v*) capture; (*v*) subdue, vanquish, surmount, suppress, subjugate, overcome, overpower, quell, prevail; (*adj, v*) defeat.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, yield, succumb, retreat, forfeit, fall, bow, resist, fail, submit, incite.
explaining: (*n*) amplification, illumination, clearing up, defense.
familiarity: (*adj, n*) acquaintance; (*n*) intimacy, closeness, experience, casualness, conversancy, knowledge,

conversance, naturalness, nearness, friendship. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) unfamiliarity, formality, abnormality, distance, animosity.
rant: (*n, v*) harangue, rave, spout, rage, fume; (*adj, v*) jabber; (*v*) declaim, mouth, bluster; (*n*) bombast; (*adj, n*) fustian.
reconcile: (*adj, v*) conciliate, accord, harmonize; (*v*) accommodate, pacify, placate, mediate, adjust, harmonise, make up, propitiate. **ANTONYMS:**

(*v*) alienate, estrange, provoke, quarrel, segregate, worsen.
storm: (*n, v*) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (*v*) fume; (*n*) shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust.
ANTONYM: (*n*) trickle.
tranquilly: (*adv*) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stilly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) anxiously, noisily.

though not in general **backward** to credit what was for the advantage of her family, or that came in the shape of a **lover** to any of them. She began at length to recover, to **fidget** about in her chair, get up, sit down again, wonder, and bless herself.

"Good gracious! Lord bless me! only think! dear me! Mr. Darcy! Who would have thought it! And is it really true? Oh! my sweetest Lizzy! how rich and how great you will be! What pin-money, what **jewels**, what carriages you will have! Jane's is nothing to it--nothing at all. I am so pleased--so happy. Such a charming man!--so handsome! so tall!--Oh, my dear Lizzy! pray apologise for my having disliked him so much before. I hope he will overlook it. Dear, dear Lizzy. A house in town! Every thing that is charming! Three daughters married! Ten thousand a year! Oh, Lord! What will become of me. I shall go distracted."

This was enough to prove that her approbation need not be doubted: and Elizabeth, rejoicing that such an effusion was heard only by herself, soon went away. But before she had been three minutes in her own room, her mother followed her.

"My dearest child," she cried, "I can think of nothing else! Ten thousand a year, and very likely more! 'Tis as good as a Lord! And a special **licence**. You must and shall be married by a special licence. But my dearest love, tell me what **dish** Mr. Darcy is particularly fond of, that I may have it to-morrow."

This was a sad **omen** of what her mother's behaviour to the gentleman himself might be; and Elizabeth found that, though in the certain possession of his warmest affection, and secure of her relations' consent, there was still something to be wished for. But the morrow passed off much better than she expected; for Mrs. Bennet **luckily** stood in such awe of her intended son-in-law that she ventured not to speak to him, unless it was in her power to offer him any attention, or mark her deference for his opinion.

Elizabeth had the satisfaction of seeing her father taking pains to get acquainted with him; and Mr. Bennet soon assured her that he was rising every hour in his esteem.

Thesaurus

backward: (*adj, adv*) late, behindhand; (*adj*) tardy, retarded, reluctant, coy, slow, laggard, dilatory; (*adv*) behind, backwardly. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) ahead; (*adv*) onward; (*adj*) quick, developing, advanced, confident, brilliant, bold.
dish: (*n*) basin, disk, plate, meal, platter, food, saucer, beauty, meat, repast; (*n, v*) hollow.
fidget: (*adj*) bustle, bother, hurry, fuss, stir; (*n*) agitation, fidgetiness,

restlessness; (*v*) agitate, squirm, wiggle.
jewels: (*n*) jewelry, gems, wealth, hoops, Perrie, riches, studs, fortune, fineness, earrings, decoration.
licence: (*n*) authorisation, authority, approval, liberty, authorization; (*n, v*) license; (*v*) certify, authorise, authorize, accredit, approve. ANTONYM: (*v*) decertify.
lover: (*n*) dear, darling, fan, devotee, beau, buff, love, admirer, beloved,

amorist, man.
luckily: (*adv*) happily, prosperously, auspiciously, fortuitously, successfully, providentially, propitiously, opportunely, advantageously, felicitously, as luck would have it. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unluckily, inauspiciously.
omen: (*n, v*) harbinger, bode, herald, augury; (*n*) indication, portent, forerunner, foreboding, sign, mark, auspice.

"I **admire** all my three sons-in-law highly," said he. "Wickham, **perhaps**, is my **favourite**; but I think I **shall** like *your husband quite* as well as Jane's."

Thesaurus

admire: (v) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor. ANTONYMS: (v) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate.

favourite: (n) ducky, darling, pet, deary, dearie, lover, minion, Engle; (adj) popular, favored, preferred.

husband: (v) conserve, economize, preserve, save; (n) consort, hubby,

man, fellow, lover, master, mate. ANTONYMS: (n) wife, bachelor. **perhaps:** (adv) mayhap, perchance, peradventure, possibly, probably, conceivably, by chance, haply, if, presumably; (n) might. ANTONYM: (adv) certainly.

quite: (adj, adv) altogether, fully, sheer, just; (adv) all, absolutely, completely, entirely, exactly, enough, well. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, slightly, insufficiently, partially.

shall: (n) must, necessity; (v) require, bequeath, leave.

CHAPTER 60

Elizabeth's spirits soon **rising** to playfulness again, she wanted Mr. Darcy to account for his having ever fallen in love with her. "How could you begin?" said she. "I can comprehend your going on charmingly, when you had once made a beginning; but what could set you off in the first place?"

"I cannot fix on the hour, or the spot, or the look, or the words, which laid the foundation. It is too long ago. I was in the middle before I knew that I *had* begun."

"My beauty you had early **withstood**, and as for my manners--my behaviour to *you* was at least always **bordering** on the **uncivil**, and I never spoke to you without rather wishing to give you pain than not. Now be sincere; did you admire me for my impertinence?"

"For the liveliness of your mind, I did."

"You may as well call it impertinence at once. It was very little less. The fact is, that you were sick of civility, of deference, of officious attention. You were disgusted with the women who were always speaking, and looking, and thinking for *your* approbation alone. I roused, and interested you, because I was so unlike *them*. Had you not been really amiable, you would have hated me for it; but in spite of the pains you took to **disguise** yourself, your feelings were always noble and just; and in your heart, you **thoroughly** despised the persons

Thesaurus

bordering: (adj) abutting, adjoining, conterminous, contiguous, frontier, next, neighboring, nearby, near, approximate, fringed.

disguise: (n, v) cloak, mask, conceal, masquerade, veil, camouflage, color; (n) guise, concealment; (v) hide, dissemble. ANTONYMS: (n)

revelation; (v) unmask, uncover,

show, expose, display, disclose,

clarify, reveal.

rising: (n) revolt, rebellion, mutiny,

ascent, ascension, climb, rise, outbreak, insurrection; (adj) climbing, uphill. ANTONYMS: (adj) plummeting, plunging, decreasing, falling, setting, downward, content; (n) fall.

thoroughly: (adv, v) fully; (adv) entirely, totally, soundly, exhaustively, carefully, absolutely, perfectly, deeply, utterly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, negligently, partially,

partly, barely, halfheartedly, deficiently, inadequately, insufficiently, hastily.

uncivil: (adj) discourteous, disrespectful, impolite, coarse, brusque, curt, blunt, barbarous, short; (adj, n) rough, harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, courteous, gracious.

withstood: (v) resist.

who so **assiduously** courted you. There—I have **saved** you the trouble of accounting for it; and really, all things considered, I begin to think it perfectly reasonable. To be sure, you knew no actual good of me--but nobody thinks of *that* when they fall in love."

"Was there no good in your affectionate behaviour to Jane while she was ill at Netherfield?"

"Dearest Jane! who could have done less for her? But make a **virtue** of it by all means. My good qualities are under your protection, and you are to **exaggerate** them as much as possible; and, in return, it belongs to me to find occasions for teasing and **quarrelling** with you as often as may be; and I shall begin directly by asking you what made you so unwilling to come to the point at last. What made you so shy of me, when you first called, and afterwards dined here? Why, especially, when you called, did you look as if you did not care about me?"

"Because you were grave and silent, and gave me no encouragement."

"But I was embarrassed."

"And so was I."

"You might have talked to me more when you came to dinner."

"A man who had felt less, might."

"How unlucky that you should have a reasonable answer to give, and that I should be so reasonable as to admit it! But I wonder how long you *would* have gone on, if you had been left to yourself. I wonder when you *would* have spoken, if I had not asked you! My resolution of thanking you for your kindness to Lydia had certainly great effect. *Too much*, I am afraid; for what **becomes** of the moral, if our **comfort** springs from a breach of promise? for I ought not to have mentioned the subject. This will never do."

"You need not distress yourself. The moral will be perfectly fair. Lady Catherine's unjustifiable endeavours to separate us were the means of removing all my **doubts**. I am not indebted for my present happiness to your eager desire of expressing your gratitude. I was not in a humour to wait for any opening of

Thesaurus

assiduously: (*adv*) diligently, industriously, busily, sedulously, carefully, attentively, studiously, constantly, untiringly, thoroughly, scrupulously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) carelessly, inconsistently, hastily.
becomes: (*v*) become.
comfort: (*n, v*) ease, allay, support, aid, alleviate; (*n*) consolation, relief, amenity, assistance; (*adj, n, v*) assuage; (*v*) cheer. ANTONYMS: (*n*) discomfort, aggravation, agony; (*v*)

alarm, annoy, frighten, afflict, aggravate, bother, burden, disappoint.
doubts: (*adj*) doubting.
exaggerate: (*v*) boast, aggravate, amplify, dramatize, overdo, overdraw, brag, overstate, magnify, aggrandize, enhance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) minimize, alleviate, weaken.
quarrelling: (*adj*) at variance, in dispute, in disagreement, in conflict; (*n*) dissension.

saved: (*adj*) protected, economized, rescued, blessed.
virtue: (*adj, n*) merit, excellence, quality, attribute; (*n*) honor, goodness, honesty, morality, decency, probity, efficacy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) wickedness, guilt, vice, peccadillo, sin, dishonor, immorality, evil, demerit, inadequacy, disadvantage.

your's. My aunt's intelligence had given me hope, and I was determined at once to know every thing."

"Lady Catherine has been of **infinite** use, which ought to make her happy, for she loves to be of use. But tell me, what did you come down to Netherfield for? Was it merely to ride to Longbourn and be embarrassed? or had you intended any more serious consequence?"

"My real purpose was to see *you*, and to judge, if I could, whether I might ever hope to make you love me. My avowed one, or what I avowed to myself, was to see whether your sister were still **partial** to Bingley, and if she were, to make the confession to him which I have since made."

"Shall you ever have courage to **announce** to Lady Catherine what is to befall her?"

"I am more likely to want more time than courage, Elizabeth. But it ought to be done, and if you will give me a sheet of paper, it shall be done directly."

"And if I had not a letter to write myself, I might sit by you and admire the evenness of your writing, as another young lady once did. But I have an aunt, too, who must not be longer neglected."

From an unwillingness to confess how much her intimacy with Mr. Darcy had been over-rated, Elizabeth had never yet answered Mrs. Gardiner's long letter; but now, having *that* to communicate which she knew would be most welcome, she was almost ashamed to find that her uncle and aunt had already lost three days of happiness, and immediately wrote as follows:

"I would have thanked you before, my dear aunt, as I ought to have done, for your long, kind, **satisfactory**, detail of particulars; but to say the truth, I was too cross to write. You supposed more than really existed. But *now* suppose as much as you choose; give a **loose rein** to your fancy, indulge your imagination in every possible flight which the subject will afford, and unless you believe me actually married, you cannot greatly err. You must write again very soon, and praise him a great deal more than you did in your last. I thank you, again and again, for not going to the Lakes. How could I be so silly as to wish it! Your idea of the ponies

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announce: (v) advertise, declare, enunciate, proclaim, return, promulgate, publicize, publish, tell, communicate, foretell. ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, conceal, repress, request.

infinite: (adj) absolute, eternal, endless, countless, immense, incalculable, boundless, innumerable, immeasurable, everlasting, spaceless. ANTONYMS: (adj) finite, limited, restricted, small, tiny, slight.

loose: (adj, v) lax, dissolute; (adj, n) limp, liberal, licentious; (adj) light, vague; (v) disengage, relax, release, liberate. ANTONYMS: (adj) dense, close, taut, compressed, strict, compact, wedged, secure, strong, similar; (v) confine.

partial: (adj) imperfect, fragmentary, unfair, sectional, inequitable, biased, part, one-sided, unequal, fractional, halfway. ANTONYMS: (adj) complete, impartial, total, absolute,

comprehensive, unbiased, fair, finished, just, whole, balanced.
rein: (n) bridle, curb, restraint, check, strap; (v) leash, harness, contain, rule, rein in, confine.

satisfactory: (adj) adequate, competent, sufficient, good, acceptable, ample, fair, tolerable, decent, presentable, plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) inadequate, unacceptable, poor, appalling, disagreeable, bad, intolerable.

is delightful. We will go round the Park every day. I am the happiest creature in the world. Perhaps other people have said so before, but not one with such justice. I am happier even than Jane; she only smiles, I laugh. Mr. Darcy sends you all the love in the world that he can **spare** from me. You are all to come to Pemberley at Christmas. Yours, etc."

Mr. Darcy's letter to Lady Catherine was in a different style; and still different from either was what Mr. Bennet sent to Mr. Collins, in reply to his last.

"Dear Sir,

"I must trouble you once more for congratulations. Elizabeth will soon be the wife of Mr. Darcy. Console Lady Catherine as well as you can. But, if I were you, I would stand by the nephew. He has more to give.

"Yours sincerely, etc."

Miss Bingley's congratulations to her brother, on his approaching marriage, were all that was affectionate and insincere. She wrote even to Jane on the occasion, to express her delight, and repeat all her former professions of regard. Jane was not deceived, but she was affected; and though feeling no reliance on her, could not help writing her a much kinder answer than she knew was deserved.

The joy which Miss Darcy expressed on receiving similar information, was as sincere as her brother's in **sending** it. Four sides of paper were **insufficient** to contain all her delight, and all her earnest desire of being loved by her sister.

Before any answer could arrive from Mr. Collins, or any congratulations to Elizabeth from his wife, the Longbourn family heard that the Collinses were come themselves to Lucas Lodge. The reason of this sudden removal was soon **evident**. Lady Catherine had been rendered so exceedingly angry by the **contents** of her nephew's letter, that Charlotte, really rejoicing in the match, was anxious to get away till the storm was **blown** over. At such a moment, the arrival of her friend was a sincere pleasure to Elizabeth, though in the course of their meetings she must sometimes think the pleasure dearly bought, when she

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blown: (adj) puffy, panting, swollen, winded, inflated, moving, high, haughty lofty, late; (v) puffing and blowing; (n) blowen.

contents: (n) substance, content, matter, inside, subject matter, list, volume, synopsis, conspectus, cargo, catalogue.

evident: (adj) obvious, distinct, discernible, clear, manifest, conspicuous, patent, plain, noticeable, open, certain.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unnoticed, obscure, concealed, hidden, inconspicuous, uncertain, unknown, imperceptible, disputable, ambiguous, undetectable.

insufficient: (adj) defective, scanty, inadequate, incompetent, imperfect, incapable, limited, small, poor, meager, unsatisfactory.

ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, adequate, filling, generous, plenty, abundant, commensurate, acceptable,

perfect.

sending: (n) forwarding, dispatch, transmission, transmittal, send, despatch, mailing, transport, dispatching, dispatchment, conveyance.

spare: (adj, v) free, reserve, save, thin; (adj) slender, slight, additional, lean; (adj, n) extra, excess; (v) exempt.

ANTONYMS: (n) shortfall, original; (adj) principal, fat, basic, abundant, stout; (v) need, include.

saw Mr. Darcy exposed to all the parading and **obsequious** civility of her husband. He bore it, however, with admirable calmness. He could even listen to Sir William Lucas, when he complimented him on carrying away the brightest **jewel** of the country, and expressed his hopes of their all meeting frequently at St. James's, with very decent composure. If he did **shrug** his shoulders, it was not till Sir William was out of sight.

Mrs. Phillips's **vulgarity** was another, and perhaps a greater, tax on his forbearance; and though Mrs. Phillips, as well as her sister, stood in too much awe of him to speak with the familiarity which Bingley's good humour **encouraged**, yet, whenever she *did* speak, she must be vulgar. Nor was her respect for him, though it made her more quiet, at all likely to make her more elegant. Elizabeth did all she could to **shield** him from the frequent notice of either, and was ever anxious to keep him to herself, and to those of her family with whom he might converse without mortification; and though the uncomfortable feelings arising from all this took from the season of **courtship** much of its pleasure, it added to the hope of the future; and she looked forward with delight to the time when they should be removed from society so little pleasing to either, to all the comfort and elegance of their family party at Pemberley.

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courtship: (*n*) courting, wooing, love, bundling, the soft impeachment, prayer, entreaty, gallantry, addresses, cause, affection.

encouraged: (*adj*) optimistic, confident, enthused, expectant, inspired, pleased, positive, stimulated, stirred, moved.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) pessimistic.

jewel: (*n*) gemstone, darling, diamond, jewelry, trinket, treasure, ornament, idol; (*adj*, *n*) bijou,

precious stone; (*adj*) brilliant.

obsequious: (*adj*) servile, flattering, submissive, cringing, sycophantic, ingratiating, humble, toadying, supple, subservient; (*adj*, *v*) deferential. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) domineering, assertive, disrespectful.

shield: (*n, v*) shelter, screen, cover, guard, safeguard, buffer; (*v*) preserve, secure, defend, hide; (*n*) protection. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) danger, exposure; (*v*) endanger, attack,

reveal.

shrug: (*n*) motion, nod, leer, nudge, glance, gesture, gesticulation, tip the wink; (*v*) gesticulate, to shrug one's shoulders; (*n, v*) signal.

vulgarity: (*n*) indecency, vulgarity, grossness, inelegance, crudeness, commonness, obscenity, rudeness, crudity, boorishness, indelicacy. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) politeness, purity, classiness, civility, taste, decency.

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Happy for all her maternal feelings was the day on which Mrs. Bennet got rid of her two most deserving daughters. With what delighted pride she afterwards visited Mrs. Bingley, and talked of Mrs. Darcy, may be guessed. I wish I could say, for the sake of her family, that the accomplishment of her earnest desire in the establishment of so many of her children produced so happy an effect as to make her a sensible, amiable, well-informed woman for the rest of her life; though perhaps it was lucky for her husband, who might not have relished domestic felicity in so unusual a form, that she still was occasionally **nervous** and **invariably** silly.

Mr. Bennet missed his second daughter exceedingly; his affection for her drew him oftener from home than anything else could do. He delighted in going to Pemberley, especially when he was least expected.

Mr. Bingley and Jane remained at Netherfield only a twelvemonth. So near a **vicinity** to her mother and Meryton relations was not **desirable** even to *his* easy temper, or *her* affectionate heart. The **darling** wish of his sisters was then gratified; he bought an **estate** in a neighbouring county to Derbyshire, and Jane and Elizabeth, in addition to every other source of happiness, were within thirty miles of each other.

Kitty, to her very material advantage, spent the chief of her time with her two elder sisters. In society so superior to what she had generally known, her

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darling: (*adj, n*) beloved, pet, favorite, sweet; (*adj*) costly, cute, pretty; (*adj, v*) precious; (*n*) love, deary, angel.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) foe, rival.

desirable: (*adj*) eligible, suitable, fitting, worthy, expedient, appropriate, alluring, charming, covetable, good, fascinating, ANTONYMS: (*adj*) repulsive, bad, detrimental, disadvantageous, disgusting, repugnant, repellent, unattractive, unenviable, unwanted,

useless.
estate: (*n*) land, order, demesne, rank, domain, property, acres, substance, state, asset, assets.

invariably: (*adv*) constantly, ever, forever, permanently, continually, incessantly; (*adj*) never otherwise, unfailingly, without exception, without fail; (*adj, adv*) uniformly.

nervous: (*adj*) anxious, excitable, afraid, uneasy, shy, fearful, apprehensive, firm; (*adj, v*) tense; (*adj,*

adv) cowardly, excited.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, relaxed, bold, composed, confident, fearless, untroubled, unflappable, still, unconcerned, carefree.

vicinity: (*n*) region, district, proximity, place, neighbourhood, locality, environs, vicinage, area, propinquity, nearness.

well-informed: (*adj*) educated, conversant, knowing, wise, intelligent, studious, versed.

improvement was great. She was not of so **ungovernable** a temper as Lydia; and, removed from the influence of Lydia's example, she became, by proper attention and management, less **irritable**, less ignorant, and less **insipid**. From the further disadvantage of Lydia's society she was of course carefully kept, and though Mrs. Wickham frequently invited her to come and stay with her, with the promise of balls and young men, her father would never consent to her going.

Mary was the only daughter who remained at home; and she was necessarily drawn from the pursuit of accomplishments by Mrs. Bennet's being quite unable to sit alone. Mary was obliged to mix more with the world, but she could still **moralize** over every morning visit; and as she was no longer mortified by comparisons between her sisters' beauty and her own, it was suspected by her father that she submitted to the change without much reluctance.

As for Wickham and Lydia, their characters suffered no revolution from the marriage of her sisters. He bore with **philosophy** the conviction that Elizabeth must now become acquainted with whatever of his **ingratitude** and falsehood had before been unknown to her; and in spite of every thing, was not wholly without hope that Darcy might yet be prevailed on to make his fortune. The **congratulatory** letter which Elizabeth received from Lydia on her marriage, explained to her that, by his wife at least, if not by himself, such a hope was cherished. The letter was to this effect:

"My dear Lizzy,

"I wish you joy. If you love Mr. Darcy half as well as I do my dear Wickham, you must be very happy. It is a great comfort to have you so rich, and when you have nothing else to do, I hope you will think of us. I am sure Wickham would like a place at court very much, and I do not think we shall have quite money enough to live upon without some help. Any place would do, of about three or four hundred a year; but however, do not speak to Mr. Darcy about it, if you had rather not.

"Yours, etc."

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congratulatory: (adj) gratulatory, festive, congratulant, triumphant, prideful, glowing, fulsome, admiring, felicitous, commemorative, appreciative.
ingratitude: (n) oblivion of benefits, thanklessness, ungratefulness, feeling. ANTONYM: (n) gratitude.
insipid: (adj) tasteless, bland, dull, watery, flavorless, uninteresting, vapid, savorless, boring, tame, humdrum. ANTONYMS: (adj)

exciting, tasty, interesting, flavorful, spicy, lively, colorful, dark, bright, inspired, imaginative.
irritable: (adj) fractious, irascible, edgy, cantankerous, touchy, petulant, excitable, cross, sensitive, grumpy, disagreeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, happy, cheerful, amiable, patient, pleasant, stable, courteous; (n) cheeriness.
moralize: (v) moralise, preach, lecture, preachify, advocate, moral,

sermonise.
philosophy: (n) ethics, logic, theory, ideology, literalism, monism, metaphysics, etiology, esthetics, axiology; (adj, n) stoicism.
ungovernable: (adj) unruly, uncontrollable, irrepressible, intractable, licentious, violent, wild, indocile, uncontrolled, turbulent; (adj, v) headstrong.

As it happened that Elizabeth had *much* rather not, she endeavoured in her answer to put an end to every entreaty and expectation of the kind. Such relief, however, as it was in her power to afford, by the practice of what might be called economy in her own private expences, she frequently sent them. It had always been evident to her that such an income as theirs, under the direction of two persons so extravagant in their wants, and **heedless** of the future, must be very insufficient to their support; and whenever they changed their **quarters**, either Jane or herself were sure of being applied to for some little assistance towards discharging their **bills**. Their manner of living, even when the **restoration** of peace dismissed them to a home, was unsettled in the extreme. They were always moving from place to place in quest of a cheap situation, and always spending more than they ought. His affection for her soon **sunk** into indifference; her's lasted a little longer; and in spite of her youth and her manners, she retained all the claims to reputation which her marriage had given her.

Though Darcy could never receive *him* at Pemberley, yet, for Elizabeth's sake, he assisted him further in his profession. Lydia was occasionally a visitor there, when her husband was gone to enjoy himself in London or Bath; and with the Bingleys they both of them frequently staid so long, that even Bingley's good humour was overcome, and he proceeded so far as to talk of giving them a hint to be gone.

Miss Bingley was very deeply mortified by Darcy's marriage; but as she thought it advisable to retain the right of visiting at Pemberley, she dropt all her resentment; was fonder than ever of Georgiana, almost as attentive to Darcy as **heretofore**, and paid off every **arrear** of civility to Elizabeth.

Pemberley was now Georgiana's home; and the attachment of the sisters was exactly what Darcy had hoped to see. They were able to love each other even as well as they intended. Georgiana had the highest opinion in the world of Elizabeth; though at first she often listened with an astonishment bordering on alarm at her lively, **sportive**, manner of talking to her brother. He, who had always **inspired** in herself a respect which almost overcame her affection, she

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arrear: (<i>n</i>) arrearage, liability. bills: (<i>n</i>) currency, folding money. heedless: (<i>adj</i>) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless, unwary, indifferent; (<i>adj, v</i>) wanton. ANTONYMS: (<i>adj</i>) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious. heretofore: (<i>adv</i>) formerly, as yet, before, so far, yet, already, until now, previously, once, hereunto; (<i>adv, n</i>)	hitherto. inspired: (<i>adj</i>) ingenious, adopted, elysian, creative, imaginative, elected, inventive, unearthly, brilliant, stimulated, enthusiastic. ANTONYMS: (<i>adj</i>) bland, unimaginative, abysmal, mediocre. quarters: (<i>n</i>) abode, domicile, lodging, residence, quarter, diggings, pad, digs, lodgings, accommodation, barracks. restoration: (<i>n, v</i>) restitution, amends;	(<i>n</i>) reinstatement, rehabilitation, revival, renewal, renovation, restore, regaining, repair, recovery. ANTONYMS: (<i>n</i>) confiscation, abolition, disappearance. sportive: (<i>adj</i>) frolicsome, jocund, gay, jolly, cheerful, lively, merry, rollicking, mirthful, vivacious, blithe. sunk: (<i>adj</i>) sunken, undone, finished, ruined, profound, immersed, damaged, lowed, lying flat; (<i>v</i>) cut up, dashed.
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now saw the object of open pleasantry. Her mind received knowledge which had never before fallen in her way. By Elizabeth's instructions, she began to comprehend that a woman may take **liberties** with her husband which a brother will not always allow in a sister more than ten years younger than himself.

Lady Catherine was extremely indignant on the marriage of her nephew; and as she gave way to all the **genuine** frankness of her character in her reply to the letter which announced its **arrangement**, she sent him language so very abusive, especially of Elizabeth, that for some time all intercourse was at an end. But at length, by Elizabeth's persuasion, he was prevailed on to overlook the offence, and seek a **reconciliation**; and, after a little further resistance on the part of his aunt, her resentment gave way, either to her affection for him, or her curiosity to see how his wife **conducted** herself; and she condescended to wait on them at Pemberley, in spite of that **pollution** which its **woods** had received, not merely from the presence of such a mistress, but the visits of her uncle and aunt from the city.

With the Gardiners, they were always on the most intimate terms. Darcy, as well as Elizabeth, really loved them; and they were both ever sensible of the warmest gratitude towards the persons who, by bringing her into Derbyshire, had been the means of **uniting** them.

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arrangement: (*n*) order, settlement, array, distribution, design, system, adjustment, sequence, contract, alignment; (*adj, n*) method.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) disarray, individual.

conducted: (*adj*) directed, guided.

genuine: (*adj, n*) authentic, true, faithful; (*adj*) unsophisticated, sincere, candid, hearty, factual, artless, very, real. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) insincere, bogus, fake, affected,

artificial, dishonest, pretend, false, hypocritical, replica, counterfeit.

liberties: (*n*) freedoms, familiarity, intimacy.

pollution: (*adj, n*) defilement, taint, infamy; (*n*) filth, infection, corruption, dirtiness, impurity, befoulement, foulness, soiling.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) cleanliness, decontamination, cleanliness.

reconciliation: (*n, v*) concord, peace, harmony; (*n*) adjustment, agreement,

rapprochement, pacification, reconciliation, conciliation, appeasement, mediation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) incitement, war.

uniting: (*adj*) concurrent, united, coincident; (*n*) unification, reunion, fusion, merger, coalescence, amalgamation, conglutination, join.

woods: (*n*) forest, woodland, grove, timber, jungle, sir Henry wood, vegetation, timberland, Natalie wood, virgin forest; (*adj*) wooden.

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abatement: (n) rebate, deduction, discount, reprieve, abate, break, interruption, decrease, suspension, subsidence; (n, v) reduction

abhorrence: (n) odium, antipathy, detestation, hatred, aversion, disgust, execration, hate, loathing, revulsion, horror. ANTONYMS: (n) attraction, adoration, delight, liking, attractiveness

abhorrent: (adj, v) hateful, odious, execrable; (adj) offensive, detestable, repugnant, horrible, revolting, unpleasant, obnoxious, loathsome. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, lovable, desirable, inoffensive, nice

abide: (v) endure, bide, undergo, tolerate, take, suffer, stomach, bear, brook; (adj, v) stay, dwell. ANTONYMS: (v) check, depart, disallow, disapprove, disbelieve, journey, dodge, leave, migrate, move, pass

abiding: (adj) immortal, stable, constant, everlasting, lasting, enduring, perpetual, eternal, perennial, continuing, imperishable. ANTONYMS: (adj) ephemeral, fleeting, impermanent, temporary, passing, mortal, erratic, inconstant

ablution: (n) bath, bathing, washing, purification, catharsis, cleaning, cleanup, lavation, baptism, washup; (v) colature

abode: (n) dwelling, house, residence, place, domicile, lodge, abidance, mansion, lodging, address, seat

abominable: (adj, v) odious, foul; (adj) abhorrent, detestable, dreadful, awful, execrable, terrible, loathsome, cursed, wicked. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, lovable, admirable, alluring, appealing, commendable, laudable, delightful, desirable, enjoyable, likable

abominably: (adv) atrociously, awfully, terribly, repulsively, badly,

frightfully, awful, sadly, hideously, sickeningly, rottenly

abominate: (v) loathe, detest, hate, execrate, despise, dislike, nauseate, disgust, condemn, resent, can't bear. ANTONYMS: (v) love, adore

abound: (v) swarm, teem, flow, overflow, burst; (n) exuberate, shower down, stream, rain, abundance; (adj) abundant. ANTONYM: (v) disperse

abrupt: (adj) sudden, brusque, sharp, precipitous, steep, instantaneous, unexpected, swift, instant, hasty; (n) bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, gradual, rambling, gracious, courteous, polite, anticipated, kind, calm, protracted, deliberate

abruptly: (adv) precipitously, rudely, brusquely, curtly, gruffly, shortly, sharply, bluntly, hastily, unexpectedly, steeply.

ANTONYMS: (adv) gradually,

civilly, attentively, kindly, politely,

verbosely, eventually, pleasantly,

slowly, indirectly

abruptness: (n) gradient, shortness, slope, brusqueness, curtness, steepness, haste, hurriedness, rudeness, brevity, hastiness.

ANTONYMS: (n) gradualness, courtesy, friendliness, gentleness, pleasantness

absent: (adj) wanting, inattentive, not present, preoccupied, lost, missing, faraway, nonexistent,

absentminded, out; (adj, adv) off. ANTONYMS: (adj) alert, attendant, attending, existing, here, real, attentive; (adv) in, visible

absurd: (adj) ridiculous, foolish, unreasonable, irrational, meaningless, inept, senseless, nonsensical, illogical, ludicrous; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, reasonable, logical, wise, weighty, sound, consistent, serious, plausible,

credible, acceptable

absurdity: (n) absurdness, nonsense, silliness, nonsensicality, meaninglessness, illogicality, stupidity, folly, fatuity, idiocy, preposterousness. ANTONYMS: (n) logic, reasonableness, worthiness, solemnity, sensibleness

abundant: (adj, n) lush, luxuriant; (adj) generous, thick, plenty, affluent, liberal, fruitful, teeming, fertile, ample. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, meager, scanty, infertile, scant, arid, rare, empty, skimpy, lacking, fruitless

abundantly: (adv) copiously, richly, fully, generously, bounteously, plentifully, plenteously, freely, exuberantly, largely, bountifully. ANTONYMS: (adv) fruitlessly, insufficiently, stingily, meagerly, scantily

abused: (adj) maltreated, physically abused, downtrodden, perverted, dull

abusive: (adj) scurrilous, insulting, offensive, foul, rude, insolent, opprobrious, slanderous, harsh, nasty; (adj, v) reproachful. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, polite, kind, flattering,

complimentary, just, sweet, gentle, courteous, cordial, fair

accede: (v) assent, consent, defer, fall in with, agree, acknowledge, accept, submit, fit, accord, comply with. ANTONYMS: (v) dissent, veto, refuse, oppose, disallow, deny, denounce, demur, condemn, protest, disagree

acceding: (adj) accompanying, subservient, subsidiary; (n) agreement, appeasement

accent: (v) emphasize, emphasise, punctuate, accentuate; (n) dialect, emphasis, idiom, importance, speech, articulation, pronunciation.

ANTONYMS: (v) attenuate, downplay, hide, ignore, lessen, minimize, slight
acceptance: (n) recognition, acknowledgment, adoption, confirmation, assumption, approval, credence, welcome, accession, receipt, acquiescence. **ANTONYMS:** (n) refutation, dispatch, reprisal, protest, opposition, intolerance, disagreement, defiance, refusal, resistance, wildness
accepting: (adj) tolerant, sympathetic, thoughtful, understanding, willing to help, yielding, lenient, acceptant, obliging, soft, permissive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) resistant, uncooperative, unforgiving, severe, unsympathetic
accidental: (adj) casual, unintentional, adventitious, unintended, incidental, chance, random, unforeseen, unexpected, contingent, haphazard. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) deliberate, designed, intended, planned, premeditated
accidentally: (adv) incidentally, casually, fortuitously, by chance, coincidentally, adventitiously, unintentionally, contingently, haphazardly, occasionally, inadvertently. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) deliberately, knowingly, purposely, unfortunately, correctly
accompany: (v) attend, follow, companion, guide, company, lead, walk, associate, consort, conduct, concur. **ANTONYMS:** (v) desert, abandon, leave
accompanying: (adj) concomitant, concurrent, related, acceding, incidental, accessory, subservient, auxiliary, collateral, minor, supplementary
accomplished: (adj) proficient, able, skillful, gifted, finished, experienced, completed, adept, fine, versed, competent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unfinished, amateur, untrained, unskilled, unseasoned, unable, inexpert, green, clumsy, bad, mediocre
accomplishment: (n) attainment, completion, exploit, performance, deed, skill, fulfillment, feat, action, act, acquisition. **ANTONYMS:** (n) abandonment, washout, flop, debacle, defeat
accomplishments: (n) benefit, actions, background, Comings and Goings, deeds, events, happenings,

activities
according: (adj) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (adv) correspondingly, accordingly
accordingly: (adv) therefore, thus, so, then, ergo, as a result, correspondingly, according, appropriately, as a consequence, properly. **ANTONYM:** (adv) unsuitable
accounting: (n) accountancy, account, accounting system, account statement, cost accounting, reckoning, entry, method of accounting; (adj) clerical, office, secretarial
accuracy: (n) precision, fidelity, exactness, exactitude, reliability, correctness, closeness, care, veracity, meticulousness, faithfulness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) vagueness, imprecision, slackness, unreliability, dishonesty, incorrectness
accurate: (adj) exact, faithful, correct, truthful, nice, meticulous, literal, authentic, detailed, right; (adj, n) true. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) wrong, false, vague, imprecise, unrealistic, questionable, fictional, mistaken, misleading, incorrect, flawed
accusation: (n) complaint, charge, accusal, blame, allegation, condemnation, insinuation, denunciation, indictment, inculpation, impeachment. **ANTONYMS:** (n) exoneration, argument, compliment
accuse: (v) charge, incriminate, arraign, denounce, defame, criminate, indict, fault, betray, condemn, inculpate. **ANTONYMS:** (v) absolve, exculpate, exonerate, praise, support, clear
accusing: (adj) accusative, accusive, inculpatory, inculpative, criminative, criminatory, critical, denunciatory; (adj, n) reproving; (n) reproachful; (v) accuse
accustomed: (adj, n) habitual; (adj) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional
achieving: (adj) effectual; (n) perfection
acknowledge: (v) recognize, confess, accept, profess, own, admit, concede, appreciate, notice, declare, approve. **ANTONYMS:** (v) ignore, overlook, reject, repudiate, snub, refuse, renounce, abjure, disavow, disregard, refute
acknowledged: (adj) accepted, renowned, recognized, avowed, known, customary, confirmed, admitted, affirmed, recognised; (v) received. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unconventional, unacknowledged, questionable
acknowledging: (n) agreement; (adj) responsive, affirmative
acknowledgment: (n) admission, acknowledgement, acceptance, confession, greeting, credit, allowance, declaration, agreement, thanks, gratitude. **ANTONYMS:** (n) rejection, ungratefulness, oversight, snub, ignoring, invoice, blame, defiance
acquaint: (v) inform, familiarize, tell, advise, present, introduce, warn, bring out, report, accustom, communicate. **ANTONYMS:** (v) hide, mislead, misrepresent, withhold, falsify, conceal
acquaintance: (n) connection, friend, acquaintanceship, mate, awareness, associate, buddy, friendship, intercourse, companion; (n, v) knowledge. **ANTONYMS:** (n) ignorance, inexperience, unfamiliarity, animosity, enemy
acquaintances: (n) associates
acquainted: (adj) knowledgeable, informed, aware, cognizant, conversant, hand and glove, intimate, thick; (adv) abreast; (v) inform, acquaint
acquiesce: (v) assent, accept, agree, consent, acknowledge, yield, submit, concur, permit, surrender, defer. **ANTONYMS:** (v) resist, disagree, dissent, protest, object, fight, challenge, rebuff
acquiescence: (n) compliance, consent, resignation, permission, sanction, approval, accord, agreement, submission, conformity; (n, v) assent. **ANTONYMS:** (n) disagreement, insubordination, rebellion, defiance, rejection
acquire: (v) achieve, gain, find, take, accept, attain, buy, collect, earn, receive; (n, v) contract. **ANTONYMS:** (v) sell, yield, surrender, relinquish, forfeit, give, scatter, remove
acquisition: (n) accomplishment, acquirement, attainment,

achievement, conquest, learning, buyout, prize, getting, buy; (v) gain. ANTONYMS: (n) loss, giving, sale
acquit: (adj, v) release; (v) exculpate, exonerate, discharge, excuse, clear, pardon, free, conduct, forgive, vindicate. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, damn, censure, blame, sentence

acrimony: (n) bitterness, asperity, acridity, virulence, pique, gall, tartness, harshness, resentment, rancor, ill will. ANTONYMS: (n) suavity, civility, sweetness, affection, goodwill, harmony

actuated: (adj) motivated, actuate
acute: (adj, n, v) sharp; (adj) incisive, intense, penetrating, keen, severe, critical; (adj, v) high, shrewd; (adj, n) strong, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) obtuse, insignificant, stupid, unimportant, moderate, blunt, slow, slight, mild, minor, imperceptive

acutely: (adv) sharply, keenly, severely, astutely, piercingly, shrilly, cleverly; (adj, adv) intensely, extremely, gravely, critically. ANTONYMS: (adv) chronically, mildly, slightly, faintly, vaguely, unexceptionally

adapted: (adj) altered, fit, agreeable, conformable, fitted, appropriate, prepared, tailored, modified; (adj, v) convenient, proper. ANTONYM: (adj) unaccustomed

adding: (n) addition, calculation, reckoning

addition: (n) accession, accessory, increase, extension, addendum, accretion, attachment, appendage, annex, extra; (n, prep) accumulation. ANTONYMS: (n) removal, estimation, deduction, exclusion, decline, erosion, loss, setback

additions: (n) accompaniments, accessions, embellishments, trappings

addresses: (n) wooing, suit, courtship
adept: (adj, n) expert; (adj) skillful, able, accomplished, experienced, capable, smart, clever, adroit; (n) virtuous, whiz. ANTONYMS: (adj) incompetent, inept, awkward, bumbling, fumbling, unskilled

adhering: (adj, v) adhesive; (n) adherence; (adj) partisan; (prep) on; (v) cohesive

adieu: (int, n) farewell; (n) vale, valediction, goodbye, leave, cheerio, adios, bye, so long, parting; (int) bon voyage. ANTONYM: (n) greeting
adjusting: (v) adjust; (n) adjusting

operation

admirable: (adj) fine, outstanding, beautiful, great, commendable, lovely, good, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, grand. ANTONYMS: (adj) appalling, poor, unworthy, despicable, contemptible, detestable, dishonorable, rotten, unimpressive, loathsome, low

admiration: (n) esteem, adoration, appreciation, reverence, estimation, amazement, liking, awe, compliment; (adj, n) regard; (v) laud. ANTONYMS: (n) disdain, criticism, disapproval, contempt, abhorrence, loathing, disgust, despising, dishonor, disparagement, detestation

admire: (v) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor. ANTONYMS: (v) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate

admired: (adj) respected, admirable, estimable, favorite, pet, beloved, honored, August, loved, accepted, popular. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable

admirer: (n) enthusiast, fan, devotee, supporter, votary, worshiper, wooer, beau, fancier; (adj) suitor; (adj, n) lover

admiring: (adj) admire, admiringly, loving, respectful, glowing, affectionate, amatory, appreciative, enthusiastic, flattering, approving. ANTONYMS: (adj) defamatory, critical, disdainful, disapproving, disrespectful, uncomplimentary

admission: (n) acknowledgment, access, confession, reception, entrance fee, declaration, recognition, admittance, profession, confirmation; (v) acknowledge.

ANTONYMS: (n) impediment, secret, concealment, blockage, barring, confidentiality, exclusion

admittance: (n) access, accession, introduction, door, matriculation, inlet, permit, entrance, entree, entry, input

admitting: (adj) suscipit; (adv) conditionally; (n) acknowledgment, receipt, credence; (conj) although

adopt: (v) admit, affiliate, assume, borrow, espouse, take up, take, pass, acquire, choose, embrace.

ANTONYMS: (v) disinherit, cancel, discard, shun, repudiate, refuse, ignore, oppose

adoration: (n) admiration, adulation, cult, appreciation, reverence, glorification, idolization, homage, praise; (adj, n) devotion, passion. ANTONYMS: (n) hatred, detestation, despising, disparagement, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, disdain

adorned: (adj) decorated, ornate, bedecked, decked out, fancy, garnished, ornamented, decked, beautiful, inscribed, festooned

advancement: (n, v) advance; (n) promotion, furtherance, upgrade, growth, development, cultivation, progression, improvement, progress, elevation. ANTONYMS: (n) reverse, downgrade, retreat, demotion

advances: (v) access, approach

advantageous: (adj) expedient, useful, auspicious, helpful, gainful, serviceable, convenient, lucky, worthwhile, beneficial; (adj, v) profitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) useless, disadvantageous, detrimental, unhelpful, unfortunate, inauspicious, worthless, unpleasant

advantageously: (adv) lucratively, expeditiously, propitiously, positively, gainfully, fortunately, conveniently, usefully, helpfully, goodly; (adv, v) well. ANTONYMS: (adv) negatively, inauspiciously, unhelpfully

adventure: (n, v) venture, chance; (n) accident, escapade, incident, event, undertaking, consequence, essay; (v) risk, jeopardize. ANTONYMS: (n) stillness, passiveness, inactivity, inaction, avoidance, inertia, bore

advisable: (adj) eligible, desirable, advantageous, suitable, sound, prudent, acceptable, sensible, fitting, convenient, appropriate.

ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, unwise, imprudent, improper, worthless

advise: (v) recommend, propose, warn, inform, acquaint, suggest, notify, announce, tell, offer, forewarn. ANTONYMS: (v) betray, deceive, delude, fool, trick

ADVISED: (adj) studied, considered, premeditated, deliberate, calculated, intended; (v) determinate, express, designed

affability: (n) geniality, courtesy, cordiality, amiability, affableness, politeness, friendliness, amenity, sociability, kindness, amiableness. ANTONYMS: (n) unfriendliness,

frostiness, incivility, remoteness, reserve, rudeness

affable: (adj) civil, gracious, polite, friendly, courteous, amiable, genial, approachable, sociable, decent, pleasant. ANTONYMS: (adj) reserved, hostile, unfriendly, complaining, cold, impolite, miserable, grumbling, grouchy, distant, disdainful

affectionation: (n) pretension, feint, pose, display, airs, affectedness, ostentation, show, pretense, mannerism, sham. ANTONYMS: (n) artlessness, honesty, modesty

affection: (n) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike, detachment, coldness, roughness

affectionate: (adj) fond, tender, kind, mild, devoted, ardent, warm, cordial, caring, brotherly; (adj, adv) fatherly. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, callous, undemonstrative, aloof, cool, disapproving, reserved, antagonistic, paternal, rough

affectionately: (adv) lovingly, tenderly, warmly, dearly, caringly, devotedly, kindly, ardently, cordially, amorously, dotingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disapprovingly, frostily, roughly

affections: (n) bosom

affinity: (n) analogy, alliance, propinquity, rapport, bond, relation, relationship, kindred, semblance, penchant, similarity. ANTONYMS: (n) repulsion, dissimilarity, difference, consanguinity, aversion, hatred, horror

affirmative: (adj) positive, affirmatory, assertive, ratifying, concurring; (adv) yes; (n) affirmation, avowal, assenting; (adj, v) predicator, declaratory. ANTONYMS: (adj) dissenting; (n) no

afflicted: (adj) miserable, distressed, stricken, pitiful, sorrowful, ill, woeful, dejected, sorry; (v) afflict, displeased

afflicting: (adj) distressing, grievous, vexatious

affliction: (n, v) adversity; (n) distress, regret, martyrdom, torment, curse, trial, bane, misadventure, sorrow, agony. ANTONYMS: (n) gift, godsend, solace, blessing

afront: (n, v) insult, abuse, outrage, slight, snub; (v) face, offend; (n) disgrace, slur, offense, mortification. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) please, placate, mollify, gratify, flatter, assuage, appease, adulate; (n) pleasantry, appeasement

afronted: (adj) insulted, hurt, slighted, embarrassed, angry, ashamed, horrified, humiliated, piqued, annoyed. ANTONYM: (adj) unconcerned

afresh: (adv) again, newly, over again, new, once again, freshly, once more, often; (adj) the other day, just now, only yesterday

agitated: (adj) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still

agitation: (n) disturbance, excitement, tumult, stirring, convulsion, stir, commotion, emotion, unrest, shake, turmoil. ANTONYMS: (n) serenity, calm, equanimity, rest, peace, deterrent

agony: (n) torture, suffering, torment, distress, misery, passion, pain, grief, pang, sorrow, throes. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, joy, euphoria, bliss, happiness, ecstasy, peace, content

agreeable: (adj) accordant, nice, sweet, consistent, suitable, amusing, enjoyable, affable; (adj, v) pleasant, desirable; (adj, n) acceptable. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, discordant, unpleasant, nasty, unwilling, resistant, aggressive, repugnant, averse, stubborn, unacceptable

agreeably: (adv) enjoyably, pleasantly, sympathetically, pleasingly, suitably, well, melodically, accordingly, affably, genially; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, incongruously, uncooperatively, unhelpfully, badly, stubbornly, harshly

agreeing: (adj) concurring, concordant, assentient, accordant, suitable, harmonious, in accord, in agreement; (n) assenting; (v) agree, accept. ANTONYM: (adj) conflicting

aimed: (adj) directed, pointed, expected, designed, meant
airing: (n, v) drive, ride, outing; (n) aeration, stroll, saunter, walk, expedition, improvement, turn, journey

airs: (n, v) pretension; (n) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (adj, n) arrogance; (v) precisianism, euphemism, purism, pedantry.

ANTONYMS: (n) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty

alacrity: (n) rapidity, speed, promptness, activity, preparedness, velocity, haste, swiftness, quickness, expedition; (adj) life. ANTONYMS: (n) aversion, reservation, reluctance, indifference, hesitance, dullness, disinclination, apathy, tardiness, delay

alarm: (n, v) alert, scare, awe, panic; (n) consternation, alarm clock, fright, alarum, terror; (v) agitate, horrify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) reassurance, soothe, assure; (n) reassurance, composure, nonchalance, assurance, bravery, confidence, order

alarmed: (adj) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM: (adj) carefree

alarming: (adj) scary, alarm, awful, formidable, shocking, appalling, awesome, dire, horrid, horrible, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, lovely, normal

alas: (adv) unluckily, regrettably, sadly, unhappily, sorry to say; (n) oh; (int) lackaday. ANTONYM: (adv) luckily

alienated: (adj) disaffected, antisocial, bitter, confused, contumacious, cool, disloyal, anomie, disturbed, far, factious

alike: (adj) corresponding, equal, equivalent, cognate, analogical, parallel, analogous, identical, similar, the same, duplicate.

ANTONYMS: (adj) different, dissimilar, contrasting, unlike, disparate, unlike, opposite; (adv) differently, unequally, unevenly

allayed: (adj) quenched, slaked

alleviate: (n, v) ease; (v) relieve, comfort, mitigate, relax; (adj, v) assuage, soothe, calm, still, smooth, appease. ANTONYMS: (v) aggravate, intensify, magnify, worsen, heighten, increase, augment, burden

alleviated: (adj) eased, relieved, palliate, lightened, levigate

alliance: (n) connection, confederacy, combination, affinity, association, union, merger, organization, society,

affiliation, coalition. ANTONYMS: (n) nonalignment, antagonism, divergence, discord, hostility, animosity

allowable: (adj, v) permissible; (adj) justifiable, acceptable, lawful, permitted, tolerable, bearable, passable, sufferable, legal; (v) allowed. ANTONYMS: (adj) inexcusable, inadmissible, intolerable

allowance: (n) admission, quota, discount, tolerance, maintenance, portion, margin, deduction, rebate, share, leave

allude: (v) advert, refer, hint, glance, intimate, suggest, touch, bring up, mean, notice, pertain

allusion: (n) innuendo, reference, cue, suggestion, mention, intimation, pointer, insinuation, implication, indication, clue

aloof: (adj) distant, reserved, cool, standoffish, unconcerned, indifferent, unfriendly, frigid, arrogant, cold; (adv) afar.

ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, involved, approachable, sociable, outgoing, open, enthusiastic, relaxed, communicative, affable, respectful

aloud: (adv) loud, out loud, strong, out, audibly, hard, forte.

ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, inaudibly, quietly

altar: (n) shrine, Communion table, sanctuary, table, structure, sanctum sanctorum, sacristy, construction, examination hall, holy of Holies

alter: (v) change, adapt, move, convert, adjust, amend, affect, transform, correct, vary, shift.

ANTONYMS: (v) continue, keep, leave, preserve, worsen, retain, standardize, straighten, clarify

alteration: (n) adjustment, change, revision, shift, changeover, conversion, modification, variation, reversal, metamorphosis, amendment. ANTONYMS: (n) fixity, preservation

altered: (adj) transformed, changed, diversified, varied, distorted, affected, castrated, malformed, misrepresented, misshapen; (v) battered. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaltered, unadjusted

alternate: (adj, n, v) substitute; (n) surrogate, standby, vice; (v) reciprocate, vary, take turns, fluctuate, change; (adj, n) alternative; (adj) secondary.

ANTONYMS: (adj) consecutive, successive, required, opposite, necessary, essential; (v) remain, continue

amaze: (adj, v) astonish, surprise; (v) dumbfound, baffle, astound, stagger, puzzle, dazzle, discombobulate, alarm; (adj) astonished. ANTONYM: (v) expect **amazed:** (adj) astounded, astonished, stunned, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, shocked, staggered, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, aghast

amazement: (n) admiration, wonder, surprise, consternation, stupefaction, stupor, wonderment, feeling, alarm, jolt; (v) amaze. ANTONYMS: (n) preparation, indifference, expectation, coolness, cool, composure, calmness, contempt, belief

amazing: (adj) astonishing, terrific, wonderful, incredible, awesome, astounding, breathtaking, extraordinary, fabulous, impressive, tremendous. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, boring, predictable, unremarkable, modest, insignificant, comforting, dire, humdrum

ambition: (n) aim, hope, goal, drive, ambitiousness, wish, dream, purpose, target, objective, intention. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, contentment, sloth, laziness, lethargy

amendment: (n) alteration, betterment, redress, improvement, revision, addition, supplement, addendum, appendix, transformation, adjustment

amends: (n) atonement, compensation, recompense, satisfaction, redress, damages, reprisal, indemnity, requital; (n, v) restitution, restoration

amiable: (adj) friendly, genial, agreeable, benign, complaisant, sweet, cordial, pleasant, likable, nice, lovely. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, argumentative, aggressive, antisocial, unkind, hateful, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, cold

amid: (adv, prep) among, amongst; (prep) between, amidst, mid, during, in the midst of, with, surrounded by, stuck between; (n) midst. ANTONYMS: (prep) outside, separate

amidst: (adv, prep) among; (adv) amongst; (prep) between, midst,

into

amiss: (adj, adv) wrong; (adj) bad, haywire, faulty, astray, guilty; (adv) badly, poorly, awry, wrongly, adrift. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) right; (adv) perfectly, properly, suitably, appropriately, correctly, well; (adj) okay, correct, good

ample: (adj) abundant, big, broad, copious, large, plentiful, heavy, liberal, roomy, affluent, considerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, meager, insufficient, scarce, sparse, scant, cramped, narrow, partial, sketchy, slender

amply: (adj, adv) abundantly, sufficiently; (adv) fully, well, lavishly, plentifully, richly, generously, enough, adequately, capacious. ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, inadequately, illiberally, sparingly, poorly

amuse: (v) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, dispire, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice. ANTONYMS: (v) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint

amused: (adj) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted

amusement: (n) pleasure, recreation, entertainment, distraction, diversion, sport, pastime, laughter, enjoyment, joy, hobby. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, boredom, work, tedium, business, despondency, discomfort, displeasure

amusing: (adj) humorous, fun, pleasant, entertaining, risible, comical, diverting, enjoyable, laughable, agreeable, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) tragic, boring, unpleasant, unfunny, tiring, grim, depressing, sad, annoying, heavy, serious

anecdote: (n) tale, account, yarn, narrative, story, fable, relation, ana, fiction, trait, gossip

anew: (adv) again, newly, lately, recently, over again, once more, once again, new; (adj) only yesterday, the other day, just now

angel: (n, v) sponsor, support; (n) backer, cherub, messenger, patron, benefactor, saint; (adj) Dulcinea, goddess; (adj, n) darling. ANTONYMS: (n) fiend, devil, jerk, demon

angelic: (adj) cherubic, heavenly, seraphic, virtuous, celestial, beautiful, angelical, divine, good,

holly, saintly. ANTONYMS: (adj) devilish, demonic, dark, wicked

anger: (n) fury, rage, displeasure, resentment, indignation; (v) incense, offend, irritate, exasperate; (adj) angry; (n, v) wrath. ANTONYMS: (v) placate, pacify, tickle; (n) pleasure, composure, glee, affection, serenity, goodwill, forbearance; (n, v) calm

angrily: (adv) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly

anguish: (n, v) pain, ache; (n) torment, agony, torture, distress, misery, suffering, despair, grief, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, happiness, calm, euphoria, joyfulness, ecstasy, content, peace, hopefulness

animated: (adj) alive, lively, animate, perky, spirited, sprightly, brisk, cheerful, quick, vivacious, airy. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, dull, blank, lifeless, spiritless, stiff, unanimated, bored, impassive, unexciting, dead

animating: (adj) enlivening, invigorating, inspiring, inspiring, procelesmatic, stirring, exhilarating, glad, animated, exciting; (n) awakening

animation: (adj, n) life, vivacity; (n) liveliness, vitality, activity, spirit, exhilaration, dash, energy, buoyancy; (adj) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, lifelessness, inertness, inertia, sluggishness, boredom

ankle: (n) knuckle, kimbo, crane, fluke, crutch, crotch, zigzag, groin, sickle, scythe, malleolus

annexed: (adj) affiliated, enclosed; (v) adjunct, appendant

announce: (v) advertise, declare, enunciate, proclaim, return, promulgate, publicize, publish, tell, communicate, foretell.

ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, conceal, repress, request

annoyed: (adj) irritated, vexed, irate, aggravated, angered, cross, disgruntled, exasperated, infuriated, displeased, resentful. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, unprovoked, smiling, patient, unconcerned, contented

answerable: (adj, v) amenable, liable, responsible, subject, exposed, bound; (v) uncommendable,

exceptionable; (adj) conformable, adequate, responsal. ANTONYMS: (adj) irrefutable, unaccountable

answering: (adj) respondent, responsive, according, agreeing, respository; (n) respondency

antagonist: (n) opponent, adversary, enemy, foe, rival, match, opposition, opposer, assailant, opposite, competitor. ANTONYMS: (n) supporter, advocate, colleague, synergist, ally, defender

anticipate: (v) expect, foretell, think, forecast, forestall, calculate, estimate, predict, prevent, presume, guess. ANTONYM: (v) doubt

anticipated: (adj) expected, foreseen, predictable, due, estimated, appointed, awaited, coming, forthcoming, natural, planned

anticipating: (v) anticipate; (adj) pregnant, anticipant, hopeful, ready, oracular

anticipation: (n) forecast, hope, foresight, prevention, augury, expectation, hopefulness, prefiguration, presentiment; (n, v) outlook, prospect. ANTONYMS: (n) despair, boredom

anxiety: (n) disquiet, trouble, fear, care, alarm, anxiousness, uneasiness, worry, anguish, concern; (adj, n) solicitude. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, bravery, confidence, reassurance, security, relaxation, indifference, serenity, tranquility, peace, satisfaction

anxiously: (adv) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly

anyhow: (adv) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another

apace: (adj, adv) speedily, quickly; (adv) fast, rapidly, hastily, soon, promptly; (adj) forthwith, immediately, incontinently, shortly. ANTONYM: (adv) slowly

apartment: (n) residence, lodging, suite, place, dwelling, chamber, room, abode, house, home, accommodation

apologies: (n) regret

apologise: (v) excuse, defend, support, pardon, palliate, mitigate, colour, rationalize, rationalise, plead, pled

apology: (n, v) excuse; (n) amends, regret, defense, justification, reason, explanation, vindication, alibi, acknowledgment; (v) apologize. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, reprehension, accusation, shamelessness, epitome

apothekey: (n) druggist, pharmacy, chemist, caregiver, dispensing chemist, medical attendant, pothecary, potecary, pill pusher, pharmacopolist, pharmacologist

apparel: (n, v) garb, attire, garment, array, vesture; (n) clothing, finery, costume, clothes; (v) adorn, clothe

appearances: (n) show, semblance, outlook, indicia

appearing: (adj) seeming, beseen, emergent, accomplished; (n) coming into court; (prep) liking; (adj, adv) prima facie

appease: (n, v) allay, alleviate; (adj, v) pacify, still; (v) placate, quiet, conciliate, calm, mollify, abate, reconcile. ANTONYMS: (v) provoke, annoy, antagonize, enrage, exacerbate, excite, irritate, intensify

appeared: (adj) content, pacate

appertain: (v) belong, relate, apply, dwell, lie, consist, regard, touch, refer, concern

appetite: (n, v) desire; (n) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste

applying: (adj) applicatory, applicative

apprehended: (adj) arrested, seized, understood, under arrest, in custody, detained, appreciated, comprehended

apprehending: (v) apprehend; (n) perception, thought, recognition

apprehension: (n) alarm, comprehension, dread, misgiving, understanding, capture, foreboding, arrest, trepidation; (n, v) doubt, appreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) release, confidence, calmness, tranquility, freeing, misunderstanding, peace, relief, bravery, calm, equanimity

apprehensive: (adj) anxious, fearful, uneasy, alarmed, worried, timid, doubtful, shy, insecure, jealous; (adj, n) nervous. ANTONYMS: (adj) assured, unworried, calm, unafraid, cocksure, trusting, serene,

- unconcerned, fearless, carefree, brave
- approaching:** (adj) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (adj, n) coming; (n, v) approach; (adv) nearly, almost; (prep) toward
- probation:** (n, v) praise; (n) applause, agreement, approval, acclaim, sanction, commendation, admiration, permission, appreciation, favor. ANTONYMS: (n) condemnation, disapproval, criticism
- approve:** (v) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose
- arch:** (n, v) curve, bow, bend; (n) dome, curvature, acute; (adj) wily, shrewd, sly; (v) vault; (adj, n, v) round. ANTONYMS: (adj) smallest, petty, modest, minor, frank, least, lesser, inferior, forthright, guileless, humble
- archbishop:** (adj, n) primate; (n) metropolitan, bishop, prelate, elder, eminence, clergyman, becket, reverence, minister
- archly:** (adv) mischievously, sly, wickedly, playfully, waggishly, roguishly, shrewdly, wily, consummately, roundly, craftily
- archness:** (n) playfulness, craftiness, cunning, wiliness, slyness, perkiness, flippancy, hatred, astuteness, malice, pertness. ANTONYM: (n) humility
- ardent:** (adj, n) enthusiastic, glowing; (adj, v) burning, fervent, impassioned; (adj) keen, vehement, eager, warm, acute, fervid. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, cool, unenthusiastic, traitorous, mild, frigid, dispassionate, cold, disloyal, impassive, calm
- ardently:** (adv) fervently, warmly, eagerly, intensely, fierily, avidly, enthusiastically, burningly, zealously, fervidly; (adj, adv) hotly. ANTONYMS: (adv) indifferently, apathetically, unenthusiastically, halfheartedly, calmly
- arguing:** (n) controversy, contention, disputation, contestation, polemics, tilt; (v) argue; (adj) quarrelsome, argumentative
- arise:** (v) appear, emerge, result, issue, mount, proceed, originate, get up, ascend, awake, stand up.
- ANTONYMS: (v) end, sit, recline, stop, retire, disappear, descend, cease, fade
- arisen:** (adj) risen
- arising:** (n) emanation
- arose:** (v) happen, occur
- aroused:** (adj) ablaze, aflame, passionate, hot, agitated, inflamed, susceptible, tense, fascinated, emotional, elated
- arrange:** (v) dress, settle, order, set, pack, agree, adapt, do, classify, straighten; (n, v) adjust.
- ANTONYMS: (v) disarrange, cancel, disorder, disorganize, improvise, jumble, change, disband, reject, bungle
- arranged:** (adj) settled, regular, prepared, orderly, fixed, organized, ready, tidy, straight, ordered, neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) disorderly, disorganized, changing, unprepared, untidy
- arranging:** (n) arrange, arrangements, disposition, composing, composition, order, position, set, orchestration, organization, agreement
- arrear:** (n) arrearage, liability
- arrested:** (adj) apprehended, halted, backward, in remission, inactive, intermittent
- arrive:** (n, v) come, appear; (v) mature, reach, attain, succeed, turn up, land, fall, get in, show. ANTONYMS: (v) go, depart, fail, fall, lose, exit
- arriving:** (n) arrival; (adj) incoming, inbound, received, external, homeward bound, inward, new, inward bound. ANTONYM: (adj) outgoing
- arrogance:** (n) haughtiness, disdain, conceit, presumption, audacity, vanity, arrogance, conceitedness, arrogant, condescension, imperiousness. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, timidity, humbleness, diffidence, respect
- arrogant:** (adj) imperious, proud, haughty, presumptuous, dogmatic, insolent, conceited, overbearing, hoity-toity, egotistical, domineering. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, unassuming, insecure, subservient, meek, considerate, deferential
- artful:** (adj) crafty, cunning, scheming, wily, shrewd, insidious, designing, sly, adroit, subtle, disingenuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) artless, unskillful, inept, ingenuous, unskilled, open, straight
- artfully:** (adv) cunningly, foxily, ingeniously, trickily, shrewdly, skillfully, cleverly, disingenuously, deceitfully, sly, schemingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) innocently, openly
- articles:** (n) canons, articles of agreement, equipment, statute, doctrine, system of opinions, stock, school
- artificial:** (adj) affected, theatrical, unreal, unnatural, strained, man-made, bogus, forced, phony, feigned, false. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, real, sincere, authentic, organic, untreated
- ascertain:** (v) determine, find out, learn, discover, check, tell, control, find, ensure, detect; (adj, v) establish. ANTONYM: (v) disprove
- ashamed:** (adj) hangdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (v) dashed. ANTONYMS: (adj) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased, blatant, bold, happy, unabashed, unrepentant
- asperity:** (adj, n) acerbity; (n) austerity, hardship, rigor, bitterness, rigidity, severity, grimness, rigorousness, rigour, ruggedness. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, amenity, dullness, mildness, friendliness
- aspire:** (v) aim, lust, hanker, crave, plan, hope, want, rise, purpose, wish, long. ANTONYM: (v) wallow
- assembled:** (adj) amassed, collected, collective, concentrated, united, gather, assembling, gathered, massed, built, aggregate
- assent:** (n) acceptance, acquiescence, approval, agreement, compliance, admission, approbation; (v) accede, accord, agree; (adj, v) acquiesce. ANTONYMS: (v) resist, disagree, disapprove, reject, refuse; (n) disagreement, refusal, resistance
- assert:** (v) allege, affirm, say, claim, declare, swear, show, avow, aver, maintain, argue. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, controvert, repress, refute
- asserting:** (v) affirm; (adj) declaratory, declarative, evidentiary; (n) assertion
- assertion:** (n) statement, argument, claim, avowal, contention, charge, testimony, profession, allegation, accusation, position. ANTONYMS: (n) denial, disavowal, uncertainty
- assiduous:** (adj) industrious, active,

busy, sedulous, thorough, hardworking, painstaking, careful, devoted, untiring, studious.

ANTONYMS: (adj) lazy, neglectful, negligent, casual, lax, weary, slapdash, indolent, inconsistent, sloppy

assiduously: (adv) diligently, industriously, busily, sedulously, carefully, attentively, studiously, constantly, untiringly, thoroughly, scrupulously. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) carelessly, inconsistently, hastily

assist: (n, v) aid, help, support; (v) abet, serve, contribute, boost, relieve, encourage, to help, facilitate. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) impede, oppose; (v) thwart, disrupt, hamper, hurt, stop, worsen, shun; (n) hindrance, counteract

assistant: (n, v) assist, aid, assistance; (adj, n) subordinate; (n) acolyte, accomplice, colleague, auxiliary, helper, adjutant; (adj) ancillary. **ANTONYM:** (adj) chief

assisted: (adj) aided

assisting: (adj) aiding, auxiliary, subsidiary, suffragan, adjutant, supporting, support, secondary, supplementary, assistant; (n) helping. **ANTONYM:** (adj) main

associating: (n) connection, reference

assurance: (n) confidence, guarantee, belief, pledge, security, promise, sureness, poise, conviction, nerve, warrant. **ANTONYMS:** (n) doubt, uncertainty, mistrust, lie, fiction, awkwardness, timidity, clumsiness

assure: (n, v) certify, warrant, vouch; (v) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (adj, v) ensure. **ANTONYMS:** (v) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve, undermine

assured: (adj, v) certain, sure; (adj) confident, guaranteed, positive, definite, assertive, confirmed, convinced, reliable, safe.

ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, doubtful, unsure, troubled, timid, questionable, hesitant, confused, halting, unlikely

assuring: (adj) ensuring, insure, insuring, assure, ensure, giving confidence, securing, likely, promising

astonish: (adj, v) astound; (adj, n, v) surprise; (adj) astonishing, surprised; (v) flabbergast, daze, confound, dazzle, stun, alarm, nonplus. **ANTONYMS:** (v) expect, bore

astonished: (adj) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonished; (v) amaze

astonishment: (n) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. **ANTONYMS:** (n) calmness, belief, contempt

atone: (v) satisfy, pay, propitiate, indemnify, compensate, make up, recoup, apologize, aby, aby, repent. **ANTONYM:** (v) forfeit

atonement: (n) amends, reparation, satisfaction, compensation, penance, redress, redemption, reconciliation, recompense, propitiation, penitence

attach: (v) append, adhere, add, affix, bind, link, associate, assign, nail, apply, annex. **ANTONYMS:** (v) undo, separate, unfasten, disconnect, free, deflect, dissociate, loosen, quit, take, unscrew

attached: (adj) affectionate, committed, affiliated, associated, devoted, fond, loving, loyal, near, added; (n) attachment.

ANTONYMS: (adj) separate, unmarried, unattached, vagile, free, distant

attachment: (n) appendix, addition, accessory, adherence, regard, link, bond, fitting, devotion, liking, connection. **ANTONYMS:** (n) aversion, estrangement, repulsion, separation, dislike

attachments: (n) equipment

attacked: (adj) assaulted, corroded

attained: (adj) attains, attain, reached, complete, earned, fulfilled

attendance: (n) appearance, turnout, audience, attending, being there, hearing, tendance, retinue, attention, contribution, ministry. **ANTONYM:** (n) nonattendance

attendant: (n) companion, follower, assistant, escort, subordinate, employee, guide, varlet; (adj) accompanying, concomitant, incidental. **ANTONYMS:** (n) superior, boss; (adj) absent, unrelated, significant

attendants: (n) entourage, followers, retinue, tendance, persons present, suite

attended: (adj) attent, fraught, tended to

attending: (v) attend; (n) presence, nursing, care, appearing, observation; (adj) concomitant,

attendant, ministrant, in attendance, ancillary. **ANTONYMS:** (n) nonattendance, inattention

attentive: (adj) assiduous, diligent, heedful, watchful, observant, advertent, mindful, careful, aware, alert, respectful. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unfocused, negligent, forgetful, heedless, unobservant, rude, unprepared, unconscious, uncaring, inconsiderate

attentively: (adv) carefully, mindfully, watchfully, observantly, heedfully, vigilantly, cautiously, considerately, diligently, alertly, obligingly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) unhelpfully, negligently, abruptly, carelessly, hastily, casually

attorney: (n) advocate, counsel, counselor, agent, legal representative, barrister, counsellor, solicitor, factor, prosecutor, ambulance chaser

attracted: (adj) paying attention, concerned, enamored, enthusiastic, interested, involved, amatory

attraction: (n) allure, invitation, affinity, appeal, charm, allurement, lure, fascination, bait, draw, attractiveness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) repulsion, revulsion, disgust, aversion, repellent, drawback

attribute: (adj, n) quality, property; (n, v) assign; (n) feature, emblem, characteristic, peculiarity, mark; (v) credit, impute, accredit

attributed: (adj) credited.

ANTONYM: (adj) unofficial

attributing: (n) reference

audible: (adj) plain, hearable, distinct, detectable, sounding, sharp, sonic, definite, discernible, perceptible, sensory. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) inaudible, unintelligible, undetectable, silent, faint

aught: (n) nil, zero, anything, ought, cypher, nix, cipher, naught, null, zip; (adj) any

augment: (v) amplify, add, enhance, enlarge, aggrandize, reinforce, boost, expand, improve, intensify; (n, v) accrue. **ANTONYMS:** (v) reduce, decrease, attenuate, degrade, drop, diminish, undermine, minimize, lower

augmented: (adj) amplified, enlarged, greater than before, inflated, plus, more

aunt: (n) uncle, auntie, aunty, father's younger brother's wife, father's older brother's wife, mother's sister, kinswoman, nephew, niece, paternal

aunt, maternal uncle's wife

austerity: (adj, n) acerbity, stringency; (n) asceticism, strictness, sternness, gravity, severity, hardship, harshness, plainness, simplicity. ANTONYMS: (n) permissiveness, leniency, lenience, exuberance, abandonment, gentleness, indulgence, joy, warmth, affluence, cheerfulness.

authorise: (v) empower, approbate, licence, license, entitle, commission, sanction, authorize, allow, authorising, okay

authorised: (adj) authorized, empowered, licensed, accredited, entitled, licenced, glorified, official, commissioned

authorising: (v) authorise, approve

authoritative: (adj) official, imperious, reliable, dependable, magistral, authoritarian, influential, commanding, absolute, authorized, powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) informal, polite, questionable, democratic, doubtable, illegitimate, illicit, unverified, unofficial, unsubstantiated, invalid

authorized: (v) allowed; (adj) authorised, official, accredited, competent, lawful, legal, legitimate, permissible, qualified; (adj, v) privileged. ANTONYMS: (adj) unauthorized, illegal, unqualified

avail: (n, v) advantage, assist, aid, profit, benefit, help; (adj, n) service; (n) good, assistance, utility; (v) do. ANTONYMS: (v) useless, hurt, hinder, harm; (n) inappropriateness

avarice: (n) cupidity, covetousness, rapacity, avariciousness, avidity, eagerness, voracity, voraciousness, stinginess; (adj, n) greediness; (adj) extortion. ANTONYMS: (n) philanthropy, benevolence, charity

avenue: (n) road, route, sort, path, passage, approach, way, means, boulevard, course, lane

avoidance: (n) escape, evasion, abstention, forbearance, cancellation, prevention, annulment, dodging, avoid, evade, shun. ANTONYMS: (n) embrace, confronting

avoided: (adj) unpopular

avoiding: (n) shunning; (adj) fugitive, antisocial

avowal: (n) declaration, assertion, affirmation, admission, statement, recognition, acknowledgement, announcement, confession, testimony; (n, v) profession

avowed: (adj) acknowledged, attested, ostensible, sworn, stated, confirmed, declared, pretended, known, authenticated, apparent

awaited: (adj) expected, appointed, scheduled, forthcoming, prospective

awake: (v) wake, awaken, realize, waken; (adj) alive, alert, attentive, conscious, keen, intelligent; (adj, v) broad awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconscious, sleeping, comatose, sleepy, relaxed; (v) deaden, lull, sleep

awakened: (adj) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested

awed: (adj) frightened, groveling, reverential, reverent, overwhelmed, overcome, intimidated, worshipful, impressed, fearful, abominable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unawed, irreverent

awful: (adj) fearful, dreadful, terrible, abominable, appalling, nasty, abhorrent, atrocious, bad, horrible, lousy. ANTONYMS: (adj) excellent, wonderful, marvelous, great, lovely, nice, pleasant, beautiful, pleasing, good, minor

awkward: (adj) inconvenient, clumsy, embarrassing, uncomfortable, ungainly, untoward, crude, inept, sticky, left-handed, heavy. ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, easy, adroit, manageable, straightforward, simple, dexterous, rotund, convenient, helpful, skillful

awkwardness: (n) embarrassment, stiffness, unwieldiness, inconvenience, gawkiness, inelegance, Troublesomeness, ineptitude, ineptness, gaucherie; (adj, n) delicacy. ANTONYMS: (n) gracefulness, grace, comfort, coordination, pride, urbanity, ease, assurance, liveliness, confidence, cooperation

awoke: (adj) awakened

backed: (adj) upheld, support, backed up, coated, lined
backgammon: (n) go bang, dominos, gammon, draughts, misere chess, checkers

backward: (adj, adv) late, behindhand; (adj) tardy, retarded, reluctant, coy, slow, laggard, dilatory; (adv) behind, backwardly. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) ahead; (adv) onward; (adj) quick, developing, advanced, confident, brilliant, bold

backwards: (adv) back, rearward, rearwards, vice versa, conversely,

aback, abaft; (adj) upside down, adverse; (adj, adv) topsy-turvy; (v) fall back

balls: (n) guts, family jewels, intestinal fortitude, nerve, spirit, tenacity, valor, audacity, prowess
balm: (n) salve, unguent, incense, perfume, aroma, unction, liniment, balsam, arnica, lotion, fragrance. ANTONYMS: (n) irritant, nuisance

bandbox: (adj) dapper, spruce
banish: (v) dispel, expel, displace, relegate, oust, expatriate, eject, dismiss, transport, cast out; (adj, v) exile. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, embrace, adopt, invite, include

barbarous: (adj) barbaric, savage, gothic, brutal, heathen, truculent, rude, fell, ferocious, fierce, uncivilized. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, cultured, civilized, sophisticated, refined, humane

barbarously: (adv) felly, brutally, barbarically, cruelly, savagely, fiercely, ferociously, coarsely, rudely, wildly, crudely

bare: (adj) naked, austere, bald, stark, bleak, exposed, desolate, plain; (adj, v) empty, vacant; (v) show.

ANTONYMS: (adj) cultivated, ornate, concealed, elaborate, adorned, decorated, dressed, clothed, embellished; (v) cover, conceal

barefaced: (adj) insolent, brassy, open, bold, bald, audacious, blatant, impudent, overt, presumptuous, unconcealed. ANTONYMS: (adj) shamed, reserved, respectful, furtive, discreet, prudish, veiled, ashamed

barely: (adv) merely, just, nakedly, scantily, simply, nudely, baldly, purely, narrowly; (adj, adv) scarcely, only. ANTONYMS: (adj) enough, amply, sufficiently, abundantly; (adv) much, thoroughly, well, easily, obviously, clearly, strongly

bashful: (adj) timid, diffident, ashamed, coy, backward, modest, shy, retiring, shrinking, mousy, blate. ANTONYMS: (adj) confident, loud, unabashed, swaggering, forward, brazen, brave, outgoing

bearing: (n, v) demeanor; (n) manner, direction, deportment, conduct, attitude, aspect, approach, appearance, respect, air. ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, irrelevance; (adj) nonbearing

bears: (n) fissiped, badgers, Carnivora, order Carnivora

beauteous: (adj) pretty, lovely, fair, comely, good-looking, handsome, stunning

befall: (v) bechance, become, happen, fall, arise, come about, occur, betide, chance, transpire, pass

beforehand: (adv) previously, ahead, in advance, in anticipation, first; (adj, adv) early, beforehand; (adj) advance, already, afore; (n) prior. ANTONYMS: (adv) afterwards, afterward, later, late, subsequently

begging: (n) mendicancy, request, plea; (v) asking, beg; (adj) beseeching, entreating, mendicant, imploring, suppliant, vagabond
behalf: (n) sake, part, interest, behalf, defense, lieu, good, stead, score, service, side

behave: (n, v) conduct, exercise; (v) bear, deal, deport, operate, perform, acquit, walk, react, go.

ANTONYMS: (v) misdemean, malfunction

behavior: (n, v) bearing, demeanor; (n) carriage, conduct, deportment, act, behaviour, manner, character, action, morality

beheld: (adj) visual

beholding: (n) fusion, seeing, visual perception, look

believing: (adj) faith, believe, faithful, basic cognitive process, gullible, Catholic, religious, loyal, certain, Christian, credent

bell: (n, v) chime; (n) gong, Alexander Graham Bell, ring, doorbell, handbell, tocsin, alarum, Alexander Bell, buzz, angelus

belong: (v) appertain, pertain, lie, go, belong to, attach, dwell, consist, come, rank, stand. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, disagree, disassociate, leave, quit, differ

belonging: (adj) appertaining, appertinent, apropos, apposite; (n) household, family, appendage, appurtenance, intimacy, commodity, closeness. ANTONYM: (n) antipathy

beloved: (adj, n) dear, darling, favorite, pet; (adj) precious, loved, cherished; (n) love, dearest, honey, sweetheart. ANTONYMS: (adj) detested, despised, disliked

benches: (n) bleachers

beneficence: (n) benefaction, grace, charity, benevolence, goodness, generosity, bounty, munificence, almsgiving, alms; (adj, n) kindness. ANTONYM: (n) maleficence

beneficial: (adj) favorable, fruitful,

handy, profitable, useful, expedient, propitious, productive, healthy, conducive, good. ANTONYMS: (adj) useless, disadvantageous, harmful, unhelpful, unhealthy, unprofitable, destructive, detrimental, inauspicious, negative, unfortunate

benevolence: (n) beneficence, affection, favor, mercy, compassion, favour, kindness, benefaction, pity, kindliness, generosity.

ANTONYMS: (n) malevolence, meanness, cruelty, misanthropy, wickedness, nastiness, malice

benevolent: (adj) good, charitable, generous, kind, philanthropic, gracious, loving, amiable; (adj, n) beneficent, compassionate, kindly. ANTONYMS: (adj) malicious, unfeeling, mean, selfish, unkind, misanthropic, nasty, hardhearted, inhumane

bennet: (n) bent, avens, wood avens, white avens

bent: (adj) curved, arched, deformed, crooked; (n) propensity, inclination, fancy, leaning, flair, gift, curvature. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, inability, aversion; (adj)

undetermined, undecided, uncured, uncaring, rigid, unbent

bequeathed: (adj) hereditary
bequest: (n, v) will; (n) endowment, patrimony, estate, inheritance, heirloom, heritage, donation, gift, allowance, bequeathal

besides: (adv) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (prep) apart from, beside; (adj, adv) more
bestow: (v) give, confer, grant, impart, contribute, donate, apply, award; (adj, v) accord, allow, present. ANTONYMS: (v) deprive, refuse, withhold, retrieve, withdraw

bestowed: (adj) presented, conferred, awarded, accurate
betray: (v) deceive, bewray, sell, grass, dupe, reveal, mislead, disclose, accuse, befool, bamboozle. ANTONYMS: (v) protect, undecieve, hide, defend, withhold

bewildered: (adj) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (adj, v) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert
bewitched: (adj) enchanted, fascinated, infatuated, magical,

ensorcelled, doomed, captive, rapt, enamored, obsessed. ANTONYM: (adj) disgusted

bewitching: (adj, v) charming, fascinating, captivating, engaging; (adj) attractive, seductive, lovely, winning, entrancing, enthralling; (v) bewitch

bidding: (n) behest, order, dictate, charge, bid, request, call, dictation, direction, fiat; (adj) imperative

bills: (n) currency, folding money

biting: (adj, v) acute, acrid, sarcastic, sharp, acrimonious, pungent, severe, cutting; (adj) acid, bitter, barbed. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, blunt, kind, bland, nice, soothing, sweet, hot, complimentary, faint, sympathetic

bitter: (adj, v) acrimonious, acrid; (adj) sharp, acid, malicious, caustic, virulent, sour, resentful, keen, acerbic. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, charitable, hot, sugary, kind, wonderful, warm, pleasant, nice, agreeable, gentle

bitterly: (adv) bitingly, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously.

ANTONYMS: (adv) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly

bitterness: (n) acerbity, animosity, gall, malice, resentment, enmity, acridity, acidity, bitter, rancor, sharpness. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, harmony, kindness, blandness, friendliness, goodwill, idealism, affection

blacken: (v) asperse, bespatter, malign, denigrate, cloud, darken, defame, calumniate, stain, libel, tarnish. ANTONYMS: (v) respect, compliment, glorify, honor, brighten, praise, lighten

blame: (v) arraign, chide; (n, v) reprimand, censure, attack, charge, reproach, rap, rebuke, fault; (n) onus. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) absolve, exonerate, commend, clear, acquit; (n) vindication, exoneration, honor, absolution, glory

blameable: (adj) culpable, guilty, censurable, blameworthy, blameful

blamed: (adj) goddamned, goddamn, damned, goddam, infernal, damnable, ageless, answerable, beatified, blessed, aeonian

blameless: (adj) irreproachable, perfect, faultless, unimpeachable, pure, spotless, innocent, guiltless,

inculpable, not guilty, clean.
ANTONYMS: (adj) culpable, blameworthy, responsible, wrong, bad, sinful, shameful, flawed

blamelessness: (n) innocence, inculpableness, harmlessness, purity, inculpability, artlessness

blasted: (adj) cursed, infernal, damned, goddamn, darned, damn, goddamned, blessed, deuced, blame, blamed

blemish: (n, v) stain, scar, flaw, blot, slur; (n) defect, stigma, fault; (v) deface; (adj, n) imperfection; (adj, v) disfigure. **ANTONYMS:** (v) enhance, beautify, embellish, improve; (n) perfection, enhancement

bless: (v) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (n) blessing. **ANTONYMS:** (v) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny

blessed: (adj) happy, holy, cursed, sacred, damned, hallowed, blasted, fortunate, saintly, lucky, divine. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unlucky, condemned, damned, disapproved, unhappy, unholy, secular

blessing: (n) benediction, approval, mercy, felicity, benison, benefit, luck, advantage, boon, bless, godsend. **ANTONYMS:** (n) curse, misfortune, disaster, condemnation, adversity, desecration, refusal, veto, disadvantage

blind: (n) curtain, shutter, veil, drape, awning, trick; (v) bedazzle, dazzle, daze; (adj) sightless; (adj, v) obscure. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) sighted, uncovered, understanding, sharp, seeing, revealed, quick, perceptive, open, controlled, cautious

blinded: (adj) blindfolded, blinder, blindly, reckless, unsighted, blindfold, dizzy

blow: (n) beat, knock, shock, wallop, gust, jolt; (adj, n, v) gasp, puff; (n, v) blast, slap; (v) squander. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) calm; (v) save, conserve, store, stillness, inhale, come, arrive; (n) luck, comfort, caress

blown: (adj) puffy, panting, swollen, winded, inflated, moving, high, haughty lofty, late; (v) puffing and blowing; (n) blown

blush: (n, v) glow, color; (v) redden, crimson; (n) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (adj) bashful; (adv) blushingly. **ANTONYMS:** (v)

blanch, pale, blench; (n) paleness

blushing: (adj) rosy, coy, blushful, flushed, red, shy, bashful, overmodest, ruddy; (adv) blushingly, ablush. **ANTONYM:** (adj) pale

boast: (v) bluster, brag, blow, crow, gasconade, show off, rodomontade, exult; (n, v) vaunt, pride; (n) arrogance. **ANTONYMS:** (n) depreciation; (v) downplay, lack

boasting: (n) bluster, bravado, rodomontade, swagger, braggadocio, ostentation, show; (v) brag; (adj) swaggering, vaporizing, strutting

boisterously: (adv) noisily, clamorously, raucously, uproariously, rowdily, riotously, loudly, tumultuously, vociferously, unruly, roughly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) demurely, peacefully

bold: (adj) adventurous, audacious, manly, arrogant, intrepid, fearless, spirited, heroic, daring, courageous, stalwart. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) timid, modest, afraid, meek, shy, light, courteous, discreet, faint, fearful, abashed

boldly: (adj, adv) courageously, valiantly, heroically; (adv) fearlessly, daringly, bravely, intrepidly, impudently, audaciously, shamelessly, brashly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) discreetly, modestly, nervously, hesitantly, shyly, fearfully, meekly, submissively, secretly, respectfully, diffidently

bonnet: (n) cap, protection, chapeau, tule, wimple, beret, lid, cowling, castor, poke bonnet, sunbonnet

bordered: (adj) fringed, edged, delimited, surrounded

bordering: (adj) abutting, adjoining, conterminous, contiguous, frontier, next, neighboring, nearby, near, approximate, fringent

bore: (v) dig, tire, pierce, tap, annoy, perforate; (n, v) bother, plague; (n) auger, well, gimlet. **ANTONYMS:** (v) fascinate, excite, hypnotize, engage, entertain, stimulate; (n) charmer, exciter, excitement, pleasure

borne: (adj) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited

borrow: (v) adopt, lend, appropriate, to borrow, assume, take, accept, acquire, plagiarize, cadge, get. **ANTONYMS:** (v) give, invent, loan, originate, return

borrowed: (adj) foreign, rubato,

secondary

bosom: (n) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (n, v) embrace; (v) cherish, hug; (adj) intimate. **ANTONYMS:** (n) outside, exteriority

boundary: (n) limit, bound, edge, area, perimeter, periphery, end, threshold, outskirts, rim, barrier. **ANTONYM:** (n) center

boundless: (adj) limitless, endless, unlimited, infinite, bottomless, incalculable, immense, immeasurable, interminable, unbounded, vast. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) limited, restricted, confined, finite, incomplete, negligible, small

bounds: (n) boundary, border, limit, bound, margin, borderline, end, bourn, Bourne, brink, edge. **ANTONYMS:** (n) center, middle

bounty: (adj, n) largesse; (n) abundance, bounteousness, premium, blessing, prize, munificence, beneficence, generosity; (v) benefaction; (n, v) gift. **ANTONYMS:** (n) miserliness, fine, insufficiency, penalty, meanness

bowed: (adj) arched, curved, inclined, crooked, arciform, arching, arced, bandy, arcuate, twisted, bended. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) straight, concave, plucked

bowing: (n) obeisance, playing, gesticulation, capitulation, genuflection, scraping, submission; (adj) bowed, bent, fawning, submissive

bowl: (n) basin, plate, hollow, stadium, container, arena, depression, porringer; (v) hurl, toss, troll

boxes: (n) auditory, pit, parquet, gallery, box, case, front of the house, bleachers, stalls

bracelets: (n) trinkets, jewels, necklaces, charms, costume jewelry, ornaments

brains: (n) cleverness, intellect, intelligence, sense, mind, wisdom, pate, wit, wits, reason; (adj, n) head. **ANTONYM:** (n) stupidity

breaking: (n) breakage, breach, violation, infringement, contravention, smash, rift, scutching, shift, intermission; (v) deaden

breast: (n) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mammilla, bust, pap, heart; (n, v) front

breathed: (adj) unvoiced, inaudible,

- breathing, aphonic**
- breathing:** (adj) animate, live, living, respiratory, alive, above ground; (v) breathe, respire; (n) respiration, instant, moment. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate, breathless, dead
- breathless:** (adj, adv) out of breath; (adj) panting, inanimate, breathtaking, winded, choking, puffing; (v) all agog, aghast; (adj, n) eager; (n) in hysterics. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, expected, boring
- breeding:** (n) education, upbringing, nurture, manners, reproduction, generation, propagation, culture, fostering, cultivation, multiplication. ANTONYMS: (n) unsophistication, vulgarity
- brevity:** (n) briefness, shortness, succinctness, transience, terseness, abruptness, crispness, duration, economy, length, brevities. ANTONYMS: (n) lengthiness, length
- bribe:** (n) bribery, boddle, lure, payment, payoff; (v) corrupt, fix, pay off, pervert, blackmail; (n, v) reward
- bribery:** (n) corruption, felony, blackmail, bait, lure, invitation, incentive, temptation, coemption, dishonesty. ANTONYM: (n) honesty
- bride:** (n) fiance, Bridget, Brigid, saint Brigid, saint Bridget, honeymooner, prioreess, newlywed, participant, wife, bridegroom. ANTONYMS: (n) bridegroom, groom
- bridegroom:** (v) bride; (n) honeymooner, newlywed, participant, fiance, husband. ANTONYM: (n) wife
- brightening:** (n) blooming, polishing, limb, illumination, first blush, break of day
- brilliancy:** (n, v) brightness; (n) brilliance, lustre, luster, splendor, glitter, glory, radiance, splendour; (adj, n) gorgeousness; (v) gloss
- brink:** (n, v) edge; (n) border, hem, threshold, boundary, brim, shore, periphery, lip, margin, limit. ANTONYMS: (n) middle, interior, end
- brittle:** (adj) crumbly, breakable, crisp, fragile, short, crispy, brickle, sensitive, insubstantial, shivery, brash. ANTONYMS: (adj) solid, strong, resilient, durable, relaxed, sturdy, unbreakable, soft
- brotherly:** (adj) brotherlike, sympathetic, cordial, neighborly, harmonious, amicable, affectionate,
- sisterly, fatherly; (adv) sympathetically, fraternally.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) sisterly, uncompassionate, unfriendly, unneighborly, sororal, antagonistic, uncompanionable
- brow:** (n) peak, brink, brows, height, summit, forehead, eyebrow, edge, crown, brim, border. ANTONYM: (n) trough
- burning:** (adj) blazing, ablaze, boiling, afire, flaming, hot; (n) combustion, firing; (adj, n) passionate, zealous, glowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, trivial, cool, out, painless, quenched, soothing, unimportant, apathetic, insignificant, unconcerned
- burnt:** (adj) astute, heated, baked, torrid, sunburnt, seared, scorched, well done, tempered, overdone, combust. ANTONYMS: (adj) underdone, unburned, wet
- burst:** (adj, n, v) crack; (adj, v) split, blow up, explode, splinter, detonate; (n, v) rupture, blast; (adj, n) flash; (v) break out, belch. ANTONYMS: (v) attach, join, connect, fasten, tricke
- burying:** (n) entombment, inhumation
- busily:** (adv) actively, occupiedly, briskly, industriously, engagedly, energetically, assiduously, lively, officiously, fussily, meddlesomely. ANTONYM: (adv) inactively
- bustle:** (adj, n, v) hurry; (n, v) flurry, ado, fuss, hustle; (adj, n) stir, movement; (n) bother, commotion, disorder; (adj, v) hasten. ANTONYMS: (n) inactivity, stillness, idleness; (v) laziness, relaxation
- butler:** (n) waiter, pantryman, attendant, valet de chambre, livery servant, steward, flunkie, footman, lackey, manservant, valet
- cake:** (n) biscuit, cookie, bar, block, pastry, lump, pie, pancake, griddlecake; (v) set, harden
- calculate:** (v) estimate, compute, add, account, appraise, gauge, cipher, reckon, enumerate, forecast, guess. ANTONYMS: (v) suppose, doubt, estimate
- calculated:** (adj) purposeful, intentional, intended, conscious, premeditated, planned, measured, strategic; (adj, v) studied; (v) advised, designed. ANTONYMS: (adj) ingenuous, spontaneous, casual
- calculation:** (n) account, analysis, estimate, forecast, computation, deliberation, arithmetic, assessment, projection; (adj, n) discretion; (v) estimation. ANTONYM: (n) ingenuousness
- calico:** (n) cambric, fabric, cashmere, chintz, cloth; (adj) motley, varicoloured, pied, assorted
- calling:** (n) business, occupation, call, avocation, job, trade, career, employment, walk, pursuit; (n, v) profession. ANTONYMS: (n) entertainment, hobby
- calm:** (adj, n, v) assuage, appease, lull; (adj, v) cool, pacify, peaceful, easy, steady; (adj, adv, n, v) still; (n, v) allay; (v) mollify. ANTONYMS: (adj) agitated, wild, stormy, nervous, angry, scared, terrified, tense; (v) agitate, provoke; (adj, v) upset
- calmly:** (adv) stilly, tranquilly, coolly, serenely, placidly, sedately, smoothly, peacefully, easily, undisturbedly, steadily. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, hysterically, nervously, agitatedly, uncontrollably, histrionically, restlessly, frantically, irritably, emotionally, tensely
- calmness:** (n) calm, composure, quietness, poise, serenity, stillness, quiet, silence, placidity, peace; (adj, n) coolness. ANTONYMS: (n) anxiety, nervousness, restlessness, panic, fury, unrest, intensity, discomposure, bustle, annoyance, noise
- cambric:** (n) calico, cambric-muslin, cashmere, fabric, textile, material, cloth, linen
- candid:** (adj) blunt, outspoken, ingenuous, direct, sincere, open, forthright, artless, equitable, honest, guileless. ANTONYMS: (adj) scheming, tricky, artful, deceitful, dishonest, guarded, indirect, insincere, inhibited, disingenuous, evasive
- candour:** (n) candidness, frankness, forthrightness, fairness, rectitude, purity, straightforwardness, equity, truth, sincerity, simplicity
- canvas:** (n) duck, sail, sheet, tarpaulin, cloth, tarp, burlap; (n, v) canvass; (v) painting, tableau, solicit
- caprice:** (n) fancy, fantasy, humor, quirky, freak, notion, impulse, fit, capriccio, fad, vagary. ANTONYMS: (n) plan, strategy, blueprint, reality
- captivate:** (adj, v) attract, charm, fascinate; (v) bewitch, enchant, take,

lure, hypnotize; (n, v) allure, tempt, entice. ANTONYMS: (v) repulse, disillusion, offend, bore, annoy

captivated: (adj) spellbound, charmed, enchanted, absorbed, enthralled, engrossed, rapt, enamored, delighted, beguiled, infatuated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unenthusiastic, bored

captivating: (adj, v) enchanting, charming, engaging; (adj) attractive, absorbing, alluring, bewitching, delightful, engrossing, lovely, entralling. ANTONYMS: (adj) repellent, boring, unpleasant, unappealing, forgettable, annoying

captivation: (n) trance, enchantment, entrancement, attraction, liking, bewitchment, absorption, interest, conquest; (adj) adorable

careless: (adj) forgetful, inattentive, insouciant, haphazard, cursory, reckless, lax, unwary, sloppy; (adj, adv) thoughtless; (adj, v) heedless. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, prudent, meticulous, thoughtful, diligent, attentive, thorough, wary, guarded, methodical, strict

carelessness: (n) negligence, inattention, indifference, nonchalance, thoughtlessness, abandon, incaution, disregard, omission, forgetfulness, dereliction. ANTONYMS: (n) attention, caution, alertness, vigilance, carefulness, thoughtfulness, assiduousness, economy, regard, prudence, forethought

caring: (adj) tender, affectionate, loving, fond, compassionate, concerned, sympathetic, kind, solicitous, considerate, obliging. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, unfeeling, callous, flippant, unkind, inhumane, hardhearted, unhelpful, thoughtless, rough, paternal

caroline: (adj) Carolean; (n) carling

carpets: (n) carpeting

carriage: (n) attitude, conveyance, cab, air, walk, position, mien, shipping; (n, v) transport, behavior, port

carriages: (n) carriage

carter: (n) whip, carrier, coachman, Jehu, drayman, wagoner, teamster, delivery service, cartman, hauler, charioteer

carved: (adj) cut, incised, sculptured; (v) graven, engraved, stamped, fixed, imprinted. ANTONYM: (adj) uncarved

cassino: (n) casino, put, quinze,

connections, cards, card game, brag, speculation

casual: (adj) adventitious, careless, chance, occasional, nonchalant, irregular, easy, cursory, coincidental, passing, random. ANTONYMS: (adj) deliberate, formal, thorough, careful, rushed, premeditated, predetermined, planned, serious, permanent, intense

catching: (adj) communicable, infectious, epidemic, gripping, transferable, zymotic; (n) discovery, take, playing, uncovering, getting. ANTONYM: (adj) noncommunicable

catherine: (n) Catherine of Aragon, Catherine the great

caution: (n) advice, carefulness, warning, wariness, precaution, vigilance, prudence, admonition, commandment; (v) warn, advise. ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, rashness, incaution, honesty, foolishness, encouragement, irresponsibility, openness, approval; (v) dare, approve

cautioning: (adj) admonishing, cautionary, threatening

cautious: (adj) guarded, conservative, prudent, watchful, attentive, reserved, shy, provident, judicious, circumspect, chary. ANTONYMS: (adj) rash, open, impulsive, impetuous, careless, irresponsible, wasteful, incautious, thoughtless, imprudent, unwary

cautiousness: (n) caution, care, wariness, attentiveness, chariness, deliberation, discreetness, precaution, circumspection, discretion, forethought. ANTONYM: (n) incaution

cease: (n, v) end, finish, stop; (v) quit, terminate, break, break off, close, conclude, discontinue, abstain. ANTONYMS: (v) begin, start, commence, persist, stay

ceased: (adj) finished

ceaseless: (adj) eternal, uninterrupted, constant, perpetual, everlasting, endless, continuous, unremitting, continual, unending, nonstop. ANTONYMS: (adj) intermittent, temporary, sporadic, completed, restricted, limited, fleeting, finished, concluded, ending, inconstant

celebrated: (adj) renowned, famous, distinguished, notable, noted, splendid, well-known, known, famed, eminent; (adj, n) glorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) minor, unexalted, ordinary, obscure, undistinguished, inglorious, insignificant

celerity: (n) rapidity, speed, dispatch, velocity, swiftness, quickness, expedition, fleetness, alacrity, pace, promptness. ANTONYMS: (n) leisurely, sluggishness

censure: (n, v) accuse, reprimand, reproach, attack, animadversion, abuse; (n) accusation, condemnation; (v) carp, condemn, berate. ANTONYMS: (v) approve, commend, allow, endorse, laud, permit, sanction; (n) approval, blessing, commendation; (n, v) compliment

censured: (adj) guilty, appropriated

censuring: (adj) culpatory

ceremonious: (adj) formal, solemn, stately, stiff, precise, starchy, prim, punctilious, majestic, dignified; (adj, v) decorous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unceremonious, simple, relaxed, casual, informal

ceremony: (n) courtesy, celebration, ceremonial, parade, pomp, rite, ceremonies, manners, custom, ritual, pageant. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, understatement

certainty: (n) assurance, sureness, certain, trust, confidence, fact, reliability, surety, security, reality, certitude. ANTONYMS: (n) doubt, unpredictability, indecisiveness, skepticism, unknown, idealism, vagueness, fantasy, feeling, hesitation, insecurity

cessation: (n) pause, abatement, close, stop, respite, suspension, surcease, standstill, rest, termination; (n, v) death. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning, continuation, commencement, persistence

chagrin: (n) mortification, vexation, annoyance, shame, disappointment, letdown, humiliation; (n, v) disquiet, gangrene; (v) disappoint, mortify. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight; (n) pride, satisfaction

chaise: (n) shay, carriage, equipage, rig, coach, daybed, chaise longue, bed, cabriole chair, chair

chamber: (n) hall, bedchamber, cavity, cell, council, compartment, assembly, apartment, ventricle, dormitory, cubicle

chambermaid: (n) maid, fille de chambre, maidservant, housemaid,

domestic, chamberer, carpetmonger

chances: (n) probability, odds, opportunities, possibility, state, circumstances

chaperon: (adj) duenna; (n, v) escort, chaperone, guide; (v) accompany, attend; (adj, v) matronize; (n) companion, defender, governess, esquire. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, leave, abandon, desert

characterise: (v) characterize, define, distinguish, feature, specify, differentiated, stamping, act, qualify, marking, stamp

characteristic: (adj, v) typical, representative; (adj) individual, distinctive, original, specific; (n) sign, attribute, character, point; (adj, n) peculiar. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, unusual, untypical, rare, abnormal, typical, atypical

charged: (adj) laden, loaded, replete, aerated, tense, strained, full, filled, emotional, abounding, deferred

charm: (n, v) allure, captivate, appeal, spell, fascinate, bewitch, conjure; (adj, v) attract; (n) amulet; (v) enchant, entrance. ANTONYMS: (n) ugliness, repulsion, repelliveness, awkwardness, helplessness, unpleasantry; (v) repulse, offend, irritate, disgust, bore

charming: (adj) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (adj) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating, offensive, uninteresting, annoying

charmingly: (adv) pleasingly, prettily, alluringly, attractively, fascinatingly, pleasantly, enchantingly, temptingly, engagingly, sweetly, beautifully. ANTONYMS: (adv) unpleasantly, unattractively, horribly, awkwardly

charms: (n) trinkets, jewelry, jewels

chatty: (adj) gabby, garrulous, loquacious, familiar, informal, communicative, gossipy, voluble, talky, conversable, expansive. ANTONYMS: (adj) taciturn, quiet, formal, silent, laconic, reticent, restrained, reserved

cheap: (adj) tacky, low, stingy, base, flashy, worthless, sleazy, shabby, niggardly, mean, economical. ANTONYMS: (adj) expensive, costly, tasteful, generous, luxurious, quality, noble, inflated, precious, dear, steep

cheat: (n, v) trick, con, fake, sham; (n) fraud, bilk, impostor; (v) defraud, beguile, betray, fleece.

ANTONYMS: (v) support, repay, help, contribute, aid

cheating: (n) cheat, dishonesty, imposition, imposture, fraud, duplicity, deception, chicanery; (adj) dirty, cunning, deceiving.

ANTONYMS: (adj) honest, faithful; (n) honesty, truthfulness

checked: (adj) checkered, chequered, check, plaid, examine, temperate, tartan, silent, safe, pent-up, numbered

checking: (n) examination, verification, audit, inspection, scrutiny, going-over, arrest, interference, supervision, collation, approval of plans

cheeks: (n) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet

cheerful: (adj, v) buoyant; (adj) breezy, merry, optimistic, pleasant, glad, blithe, carefree, bright, lively, happy. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, gloomy, sad, depressing, grim, hopeless, miserable, morose, somber, dejected, unwelcoming

cheerfully: (adj, adv) gladly; (adv, v) happily; (adv) merrily, readily, brightly, jovially, cheerily, genially, chirpily, lively, blithely.

ANTONYMS: (adv) bleakly, dismally, grimly, sullenly, unhappily, somberly, sadly, grudgingly, gloomily, dourly, forlornly

cheerfulness: (n) glee, happiness, exhilaration, hilarity, mirth, merriment, gladness, cheer, good spirits, pleasure, joviality.

ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, grimness, seriousness, misery, resentment, uncheerfulness, solemnity, lethargy, bleakness, gravity, gloominess

cheering: (adj, n) encouraging, inspiring; (adj) comforting, hearty, exhilarating, heartening, amusing; (n) applause, acclaim, ovation, cheers. ANTONYMS: (adj) disheartening, heartbreaking, discouraging, depressing, dejecting, disturbing

cherish: (v) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (n, v) hug, foster. ANTONYMS: (v) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect

cherished: (adj) dear, precious, loved, treasured, prized, intimate, wanted, valued, pet, valuable, close.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unremarkable, hated, distant

chestnuts: (n) Castanopsis, Fagaceae, Castanea, genus Castanea, beech family

chicken: (n) fowl, hen, broiler, coward, cock, poultry, weakling, nestling; (adj) yellow, fearful, chicken-hearted. ANTONYM: (n) daredevil

chiefly: (adv) principally, primarily, above all, especially, headly, mostly, largely, primely, predominantly; (adj, adv) mainly, particularly.

ANTONYM: (adv) partially

childhood: (n) babyhood, boyhood, immaturity, infancy, puerility, youth, youthhood, immaturity, adolescence, age, anal phase.

ANTONYMS: (adj) recent; (n) maturity

chin: (n) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (v) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up

choosing: (n) picking, pick, selection, option, election, appointment, volition; (v) choose

choose: (v) choose, opt, decide; (n) thing

christening: (n) naming, denomination, chrism, designation, identification

circuit: (n, v) circle, tour, trip, journey, excursion; (n) beat, area, round, district, perimeter, cycle

circulated: (adj) disseminated, diffuse, dispersed, distributed

circulating: (v) circulate; (adj) cyclic, circulative, moving; (n) distribution

circulation: (n) dissemination, cycle, diffusion, distribution, circle, delivery, turn, revolution, extension, spreading, spread

circumspect: (adj) careful, cautious, prudent, guarded, alert, cagey, vigilant, wary, watchful, thoughtful, considerate. ANTONYMS: (adj) rash, incautious, bold, careless, unwary, tactless, open

circumspection: (n) care, wariness, chariness, cautiousness, calculation, precaution, vigilance, discernment, judgment; (adj, n) discretion, prudence. ANTONYM: (n) recklessness

circumstance: (n) affair, incident, matter, event, occasion, chance, accident, opportunity, adventure, casualty, fact

civilities: (n) propriety

civility: (n) politeness, courtesy, comity, attention, propriety,

affability, amenity, cultivation, complaisance, courteousness, civilization. ANTONYMS: (n) rudeness, incivility, coarseness **civilly:** (adv) politely, respectfully, graciously, complaisantly, urbanely, polishedly, considerately, domestically, genteelly, obligingly, refinedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) abruptly, uncivilly **clamorous:** (adj) noisy, blatant, loud, boisterous, insistent, exigent, urgent, obstreperous, strident; (adj, v) clamant, importunate. ANTONYM: (adj) tranquil **cleanse:** (adj, v) clean; (v) bathe, wash, clarify, wipe, scour, scrub, clear, rinse, disinfect, refine. ANTONYMS: (v) dirty, soil, stain, spot, pollute, mess, defile, cloud **cleared:** (adj) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, uncleared, guilty **clearing:** (n) clarification, clearance, purgation, purging, purge, clear-melting, correction, tract, improvement, release, freeing **clear-sighted:** (adj) discerning, perspicacious, clairvoyant, intelligent, observant, judicious **clergy:** (n) the cloth, pastorate, cardinalate, churchman, priest, parson, clergyman, chaplain, pastor, presbytery, clericals **clergyman:** (n) minister, chaplain, priest, pastor, churchman, preacher, parson, rector, dominie, vicar; (adj) divine. ANTONYMS: (n) layman, layperson **clerical:** (adj) accounting, bookkeeping, administrative, church, ministerial, priestly, sacerdotal, secretarial; (n) minister, preacher, office. ANTONYM: (adj) lay **clerk:** (n, v) writer, secretary, transcriber; (n) servant, shop assistant, salesclerk, employee, accountant, recorder; (v) scrivener, scribe **clever:** (adj) capable, acute, intelligent, able, apt, expert, skillful, cunning, sharp; (adj, v) brilliant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, unintelligent, dim, dull, inept, thick, naïve, idiotic, moronic, incompetent, open **clock:** (n) chronometer, horologe, alarm, alarm clock, clepsydra, ticker, cuckoo clock, clock radio; (n, v)

time, stopwatch; (v) measure **closest:** (adv) nearest, nighest; (adj) proximate, immediate, contiguous, bordering, adjacent, nearby, adjoining, neighboring. ANTONYM: (adj) distant **closet:** (n) cupboard, cubicle, cell, latrine, bathroom, wardrobe, water closet; (adj) clandestine, confidential, secret, private. ANTONYM: (adj) open **closure:** (n) close, blockage, stoppage, stop, occlusion, blockade, closedown, ending, plug; (n, v) cloture, halt. ANTONYMS: (n) opening, beginning, commencement, establishment, start **clouded:** (adj, n) cloudy; (adj) gloomy, dark, overcast, obscure, blurred, foggy, misty, hazy, bleary; (v) cymophanous. ANTONYM: (adj) clear **clue:** (n, v) tip; (n) cue, hint, sign, suggestion, signal, guide, token, indication, key, vestige. ANTONYM: (v) hide **clump:** (n, v) cluster, bundle; (n) lump, group, clot, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (v) plod **cluster:** (n, v) clump, bundle, huddle, group, crowd; (n) batch, agglomeration, gang, collection, tuft; (v) collect. ANTONYMS: (v) dissemble, scatter; (n) individual **coach:** (adj, v) prime; (n) trainer, teacher, instructor, stagecoach, charabanc, carriage, autobus, bus; (v) train, educate. ANTONYMS: (v) listen, learn; (n) pupil, student **coachman:** (n) teamster, cabman, charioteer, carter, carman, Jehu, postboy, drayman, wagoner, postilion; (v) whip **coarse:** (adj) vulgar, boorish, rough, brutal, crude, gross, common, earthy, blunt, bawdy; (adj, v) harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, refined, smooth, polite, soft, civil, cultured, delicate, fine, genteel, gentlemanly **coarseness:** (n) grossness, indelicacy, inelegance, indecency, vulgarity, commonness, rudeness, inferiority, crudeness, crudity, awkwardness. ANTONYMS: (n) delicacy, purity, refinement, smoothness, sophistication, tastefulness, civility, grace, propriety, decency **cogent:** (adj) weighty, powerful, pithy, strong, telling, persuasive, forcible, forceful, compelling, conclusive; (adj, v) convincing. ANTONYMS: (adj) confused, weak, ineffective, impotent, invalid, irrational **coherent:** (adj) rational, consistent, lucid, tenacious, clear, orderly, comprehensible, connected, coherence, sound, reasonable. ANTONYMS: (adj) incoherent, illogical, disjointed, rambling, confused, irrational, nonsensical, incomprehensible, contradictory, unintelligible, confusing **coincide:** (v) agree, concur, accede, correspond, conform, consort, accept, square, consent; (adj, v) meet; (n) coincidence. ANTONYMS: (v) diverge, disagree, contradict, clash, deviate, conflict **coincidence:** (n) chance, accident, conformity, conjunction, coexistence, consistency, unison, correspondence, concurrence, appulse; (v) coincide. ANTONYM: (n) plan **coldly:** (adv) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally **collect:** (v) gather, amass, accumulate, pick, aggregate, congregate, acquire, harvest, accrue, pick up, cull. ANTONYMS: (v) distribute, scatter, spread, lose, give, divide, dispense, disband, compensate, need, dispatch **collected:** (adj) calm, accumulated, amassed, tranquil, sober, assembled, cool, poised, unflappable, peaceful; (adj, v) composed. ANTONYMS: (adj) nervous, worried, upset, uncollected, flustered, scatterbrained, anxious, excitable **collecting:** (n) compilation, accumulation, collection, collation, assemblage, aggregation, pickup, philately, numismatics; (adj) gathering, philatelic **collins:** (n) William Wilkie collins, Wilkie collins **colonel:** (n) captain, coronel **coloured:** (adj) colorful, biased, black, partial, painted, dyed, unfair, blue, hued, color, artificial **colouring:** (n) coloration, painting, colour, coloring, color, tincture, tint, hue, colouration, dyeing, exterior condition **comfort:** (n, v) ease, allay, support, aid, alleviate; (n) consolation, relief,

amenity, assistance; (adj, n, v) assuage; (v) cheer. ANTONYMS: (n) discomfort, aggravation, agony; (v) alarm, annoy, frighten, afflict, aggravate, bother, burden, disappoint

comfortably: (adv) easily, pleasantly, cosily, conveniently, easy, snugly, richly, advantageously, leisurely, well, wealthily. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncomfortably, awkwardly, unpleasantly

comforted: (adj) thankful, pleased, comfortable, calmed

comfortless: (adj) dreary, desolate, bleak, uncomfortable, inconsolable, gloomy, lonely; (adj, v) disconsolate, forlorn; (v) joyless, sick at heart

comforts: (n) amenities, bread and butter, convenience, conveniences

commanded: (adj) lawful

commencement: (n) opening, start, origin, birth, kickoff, inauguration, inception, onset, outset, origination, source. ANTONYMS: (n) middle, termination, finishing, finish, ending, conclusion, culmination

commendable: (adj, n) praiseworthy; (adj) admirable, creditable, good, worthy, deserving, meritorious, applaudable; (adv) praiseworthy, laudably, admirably. ANTONYMS: (adj) unworthy, despicable, contemptible, disgraceful, rotten, lamentable, poor

commendation: (n, v) acclaim, applause, praise; (n) approval, citation, approbation, tribute, credit, plaudit, acclamation, admiration. ANTONYMS: (n) disapproval, criticism, censure, demotion

commended: (adj) highly praised

commerce: (n, v) trade, barter; (n) business, exchange, connection, dealings, intercourse, association, conversation, communication; (v) affair

commiseration: (n) pity, compassion, sympathy, condolence, ruth, mercy, commiserate, bowels, consolation, fellow feeling, acknowledgement

commissioned: (adj) accredited, appointed, commissions, authorized, licenced, specially made, vicarious, licensed

commissioning: (n) commission, charge, putting into service, mandate, employment, delegation, authorisation, appointment, authorization

commonly: (adv) ordinarily, usually, generally, customarily, normally,

habitually, regularly, plebeianly, currently, popularly, publicly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unusually, uncommonly, seldom, narrowly, tastefully, specifically

communicate: (v) express, impart, advertise, advise, carry, convey, transmit, commune, apprise; (adj, v) announce, intimate. ANTONYMS: (v) excommunicate, conceal, suppress

communicative: (adj) communicable, chatty, communicatory, expansive, expressive, clear, frank, fluent, companionable, conversational, open. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninformative, reserved, reticent, closed, taciturn, impassive, restrained, inarticulate

communicativeness: (v) garrulity, articulateness, trait, volubility, loquaciousness, intercommunication, effusiveness, fluency, expansiveness, frankness

companion (adj, n) associate; (n) colleague, buddy, mate, peer, chum, partner, fellow, comrade, assistant, brother. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, adversary

companions: (n) circle, entourage, people

comparative: (adj) qualified, proportionate, illustrative, approximate, near. ANTONYMS: (adj) absolute, unlike, far, unequal

comparatively: (adv) rather, somewhat, reasonably, quite, approximately, some, pretty, fairly, to some extent, to a certain extent, moderately. ANTONYM: (adv) absolutely

compare: (adj, v) liken; (v) confront, equate, to compare, associate, contrast, correlate, equalize, resemble, equal; (n, v) comparison. ANTONYMS: (v) imbalance, contrast

comparing: (n) collation, contrast, comparison, analogy, collating, comparability

compass: (n) scope, range, room, extent, area, circumference, reach; (n, v) round, grasp, circle; (v) get. ANTONYM: (v) lose

compassion: (adj, n) clemency, kindness; (n) mercy, charity, sympathy, commiseration, remorse, tenderness, forgiveness, feeling, grace. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, disregard, unconcern, severity, nastiness, harshness, incomprehension, malevolence, coldness, roughness, inhumanity

compassionate: (adj) merciful, clement, benevolent, kind, humane, tender; (adj, v) pitiful; (v) pity; (adj, n) gentle, sympathetic, caring. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfeeling, harsh, severe, cruel, indifferent, mean, uncompassionate, nasty, merciless, uncaring, unhelpful

compatible: (adj, n) consistent; (adj) congruent, sympathetic, congenial, accordant, conformable, becoming, harmonious, consonant, congruous, suitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) contrary, disagreeable, unsuitable, unsuited, inharmonious, incongruous, different

complacency: (n) contentment, conceit, satisfaction, self-satisfaction, comfort, entire satisfaction, peace of mind, gratification; (adj) amiability, soft tongue, mansuetude

complain: (v) bemoan, protest, whine, squawk, bewail, beef, grudge, accuse, carp, plain, complaint. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, applaud, cheer, recommend, rejoice, laud, approve, agree, accept

complaining: (adj) irritable, peevish, petulant, whining, moaning, complaining, repining; (adj, v) querulous; (n, v) lamenting; (adv) complainingly; (n) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, uncomplaining, cheerful, willing

complaint: (n) charge, ailment, disease, affection, whine, disorder, wail, complain, plaint, protest, sickness. ANTONYMS: (n) compliment, commendation, health

complaisance: (adj, n) affability, civility; (n) courtesy, deference, respect, compliancy, agreeableness, submission, amenity, politeness; (adj) gallantry

complaisant: (adj, v) civil, polite; (adj) benign, accommodating, amiable, debonair, friendly, courteous, tractable, attentive, affable. ANTONYMS: (adj) antagonistic, contrary, difficult, disagreeable, discontented

completion: (n) accomplishment, achievement, consummation, attainment, finish, performance, conclusion, closing, fulfillment, ending, complement. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning, abandonment

complexion: (n, v) tint; (n) cast, character, appearance, look, hue, aspect, flush, glow, dye, fashion

compliance: (n) observance,

approval, consent, acquiescence, obedience, complaisance, accordance, deference, assent, submission, compliancy.

ANTONYMS: (n) disobedience, stubbornness, nonconformity, resistance, refusal, dissent, disagreement, noncompliance, defiance, reluctance, rigidity
compliment: (n, v) praise, honor; (v) laud, flattery, applaud, greet, adulation, congratulate, belaud; (n) eulogy, tribute. **ANTONYMS:** (n) criticism, reproach, disparagement; (n, v) slander, libel; (v) criticize, denounce, disparage, denigrate, complain, belittle

compliments: (n) respects, commendation, wish, greetings, salutation, respect, applause, flattery, acclamation, regards, approbation

comply: (v) accede, assent, consent, acquiesce, accommodate, follow, fulfil, conform, abide, abide by, satisfy. **ANTONYMS:** (v) disobey, resist, rebuff, disregard, refuse, reject

complying: (adj) compliant, submissive, consenting, complaisant, assentive; (adj, v) tractable; (v) willing, commodious, chosen, causing ease; (n) agreement
compose: (v) build, compile, write, weave; (adj, v) appease, tranquilize, allay, lull; (n, v) calm, constitute, settle. **ANTONYMS:** (v) destroy, ruin, unsettle, annihilate, discompose, demolish, disturb, fluster

composed: (adj) calm, dispassionate, cool, peaceable, pacific, staid, imperturbable, temperate, level, impassive, unflappable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) distressed, trembling, nervous, excited, tense, ruffled, jumpy, intemperate, discomposed, upset, worried

composedly: (adv) serenely, calmly, quietly, placidly, coolly, sedately, steadily, soberly, unperturbedly, staidly, relaxedly. **ANTONYM:** (adv) nervously

composure: (n) calmness, serenity, poise, calm, equanimity, temper, aplomb, tranquillity, peace, temperament, disposition.

ANTONYMS: (n) panic, discomposure, anger, nervousness, perturbation, anxiety, agitation, turbulence, awkwardness

comprehend: (v) grasp, catch, see,

comprise, appreciate, feel, sense, apperceive, read; (adj, v) understand; (n, v) embrace.

ANTONYMS: (v) mistake, misapprehend, exclude, misunderstand, misconceive
comprehended: (adj) understood, apprehended

comprehends: (v) comprehend
comprehension: (n) knowledge, inclusion, conception,

understanding, intelligence, grasp, wit, capacity, familiarity, discernment, uptake. **ANTONYMS:** (n) incomprehension, ignorance

comprise: (v) contain, comprehend, include, compose, constitute, make up, carry, encompass, form, make, subsume. **ANTONYMS:** (v) lack, need

conceal: (v) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (n, v) veil. **ANTONYMS:** (v) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt

concealed: (adj) covert, clandestine, blind, occult, secret, mysterious, obscure, buried, invisible, secreted, surreptitious. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unconcealed, available, overt, open, divulged, Shown, revealed, disclosed, uncovered, noticeable, mainstream

concealing: (n) covering, concealment, burial, stealing, stealth, screening, burying, screenings, activity; (adj) suppressive

concealment: (n) suppression, confidentiality, concealing, secrecy, screen, disguise, hiding, privacy, camouflage, blind, covering. **ANTONYMS:** (n) discovery, disclosure, exposure, expression, openness, uncovering, revelation

conceit: (n) pretension, vanity, self-esteem, pride, assumption, egotism, fancy, haughtiness, conception, caprice, quip. **ANTONYMS:** (n) humility, timidity, selflessness, humbleness, reserve

conceited: (adj) arrogant, cocky, vain, boastful, proud, smug, affected, assuming, egotistical, haughty, pompous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) modest, insecure, meek, selfless, unassuming

conceive: (v) think, imagine, comprehend, design, apprehend, realize, discover, cogitate, appreciate, invent, catch.

ANTONYMS: (v) destroy, doubt, misunderstand, question, ruin

conception: (n) concept, idea, view, thought, creation, mind, design, imagination, impression, understanding, fancy. **ANTONYMS:** (n) termination, finish, ending, concrete, abortion, ignorance, destruction

concerto: (n) cavatina, concert, overture, variations, piece of music, fantasia, masterpiece, cadenza, pastoreale, classical music, roulade

conciliate: (v) appease, reconcile, assuage, propitiate, placate, mollify, pacify, calm, accommodate, mediate, allay. **ANTONYM:** (v) enrage

conciliating: (adj) conciliatory, conciliative

conciliatory: (adj) complaisant, pacific, mollifying, propitiatory, friendly, appeasing, conciliating, compromising, pacificatory, assuaging, quiet. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) provocative, challenging, hostile, aggressive, stubborn, bellicose, belligerent, fighting, antagonizing, uncompromising, antagonistic

concisely: (adv) shortly, pithily, tersely, succinctly, curtly, laconically, summarily, compendiously, condensedly, compactly, epigrammatically

conclude: (n, v) complete; (v) finish, gather, end, settle, resolve, terminate, determine, accomplish, cease, assume. **ANTONYMS:** (v) start, begin, commence, open, unsettle, prolong, wait, hesitate, introduce, delay, postpone

concluded: (adj, adv) finished, done, completed, ended; (adj) over, closed, terminated, accomplished, all over, consummate, set

concluding: (adj) last, terminal, ultimate, closing, definitive, conclusive, latest; (n) ending, dying, finishing, reasoning. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) opening, former, first

concurrence: (n) coincidence, accord, assent, concord, consent, agreement, approval, compliance, concourse, conjunction, confluence.

ANTONYMS: (n) disagreement, conflict, refusal, rejection

condemn: (v) censure, reproach, castigate, attain, deplore, sentence, excoriate, upbraid, knock, doom, criticize. **ANTONYMS:** (v) praise, approve, commend, free, pardon, absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate,

release, support

condemned: (adj) censured, convicted, doomed, destined, appropriated, taken, taken over, fated, seized, predestined; (adj, v) guilty

descend: (adj, v) deign, vouchsafe; (v) stoop, patronize, patronise, descend, lower, interact, decline, bow, agree

descendently: (adv) arrogantly, haughtily, contemptuously, patronisingly, superciliously, disdainfully, snootily, proudly, scornfully, loftily, snobbishly.

ANTONYM: (adv) humbly

descension: (n) arrogance, lordliness, disparagement, patronage, affability, disdain, pride, superciliousness, contempt, stoop, depreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, acceptance, admiration

conditional: (adj) contingent, dependent, hypothetical, guarded, provisional, provisory, subject, given, fenced, tentative, hedged in. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestricted, concrete, permanent

conditionally: (adv) provisorily, qualifiedly, contingently, dependently, supposing, guardedly, hypothetically, temporarily; (n) if, in case, provided

condole: (v) pity, sympathize, comfort, compassionate, lament

condolence: (n) compassion, pity, sympathy, condolement,

condolences, lamentation, mercy,

mourning, acknowledgement,

solace, acknowledgment.

ANTONYM: (n) congratulation

conducted: (adj) directed, guided

confederacy: (n) coalition, confederation, federation, association, union, conspiracy, cabal, combination, league, merger, faction. ANTONYM: (n) divergence

confess: (adj, v) own, allow, admit, avow; (v) concede, profess,

recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal,

receive. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress,

hide, dispute, conceal, repress,

harbor

confessed: (adj) known

confession: (n) admission, acknowledgment, recognition, acknowledgement, concession,

divulgance, disclosure, shrift,

penance, profession, admission of

guilt. ANTONYMS: (n) disavowal,

refutation

confidante: (n) comrade, intimate,

camarade, companion, compeer, familiar, lady's maid, guest, confere, soul mate, associate.

ANTONYMS: (n) enemy, foe, rival

confide: (v) commit, trust, entrust, intrust, consign, rely, charge, unbosom, whisper, lean, hope. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, keep, conceal, retain

confidential: (adj) secret, classified, private, intimate, privileged, clandestine, furtive, thick, inner, esoteric, confident. ANTONYMS: (adj) open, familiar, known, external, accessible, official, unrestricted

confidently: (adv) hopefully, surely, securely, assuredly, intrepidly, boldly, courageously, certainly, sanguinely, bravely, definitely. ANTONYMS: (adv) powerlessly, weakly, hesitantly, anxiously, uncertainly, timidly, despairingly, tentatively, pessimistically, irresolutely, awkwardly

confiding: (adj) unsuspecting, trustful, artless, credulous, untutored, ingenu, inartificial, lain, simple, unaffected, unsophisticated

confined: (adj) limited, cramped, imprisoned, bounded, enclosed, restricted, narrow, constrained, strict; (adj, v) close, invalidated. ANTONYMS: (adj) liberated, invasive, roomy, unconfined, unlimited, open, spacious, general

confinement: (n, v) childbirth, delivery; (n) detention, custody, restraint, interment, prison, labor, containment, incarceration, arrest. ANTONYMS: (n) release, death, liberation

confirm: (v) corroborate, verify, approve, validate, bear out, prove, clinch, assert, demonstrate, authenticate; (adj, v) establish. ANTONYMS: (v) contradict, deny, weaken, cancel, void, veto, undermine, repudiate, question, open, negate

confirmation: (n) ratification, approval, corroboration, testimony, sanction, demonstration, agreement, authentication, check, endorsement, evidence. ANTONYMS: (n)

opposite, question, repudiation, retraction, withdrawal, condemnation, denial

confirming: (adj) affirmative, confirmatory, corroborative, collateral, verifying, confirmative, corroboratory, positive,

substantiating, substantiative, validating

confirms: (adj) confirmed

confused: (adj) abashed, baffled, befuddled, bemused, dizzy, chaotic, confounded, deranged, incoherent, disjointed, indistinct. ANTONYMS: (adj) enlightened, orderly, alert, clearheaded, organized, oriented, precise, systematic, ordered, unimpressed, methodical

confusion: (n) commotion, chaos, disarray, bedlam, pandemonium, disorder, disturbance, distraction, clutter, tumult, agitation.

ANTONYMS: (n) clarity, understanding, tidiness, systematization, enlightenment, peace, organization, lucidity, neatness, space, calm

congenial: (adj, v) concordant, consonant, accordant; (adj) compatible, affable, kindred, genial, kind, pleasant, pleasing, delightful.

ANTONYMS: (adj) uncongenial, unfriendly, disagreeable, hostile, incompatible, despicable, abominable, unsavory, reserved

congratulate: (v) compliment, felicitate, preen, pride, celebrate, applaud, joy, salute, commemorate, approve; (n) congratulation. ANTONYMS: (v) commiserate, slur, disparage, belittle, condemn, boo

congratulation: (n) compliment, greeting, congratulate, congratulations, acknowledgement, gratulation, acknowledgment

congratulations: (n) congratulation, recommendation, praise, pean, kudos, eulogy, encomium, commendation, approval; (int) well done, bravo. ANTONYMS: (n) condemnation, criticism, rebuke; (int) commiserations

congratulatory: (adj) gratulatory, festive, congratulant, triumphant, prideful, glowing, fulsome, admiring, felicitous, commemorative, appreciative

conjecture: (n) supposition, speculation, assumption, surmise, hypothesis; (v) suppose, believe, anticipate, assume, speculate; (n, v) estimate. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty; (v) demonstrate, know, learn, prove

conjectured: (adj) supposed,

opinionative

conjugal: (adj, v) marital; (adj) connubial, nuptial, bridal, married, wedded, spousal, marriage,

- wedding, house, familial.
ANTONYMS: (adj) unmarried, single, public, divorced
- conjunction:** (n) coincidence, concurrence, association, coalition, alliance, cohesion, anastomosis, concomitance, confluence, amalgamation; (v) joinder.
ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, disconnection, division, separation
- connect:** (v) bind, bond, join, attach, associate, annex, conjoin, relate, unite, combine, affiliate.
ANTONYMS: (v) separate, disconnect, detach, unplug, undo, dissociate, clash, divide, clear
- connected:** (adj, v) related; (adj) attached, allied, affiliated, coherent, linked, committed, conjoint, combined, relevant, consecutive.
ANTONYMS: (adj) unrelated, separate, unimportant, disjoined, unaffiliated, disconnected, unattached, irrelevant
- connections:** (n) contacts, communication, influence, communications, links, transactions, quinze, put, network, inside track, dealings
- connivance:** (n) complicity, tacit consent, acquiescence, conspiracy, plot, connivency, commendation, involvement, approval, responsibility, secret approval
- connubial:** (adj, v) matrimonial, marital; (adj) nuptial, wedded, married, spousal, bridal; (adv) conjugally. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unmarried, unwedded, divorced
- conquer:** (n, v) capture; (v) subdue, vanquish, surmount, suppress, subjugate, overcome, overpower, quell, prevail; (adj, v) defeat.
ANTONYMS: (v) lose, yield, succumb, retreat, forfeit, fall, bow, resist, fail, submit, incite
- conquered:** (adj) overcome, vanquished, overwhelmed, crushed, subdued, profligate, routed, overthrown, done for, under enemy control, baffled. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) victorious, liberated
- conquest:** (n) defeat, triumph, conquering, achievement, reduction, coup, rout, overthrow, subjection, mastery, success. **ANTONYMS:** (n) failure, defeat, loss, victory
- conscience:** (n) moral sense, Conscience money, sense of right and wrong, scruple, intention, tender conscience, small voice, principles, morals, morality, inward monitor. **ANTONYM:** (n) indifference
- conscientious:** (adj) scrupulous, painstaking, honest, thorough, meticulous, dutiful, close, principled, strict; (adj, v) ethical, moral. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) sloppy, unconscientious, immoral, irresponsible, unscrupulous, conscienceless, corrupt, dishonest, inexact, slack, slipshod
- conscientiously:** (adv) carefully, thoroughly, painstakingly, faithfully, religiously, meticulously, dutifully, assiduously, closely, diligently, industriously.
ANTONYMS: (adv) irresponsibly, hastily
- conscious:** (adj) alive, premeditated, mindful, deliberate, cognizant, calculated, intended, discerning, self-conscious, studied, voluntary. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unaware, ignorant, unintentional, dead, accidental, inanimate, spontaneous, subconscious, unplanned, inadvertent, oblivious
- consciousness:** (n) feeling, sense, conscience, cognizance, mind, notion, knowledge, sensibility, feel, Consciousness of kind, self.
ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, oblivion, certainty, numbness
- consenting:** (adj) agreeable, yielding, submissive, consentant, compliant, affirmative, accepting; (v) complying, chosen
- consequent:** (adj) following, ensuing, resultant, sequent, resulting, successive, succeeding; (n) sequel, outcome, upshot; (adj, v) attendant. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) original, preceding
- consequential:** (adj) ensuing, eventful, bumptious, significant, weighty, imperious, following, high, consequent, considerable, supercilious. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) insignificant, unimportant, original, trivial, uneventful, optional
- consequently:** (adv) therefore, subsequently, as a result, then, sequentially, following, so, naturally, in consequence, hence; (conj) ergo
- considerably:** (adv, v) well, fully; (adv) much, very, substantially, hugely, largely, rather, noticeably, markedly, immensely.
ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, somewhat, faintly, unremarkably, modestly, barely
- consign:** (v) confide, commit, assign, forward, commission, transfer, delegate, give, send, hand over, relegate. **ANTONYMS:** (v) hold, receive, withdraw
- consigned:** (adj) destined, aboard
- consistency:** (n) agreement, body, coherence, consonance, conformity, density, thickness, uniformity, viscosity, congruity, congruence. **ANTONYMS:** (n) discrepancy, variability, incongruity, disagreement, untrustworthiness, variety, divergence
- consolation:** (n) comfort, relief, balm, succor, ease, cheer, solace, encouragement, sympathy, alleviation, express sympathy. **ANTONYMS:** (n) grief, sorrow, distress, discouragement, aggravation
- consolatory:** (adj) consoling, soothing, cheering
- console:** (v) cheer, soothe, quiet, relieve, reassure, encourage; (n, v) solace; (n) cabinet, allay, control console, control panel.
- ANTONYMS:** (v) hurt, discourage, grieve, sadden, distress, dispirit, disheaten, upset
- consoling:** (adj) consolatory, cheering, encouraging, grateful, reassuring, soothing, calming; (n) encouragement. **ANTONYM:** (adj) upsetting
- constancy:** (n) allegiance, devotion, resolution, fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness, faithfulness, steadiness, firmness, perseverance, unchangeableness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) inconstancy, inconsistency, changefulness, instability, disloyalty, unfaithfulness, unreliability, dishonesty
- constantly:** (adv) continually, firmly, incessantly, eternally, steadily, endlessly, unremittingly, ceaselessly, steadfastly; (adj, adv) always, forever. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) inconsistently, intermittently, acutely, erratically, infrequently
- consternation:** (n) alarm, shock, fear, apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (adj, n) terror, awe, dread, horror. **ANTONYMS:** (n) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity
- constitute:** (v) compose, commission, appoint, establish, comprise, build, name, create, found, institute; (n, v) make. **ANTONYMS:** (v) deny,

repeal, refuse, disband

constrained: (adj) forced, bound, stiff, strained, awkward, compelled, limited, affected, stilted, rigid, unnatural. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestricted, liberated, natural, open

consult: (v) consider, negotiate, deliberate, advise, refer, discuss, ask, reason, look up, canvass; (n, v) talk. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, bypass

consulting: (adj) consultative; (n) consultation; (v) consult

contained: (adj) implicit, unspoken, unexpressed, latent, understood, numbered, inside, confined to a small area, being within, limited to a small area. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestrained, generalized, pervasive

contemplation: (n) consideration, reflection, thought, attention, cogitation, musing, introspection, speculation, animus, deliberation; (n, v) study

contempt: (n, v) scorn; (v) despise; (n) disrespect, derision, mockery, disregard, ridicule, shame, slight, reproach, courtesy. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, admiration, regard, honor, esteem

contemptuously: (adv) scornfully, sneeringly, insultingly, disparagingly, superciliously, derisively, condescendingly, disrespectfully, haughtily, contumeliously, sardonically.

ANTONYM: (adv) approvingly
contented: (adj) content, happy, comfortable, quiet, cheerful, smug, complacent, satisfied, easy, proud, delighted. ANTONYMS: (adj) discontented, unhappy, depressed, unsatisfied, sad, anxious

contentment: (n) content, happiness, pleasure, fulfillment, ease, delight, comfort, complacency, bliss, joy, contentedness. ANTONYMS: (n) dissatisfaction, sadness, discomfort, discontentment, misery, unhappiness, displeasure, discontent, panic, anxiety

contents: (n) substance, content, matter, inside, subject matter, list, volume, synopsis, conspectus, cargo, catalogue

continual: (adj, adv) constant; (adj) ceaseless, incessant, endless, continuous, frequent, everlasting, uninterrupted, perpetual, unrelenting, perennial.

ANTONYMS: (adj) sporadic, temporary, occasional, finite,

inconstant, infrequent, ending, ceasing, halting, rare, acute

continually: (adv) perpetually, ceaselessly, incessantly, endlessly, unceasingly, continuously, persistently, eternally, steadily, frequently; (adj, adv) always. ANTONYMS: (adv) acutely, infrequently, spasmodically, sporadically

continuance: (n) duration, abidance, existence, endurance, protraction, adjournment, resumption, prolongation, time, standing, perseverance. ANTONYMS: (n) discontinuation, destruction

contracted: (adj) insular, contract, constricted, tight, bound, close, narrow-minded, confined, brief; (v) shrunk; (adj, v) selfish. ANTONYM: (adj) expanded

contradict: (v) deny, oppose, belie, conflict, confute, controvert, contravene, disprove, refute, invalidate, impugn. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, match, correspond, approve, corroborate, prove, support, reinforce

contrariety: (n) difference, antithesis, discrepancy, conflict, contradiction, contrast, opposition, repugnance, antagonism, contrariness, foil

contrariwise: (adv) vice versa, contrarily, counter, on the contrary, perversely, conversely, oppositely, adversely; (adj) contra, per contra, nay rather

contrary: (adj, n) contradictory, reverse; (adj) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable

contrasted: (adj) opposed, antagonistic, opposing, contrary, antipodean, counter, diverse, heterogeneous, opposite, unlike, adverse

contribute: (v) bring, bestow, administer, aid, impart, supply, provide, afford, endow, lead; (adj, v) tend. ANTONYMS: (v) hurt, harm, detract, counteract, minus, neglect, subtract, withhold, refrain, leave, refuse

contributed: (adj) collatitious, unpaid

contrivance: (n) device, appliance, gadget, artifice, plot, dodge, resource, plan, contraption,

machine, apparatus

contrive: (v) plan, invent, design, concoct, devise, cast, concert, excoigitate, frame, formulate; (n, v) manage. ANTONYMS: (v) demolish, destroy, ruin, waste, wreck, fail

contrived: (adj) affected, unnatural, false, forced, labored, spurious, feigned, unreal, strained, built, artificially formal. ANTONYM: (adj) sincere

convenience: (n) contrivance, accommodation, opportunity, utility, occasion, fitness, comfort, leisure, appliance, availability; (adj) convenient. ANTONYMS: (n) uselessness, distance, hardship, unsuitability, clumsiness, remoteness

convenient: (adj) comfortable, commodious, handy, appropriate, expedient, timely, fit, useful, nearby, opportune; (adj, n) advantageous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwieldy, fixed, useless, distant, troublesome, unsuited, remote, unsuitable, unadaptable, unuseful, inappropriate

converse: (n, v) chat, discourse, argue; (v) confer, confabulate, speak; (n) conversation, colloquy, contrast; (adj, n) opposite; (adj) counter. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) equal; (adj) similar, complementary; (n) similarity

convertible: (adj) companionable, communicative, accessible, social
convert: (v) alter, change, adapt, reform, commute, invert, transform, switch, exchange, turn; (n) proselyte. ANTONYMS: (v) remain, persist, keep, hold, stay

converting: (n) conversion, converting operation

convey: (v) communicate, channel, bring, conduct, transfer, fetch, express, transmit, bear, transport, take. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, maintain, withhold, retain, refrain, hold, absorb, receive

conveyed: (v) borne, sent

conveying: (n) conveyance, delivery, conveyancing, conveyance of title, transference, transmission, convey, transmit, assigning, transfer, delegation

conviction: (n) belief, confidence, certainty, condemnation,

persuasion, faith, trust, certitude, firmness, doctrine, determination. ANTONYMS: (n) acquittal, doubt,

release, absolution, disbelief, justification, insecurity, distrust
convince: (v) persuade, convert, sway, reassure, prevail on, induce, entice, argue, convict, win over; (adj, v) satisfy. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, repel
convinced: (adj, v) sure, positive, confident, firm; (v) cocksure, persuaded, satisfied, assured, bold; (adj) clear, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) doubtful, unconvinced, uncertain, cynical
cook: (v) boil, prepare, brew, bake, make, stew, simmer, grill, falsify, concoct; (n) chef
cooking: (adj) culinary; (n) cuisine, food, browning, broiling, culinary art, preparation, gastronomy, chow, frying, groceries
cool: (adj, v) chill, assuage, soothe; (adj) chilly, cold, collected, composed, fine, aloof; (v) quench; (n) poise. ANTONYMS: (v) heat; (adj) hot, agitated, excited, friendly, feverish, enthusiastic, tepid, temperate, bad, upset
coolly: (adv) quietly, composedly, coldly, collected, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically
copied: (adj) counterfeit, derivative, sham, false, phony, mock, imitative, forged, fake, ersatz, bogus. ANTONYM: (adj) real
copse: (n) brush, coppice, brake, brushwood, forest, underwood, grove, spinney, thicket, undergrowth, canebrake
coquetry: (v) captation, obsequiousness, sentimentalism, sycophancy, mock modesty, minauderie, toadeating, flunkeyism, prudery; (n) dalliance, invitation
cordial: (adj) genial, warm, affable, amiable, friendly, genuine, ardent, unaffected, gracious, honest; (n) liqueur. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfriendly, stern, cold, cool, disagreeable, aloof, reserved, distant, rude, uncordial, unpleasant
cordiality: (adj, n) friendliness, geniality, sympathy, sociability; (n) hospitality, sincerity, affability, amiety, kindness, amiability; (v) heartiness. ANTONYMS: (n) frostiness, disapproval, disapprobation, disagreement, difference, misunderstanding,

hostility, rudeness
cordially: (adv) warmly, genially, kindly, sincerely, heartfully, ardently, friendly, jovially, earnestly, affectionately, harmoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, frostily
corps: (n) company, army, army corps, detachment, troop, battalion, body, regiment, crew, party, task force
correspond: (adj, n, v) agree; (v) accord, coincide, conform, suit, consort, match, parallel, fit, answer, harmonize. ANTONYMS: (v) disagree, conflict, contradict, disaccord, clash, jar
correspondence: (n) accord, connection, agreement, communication, coincidence, concord, affinity, parallelism, parallel, similarity, symmetry. ANTONYMS: (n) dissimilarity, asymmetry, disagreement, incongruity, divergence, imbalance, contrast, clash
correspondent: (adj, v) congruous, consonant, accordant, concordant; (n) reporter, journalist, writer; (adj, n) parallel, equivalent; (adj) corresponding, equal. ANTONYM: (adj) different
correspondents: (n) reporters, press, newspapers, journalists
corroborated: (adj) corroborate, substantiated, verified
corroboration: (n) evidence, certification, testimony, proof, support, ratification, verification, approval, authentication, confirm, corroborate
corruption: (n) depravity, pollution, adulteration, filth, infection, vitiation, taint, bribery, cancer, blight, foulness. ANTONYMS: (n) purification, incorruptness, decency, honesty, morality, pureness, incorruption, purity, righteousness, scruples, virtue
costing: (n) price, quote, valuation, figure, estimation, cost evaluation, assessment, appraisal, estimate
cough: (v) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (n) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out
coughing: (n) coughs, breathing out
courteous: (n) aspect, expression, brow, complexion; (n, v) face, sanction, support, favor; (v) allow, tolerate, uphold. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, oppose, discourage, disapprove, prohibit
counteract: (v) antagonize, counterbalance, check, balance, cancel, hinder, neutralize, contradict, resist, compensate, contravene. ANTONYMS: (v) help, cooperate, assist, approve, coordinate, support, back, reinforce
counterbalance: (v) compensate, counteract, neutralize, countervail, cover, counterweigh; (n, v) counterpoise; (n) counterweight, equilibrium, poise, equilibration. ANTONYMS: (v) unbalance, overbalance
counterpart: (n) twin, duplicate, companion, complement, double, equivalent, parallel, copy, mate, pendant, replica. ANTONYM: (n) opposite
counting: (n) calculation, count, reckoning, computation, enumeration, numbering, numeration, tally, nosecount; (adj) calculating, including. ANTONYM: (prep) excluding
courage: (n) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness
courier: (n) emissary, herald, runner, bearer, cicerone, ambassador, envoy, conveyor, conveyer, carrier, valet de place. ANTONYMS: (n) receiver, sender
courteous: (adj, v) civil; (adj) affable, attentive, gracious, decorous, chivalrous, bland, thoughtful, urbane, mannerly, gentlemanly. ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, impolite, boorish, insulting, unmannerly, gruff, improper, vulgar, unhelpful, neglectful, graceless
courtesy: (adj, n) civility, complaisance; (n) propriety, chivalry, comity, politeness, gallantry, decency, attention, breeding, etiquette. ANTONYMS: (n) rudeness, discourtesy, unkindness, informality, impoliteness, disservice, brusqueness, incivility, vulgarity, crudeness, neglect
courtier: (n) aristocrat, official, attendant, suckling
courting: (n) wooing, courtship, bundling, appeal, attraction, case, causa, cause, flirtation, suit
courtship: (n) courting, wooing, love, bundling, the soft impeachment,

prayer, entreaty, gallantry,
addresses, cause, affection

cousin: (n) nephew, cousins, friend,
cousinship, relation, akin, relative,
full cousin, companion

covering: (n) cover, coating, blanket,
coat, casing, wrapper, case,
concealment, awning; (adj, n, v)
clothing; (n, v) apparel.

ANTONYMS: (prep) exactly,
beneath

cows: (n) cattle, cow, bull, ox, oxen,
Bos Taurus, bullock, beef, Cows,
steer, milker

crammed: (adj) packed, full,
overcrowded, chock-full, stuffed,
jammed, brimming, congested,
overflowing, saturated, teeming

crayons: (v) charcoal, pastel

creative: (adj, v) original, inventive,
fertile; (adj) imaginative,
resourceful, ingenious, originative,
artistic, constructive, untranslated,
inspired. ANTONYMS: (adj)
uncreative, unoriginal, uninspired,
untalented, mindless, logical,
destructive, stale, unproductive,
hackneyed

creature: (n) being, brute, animal,
tool, individual, person, body,
entity, human, puppet, somebody

creditable: (adj, v) reputable,
respectable; (adj, n) meritorious;
(adj) praiseworthy, laudable,
worthy, admirable, believable; (n)
estimable, dignity; (v) up to the
mark. ANTONYMS: (adj) unworthy,
disrespected, disgraceful,
discreditable, lamentable, poor,
blameworthy

creditably: (adv) commendably,
laudably, admirably, honorably,
worthily, best

criticise: (v) comment, criminate,
chide, berate, reprehend, knock,
reprove, denounce, deplore,
criticize; (adj) judge

crossed: (adj) crossbred, mixed,
hybrid, interbred, decussated,
intercrossed; (v) matted,
disconcerted dashed, unhinged,
frustrated

crossing: (n) transit, ford,
intersection, hybridization,
crossbreeding, passage, voyage,
mating, crossway, crosswalk, cruise

crowded: (adj) compact, congested,
full, packed, busy, dense, populous,
jammed, cramped, tight; (adj, n)
thronged. ANTONYMS: (adj)
sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose

crowned: (adj) laureled, fulfilled,

browbound, incorонate, successful

cruel: (adj, v) hard, harsh, sharp,
severe; (adj) barbarous, unkind,
brutal, bloody, bitter, savage,
atrocious. ANTONYMS: (adj)
merciful, gentle, sympathetic,
humane, liberal, compassionate,
charitable, friendly, caring,
considerate, libertarian

cruelly: (adv) harshly, ferociously,
fiercely, viciously, inhumanly,
mercilessly, pitilessly, heartlessly,
roughly, unkindly; (adj, adv)

bitterly. ANTONYMS: (adv) kindly,
mercifully, sympathetically, tamely,
peacefully, humanely,
compassionately, sensitively,
respectfully, innocently, genially

cruelty: (n) brutality, cruelty,
oppression, barbarity, ferociousness,
tyranny, violence, atrocity, ferocity,
mercilessness, harshness.

ANTONYMS: (n) compassion,
gentleness, friendliness, humanity,
benevolence, sensitivity, liberty,
decency

crushing: (adj) overpowering,
overwhelming, destructive; (n)
grinding, quelling, stifling,
suppression, flattening, pressure; (v)
shatter; (adv) crushingly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, wonderful

crying: (adj, v) exigent, instant,
pressing, urgent; (adj) insistent,
clamant, imperative, blatant; (n)
weeping; (v) weep; (adj, n) sniveling

cucumber: (n) cuke, gherkin,
vegetable, veggie, melon, cucumber
vine, cucumbers, dollar

culprit: (adj, n) convict; (n)

delinquent, accused, malefactor,
perpetrator, transgressor, prisoner,
sinner, offender; (adj) guilty, felon

cultivation: (n) civilization, farming,
culture, refinement, development,
growth, education, husbandry,
breeding, gentility, tilth.

ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance,
unsophistication, deprivation,
uncouthness

cunning: (adj) crafty, canny, adroit,
wily, sly, shrewd, tricky, artful; (n)
craftiness, craft, cleverness.

ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, honest,
stupid, unimaginative, gullible,
ingenuous, straightforward, candid,
sincere; (n) frankness,
straightforwardness

curiosity: (n) curioseness, rarity,
interest, curio, oddity, prying,
nosiness, peculiarity, novelty,
marvel; (adj, n) prodigy.

ANTONYMS: (n) emotionlessness,
indifference, disinterest

curious: (adj) odd, unusual,
abnormal, strange, peculiar,
interested, quizzical, quaint, queer,
inquiring, inquisitive. ANTONYMS:
(adj) incurious, ordinary, apathetic,
uninterested, unconcerned, typical,
indifferent, everyday, disinterested,
conventional, common

curricles: (n) phaeton, chariot, mail
phaeton, coach, wagonette, cart,
break

curtailed: (adj) shortened, short,
truncated, condensed, cut, reduced,
imperfect, tail, scrimp, unfinished,
lower

curtains: (n) passing, demise, finish,
decease, tragedy, termination,
calamity, cataclysm; (adj) last,
ultimate, terminal

curtesy: (n, v) curtsy; (n) obeisance;
(v) kneel, bob

custody: (n, v) detention, keep; (n)
confinement, charge, captivity, care,
security, protection, hold, storage,
retention. ANTONYMS: (n)
freedom, liberation, liberty

custom: (n) habit, convention, usage,
practice, consuetude, fashion,
method, mores; (n, v) use, accustom;
(adj) bespoke. ANTONYMS: (n) fad,
innovation, phenomenon, rage,
rarity

cutting: (adj) biting, keen, caustic,
bitter, acrimonious, incisive, raw;
(adj, n) acute; (n) cut, slip; (adj, v)
satirical. ANTONYMS: (adj) blunt,
complimentary, flattering, kind,
pleasant, hot, consoling; (n)
extension, freedom, expansion,
addition

dale: (n) valley, vale, glen, dingle,
gorge, hollow, ravine, dell, cocoon,
bottom, abyss

damp: (adj) moist, muggy, clammy,
cool, dank; (v) check, chill, deaden,
break; (n) moisture, dampness.

ANTONYMS: (n) dryness; (adj)
parched, arid, dried, fresh, hard

dancing: (n) choreography,
Terpsichore, saltation, break
dancing, ceremonial dance,
galloping, hoofing, Pavan; (adj)
morrice; (adv) adance; (v) saltant

dare: (n, v) venture; (v) defy, brave,
hazard, confront, risk, resist, make
bold; (n) adventure, daring,
defiance. ANTONYMS: (v) avoid,
flee, pass, refrain, retreat, obey

daring: (adj, n) bold, courageous,
adventurous; (adj) audacious,

venturesome, intrepid; (n) bravery, audacity, boldness, courage, adventurousness. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, timidity; (adj) timid, cautious, dull, afraid, chicken, fearful, unadventurous, wimpy
darling: (adj, n) beloved, pet, favorite, sweet; (adj) costly, cute, pretty; (adj, v) precious; (n) love, deary, angel. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, rival
darting: (adj) arrowy, moving; (v) Sally
dated: (adj) archaic, outmoded, obsolete, outdated, old-fashioned, dowdy, behind the times, antediluvian, ancient, unfashionable, old. ANTONYMS: (adj) contemporary, new, trendy, fresh, fashionable, chic, modern, in
dazzling: (adj) brilliant, blinding, splendid, glaring, vivid, stunning, dazzlingly, striking, sparkling, fulgent, resplendent. ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, ugly, uninspired, unremarkable, unexceptional, gradual, abysmal, humdrum, dark
deaden: (n, v) dampen, blunt, benumb, stun, obtund; (adj, n, v) damp; (v) muffle, mute, cushion; (adj, v) quell; (adj) allay. ANTONYMS: (v) accentuate, amplify, enliven, heighten, strengthen, build, invigorate, increase
dearest: (n) dear, darling, love, honey, lover, sweetheart, loved one, baby; (adj) precious, intimate, sweet
dearly: (adv) affectionately, preciously, darlingly, sweetly, petly, expensively, belovedly, intimately, highly, heartfelly, lovely
debts: (n) amount overdue, amount outstanding. ANTONYM: (n) credit
decamping: (v) decamp
decease: (v) go, die, perish, pass, pass away, exit, expire; (n) demise, passing, departure, expiration. ANTONYMS: (n) nascent; (v) survive
deceitful: (adj) false, fraudulent, insincere, crooked, dishonest, untrue, sly, artful, untrustworthy, unreliable, treacherous. ANTONYMS: (adj) straightforward, genuine, trustworthy, truthful, loyal, open, principled, straight, upright, faithful, dependable
deceive: (v) cheat, circumvent, bamboozle, pretend, hoax, fool, cozen, trick, beguile; (n, v) dupe; (n) fraud. ANTONYMS: (v) guide, inform, undeceive, protect

deceived: (adj) mistaken, misguided
deceiving: (adj) deceptive, deceitful, cheating, fallacious, dishonest, lying, treacherous, imposing, delusive, sanctimonious, mistaken. ANTONYM: (adj) correct
decency: (n) dignity, modesty, decorum, kindness, morality, courtesy, correctness, goodness, virtue, respectability, propriety. ANTONYMS: (n) indecency, offensiveness, corruption, immorality, wickedness, unsuitability, unkindness, rudeness, impropriety, badness, nastiness
decent: (adj) adequate, appropriate, becoming, decorous, sufficient, honest, acceptable, modest, seemly, comely; (adj, adv) right. ANTONYMS: (adj) immoral, inappropriate, disreputable, indecent, unsuitable, inadequate, filthy, undressed, unkind, smutty, selfish
deception: (n, v) cheat; (n) illusion, trick, pretense, delusion, betrayal, fake, flam, bluff, gammon, cheating. ANTONYMS: (n) honesty, candidness, sincerity, openness, correction, integrity, genuine, truthfulness
decidedly: (adv) clearly, positively, definitely, absolutely, emphatically, decisively, resolutely, firmly, markedly, surely, determinedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncertainly, equivocally, slightly, vaguely
deciding: (adj) crucial, critical, conclusive, determining, determinative, determinant, decisive, administrative; (v) decide; (n) resolution, decision making. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconclusive, secondary
decisive: (adj) conclusive, crucial, critical, decided, important, final, authoritative; (adj, v) positive, definite, categorical, unqualified. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, weak, unsure, roundabout, questionable, indefinite, unconvincing, inconsequential, inconclusive, hesitant, insignificant
decked: (adj) bedecked, decked out, ornamented, decorated, festooned
declaration: (n) affirmation, assertion, expression, pronouncement, statement, allegation, enunciation, acknowledgment, predication; (n, v) claim, avowal. ANTONYMS: (n) denial, disavowal, retraction, request
declare: (v) advertise, assert, allege, attest, aver, admit, acknowledge, proclaim, avow; (n, v) affirm, say. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, revoke, suppress, retract, repress, disclaim, withhold, request, refute, block
declared: (adj) stated, apparent, state, public, professed, proclaimed, explicit, ostensible, expressed, confirmed, alleged
declaring: (adj) affirming, predicator
declined: (adj) less
decorum: (n) propriety, gentility, decorousness, dignity, fitness, manners, correctness, ceremony, properness, politeness, grace. ANTONYMS: (n) impoliteness, rudeness, informality, indecorum, impropriety, indecency, corruption, abandon, vulgarity
deepest: (adj) inmost, center, cordial, earnest, genuine, hearty, warm, sincere, innermost. ANTONYM: (adj) outermost
default: (n, v) omission, oversight; (n) deficit, delinquency, defalcation, lack, want, neglect, fault; (v) laches, fail. ANTONYMS: (v) satisfy; (n) satisfaction
defect: (adj, n) blemish, imperfection, infirmity; (n) flaw, blot, shortcoming, weakness, deficiency, scar, failing, dearth. ANTONYMS: (n) strength, merit, faultlessness, excellence, capability, enhancement, perfection; (v) uphold, remain, join, embrace
defection: (n) apostasy, desertion, rejection, decampment, renunciation, abscondment, abandonment, repudiation, forsaking, backsliding, defect. ANTONYMS: (n) faithfulness, loyalty, staunchness, steadfastness
defective: (adj) bad, faulty, imperfect, broken, lacking, incomplete, unsound, vicious, inaccurate, rotten, wanting. ANTONYMS: (adj) sound, flawless, unbroken, adequate, intact, capable, dependable, fine
defend: (n, v) guard, shield, advocate; (v) justify, protect, assert, support, maintain, champion, apologize, shelter. ANTONYMS: (v) prosecute, abandon, endanger, surrender, renounce, oppose, forsake, assault, contradict, destroy, expose
defended: (adj) shielded, secured, watched over, secure, sacred
defense: (n) apology, fortification,

justification, security, protection, safeguard, excuse, defence, shield, defend, advocacy. ANTONYMS: (n) attack, offense, criticism, violence, prosecution, destruction, aggression, condemnation, accusation, opposition

defer: (v) adjourn, postpone, comply, procrastinate, bow, suspend, retard, accede, protract; (adj, v) put off; (n, v) delay. ANTONYMS: (v) advance, rush, hurry, hasten, forge, disagree, expedite, continue, resist

deference: (n) homage, respect, compliance, admiration, allegiance, reverence, obedience, submission, compliancy, duty, complaisance. ANTONYMS: (n) contempt, opposition, rebellion, resistance, disobedience

deferred: (adj) put off, delayed, belated, late, later than usual. ANTONYMS: (adj) hurried, hastened, expedited, advanced, early

defiance: (n) challenge, opposition, rebellion, insubordination, rebelliousness, disobedience, resistance, contempt, intractableness, mutiny, contradiction. ANTONYMS: (n) acceptance, surrender, deference, conformance, submission, acquiescence, cooperation, loyalty, meekness, support, agreement

deficiency: (adj, n) defect, blemish, imperfection; (n) dearth, lack, failing, deficit, shortcoming, inadequacy, absence; (n, v) want. ANTONYMS: (n) excess, perfection, provision, enough, adequacy, supply, strength, virtue, surplus, gain, glut

deficient: (adj) wanting, inadequate, scanty, imperfect, short, scarce, less, lacking, low, meager, insufficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) sufficient, perfect, ample, flawless, enough, excessive, complete, present, sound, strong, confident

defy: (n, v) dare; (v) brave, resist, ignore, confront, revolt, oppose, withstand, disobey, contradict; (n) defiance. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, acquiesce, surrender, yield, comply, accept

degenerate: (adj) corrupt, debauched, depraved, dissolute; (v) decay, degrade, relapse, decline, drop, rot; (adj, n) profligate. ANTONYMS: (adj) upright, honorable, moral, healthy, virtuous, regenerate; (v)

develop, flourish, recuperate, uplift, upgrade

dejection: (n) discouragement, depression, sadness, despair, sorrow, woe, grief, melancholy, blues, desolation, despondency. ANTONYMS: (n) cheerfulness, ecstasy, encouragement, hopefulness, joy, cheer

delay: (adj, v) defer, linger; (n, v) arrest, wait, check, stay; (n) deferment, interruption; (v) postpone, reserve, adjourn.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) rush; (n) decisiveness, promptness; (v) advance, hurry, begin, hasten, go, expedite, speed, prompt

delayed: (adj) belated, tardy, protracted, deferred, slow, retarded, held up, backward, back, prolonged; (adv) behind. ANTONYMS: (adj) early, expedited, prompt

deliberately: (adv) consciously, intentionally, designedly, knowingly, carefully, on purpose, purposely, willfully, slowly, premeditated, purposefully. ANTONYMS: (adv) accidentally, involuntarily, furtively, arbitrarily, automatically, naively, secretly, unconsciously, unwittingly, innocently, covertly

deliberation: (n) cogitation, counsel, debate, caution, thought, advisement, attention, contemplation, consultation; (adj, n) calculation, circumspection.

ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtlessness, carelessness, impetuosity, distraction, rashness

delicacy: (adj, n) weakness, fragility, tidbit; (n) finesse, daintiness, delicate, elegance, sensitivity, luxury, treat, airiness. ANTONYMS: (n) sturdiness, toughness, durability, frankness, inelegance, ruggedness, vulgarity, tactlessness, insensitivity, inaccuracy, clumsiness

delicate: (adj) accurate, tender, dainty, refined, breakable, fragile, beautiful, brittle, soft, nice, frail. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, robust, heavy, sturdy, tough, careless, inaccurate, rough, well, substantial, unscrupulous

delicious: (adj, v) delicate; (adj) tasteful, pleasing, delightful, appetizing, agreeable, sweet, toothsome, savory, enjoyable, dainty. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteless, distasteful, yucky, unsavory, unpleasant, unappetizing, revolting,

nauseating, inedible, gross, dry

delight: (n) joy, pleasure, amusement, rejoicing, gladness; (v) ravish, amuse, please, captivate, transport, enrapture. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, dismay, dissatisfaction, sadness, nuisance, discontent; (v) depress, displease, sadden, irk; (n, v) bore delighted: (adj) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (adj, v) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (adj) shocked, unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down

delightful: (adj) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying

delightfully: (adv) pleasantly, enchantingly, exquisitely, gladly, charmingly, finely, sweetly, deliciously, beautifully, merrily, (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) unattractively, horribly, disagreeably

delighting: (adj) satisfactory, attractive

delights: (n) delices

delivering: (adv) deliverly; (n) childbirth, presentation; (adj) unfailing

demanding: (adj) severe, difficult, trying, finicky, strenuous, hard, tough, particular, arduous, challenging, exigent. ANTONYMS: (adj) easy, halfhearted, reasonable, unchallenging, trivial, easygoing, effortless, soothing, sketchy, simple, relaxing

demean: (v) abase, lower, disgrace, debase, humiliate, conduct, cheapen, disparage, humble, behave, mortify. ANTONYMS: (v) heighten, dignify, boost, idolize, upgrade, honor, enhance, elevate, uplift, praise, glorify

denial: (adv, n) negation; (n) abnegation, repulse, renunciation, no, contradiction, abjuration, rejection, negative, refusal; (v) deny. ANTONYMS: (n) acceptance, declaration, affirmation, confession, admission, agreement, provision, prosecution, approval, permission, affirmative

deny: (v) controvert, rebuff, contradict, disavow, gainsay, reject,

oppose, refuse, disown, abnegate, renounce. ANTONYMS: (v) affirm, claim, acknowledge, declare, maintain, agree, spoil, accept, accede, allow, argue

denying: (v) deny; (adv) denyingly; (adj) opposed, recusative, unselfish, abnegative

depart: (v) go, deviate, decease, diverge, start, stray, wander, leave, die, vary, part. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, arrive, enter, come, abide, conform, continue, remain, appear, converge, return

departed: (adj) dead, bygone, late, former, bypast, defunct, past, left; (adj, v) gone, extinct; (n) decadent. ANTONYMS: (adj) remaining, alive

departure: (n, v) decease, demise; (n) exit, leave, deviation, divergence, depart, parting, aberration, passing, takeoff. ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, conformity, greeting, ingress, influx, homecoming, regularity, entrance, birth, coming, advance

dependence: (n) belief, confidence, addiction, dependance, faith, dependency, credence, hope, subordination, trust; (adj) contingency. ANTONYMS: (n) abstinence, distrust

depending: (adv) dependingly; (v) depend; (adj) suspensory, pendent, subject to, pendulous

deportment: (n, v) bearing, demeanor, conduct, carriage; (n) manner, attitude, demeanour, behaviour, comportment, dealing, air

depravity: (n) corruption, evil, degeneracy, depravation, debauchery, degeneration, degradation, wickedness, vice, turpitude; (adj) demoralization. ANTONYMS: (n) honor, justice, morality, nobility, purity, restraint, uprightness, virtue, righteousness, decency, goodness

deprecate: (v) decry, belittle, deprecate, detract, derogate, decrease, lower, undervalue, disparage, devalue; (adj, v) cheapen. ANTONYMS: (v) prize, cherish, esteem, grow, increase, value, improve

depressed: (adj) low, blue, dejected, sad, dispirited, downhearted, downcast, down, gloomy, hollow, disappointed. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, happy, convex, booming, elated, encouraged, euphoric,

exhilarated, flourishing, optimistic, prospering

deprive: (v) divest, bereave, despoil, denude, deny, rob, dispossess, dismantle, starve; (adj, v) abridge, curtail. ANTONYMS: (v) provide, present, offer, indulge, give, endow, appropriate, supply, add

deprived: (adj) bereft, poor, destitute, depressed, needy, broke, bankrupt, denuded, humble, indigent, insolvent. ANTONYMS: (adj) rich, exalted, salubrious

deranged: (adj) demented, disordered, crazed, maddened, unbalanced, insane, lunatic, mad, confused, disturbed, acephalous. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, balanced, lucid, rational, stable

derision: (n) contempt, mockery, scorn, banter, jeering, disdain, scoff, insult, irony, sport, gibe. ANTONYMS: (n) applause, esteem, admiration, praise, approval

derive: (v) stem, acquire, draw, deduct, come, result, extract, educe, infer, gain, elicit. ANTONYM: (v) invent

derived: (adj) secondary, calculated, variant, resulting, resultant, plagiaristic, imitative, derivate, deliberate, copied, calculable

descended: (v) extraught

descending: (v) descend; (adj) downhill, down, descended, decreasing, dropping, falling, sloping, degressive, occasive; (adv) downward. ANTONYM: (adj) upward

descent: (adj, n) ancestry; (n) decline, birth, fall, declivity, declination, declension, drop, pedigree, blood, derivation. ANTONYMS: (n) improvement, rise, hike, upgrade, elevation, boost, ascension, gradient

describing: (n) telling, unfolding, relating, recounting, recitation

desert: (adj, n, v) waste; (v) escape, forsake, relinquish, ditch, defect, leave; (adj, v) desolate; (adj, n) worth, merit; (adj) barren.

ANTONYMS: (v) stay, support, remain, inhabit, assist, aid, help, keep; (adj) cultivated, productive, fertile

deserted: (adj) desert, solitary, empty, lonely, isolated, forsaken, lonesome, desolate, bleak, vacant; (adj, v) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) occupied, packed, crowded, mobbed, populated, populous, overcrowded

desertion: (n) abandonment, defection, apostasy, dereliction, withdrawal, secession, rejection, decampment, exposure, leaving, disappearance. ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, attention, preservation

deserts: (n) desert, just deserts, due, compensation, comeupance

deserve: (v) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (n, v) reward; (n) richly deserve, worth

deserved: (v) merited, richly deserved; (adj) appropriate, due, fitting, just, earned, suitable, rightful, adequate, required

deservedly: (adv) justly, condignly, worthily, rightfully, rightly, right, justifiably, by merit, correctly, fairly, becomingly

deserving: (adj) meritorious, admirable, creditable, commendable, laudable, fit, good, deserved, condign; (v) deserve, worthy of. ANTONYMS: (adj) unworthy, undeserving, unimpressive

designedly: (adj, adv) advisedly, knowingly; (adv) purposely, intentionally, premeditatedly, wilfully, willfully, on purpose, studiedly, by design; (adj) wittingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) innocently, unconsciously, unwittingly, impulsively

designing: (adj) deceitful, crafty, scheming, cunning, insidious, deceptive, deep, calculating, dishonest, Machiavellian; (n) design. ANTONYMS: (adj) artless, aboveboard, honest, innocent, straightforward, unplanned, ingenuous

desirable: (adj) eligible, suitable, fitting, worthy, expedient, appropriate, alluring, charming, covetable, good, fascinating. ANTONYMS: (adj) repulsive, bad, detrimental, disadvantageous, disgusting, repugnant, repellent, unattractive, unenviable, unwanted, useless

desired: (adj) coveted, desirable, favorite, wanted, welcome, needed, beloved, required, most wanted; (adj, v) chosen; (v) consenting

desiring: (adj) envious, insatiable, desirous, eager; (adv) fleshly

desirous: (adj) wistful, avid, ambitious, greedy, longing, eager, hungry, covetous, envious, agog; (adj, v) willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) undesirous, reluctant, undesiring,

unconcerned

despair: (n) disappointment, desolation, dejection, melancholy, gloom, desperation, depression, dismay, discouragement, pessimism, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, hopefulness, expectation, joy, cheer, cheerfulness, resilience, elation, joyfulness

desperate: (adj) despairing, dire, critical, abject, dangerous, in despair, grave, awful, despondent, drastic; (adj, v) forlorn.

ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeful, optimistic, rational, promising, minor, cautious, casual, careful, trivial, secure, satisfied

desperation: (adj, n) despair, fury, rage; (n) recklessness, foolhardiness, desperateness, burst, confusion, trouble, misery; (adj) raving. ANTONYMS: (n) optimism, confidence, hopefulness, hope, happiness, caution, prudence, calmness

despicable: (adj) vile, base, abominable, mean, abject, miserable, dishonorable, filthy, dirty, hateful, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, noble, loveable, likable, laudable, endearing, commendable, lovable

despicably: (adv) meanly, spitefully, disgracefully, callously, shockingly, unkindly, shamefully, offensively, nastily, dishonorably, cruelly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) respectfully, commendably

despise: (v) disdain, loathe, deprecate, abhor, dislike, detest, slight, hate; (n, v) contemn; (n) contempt, deride. ANTONYMS: (v) respect, love, adore, appreciate, cherish, like, praise, accept

despised: (adj) scorned, despicable, hated, abject, disparaged, mean, attaching disgrace, unpopular, unloved, reviled, opprobrious

despising: (n) despisal, contempt, despisement; (adj) disdainful

desponding: (adj) despairing, despondent

destined: (adj, v) bound, fated; (adj) predetermined, sure, inescapable, intended, predestined, inevitable, prepared, foreordained, appointed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unscheduled, unlikely

destitute: (adj) impoverished, needy, bankrupt, broke, poor, helpless, impecunious, penniless, necessitous;

(adj, v) forlorn, devoid.

ANTONYMS: (adj) wealthy, privileged, prosperous, solvent
destroyed: (adj) ruined, lost, desolate, shattered, desolated, broken, depressed, dead, damaged, undone, fallen. ANTONYMS: (adj) preserved, living

destructive: (adj) deadly, hurtful, malign, injurious, fatal, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, harmful, evil, baleful. ANTONYMS: (adj) constructive, creative, productive, building, aiding, assisting, helpful, positive, preserving, benign

detached: (adj) separate, cool, aloof, distinct, impartial, neutral, dispassionate, objective, unconnected, remote, unconcerned. ANTONYMS: (adj) involved, warm, engrossed, partial, connected, biased, linked, united, impassioned, interested, personal

detaching: (adj) peeling, disengaging, shedding; (n) division

detain: (v) arrest, confine, catch, capture, apprehend, stay, keep, jail, imprison, incarcerate, retard.

ANTONYMS: (v) free, liberate, rush
detained: (adj) seized, locked up, jailed, intransitive, tardy, inside, caged, captive, behind bars; (n) in prison, under arrest

detect: (v) find, discover, discern, notice, observe, spot, see, ascertain, trace, identify, distinguish.

ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, ignore, overlook

detected: (adj) apparent, convicted, detect

detection: (n) revelation, demodulation, detecting, uncovering, unearthing, disclosure, spotting, spying, sense, recognition, catching. ANTONYM: (n) concealment

deter: (v) dissuade, bar, check, keep, block, hinder, impede, discourage; (n, v) cow, intimidate, abash.

ANTONYMS: (v) persuade, speed, facilitate, promote, support, stimulate, yield, attract

determination: (n) conclusion, definition, resolution, decisiveness, resolve, will, tenacity, appointment, assessment, constancy; (v) award.

ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, compliance, indecisiveness, feebleness, vacillation, irresolution, cowardice, indetermination, hesitation, flexibility, rashness

determining: (adj) crucial, deciding, conclusive, determinate, certain, definite, decisive, fixed, terminative; (v) determine; (n) terminer

detest: (n, v) hate; (v) abominate, loathe, despise, execrate, dislike, nauseate, contemn, dislike intensely; (n) loathing, abhorrence.

ANTONYMS: (v) adore, like, cherish, admire

detestable: (adj) hateful, abhorrent, damnable, odious, offensive, despicable, execrable, horrible, infamous; (adj, v) cursed; (adj, adv) atrocious. ANTONYMS: (adj) admirable, adorable, sweet, loveable, lovable, likable, delightful, cherished, honorable, desirable, nice

detested: (adj) despised, unpopular, disliked, loathed, not accepted, unloved, scorned, reviled, out of favor, not liked

device: (n) emblem, apparatus, appliance, artifice, trick, figure, contraption, invention, gimmick, equipment, plan

devoid: (adj) empty, vacant, absent, wanting, vacuous, destitute, clear, deficient, bereft, inane; (v) quit.

ANTONYMS: (adj) filled, supplied, replete, full

devote: (n, v) apply, destine, give, assign, vow; (v) consecrate, dedicate, commit, appropriate, allot; (n) devotion. ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, refuse

devoted: (adj, v) addicted, ardent, fond; (adj) affectionate, constant, loyal, pious, faithful, reliable, zealous; (adj, prep) consecrated. ANTONYMS: (adj) disloyal, indifferent, unfaithful, neglectful, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unattached, lukewarm, inconstant, halfhearted, disobedient

dialogue: (n, v) talk; (n) colloquy, conversation, interview, interlocution, chat, conference, discussion, dialog, talks, communication

dictate: (n, v) command, charge, order, decree; (n) bidding, behest, edict; (v) bid, prescribe, rule, ordain. ANTONYMS: (v) request, ask, record; (n, v) obey

dictated: (adj) set, hard-and-fast, compulsive; (n) contumely, blameworthy, abuse

dictatorial: (adj) despotic, absolute, autocratic, authoritarian, imperious, bossy, authoritative, domineering, peremptory, magisterial, arrogant.

ANTONYMS: (adj) democratic, tolerant, reasonable, passive, docile, polite, meek, lenient, flexible

differ: (v) disagree, contradict, clash, diverge, deviate, depart, difference, discrepancy, conflict, vary, contrast. **ANTONYMS:** (v) correspond, concur, conform, match, resemble, harmonize, equal, consent, accord, accede, support

differently: (adv) variously, otherwise, divergently, dissimilarly, disparately, distinctly, unlikely, contrarily, individually, unusually, oppositely. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) alike, correspondingly

diffidence: (n) reserve, modesty, shyness, pudency, coyness, timorousness, doubt, humility, timidity, uncertainty, constraint.

ANTONYMS: (n) approachability, arrogance, security, brashness

diffident: (adj) coy, modest, reserved, shy, timid, tentative, unassuming, retiring, hesitant, backward, self-conscious. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) outgoing, confident, brash, assertive, unrepentant, brave, arrogant, approachable

diffuse: (v) spread, circulate, disperse, broadcast, scatter, propagate, shed, expand, distribute, permeate; (adj) prolix. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) concentrated, abridged, pithy, succinct, terse, short, abbreviated, brief, confined, focused, limited

diffused: (adj) spread, dispersed, dim, distributed, softened

diffuseness: (n) pleonasm, circumlocution, verbosity, spread, prolixity, redundancy, weakness, faintness, softness. **ANTONYM:** (n) brightness

dignified: (adj) exalted, majestic, noble, grand, lofty, respectable, solemn, distinguished, lordly, high; (adj, v) great. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) undignified, foolish, dishonorable, boisterous, unceremonious, unseemly, vulgar, poor, lowly, modest, base

dignity: (n) degree, prestige, glory, decorum, face, distinction, honor, majesty, eminence, solemnity; (adj, n) decency. **ANTONYMS:** (n) lowliness, indecency, impropriety, simplicity, cheerfulness, austerity

dilatory: (adj) slow, dawdling, tardy, Fabian, laggard, slack, poky, late, cautious, procrastinating; (adv) backward. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) timely, diligent, ready

diligence: (n) assiduity, industry, attention, application, assiduousness, concentration, activity, perseverance, carefulness, sedulity, industriousness.

ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, indolence, feebleness, slackness, negligence, sloth

dimensions: (n) size, capacity, volume, magnitude, extent, measurement, shape, range, physique, gauge, figure

diminution: (n, v) decrease, decline; (n) deduction, reduction, abatement, cut, contraction, rebate, decrement, curtailment, declension.

ANTONYMS: (n) growth, expansion, restoration, enlargement

dine: (v) feed, lunch, breakfast, dining, meal, give, have supper, take tea, grub, consume, entertain.

ANTONYM: (v) abstain

dining: (n) feeding, eating; (v) eat

dining-room: (n) canteen, restaurant

directed: (adj) oriented, manageable, destined, concentrating, intent, formal, absorbed, prescript, focussed; (v) instruct; (adv) under **directing:** (adj) guiding, directive, administrative, determinative, directional, sovereign, commanding, controlling; (n) administration, conducting, conservation

directions: (n) advice, instruction, guidance, instructions, briefing, commands, orders, will

dirt: (n, v) soil, grime; (n) filth, dust, scandal, garbage, ground, earth, crap, mire, contamination.

ANTONYMS: (n) cleanliness, purity, luxury, cleanliness, newness

dirty: (adj, v) muddy, dirt; (v) corrupt, contaminate; (n, v) soil, defile; (adj) contemptible, bawdy, contaminated, dingy, impure.

ANTONYMS: (adj) spotless, hygienic, pure, immaculate, sanitary, pleasant, sparkling, fair, wholesome, washed; (v) purify

disadvantage: (n) deprivation, limitation, loss, inconvenience, damage, imperfection, detriment, failing, fault, demerit, losses.

ANTONYMS: (n) benefit, bonus, value, plus, assistance, gain, help, aid, strength

disagreeable: (adj) nasty, offensive, uncomfortable, distasteful, cantankerous, cross, ungrateful, abhorrent, horrible, bad, painful.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, friendly, amiable, inoffensive,

acceptable, desirable, easygoing, happy, pleasing, sweet, nice

disagreeably: (adv) nastily, unappealingly, offensively, cheerlessly, badly, distastefully, objectionably, unsympathetically.

ANTONYMS: (adv) agreeably, sweetly, warmly, attractively

disagreement: (n) discrepancy, dispute, conflict, contention, variance, scrap, argument, difference of opinion, dissension; (n, v) discord; (adj, n) dissidence.

ANTONYMS: (n) accord, harmony, consistency, compatibility, treaty, sameness, pact, consent, concord, acceptance, unity

disappoint: (v) fail, defeat, balk, baffle, disenchant, betray, circumvent, bilk, mock, foil; (n, v) put out. **ANTONYMS:** (v) please, satisfy, encourage, fulfill, succeed, comfort, inspire

disappointed: (adj) despondent, disgruntled, regretful, dissatisfied, depressed, sad, unhappy, frustrated, disenchanted, dejected, disappoint.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, composed, happy, triumphant, fulfilled, cheerful, idealistic

disappointing: (adj) unsatisfactory, regrettable, insufficient, disheartening, disappointment, off, dashing hopes, deceitful, deplorable, dissatisfaction, distressing.

ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, satisfying, acceptable, fortunate, satisfactory

disappointment: (n) anticlimax, failure, letdown, comedown, frustration, shame, disillusionment, annoyance, dismay, setback, misfortune. **ANTONYMS:** (n) satisfaction, boost, happiness, pleasure, hopefulness, fulfillment, comfort, idealism, climax, bonus, gratification

disapprobation: (n) condemnation, animadversion, displeasure, disownment, disapproval, blame, objection, dissatisfaction, disfavor, anger, dislike

disapprove: (v) deprecate, object, blame, repudiate, censure, disallow, reject, turn down, refuse, disownment, deny.

ANTONYMS: (v) approve, endorse, accept, embrace, praise, agree, sanction, pass

disarm: (v) disable, demilitarize, demilitarise, convince, divest; (adj,

v) invalidate, disqualify; (adj, n) propitiate; (adj) conciliate, tie the hands, unfit. ANTONYMS: (v) fortify, dissuade, discourage, annoy
disbelieving: (adj) unbelieving, skeptical, questioning, leery, not persuaded, unsure, uncertain, suspicious, quizzical, nervous, mistrustful. ANTONYMS: (adj) believing, credulous, unsuspicious, certain, convinced
discern: (v) differentiate, see, comprehend, detect, distinguish, make out, perceive, find, note; (n, v) descry; (adj, v) recognize. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, neglect, disregard, observe, overlook
discernible: (adj) observable, apparent, visible, appreciable, conspicuous, detectable, evident, noticeable, obvious, audible, palpable. ANTONYMS: (adj) indiscernible, unrecognizable, indistinguishable, obscure, obscured, unnoticeable, invisible, undetectable
discerning: (adj) apprehensive, perceptive, acute, shrewd, discriminating, discreet, penetrating, refined, judicious, sharp, conscious. ANTONYMS: (adj) indiscriminate, undiscriminating, disregardful, negligent, overlooking, undiscerning, unobservant, unperceptive, insensitive, obtuse, tasteless
discernment: (n, v) appreciation, sense, apprehension; (n) comprehension, discretion, taste, understanding, insight, discrimination, perception, recognition. ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, tastelessness, uncouthness, clumsiness
discharge: (n) dismissal; (adj, v) acquit, deliver, bounce; (v) clear, complete, eject, absolve, cashier; (n, v) drain; (adj, n, v) burst. ANTONYMS: (v) hire, load, hold, detain, convict, delegate, charge, assign, enlist, incarcerate; (n) burdening
discharged: (adj) released, exempt, clear, freer, free, fired, finished, drained, dismissed, defunct, deadened
discharging: (n) unloading, discharge, fulfillment, acquittal; (v) unload
disclaim: (v) deny, renounce, abjure, disavow, disown, abdicate, gainsay, waive, repudiate, disaffirm,

abnegate. ANTONYMS: (v) acknowledge, admit, accept
disclose: (v) declare, betray, reveal, detect, divulge, discover, convey, announce, air; (n, v) impart; (adj, v) confess. ANTONYMS: (v) secrete, withhold, hide, cover, deny, fold, suppress
disclosed: (adj) exposed, open, unconcealed, out of the closet, naked, manifest, discovered, ascertained, detailed
disclosure: (n) discovery, exposure, declaration, confession, announcement, betrayal, display, divulgence, leak, manifestation, publication. ANTONYMS: (n) denial, hiding
discompose: (v) confuse, discomfit, ruffle, agitate, abash, derange, disturb, disorder, unsettle, upset, embarrass. ANTONYMS: (v) compose, soothe, alleviate, calm, quiet, settle
discomposed: (adj) disturbed, perturbed, doubtful, excited, distraught, uncomfortable, fearful
discomposure: (n) discomfort, disconcretion, confusion, commotion, perturbation, embarrassment, unease, uneasiness, anxiety, temperament, disposition
disconcerted: (adj) confused, confounded, bewildered, blank, embarrassed, disturbed, troubled, worried, ashamed, discombobulated, bemused. ANTONYMS: (adj) composed, soothed, unabashed, relaxed
discontented: (adj, v) querulous, complaining; (adj) disaffected, disgruntled, malcontent, unsatisfied, dissatisfied, displeased, miserable, put out, ungratified. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, happy, content
discontentedness: (n) discontentment, dissatisfaction, dysphoria
discontinuance: (n) discontinuation, ending, stoppage, desistance, intermission, interruption, pause, halt, disjunction, separation, end. ANTONYMS: (n) continuance, continuation
discourage: (n, v) daunt, intimidate, dampen, cow, abash; (v) dishearten, demoralize, depress, dismay, deject, dispirit. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, promote, persuade, support, endorse, cheer, advocate, convince, urge, embolden, inspire
discouraged: (adj) despondent, downhearted, downcast, demoralized, dejected, dispirited, disheartened, frustrated, crestfallen, pessimistic, depressed. ANTONYMS: (adj) uplifted, heartened, cheered, inspired, cheerful, encouraged, hopeful, happy, calm, positive, enthusiastic
discourse: (n, v) address, lecture, sermon, converse, harangue, chat; (n) talk, colloquy, conversation, discussion, homily
discourses: (n) talks
discovering: (adj) observant, oracular
discovery: (n) detection, disclosure, breakthrough, finding, revelation, catching, revealing, invention, find, development, exploration
discredit: (n, v) disgrace, dishonor, degrade, reproach, shame, doubt, defame, slur; (v) disbelieve, decry, impeach. ANTONYMS: (n, v) honor; (v) believe, credit, dignify, praise, trust, verify, support, laud, commend, accept
discreditable: (adj, n) disgraceful; (adj) dishonorable, shameful, dishonourable, scandalous, reprehensible, outrageous, ignoble, humiliating, base, reproachful
discretion: (n) circumspection, prudence, delicacy, diplomacy, calculation, free will, discernment, discreetness, tact, confidentiality, choice. ANTONYMS: (n) tactlessness, rashness, indiscretion, foolishness, vulgarity, openness, clumsiness
discrimination: (n) difference, distinction, taste, differentiation, discretion, sense, prejudice, favoritism, wisdom, acumen; (n, v) judgment. ANTONYMS: (n) acceptance, impartiality, justice, unity, tastelessness, fairness, equality, uncouthness
disdain: (n, v) despise, contemn, slight, ridicule; (n) contempt, derision, arrogance, haughtiness, pride; (v) scoff, disparage. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, admiration, reverence, worship, approval, regard; (v) approve, admire, praise, accept, participate
disengaged: (adj) vacant, unemployed, disentangled, free, freed, untrammelled, devoid, unreserved, detached, liberated, loosened
disgrace: (adj, n, v) dishonor; (n, v) discredit, shame, stain, blemish,

- blot, slur, reproach; (v) degrade, debase; (n) degradation.**
- ANTONYMS:** (n, v) respect, esteem, credit; (v) glorify, dignify, praise; (n) merit, grace, pride, rise, worthiness
- disgraced:** (adj) shamed, dishonored, abashed, ashamed, damaged, dishonest, humiliated, mortified, disfigured
- disgraceful:** (adj) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious
- disgracing:** (adj) opprobrious, disgraceful; (n) dehonestation
- disguise:** (n, v) cloak, mask, conceal, masquerade, veil, camouflage, color; (n) guise, concealment; (v) hide, dissemble. **ANTONYMS:** (n) revelation; (v) unmask, uncover, show, expose, display, disclose, clarify, reveal
- disgust:** (n) antipathy, aversion, abhorrence, abomination, detestation, dislike, repugnance; (n, v) shock, distaste; (v) nauseate, displease. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) delight; (n) love, attraction, liking, adoration; (v) attract, allure, charm, entice, please
- disgusted:** (adj) fed up, ill, weary, sickened, nauseated, queasy, indisposed, demented, shocked, crazy, horrified. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) attracted, happy, pleased
- disgusting:** (adj) abominable, loathsome, odious, nasty, execrable, distasteful, disgusting, offensive, foul, disagreeable, obscene. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) attractive, appealing, delightful, tasty, pleasing, edible, charming, appetizing, laudable, lovable, nice
- dish:** (n) basin, disk, plate, meal, platter, food, saucer, beauty, meat, repast; (n, v) hollow
- disheartened:** (adj) dejected, depressed, despondent, dispirited, demoralized, disappointed, sad, downcast, down, low, daunted. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) cheerful, enthusiastic, happy, positive, hopeful
- dishes:** (n) food, meal, crockery, dinner service, dishware, menu, plates
- dishonesty:** (n) corruption, betrayal, crookedness, injustice, deceitfulness, treachery, devousness, duplicity, falsehood, racket, trick.
- ANTONYMS:** (n) frankness, sincerity, truthfulness, honestness, reliability
- dishonorable:** (adj) disgraceful, base, mean, ignoble, shameful, infamous, unfair, disreputable, degrading, wrong, unethical. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) honorable, noble, ethical, glorious, respectable, admirable, trustworthy, incorrupt, sporting, reputable, professional
- dishonourable:** (adj) base, disgraceful, shabby, dishonest, sordid, discreditable, ignoble, shameful, crooked, opprobrious, black
- disinclination:** (n) dislike, distaste, indisposition, reluctance, antipathy, opposition, disaffection, disrelish, unwillingness, disfavor; (n, v) disgust. **ANTONYMS:** (n) inclination, disposition, desire, tendency, keenness, willingness
- disinclined:** (adj) reluctant, loath, averse, indisposed, loth, backward, not content, opposed, dubious, afraid, not in the vein. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) tending, willing, leaning, eager, bent, keen, disposed
- disinterested:** (adj) indifferent, detached, fair, unbiased, objective, neutral, dispassionate, equitable, evenhanded, uninterested, impassive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) biased, interested, prejudiced, eager, passionate, riveted, concerned, partial, personal
- disinterestedness:** (n) fairness, disinterest, nonpartisanship, detachment, indifference, equity, aloofness, neutrality, disadvantage, unfriendliness
- dislike:** (n) disapproval, disaffection, antipathy, disdain, disfavor, revulsion; (n, v) hate, disinclination, aversion, distaste; (v) detest. **ANTONYMS:** (n) liking, fondness, taste, attraction, enjoyment, preference, longing; (v) like, enjoy, approve, adore
- disliked:** (adj) hated, detested, averse, lousy, loath, undesirable, companionless. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) popular, liked
- disliking:** (adj) averse, disinclined; (n) aversion, disfavor, dissatisfaction, disinclination, displeasure, distaste
- dismay:** (adj, n, v) appall; (v) depress, dishearten, discourage, horrify; (n) consternation, discouragement; (n, v) daunt, affright; (adj, n) terror, dread. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) delight; (v) stimulate, assure, ensure, encourage, elate; (n) spirit, satisfaction, mettle, resolution, assurance
- dismissed:** (adj) discharged, unemployed, clear, convalescent
- dismission:** (n, v) dismiss, acquittance, firing off, emission, vent; (n) dismissal, sacking, sack, release, liberation, firing
- disobliging:** (adj) unobliging, harsh, uncooperative, unwilling, offensive, not ready to give a hand, awkward, unhelpful, contrary, disagreeable, ill-natured. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) obliging, agreeable, polite, pleasant, courteous, mannered, civil, helpful, cooperative
- dispatched:** (adj) fulfilled, finished
- dispelling:** (n) evaporation
- dispense:** (v) allot, deal, administer, assign, deal out, apportion, dole out, give, issue, diffuse, furnish. **ANTONYMS:** (v) prohibit, receive, withhold
- dispirited:** (adj) depressed, disconsolate, downcast, discouraged, blue, crestfallen, dismal, down, downhearted, disheartened, melancholy. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) cheerful, optimistic, euphoric, enthused, heartened, happy, enthusiastic, positive
- displayed:** (adj) extendant, expanded, splay
- displaying:** (n) advertising
- displease:** (v) annoy, disgust, bother, anger, vex, affront, offend, rile, irritate, nark, nettle. **ANTONYMS:** (v) please, satisfy, pacify, delight
- displeased:** (adj) disgruntled, dissatisfied, angry, annoyed, unhappy, peeved, irritated, disgusted, indignant; (v) pained, afflicted. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) contented, satisfied, calm
- displeasure:** (n) resentment, discomfort, dissatisfaction, dislike, discontent, exasperation, disfavor, annoyance, offense, pique, disapproval. **ANTONYMS:** (n) satisfaction, pleasure, enjoyment, happiness, delight, contentment, equanimity, approval
- disposal:** (n) administration, organization, distribution, sale, classification, alienation, giving, order, direction, adjustment,

dispensation. ANTONYMS: (n) cumulation, collection, acquisition, acquirement, accumulation

dispose: (n, v) incline, order, influence; (v) adjust, predispose, position, place, lead, tend; (n) bias, array. ANTONYMS: (v) disturb, disqualify, displace, disorder, disincline, disarrange

disposed: (adj) prone, apt, ready, subject, prepared, liable, game, inclined, fain, likely, minded. ANTONYMS: (adj) ailing, indisposed, unlikely, disinclined, reluctant, impervious

disposing: (adv) disposingly; (v) dispose; (adj) decretive, dispositive; (n) distribution

disposition: (n) attitude, character, disposal, tendency, predisposition, inclination, propensity, bias, arrangement, direction, aptitude

disputable: (adj, v) debatable, questionable; (adj) controversial, arguable, dubious, moot, contentious, contestable, suspicious; (v) slippery, precarious.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unquestionable, settled, certain, inarguable, established, incontrovertible

dispute: (adj, n, v) quarrel, debate, question; (n) conflict, difference; (n, v) argue, wrangle, row, fight, squabble; (v) discuss. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, understanding, accord, concord; (v) surrender, concede, concur, confess, support, accept

disquiet: (v) discompose, perturb; (n, v) worry, alarm, trouble, disorder, dismay, discomfort, concern; (n) anxiety, apprehension.

ANTONYMS: (n) reassurance, quiet, tranquility, serenity, calmness, optimism; (v) soothe, settle, relax, compose, tranquilize

disregarded: (adj) unnoticed, neglected, unseen, written off, wretched, unvalued, unheeded, overlooked, lost, irrecoverable; (v) unregarded

disrespect: (n) contempt, cheek, impertinence, neglect, blasphemy, impudence, disdain, insolence; (n, v) insult, slight; (v) disesteem.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect; (n) admiration, regard, value, reverence, politeness, civility, approval, decency, seriousness

disrespectful: (adj) impudent, insolent, impolite, impious, irreverent, contemptuous,

sacrilegious, audacious, uncivil, rude, bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) deferential, gracious, reverent, courteous, mannered, mannerly, pious, polite

dissatisfied: (adj) discontent, disgruntled, disappointed, put out, displeased, malcontent, grumpy, annoyed, disaffected; (adj, v) querulous, complaining.

ANTONYMS: (adj) content, contented, happy, fulfilled, gratified, pleased, idealistic

dissemble: (v) feign, assume, conceal, disguise, camouflage, dissimulate, act, hide, sham, pretend, mask.

ANTONYMS: (v) show, demonstrate, expose, reveal

disservice: (n) disadvantage, hurt, injury, harm, damage, detriment, injustice, spoliation, mischief, wrong, bad turn. ANTONYMS: (n) kindness, help, benevolence

dissipation: (n) waste, dissolution, licentiousness, extravagance, excess, profligacy, consumption, decomposition, disintegration; (n, v) diffusion, dissemination.

ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, growth, restraint, moderation, decency, uprightness

dissolved: (adj) adulterate, gone, liquified, broken

dissuade: (v) discourage, deter, advise, remonstrate, divert, expostulate, dehort, hinder, repress, reason, detain. ANTONYMS: (v) persuade, encourage, induce, influence

distant: (adj) remote, aloof, chill, detached, far, reserved, cool, long, icy, removed; (adv) afar.

ANTONYMS: (adj) close, neighboring, adjacent, friendly, near, nearby, warm, pending, intimate, involved, alert

distinguish: (v) discriminate, perceive, know, describe, make out, discover, descry, behold, identify, recognize, separate. ANTONYMS: (v) mistake, confound, ignore, Miss, unite, demean

distinguished: (adj) dignified, celebrated, illustrious, renowned, conspicuous, important, reputable, great, noble, high, well-known.

ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, insignificant, undignified, Standard, pedestrian, low, common, coarse, base, undistinguished, modest

distinguishing: (adj) distinctive, identifying, typical, discriminating,

specific, distinct, peculiar; (adv) distinguishingly; (adj, v) discriminative; (v) distinguish; (n) hearing. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, typical

distracted: (adj) demented, inattentive, abstracted, crazy, frenzied, distraught, preoccupied, distressed, confused; (adj, v) mad, disconcerted. ANTONYMS: (adj) attentive, alert, assured, calm, mellow

distractedly: (adj, adv) madly; (adv) distraughtly, frantically, frenziedly, wildly, forgetfully, absentmindedly, inattentively, vaguely, confusedly, preoccupiedly. ANTONYM: (adv) calmly

distraction: (adj, n) desperation, raving; (n) beguilement, pastime, diversion, confusion, entertainment, disturbance, daze, recreation; (adj) madness. ANTONYMS: (n) fascination, attentiveness, attention, noninterference, calmness, concentration

distress: (n, v) pain, torment, trouble, concern, torture, upset, worry; (n) anguish, agony; (adj, n) difficulty, grief. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) please, soothe, relieve; (n) peace, encouragement

straightforwardness, solace, relieving, relief, prosperity

distressed: (adj) worried, distraught, anxious, sad, disturbed, downcast, hurt, distracted, wretched, shocked, troubled. ANTONYMS: (adj) composed, content, euphoric, happy, comforted, glad, joyful, collected, unconcerned, unaffected

distressing: (adj) sorrowful, deplorable, pitiful, painful, bad, depressing, disturbing, sore, lamentable, hurtful, worrying. ANTONYMS: (adj) reassuring, heartwarming, pleasing, unemotional, soothing, comforting, comfortable, cheerful, appealing, happy

distribute: (v) apportion, allot, dispense, disperse, administer, disseminate, assign, diffuse, deal out, circulate; (n, v) deal.

ANTONYMS: (v) amass, collect, gather, hoard, store, hold, garner, disorder, disarray, declassify, keep

distrust: (n, v) mistrust, discredit; (n) suspicion, misgiving, disbelief, uncertainty, hesitation; (v) suspect, disbelieve, question; (adj) distrustful. ANTONYMS: (n)

confidence, faith, trustiness, certainty, belief, optimism; (v) believe, entrust, depend, confide

distressed: (adj) suspect

disturb: (v) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern.

ANTONYMS: (v) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order, reassurance, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize

disturbance: (n, v) commotion, brawl; (n) disorder, turmoil, upset, derangement, dislocation, disruption, tumult, din; (adj, n, v) trouble. ANTONYMS: (n) stillness, peace, satisfaction, serenity, respect, accord

disturbed: (adj, v) concerned; (adj) anxious, disquieted, upset, confused, worried, restless, disordered, unsettled, distressed, turbulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, relaxed, calm, sane, unaffected, unbroken, peaceful, stable, carefree, unconcerned, untroubled

diversified: (adj) diverse, different, heterogeneous, manifold, divers, varied, altered, multifarious, motley, assorted, miscellaneous

diversion: (n) amusement, entertainment, pastime, deviation, distraction, detour, fun, sport, recreation, digression, deflexion

divert: (adj, v) distract; (v) entertain, avert, delight, deflect, deviate, beguile, depart, disport, digress, sidetrack. ANTONYMS: (v) bore, irritate, maintain, set, upset, stay, displease, sadden

diverted: (adj) abstracted, entertained, pleased, inattentive, sidetracked, unfocused, preoccupied

divide: (n, v) cut, part, distribute, share, split; (v) dissociate, dismember, separate, dispense, disconnect, detach. ANTONYMS: (v) unite, join, connect, combine, multiply, lump, link, keep, hold, gather, disarrange

dividing: (n) division, partitioning, calculation; (v) parting, departing; (adv) dividingly; (adj) disjunctive, divisional

doings: (n) conduct, behavior, behaviour, deportment, demeanour, proceeding, episode, traffic; (v) act, deed, job

doleful: (adj) mournful, sorrowful, sad, disconsolate, melancholy, miserable, piteous, dolorous,

somber, woeful; (adj, v) dolesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) gleeful, happy, glad, cheery, elated, euphoric

don't: (adv) not; (n) taboo, prohibition

doorway: (n) door, entrance, entry, passage, entryway, way in, access, driveway, gate, gateway, lobby

dose: (n) potion, share, draught, dosage, medicine, batch, doctor, allotment, measure, shot, portion

doubled: (adj) twofold, multiple, doubles, folded, repeated, dual, bivalent, reduplicate

doubly: (adv) twice, twofold, two times, in two ways, dualistically

doubted: (adj) distrusted, suspected

doubtful: (adj) dubious, debatable, distrustful, questionable, queer, suspicious, tentative, disputable, diffident, unsettled, unsure.

ANTONYMS: (adj) trusting, convinced, reliable, confident, persuaded, provable, sure, hopeful, promising, likely, indubitable

doubting: (adj) doubtful, distrustful, disbelieving, incredulous, doubt, skeptical, suspicious, sceptical, wary, doubts, distrusting.

ANTONYM: (adj) credulous

doubtfully: (adv) distrustfully, skeptically, suspiciously, sceptically, uncertainly, questioning, hesitantly, cynically, apprehensively, incredulously; (adj) doubting. ANTONYM: (adv) optimistically

doubtless: (adv) assuredly, undoubtedly, probably, unquestionably, clearly, without doubt, presumably; (adj) sure; (adv, v) questionless; (adj, adv) no doubt, to be sure. ANTONYMS: (adj) improbably, uncertain, unlikely, questionable

doubts: (adj) doubting

dove: (n) turtledove, squab, emblem, pacifist, pacifist, poultry, dover, pigeon, Holy Spirit, culver, peacenik

downstairs: (adv) beneath, below, underneath, down the stairs, downward, infra, at a lower place, downhill, on a lower floor; (adj) downstair; (n) floor. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) upstairs

dozen: (adj, n) XII; (n) dozens, boxcars

draughts: (n) solitaire, go bang, backgammon, misere chess, chess, dominos, board game

drawings: (n) drawing, income

dread: (n, v) apprehension, fear, panic; (n) anxiety, awe, consternation, alarm, trepidation, dismay, foreboding, terror.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasing, welcomed, pleasant; (v) welcome, want; (n) reassurance, fearlessness, confidence, security, ease, calm

dreaded: (adj) awful, terrible, cowardly, causing horror, dire, direful, desperate, dreadful, fearful, fearsome; (v) drad

dreadful: (adj) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (adj, v) dread. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic, marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair

dreadfully: (adj, adv) frightfully, shockingly; (adv) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well

dreading: (adj) anxious

dressed: (adj) attired, clad, garbed, appareled, spruced up, spiffed up, covered, polished, garmented; (v) clothed, habited

dressing: (n) bandage, stuffing, fertilization, binding, bandaging, scolding, fertilizer, manure, compress, preparation, farce

drily: (adv) parchedly, thirstily, waterlessly, monotonously, stalely, driedly, sharply, sardonically, tediously, hardly, plainly

drinking: (n) consumption, ingestion, intake, potation, drunkenness, crapulence, boozing, drinkable, uptake, intemperateness, booze

driven: (v) drive, impel, operate, propel; (adj) impelled, compulsive, motivated, involuntary, dynamic, successful; (n) drove

drooping: (adj) flabby, pendulous, limp, flaccid, cernuous, flagging, languid, floppy, lax, tired; (n) droop. ANTONYMS: (adj) taut, firm

duchess: (n) princess, queen, lady, czarina, begum, margravine, noblewoman, peeress, marchioness, sultana, infanta

ducks: (n) geese, family Anatidae, birds, Anseriformes, Anatidae, game birds, order Anseriformes, wildfowl

ductility: (n) plasticity, tractability, malleability, tracity

duel: (v) combat, duello, contest,

buck, repel, resist; (n, v) fight, tilt; (n) affaire d'honneur, monomachy, prize fight

dull: (adj) dreary, dense, sluggish, dismal, slack, torpid; (adj, v) blunt, stupid; (v) deaden, dampen; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (adj) lively, sharp, stimulating, exciting, lustrous, interesting, exhilarating, varied, glossy, glittery, luminous

dullness: (n) apathy, bluntness, boredom, dreariness, flatness, tedium, obtuseness, torpor, monotony, lethargy; (adj, n) phlegm. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, intensity, brilliance, excitement, intelligence, shine, asperity, animation, gloss, clarity, variation

dupe: (n, v) fool, con, gull; (v) defraud, bamboozle, beguile, deceive, take in, kid, trick; (n) victim. ANTONYM: (v) enlighten

duped: (adj) mistaken

duplicitous: (n) deception, dishonesty, artifice, craft, deceitfulness, guile, treachery, betrayal, chicanery, fraud, trickery. ANTONYMS: (n) loyalty, sincerity, straightforwardness, allegiance, truthfulness

duration: (adj, n) length, distance; (n) continuation, time, standing, period, continuance, stretch, age, permanency, span

dutifully: (adv) submissively, obediently, deferentially, compliantly, conscientiously, devotedly, dutifully, docilely, loyally, respectfully, meekly. ANTONYMS: (adv) carelessly, irresponsibly, unfaithfully, assertively

dwell: (adj, v) inhabit; (v) reside, bide, live, stay, lodge, delay, occupy, continue, be, settle. ANTONYM: (v) wander

dwelling: (n) domicile, home, residence, house, place, accommodation, address, building, lodge, habitation; (adj, n) dwell

dwelt: (v) dwell, inhabit

dying: (n) death, demise, decease, mortality; (adj) vanishing, moribund, last, final, ultimate, failing, ebbing. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, well, opening, aborning, developing, flourishing, growing, reviving, rejuvenating; (n) birth

eager: (adj) avid, ardent, agog, acute, zealous, enthusiastic, keen, ambitious, industrious, studious; (adj, n) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic,

disinterested, unwilling, unenthusiastic, lukewarm, patient, reluctant, listless, bored

eagerly: (adv) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (adv) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically

eagerness: (n, v) desire, aspiration; (n) enthusiasm, avidity, cupidity, readiness, passion, keenness, ambition, fervor, avidness.

ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, unwillingness, aloofness, disinterest, lethargy, listlessness, patience, gloom, reluctance

earl: (n) baron, jarl, peer, thane, viscount, banneret, chief, lord

earliest: (adj) earlier, early, initial, primordial, matutinal, original, primitive, aboriginal, chief, foremost, opening. ANTONYMS: (adj) latest, subsequent, contemporary

earnest: (adj, v) devout; (adj) eager, solemn, heartfelt, diligent, studious, sincere, intense, ardent, staid; (n) guarantee. ANTONYMS: (adj) flippant, halfhearted, uncertain, insincere, unimportant, nonchalant, lethargic, apathetic, unenthusiastic, indifferent, frivolous

earnestly: (adj, adv) seriously; (adv) eagerly, intently, zealously, solemnly, ardently, fervently, heartily, gravely, warmly, passionately. ANTONYMS: (adv) indifferently, insincerely, unconcernedly, jokingly

earnestness: (n) seriousness, sincerity, gravity, fervor, devotion, graveness, staidness, honesty; (adj, n) ardor, zeal, intentness.

ANTONYMS: (n) slackness, lightness, carelessness, frivolousness, cheerfulness, insincerity, flippancy

earthly: (adj, n) terrestrial; (adj) carnal, worldly, conceivable, human, geotic, secular, terrene, temporal, telluric, sublunary.

ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, divine, ethereal, immortal, impossible, improbable, inconceivable, celestial

ease: (v) alleviate, assuage, relieve, allay; (n) convenience, rest, leisure, relief, satisfaction; (adj, v) facilitate; (n, v) relax. ANTONYMS: (n) discomfort, formality, awkwardness, worry, toil, problem,

pain, maladroitness; (v) aggravate, worsen, impede

easiness: (n) simplicity, effortlessness, dreaminess, calm, easy, quality, quietude, rest, comfort, lightness, tranquility. ANTONYMS: (n) intolerance, reserve

easter: (n) east wind, Christmas, Easter dues, easters, Whitsuntide, paschal, Easter Day, Easter sunday, levanter, Allhallows, Pasch

eating: (n) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion; (v) eat

eccentric: (adj, n) odd; (adj) wacky, bizarre, abnormal, crazy, strange, outlandish, anomalous, cranky, erratic; (n) character. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, ordinary, conventional, usual, concentric, common, sane, dull, orthodox; (n) conformer, traditionalist

echo: (n, v) answer, repeat, resound, rebound, reply; (v) reproduce, reverberate, imitate; (n) repercussion, reaction, replication

eclat: (n) acclamation, celebrity, brilliance, elegance, grandness, vogue, magnificence; (v) commendation, praise, laud; (n, v) acclaim

economically: (adv) frugally, savingly, prudently, thrifitly, carefully, cheaply, financially, inexpensively, sparingly, stingily, parsimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) wastefully, generously, expensively

ecstasy: (n) delight, rapture, joy, bliss, delirium, happiness, trance, enthusiasm, exaltation, elation; (n, v) transport. ANTONYMS: (n) desolation, gloom, downheartedness, melancholy, depression, dejection, anguish, sadness, despair, agony, bore

edged: (adj) cutting, sharp, bordered, pointed, bounded, keen, penetrating, sharper, stinging, unkind, bleak

educated: (adj, v) erudite, lettered; (adj) learned, enlightened, trained, refined, informed, taught, cultivated, intellectual; (v) instructed. ANTONYMS: (adj) uneducated, ignorant, naive, illiterate, uncouth, uninformed, unlearned, wild

effectual: (adj, n) efficient, efficacious, able; (adj) forceful, telling, authoritative, operative,

potent, adequate, impressive, powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) ineffectual, incapable, weak, impotent, ineffective, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless

effectually: (adv) efficaciously, effectively, validly, adequately, potently, tellingly, strongly, decisively; (adj) nicely, fully, head and shoulders. ANTONYM: (adv) ineffectually

efficacy: (n) effect, potency, effectiveness, capability, force, efficiency, efficaciousness, utility, vigor, strength, usefulness.

ANTONYMS: (n) inefficiency, ineffectiveness, uselessness

effusion: (n) effluence, eruption, outpour, efflux, outburst, exudation, extrusion, exhalation, emanation, emission, flow

elapsed: (adj) gone, forgotten, lapsed, back, beyond, onwards, over and done

elated: (adj) joyful, delighted, jubilant, exultant, gleeful, happy, triumphant, overjoyed, proud, ecstatic; (n) buoyant. ANTONYMS: (adj) dejected, disappointed, sad, unhappy, miserable, down, depressed, despairing, blue, sorrowful, desolate

elder: (adj) older, big, adult; (n) dean, doyen, patriarch, ancient, boss, elderberry, superior, presbyter.

ANTONYMS: (n) youngster, minor, child, inferior; (adj) youngest, younger, little

eldest: (adj) elder, older, oldest, eigne; (n) offspring, progeny, doyen
elegance: (adj, n) daintiness; (n) refinement, beauty, chic, grace, style, flair, courtliness, courtesy, polish, panache. ANTONYMS: (n) awkwardness, ugliness, inelegance, bareness, roughness, scruffiness, untidiness, rudeness, vulgarity, tackiness, tastelessness

elegant: (adj) delicate, courtly, splendid, dainty, beautiful, polite, refined, dressy, debonair, chic, neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) scruffy, clumsy, inelegant, plain, tacky, coarse, unsophisticated, unrefined, shabby, crude, vigorous

elevate: (v) advance, lift, hoist, erect, exalt, boost, rear, cheer, promote, dignify, uphold. ANTONYMS: (v) demote, drop, downgrade, depress, decrease, reduce

elevated: (adj) exalted, towering, noble, lofty, grand, great, majestic,

tall, elated, magnanimous; (adj, v) steep. ANTONYMS: (adj) base, lowly, decreased, humble, inferior, lessened, low, sunken, undignified, lowered

elevating: (adj) inspiring, exhilarating

elevation: (n) height, highness, exaltation, ascent, climb, hill, aggrandizement, raise, El, Alt, stature. ANTONYMS: (n) degradation, descent, levelness, depression, downgrading, demotion, drop, depth

eligibility: (n) qualification, aptitude, aptness, adequacy, applicability, appropriateness, eligibility, suitability, admissibility, marriageability, acceptance

eligible: (adj) acceptable, advisable, fit, due, adequate, desirable, becoming, proper, able, capable, admissible. ANTONYMS: (adj) ineligible, unqualified, disqualified, unsuitable, unfit, unworthy

elope: (v) escape, run off, flee, desert, bolt, slip away, decamp, run, fly, run away, leave

elopement: (n) escape, flight, running away

eloquence: (n) style, fluency, oratory, rhetoric, articulateness, expression, volubility, persuasiveness, articulacy, facundity, way with words. ANTONYM: (n) inarticulateness

eloquent: (adj) glib, fluent, persuasive, expressive, meaningful, significant, graphic, vivid, speaking, forcible, moving. ANTONYMS: (adj) incoherent, innocent, straightforward, weak

embargo: (n) veto, sanction, prohibition, inhibition, injunction, prohibit, proscription, restraint, bar, exclusion; (v) proscribe.

ANTONYMS: (n) allowance, permission

embarrassed: (adj) awkward, abashed, uncomfortable, disconcerted, bashful, sheepish, shy, shamefaced, mortified, discomfited, chagrined. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, unabashed, natural, talkative

embarrassment: (n) abashment, difficulty, quandary, discomfiture, humiliation, bewilderment, mortification, uneasiness, shame; (n, v) distress; (adj, n) dilemma.

ANTONYMS: (n) confidence, honor, pride, shortage

embraced: (adj) popular

embracing: (n) embrace, hugging, kissing, taking on, implementation, espousal, clutches; (adj) twining, osculant, grasping, close

emergence: (n) appearance, beginning, development, emersion, birth, advent, rise, issue, emission, origin, dissidence. ANTONYM: (n) end

eminence: (n) distinction, elevation, altitude, celebrity, superiority, rank, excellence, fame, glory, prominence, status. ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, cavity, depression, unimportance, dip, commonness, inferiority

eminent: (adj) high, celebrated, elevated, brilliant, illustrious, noble, big, famous, renowned, conspicuous, dignified.

ANTONYMS: (adj) undistinguished, obscure, low, unremarkable, common, uncelebrated, unimportant, insignificant, humble, ordinary

emotion: (n) love, feeling, passion, heart, commotion, mood, pathos, excitement, sensibility; (n, v) sensation; (v) impression.

ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, coldness, unfeelingness, calmness

emotions: (n) reputation, emotion, feeling, temperament, personality, character, disposition, breast, bosom

emphatic: (adj) decided, categorical, expressive, forceful, pronounced, assertive, loud, important, emphatical, insistent; (adj, v) absolute. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, unassertive, understated, unemphatic, halfhearted

emphatically: (adv) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressily

employ: (v) use, apply, exploit, consume, wield, hire, engage, exercise, work, busy, utilize.

ANTONYMS: (v) fire, dismiss, can, ignore, misuse, sack, underuse; (n) unemployment

emptiness: (n) blankness, blank, void, vanity, vacuity, worthlessness, futility, space, inanity, inanition, hollowness. ANTONYMS: (n) richness, fullness, value, importance, clutter

empty-headed: (adj) flighty, giddy, silly, vacant, dizzy, frivolous,

shallow, uneducated, lightheaded, scatterbrained, skittish

encounter: (n) collision, conflict, battle, action, confrontation, brush; (n, v) combat, contest, rencounter; (v) confront, face. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, surrender, evade, avoid, yield; (n) shunning, avoidance, withdrawal

encouragement: (n) aid, support, promotion, backing, incentive, cheer, consolation, boost, advocacy, fosterage, assistance. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, deflation, disheartening, disincentive, dissuasion, opposition, deterrent

encouraging: (adj) cheering, bright, promising, auspicious, comforting, rosy, reassuring, favourable, hortatory, hopeful, heartening.

ANTONYMS: (adj) upsetting, warning, disappointing, discouraging, negative, disturbing, hopeless, unhelpful, depressing

encroaching: (adj) invasive, aggressive

encumbrance: (n) check, hindrance, load, burden, barrier, impediment, tie, obstacle, imposition, charge, onus

endeared: (adj) dear

endeavour: (n) attempt, effort, pains, trial, try, enterprise, striving, contribution, braving; (v) exert, strive

ended: (adj) concluded, finished, over, done, completed, closed, through, terminated, consummate, all over; (adj, v) past

endless: (adj) constant, perpetual, interminable, continuous, ceaseless, eternal, uninterrupted, everlasting, incessant, vast, unrelenting.

ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, restricted, limited, intermittent, ending, finishing, sporadic, mortal, inconstant, few, slight

endurable: (adj) bearable, supportable, tolerable, livable, sufferable, acceptable, sustainable, unobjectionable, manageable, patible. ANTONYMS: (adj) intolerable, unbearable, unendurable

endure: (adj, n, v) continue, support; (n, v) bear, suffer, stand, be; (v) accept, undergo, allow, stay, tolerate. ANTONYMS: (v) perish, die, break, fall, discontinue, crumble, end, enjoy, resign, quit, collapse

enduring: (adj) durable, abiding,

lasting, permanent, continuing, constant, hardy, immortal, eternal, stable; (adv) enduringly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) impatient, transient, fleeting, mortal, modern, insubstantial, inconstant, fickle, erratic, unstable

energetic: (adj) animated, brisk, busy, driving, dynamic, powerful, strong, effective, agile, emphatic, forcible. ANTONYMS: (adj) sluggish, lazy, weary, languid, inactive, exhausted, indolent, apathetic, dull, indifferent, listless

enforced: (adj) required, obligatory, compulsory, applied, compelled, binding, essential, requisite, necessary, mandatory, legal. ANTONYMS: (adj) optional, unenforced, voluntary

engage: (v) contract, book, employ, retain, absorb, charter, draw, rent; (n, v) attract, enlist, betroth.

ANTONYMS: (v) disengage, release, evade, bore, can, discharge, disconnect, dismiss, eject, terminate, escape

engaged: (adj) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle

engagement: (n, v) combat, battle, action, fight, contest; (n) conflict, commitment, appointment, contract, duty, date. ANTONYM: (n) disengagement

engagements: (n) arrangements, actions, activities, schedule, travels, movements

engaging: (adj, v) charming, inviting, prepossessing; (adj) attractive, interesting, lovable, delightful, appealing, pleasant, captivating; (adv) engagingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) repulsive, loathsome, repellent, unattractive, undesirable, unlikable, dull, unpleasant, repellent

engross: (v) absorb, engage, consume, occupy, copy, captivate, fascinate, involve, swallow, engulf; (adj, v) immerse. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, ignore, distract, bore

engrossed: (adj) rapt, engaged, intent, occupied, preoccupied, busy, fascinated, obsessed, thoughtful, hooked; (adj, v) immersed. ANTONYMS: (adj) disinterested, bored, distracted, indifferent, unconcerned, uninterested,

inattentive, carefree

engrossing: (adj) fascinating, riveting, gripping, captivating, entrancing, enthralling, beguiling, charming, enchanting; (adj, v) interesting; (v) engross.

ANTONYMS: (adj) uninteresting, dull, monotonous, tiresome, unexciting

enhance: (v) elevate, beautify, augment, raise, deepen, intensify, increase, amplify, better, aggrandize; (adj, v) advance.

ANTONYMS: (v) diminish, taint, decrease, lower, mutilate, reduce, weaken, blemish, deface, lessen, strip

enjoying: (n) relish, enjoyment; (adj) comfortable, fruity

enjoyment: (n) delight, appreciation, gratification, comfort, relish, satisfaction, happiness, delectation, gusto, amusement, diversion.

ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, abhorrence, antipathy, apathy, aversion, discomfort, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, repulsion, sorrow

enlarging: (adj) growing, augmenting, increscent, expanding; (n) amplification, addition

enormity: (n) magnitude, size, greatness, vileness, immensity, outrage, vastness, seriousness, crime, evil, indecency.

ANTONYMS: (n) minuteness, veniality, unimportance, tininess, virtue, goodness, diminutiveness, remissibility, smallness, mildness, insignificance

enraged: (adj) angered, furious, infuriated, irate, mad, livid, incensed, exasperated, raging, irritated, boiling

ensign: (n) banner, badge, insignia, emblem, national flag, colours, sign, standard, colors, enzie, sublieutenant

ensue: (v) come, arise, happen, result, succeed, occur, transpire, turn out, befall, come after, stem.

ANTONYMS: (v) forerun, preface, antecede, dwindle, recede

ensuing: (adj) following, consequent, succeeding, later, subsequent, next, successive, resulting, consequential, ensue, posterior. ANTONYMS: (adj) antecedent, earlier, prior, preliminary

entail: (v) imply, involve, demand, mean, need, induce, evoke, implicate, require, to bar an entail,

draw down

entailed: (adj) eldest, eigne

entering: (n) entry, entrance, admission, enrollment, penetration, ingress, registration, encroachment, entree; (adj, n) incoming; (v) go in
entertain: (v) amuse, delight, bear, cherish, beguile, admit, accommodate, harbor, hold, distract; (n, v) interest. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard, ignore, banish, forget, tire, displease

entertained: (adj) diverted, pleased
entertainment: (n) distraction, diversion, enjoyment, show, pleasure, recreation, fun, reception, pastime; (adj, n) party; (n, v) regalement. ANTONYMS: (n) job, boredom, discomfort

entreat: (v) beg, beseech, ask, implore, pray, adjure, appeal, request, conjure, crave, bid.

ANTONYMS: (v) demand, reject

entreating: (adj) beseeching, imploring, suppliant, begging, supplicant, imploratory, asking submissively, pleading, piteous
entreaty: (n) plea, prayer, request, petition, adjuration, supplication, suit, demand, desire, invocation; (v) solicitation

enumeration: (n) count, counting, computation, list, calculation, catalogue, recital, account, tally, reckoning, listing

envelope: (n, v) covering, cloak, blanket; (n) casing, container, pack, case, coating, jacket, integument, vesicle

environs: (adj, n) purlieus; (n) vicinity, confines, outskirts, environment, entourage, precincts, scene, surround, surroundings; (adj) vicinage

envy: (v) begrudge, want; (n) enviousness, desire, heartburning, resentment, envies, heartburn, jealousy, hatred; (adj) jealous.

ANTONYM: (n) generosity

envying: (adj) invidious

epithet: (n) name, cognomen, appellation, denomination, nickname, moniker, sobriquet, title, picture, byname, byword

equals: (n) classmates, colleagues, contemporaries, generation, age group

equipage: (n) carriage, chariot, brougham, coach, barouche, rig, field-equipage, buggy, cab, cabriolet, chaise

equivocal: (adj) ambiguous,

indefinite, doubtful, dubious, questionable, elusive, cryptic, precarious, problematic, apocryphal, double. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, unequivocal, definite, obvious, plain, unquestionable, certain, direct

errand: (n) chore, mission, job, task, assignment, embassy, duty, charge, messenger, communication, work

escaped: (adj) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (n) freer; (v) escaping

escaping: (n) evasion, getaway, break, breakout, running away, running off, run-around; (adj) fugitive

essence: (n) core, perfume, being, gist, aroma, crux, hypostasis, extract, spirit, substance; (v) stuff. ANTONYMS: (n) body, surface

essentials: (n) basics, rudiments, details, facts, information, introduction, necessities, particulars, the whole story, brass tacks, specifics

esteem: (n) deference, admiration; (n, v) respect, value, consideration, account; (v) appreciate, deem, adore, admire, count. ANTONYMS: (v) scorn, hate, disdain, insult, despise, abominate, abhor, dislike, reject; (n) disesteem, disapproval

esteemed: (adj) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored, prestigious, important, distinguished, August, respect. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable

estimable: (adj) creditable, reputable, valuable, admirable, respectable, computable, honorable, good; (adj, n) worthy, meritorious, deserving. ANTONYMS: (adj) dishonorable, disliked, disregarded, disreputable, disrespected, scorned, contemptible, lamentable, unimpressive

estimation: (n) deference, assessment, calculation, approximation, appraisal, attention; (n, v) esteem, consideration, regard, reputation, credit. ANTONYMS: (n) calculation, disbelief, doubt

etiquette: (n) decorum, rite, civility, protocol, label, form, convention, decency, formality, tag, custom

evade: (v) escape, avoid, parry, dodge, skirt, duck, sidestep, circumvent, hedge, fudge; (adj, v) equivocate. ANTONYMS: (v) face, address, accept, meet, acquire

evenness: (n) monotony, balance, equilibrium, regularity, equivalence, uniformity, consistency, level, composure, steadiness, flatness. ANTONYMS: (n) inconsistency, asymmetry, variety

evident: (adj) obvious, distinct, discernible, clear, manifest, conspicuous, patent, plain, noticeable, open, certain.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unnoticed, obscure, concealed, hidden, inconspicuous, uncertain, unknown, imperceptible, disputable, ambiguous, undetectable

evidently: (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably.

ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously

evil: (adj) bad, criminal, corrupt, wicked, destructive, depraved; (adj, n) ill, detriment; (n) adversity, disaster, depravity. ANTONYMS: (n) goodness, righteousness, morality; (adj) kindhearted, righteous, benign, moral, pure, upright, virtuous, sinless

evils: (n) mala

exact: (adj, n) correct; (v) demand, claim, command, ask; (n, v) require; (adj, v) close, direct; (adj) precise, detailed, faithful. ANTONYMS: (adj) wrong, vague, imprecise, approximate, inexact, rough, careless, thoughtless, indeterminate; (v) tender, give

exaggerate: (v) boast, aggravate, amplify, dramatize, overdo, overdraw, brag, overstate, magnify, aggrandize, enhance. ANTONYMS: (v) minimize, alleviate, weaken

exaggeration: (n) distortion, magnification, enlargement, overstatement, hyperbole, misrepresentation, caricatura, embellishment, elaboration, trope, romance. ANTONYMS: (n) irony, minimizing, reduction

examining: (v) examine, investigate; (adj) investigative, curious, disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring

exasperate: (adj, v) aggravate; (v) incense, enrage, irritate, anger, annoy, infuriate, exacerbate, bother, provoke, rile. ANTONYMS: (v) please, pacify, soothe, placate, better, calm, appease, mollify

exceed: (v) beat, pass, surpass, transcend, outdo, surmount, cap, outshine, overrun, top, outweigh. ANTONYMS: (v) follow, fail, trail,

make

exceeding: (prep) beyond, more than, greater than; (adj) excessive, transcendent, extraordinary, exceptional, prodigious, surpassing, Olympian; (v) exceed

exceedingly: (adj, adv) very, highly; (adv) too, exceptionally, overly, surpassingly, extraordinarily, greatly, awfully, terribly, eminently. ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, hardly, insufficiently, somewhat

excel: (v) top, surpass, cap, outdo, pass, eclipse, beat, transcend, lead, outshine; (adj, v) better.

ANTONYMS: (v) worse

excellence: (adj, n) worth, eminence, desert; (n) distinction, advantage, goodness, superiority, virtue, greatness, predominance; (adj) mastery. ANTONYMS: (n) mediocrity, failing, fault, flaw, unevenness, imperfection, disgrace, commonness

excellency: (n) highness, merit, majesty, mightiness, virtue, splendor, superiority, worship, grace, chastity, glory

excepting: (conj, prep) but, bar; (n, prep) except for, exclusive of; (prep) aside from, besides, apart from, barring, excluding, with the exception of; (v) saving.

ANTONYM: (prep) including

exception: (n) objection, exemption, anomaly, immunity, privilege, repudiation, release, condition, salvo, animadversion; (adj, n) peculiarity. ANTONYM: (n) liability

exceptional: (adj) abnormal, excellent, particular, prodigious, extraordinary, uncommon, singular, unusual, outstanding, unique, superior. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, ordinary, average, normal, usual, poor, abysmal, inferior, unexceptional, regular, everyday

excess: (n) extravagance, dissipation, plethora, abundance, exaggeration, overindulgence, surfeit, overabundance, overplus; (adj) extra, unnecessary. ANTONYMS: (n) lack, restraint, moderation, shortfall, dearth, temperance, deficit, insufficiency, justice, scarcity, abstinence

excessive: (adj) exaggerated, intense, superfluous, undue, exorbitant, unreasonable, immoderate, enormous, profuse, extravagant, extreme. ANTONYMS: (adj)

moderate, affordable, deficient, underdone, insignificant, insufficient, thrifty, skimpy, meager, basic, small

excessively: (adj, adv) immoderately, exorbitantly, inordinately; (adv) extremely, enormously, exceedingly, very, profusely, overly, exaggeratedly, intemperately.

ANTONYMS: (adv) justifiably, moderately, insufficiently

exchanged: (adj) counterchanged, bartered, substituted

excite: (v) arouse, enliven, disturb, agitate, awaken, incite, inspire, rouse, electrify; (n, v) energize; (adj, v) quicken. ANTONYMS: (v) calm, pacify, bore, soothe, stifle, tranquilize, placate, quiet, dampen

excited: (adj, v) animated, ardent; (adj) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil, easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed

exclaiming: (n) deuce, Dickens, ejaculation, exclaim, devil, interjection, ecphonesis

exclamation: (n) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis

exclude: (v) banish, expel, except, eject, discharge, ban, debar, shut, shut out, forbid; (adj, v)

excommunicate. ANTONYMS: (v) include, incorporate, permit, comprise, admit, welcome, invite, allow, join, entitle, affirm

exclusion: (n) banishment, elimination, debarment, expulsion, rejection, ostracism, repudiation, omission, ejection, prohibition, barring. ANTONYMS: (n) addition, entitlement, admittance, affirmation, permission

excuse: (n, v) pardon, palliate; (v) absolve, exculpate, condone, acquit, justify, forgive; (n) alibi, pretext, evasion. ANTONYMS: (v) blame, accuse, chide, discipline, include, reprimand, castigate; (n) accusation

excused: (adj) privileged, immune

executed: (adj) finished, fulfilled, complete

execution: (n) accomplishment, achievement, enforcement, implementation, effect, action, carrying out, executing, discharge, death penalty, capital punishment.

ANTONYM: (n) omission

exercising: (n) calisthenics, aerobics, bodybuilding, conditioner, callisthenics, employment, drill, practice, anaerobic exercise, example, delay

exert: (v) wield, employ, act, use, apply, strain, operate, have recourse to, profit by; (n) excite, energize

exerting: (n) push

exertion: (n) application, exercise, endeavor, attempt, struggle, trouble, diligence, strain, labor, pull, essay.

ANTONYMS: (n) idleness, inactivity, inertia, relaxation, laziness, ease

exhausted: (adj) fatigued, tired, spent, dry, empty, depleted, jaded, enervated, faint; (adj, v) gone, weak. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, refreshed, strong, restored, vigorous, unexhausted, replenished, remaining, energized, invigorated, restocked

exhibit: (adj, n, v) display; (v) evince, evidence, expose, demonstrate, disclose, flaunt, announce, present, show, produce. ANTONYMS: (v) hide, cover; (n) concealment, hiding

exhibiting: (n) advertising; (adj) exhibitory, ostensive

exigence: (n) urgency, occasion, alteration, turn, convenience, cast, bend, appropriate time, due chance

expectation: (n) expectancy, belief, hope, possibility, outlook, trust, confidence, arithmetic mean, thought, suspense; (n, v) prospect. ANTONYMS: (n) despair, hopelessness, discouragement, distrust

expecting: (adj) pregnant, confident, with child, heavy, hopeful; (n) family way

expedient: (adj) fit, advisable, becoming, desirable, adequate, apt, convenient, suitable; (n) contrivance, resource, artifice. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, inexpedient, impractical, futile, detrimental, inconvenient, foolish

expedite: (n, v) accelerate; (v) dispatch, advance, hasten, speed, quicken, assist, hurry, hurry up, rush, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (v)

stop, delay, halt, hinder, impede

expeditiously: (adv) swiftly, rapidly, fleetly, quickly, efficiently, hastily, agilely, speedily, fast, expedited, fastly

expense: (n) disbursement, expenditure, price, outlay, amount,

toll, fee, payment, costs; (n, v)
charge, detriment. ANTONYM: (n)
income

expenses: (n) expenditure, expense, charge, costs, fee, spending, disbursement, overheads, payment, outlay, upkeep

explaining: (n) amplification, illumination, clearing up, defense

explanatory: (adj) expository, explicative, declarative, justifying, declaratory, demonstrative, exegetical, illustrative, exponent, expositive, extenuating.

ANTONYMS: (adj) baffling, bewildering, confusing, perplexing, puzzling

explicit: (adj) clear, unmistakable, manifest, exact, sharp, lucid, definite, broad, direct, perspicuous, emphatic. ANTONYMS: (adj) unspoken, tacit, understood, implicit, bland, ambiguous, confused, indirect, obscure, unclear, hidden

explicitly: (adv) definitely, specifically, clearly, unequivocally, plainly, openly, positively, unambiguously, emphatically, exactly, obviously. ANTONYMS: (adv) secretly, unclearly, vaguely

explore: (v) search, delve, research, enquire, discover, prospect, scrutinize, investigate, plumb, probe, view

expose: (v) endanger, exhibit, betray, detect, display, air, uncover, debunk, denude, unfold, divulge. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, cover, enclose, suppress, shield, shelter, insulate, hide, guard, drape

exposed: (adj) open, defenseless, uncovered, unprotected, nude, subject, obvious, naked, bald; (adj, v) vulnerable, liable. ANTONYMS: (adj) covered, hidden, safe, guarded, armed, secluded, sheltered, sheathed, enclosed, safeguarded, protected

exposing: (n) exposure, announcement; (adj) revealing, opposed

expostulation: (n) dissuasion, depreciation, objection, admonition, reprehension, dehortation, increpation, reprobation, rebuke, reproach, reproof

exposure: (n, v) disclosure, exposition; (n) detection, exhibition, peril, risk, danger, expose, discovery, showing, demonstration. ANTONYMS: (n) concealment,

safeguard, shelter, shield, resistance, security

expressing: (adj) significant; (n) speech

expressions: (n) vocabulary, terms, language

expressive: (adj) significant, meaningful, descriptive, mobile, revelatory, indicative, articulate, graphic, emphatic, suggestive, vivid. ANTONYMS: (adj) unemotional, undemonstrative, nondescript, cold, expressionless, empty, emotionless, inarticulate, innocent, impassive, reserved

expressively: (adv) meaningfully, eloquently, indicatively, poignantly, movingly, vividly, suggestively, emphatically, evocatively, mobilely, tellingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unemotionally, inexpressively, innocently, blandly

expressly: (adv) specially, particularly, distinctly, specifically, explicitly, especially, utterly, clearly, precisely, telly, exactly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) ambiguously, conditionally, implicitly, indirectly, vaguely

exquisite: (adj) beautiful, delicate, excellent, dainty, gorgeous, admirable, acute, heavenly, choice, wonderful; (adj, v) delightful. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, inferior, ugly, subdued, rough, poor, coarse, mild, imperfect, horrible, flawed

extenuating: (adj) palliative, exculpatory, palliative

extinguished: (adj) extinct, out, dead, quenched, allayed, destroyed; (n) defunctness, complete annihilation, experimental extinction, extermination, extinction

extort: (v) exact, soak, compel, take, wring, force, extract, pry; (adj) bleed, fleece, overcharge

extraordinary: (adj) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual, strange, abnormal. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, everyday, usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural

extravagance: (n) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness, squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (n) economy, frugality, parsimony, prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness

extravagant: (adj) wasteful, luxurious, prodigal, exaggerated, profligate, costly, expensive, lavish, immoderate, profuse, undue. ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, frugal, parsimonious, plain, stingy, understated, thrifty, reasonable, moderate, cautious, tasteful

exuberance: (adj, n) abundance; (n) copiousness, ebullience, happiness, life, affluence, spirit, excess, overflow, joy; (adj) plenty. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, shortage, scarcity, listlessness, lethargy, depression, boredom, sadness, misery

exuberant: (adj) abundant, ample, opulent, ebullient, excessive, extravagant, profuse, bountiful, prolific, generous, hearty. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, blue, unenthusiastic, scarce, needing, lacking, dispirited, insufficient, down, unexcited, lethargic

exultation: (n) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee. ANTONYMS: (n) depression, desolation, misery, sorrow

eyelashes: (n) cilia

faculties: (n) mother wit

failing: (adj, n) deficiency, blemish, imperfection; (n) fault, shortcoming, failure, weakness, flaw, inadequacy, foible; (adj) declining. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, flourishing, well, strong, growing, healthy; (n) strength, virtue, specialty, capability, passing

faint: (adj, n, v) swoon; (adj) dim, feeble, dizzy, indistinct, vague, soft, dull; (adj, v) weak; (v) languish, pass out. ANTONYMS: (adj) distinct, clear, obvious, loud, considerable, pungent, invigorated, hearty, energetic, defined; (v) revive

faintly: (adv) dimly, vaguely, indistinctly, lightly, weakly, hazily, slightly, softly, shadowily, infirmly, palely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, intensely, distinctly, overpoweringly, harshly, considerably, powerfully, strongly, brightly, obviously, audibly

faithful: (adj, n) accurate, correct, exact, true; (adj) close, unfailing, dependable, devoted, sound, devout; (adj, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unreliable, false, inaccurate, unfaithful, unrealistic, faithless, perfidious, backstabbing, cheating, inexact, loose

faithfully: (adv) exactly, accurately, sincerely, staunchly, precisely, truly, authentically, dutifully, literally, steadfastly, truly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unfaithfully, approximately, falsely, insincerely, carelessly, inaccurately

falls: (n) cataract, waterfall, chute, angel, torrent, Victoria, twin, force, body of water, Guaira, Niagara
false: (adj, n) bastard; (adj, adv) counterfeit, deceitful; (adj) untrue, dishonest, erroneous, sham, assumed, artificial, fictitious, deceptive. ANTONYMS: (adj) real, genuine, faithful, factual, correct, natural, truthful, honest, valid, just, loyal

falsehood: (n) fable, fabrication, deception, untruth, lie, fib, fiction, invention, dishonesty; (adj, n) deceit, falsity. ANTONYMS: (n) fact, honesty, reality

falsely: (adv) incorrectly, fraudulently, deceptively, dishonestly, wrongly, erroneously, misleadingly, deceitfully, unfaithfully, spuriously, fictitiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) honestly, truthfully, faithfully, authentically, correctly, naturally, rightly

fame: (n, v) credit, celebrity, report, reputation, renown, cry; (n) distinction, bruit, honor, prestige, buzz. ANTONYMS: (n) infamy, obscurity, anonymity, ignominy, dishonor, commonness, oblivion, criticism

familiarity: (adj, n) acquaintance; (n) intimacy, closeness, experience, casualness, conversancy, knowledge, conversation, naturalness, nearness, friendship. ANTONYMS: (n) unfamiliarity, formality, abnormality, distance, animosity

familiarly: (adv) intimately, usually, ordinarily, nearly, frequently, commonly, regularly, informally, closely, acquaintedly, conventionally. ANTONYM: (adv) distantly

fancied: (adj) unreal, chimerical, fictional, fanciful, fictitious, fabricated, preferred, assumed, illusory, imagined, ideal

fancy: (n, v) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (v) imagine, consider; (adj, v) conceive; (n) conception, conceit.

ANTONYMS: (n) reality, certainty, actuality, conviction; (adj)

unadorned, common; (v) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test
fancying: (n) daydream, fantasy
fare: (n, v) do; (n) food, aliment, board, table, charge, chow, menu, traveller; (v) come, eat. ANTONYM: (v) stop

farewell: (int, n) adieu; (n) bye, leave, valediction, adios, parting, goodbye, separation, departure, aloha; (int) bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (n) hello, salutation, welcome

farmhouse: (n) toft, farmstead, hacienda, house, cottage, manor, grange, homestead, building, accommodation, bungalow

farther: (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) additional, more, distant; (adv) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (adj, prep) outside; (pron) another. ANTONYMS: (prep) within; (adv) nearer, closer

farthing: (n) craps, faro, ante, chuck, doit, small change; (adj) bulrush, pinch of snuff, peppercorn, old son, jot

fashionable: (adj) popular, current, classy, trendy, chic, up to date, stylish, dressy, modern, swanky, swell. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpopular, styleless, dated, out, outmoded, tacky, inclusive, old, plain

fastened: (adj) tied, fast, buttoned, closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfastened, unbuttoned

fastidious: (adj, n) exacting, critical, accurate; (adj) delicate, particular, careful, exigent, dainty, discriminating, nice, fussy. ANTONYMS: (adj) sloppy, unfastidious, careless, uncouth, uncritical, easy, indifferent, undemanding, slapdash, relaxed, easygoing

fate: (n, v) doom; (n) chance, luck, fatality, fortune, kismet, allotment, portion, lot; (v) destine, designate. ANTONYMS: (n) will, design, choice, accident, chance

fatigue: (v) exhaust, tire, weary, harass, enervate, fag, jade, wear; (n) exhaustion, weariness, tiredness. ANTONYMS: (n) energy, liveliness, vitality, vigor, strength; (v) energize, renew, rejuvenate, restore, invigorate

fatigued: (adj) tired, weary, beat, worn, tired out, jaded, spent, worn out, done in, fagged, run-down.

ANTONYMS: (adj) refreshed, alert, lively, energized, energetic

faultless: (adj) blameless, correct, immaculate, clean, spotless, innocent, flawless, unblemished, absolute, infallible, consummate. ANTONYMS: (adj) blemished, imperfect, faulty, shameful, soiled, blameworthy

faulty: (adj) erroneous, deficient, defective, false, vicious, bad, broken, wrong, incorrect, inaccurate, damaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) perfect, flawless, sound, adequate, working, certain, logical, fine

favor: (n, v) countenance, aid, grace, support, benefit, boon; (adj, n) kindness; (n) advantage; (v) befriend, encourage, patronize. ANTONYMS: (v) hinder, contradict, dislike, hurt, differ, thwart, reject, demean; (n) derogation, disapproval, unkindness

favourable: (adj) convenient, encouraging, good, auspicious, useful, benevolent, favorable, profitable, conducive, opportune, prosperous

favourably: (adv) advantageously, well

favoured: (adj) preferred, preferential

favourite: (n) ducky, darling, pet, deary, dearie, lover, minion, Engle; (adj) popular, favored, preferred

fearful: (adj, n) afraid; (adj, v) dreadful, cowardly; (adj) terrible, apprehensive, awful, timid, anxious, craven, frightful, eerie. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, calm, confident, bold, unimpressed, charming, fearless, courageous, reassuring, unafraid, wonderful

fearless: (adj, n) daring; (adj) brave, dauntless, courageous, undaunted, intrepid, heroic, audacious, gallant, confident, valiant. ANTONYMS: (adj) afraid, frightened, scared, apprehensive, terrified, timid

fears: (n) worries, uncertainties, doubts, qualms, misgivings

feather: (n) pen, feathering, pinion, nib, plumage, quill, kind, spline; (n, v) plume; (adj, n, v) fringe; (v) fledge

feathers: (n) plumage, fur, indument, garment, garb, fine hair, clothing, dress, apparel, attire, array

feelingly: (adv) sensitively, sympathetically, feeling, deeply

felicity: (n) happiness, bliss, blessedness, beatitude, luck, felicitousness, joy, fortune, ecstasy, enjoyment, appropriateness.

- ANTONYM:** (n) infelicity
- fellow:** (adj, n) comrade, associate; (n) boy, equal, brother, peer, chap, colleague, compeer, buddy; (adj, n, v) concomitant. ANTONYMS: (n) female, woman, girl, foe, enemy, antagonist, competitor
- fellows:** (n) fellow, membership, faculty
- fender:** (n) wing, cushion, barrier, mudguard, dashboard, guard, mudguard seat, cowcatcher, framework, sheer log, framing
- fervent:** (adj) ardent, eager, earnest, enthusiastic, intense, cordial, passionate, hot, emotional, torrid, strong. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, unenthusiastic, cool, weak, unexcited, dispirited, dispassionate, flippant, impassive, lukewarm, mild
- fervently:** (adv) fierily, fervidly, zealously, passionately, intensely, eagerly, enthusiastically, warmly, vehemently, seriously, fiercely. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, apathetically, unenthusiastically, impassively, halfheartedly, flippantly
- fetch:** (v) carry, bring, bring in, convey, draw, elicit, deliver, catch, get, attract; (adj, n) feint
- feverish:** (adj) febrile, feverous, fiery, frenzied, fevered, excited, sick, fanatical; (adj, v) hot, flushed; (adj, n) hysterical. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, afebrile, collected, composed, mellow
- fidget:** (adj) bustle, bother, hurry, fuss, stir; (n) agitation, fidgetiness, restlessness; (v) agitate, squirm, wiggle
- fidgets:** (n) jitters, nervousness, fidgetiness, anxiety
- fidgety:** (adj, n) nervous; (adj) unquiet, fretful, fussy, anxious, hasty, jittery, jumpy, mercurial, restive; (n) apprehensive. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, calm
- filial:** (adj) dutiful
- filled:** (adj) replete, packed, fraught, teeming, laden, abundant, congested, charged, stuffed; (adj, adv) crowded; (n) fuller. ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, clear
- filling:** (n) filler, weft, contents, loading, plug, packing, pad, replenishment, padding, impletion, stuffing. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, insufficient
- finances:** (n) exchequer, assets, money, finance, funds, resources, treasury, cash in hand, bankroll, means, capital
- finer:** (adj) superior, advanced, bigger, higher, more, greater
- finery:** (n) regalia, clothing, attire, decoration, dress, pinchbeck, spangle, trimmings, gimcrack; (adj, n) tinsel, gewgaw. ANTONYM: (n) rags
- finest:** (adj, n) elite; (adj) top, select, excellent, most favorable, most excellent, most advantageous, exclusive, classic, best possible; (n) cream
- fingering:** (n) location, placement, feeling, emplacement
- finishing:** (n) completion, close, accomplishment, conclusion, end, coating; (adj, n) ending; (adj) closing, last, final, ultimate. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning; (adj) first
- fireplace:** (n) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside, kitchen, niche, recess, furnace
- firmness:** (adj, n) constancy; (n) determination, resolution, assurance, consistency, obstinacy, steadfastness, resolve, confidence, courage, backbone. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, instability, vacillation, unsteadiness, yielding, irresoluteness, droopiness, indefiniteness, indecisiveness, indecision, leniency
- fishing:** (n) fishery, casting, fishing job, piscary, piscation, rodding, halieutics, sport fishing; (v) coursing, hawking; (adj) halieutic
- fitted:** (adj) capable, efficient, competent, able, finished, qualified, trained, primed, outfitted, initiated; (adj, v) convenient
- fixing:** (n) fixation, fix, adjustment, repair, mending, altering, emasculation, castration, furniture, fastener, fitting
- flaming:** (adj, n) burning, ardent, glowing, passionate; (adj) blazing, ablaze, afame, hot; (n) enthusiastic, flame, fire. ANTONYMS: (adj) extinguished, placid, gentle, quiet
- flatter:** (v) fawn, adulate, wheedle, cajole, soap, kowtow, blandish, grovel, butter up; (n, v) court; (n) caress. ANTONYMS: (v) insult, disparage, criticize, discourage
- flattered:** (adj) pleased
- flattering:** (adj) ingratiating, complimentary, courtly, obsequious, adulatory, fulsome, bland, candied, smooth, encouraging; (n) flattery.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) assertive, critical, unflattering, unattractive, wounding, uncomplimentary, negative; (adv) partially
- flirt:** (n, v) coquette; (v) dally, coquet, toy, romance, trifle, spoon; (n) dalliance, vamp, tease, flirting
- flirtation:** (n) flirt, coquetry, flirting, romp, trifling, tease, play, frolic, gambol, amour, gallantry
- flirting:** (n) flirtation, dalliance, flirt, coquetry, flirtingly, dawdling, coquette, toying, caper, frivolity
- flowing:** (adj) fluent, running, graceful, smooth, fluid, soft, liquid; (n) current, flow, flood; (adj, v) loose. ANTONYMS: (adj) secure, ugly, still, stilted, jerky, harsh, halting
- fluctuating:** (adj) variable, unpredictable, unstable, erratic, inconstant, irresolute, mutable, unsteady, irregular, fickle; (v) fluctuate. ANTONYMS: (adj) constant, fixed
- fluently:** (adv) easily, glibly, eloquently, liquidly, flowingly, articulately, clearly, persuasively, verbosely, talkatively, fluidly. ANTONYM: (adv) awkwardly
- flutter:** (adj, n, v) bustle, flurry; (n, v) beat, palpitate, flap, wave, waver, quiver; (v) flit, flutter; (n) excitement
- folded:** (adj) plaited, pleated, doubled, artful, braided, corrugated, doubled over, fluted
- folly:** (n) fatuity, foolishness, silliness, tomfoolery, nonsense, stupidity, craziness, density, freak; (adj, n) irrationality, trifling. ANTONYM: (n) sense
- fond:** (adj) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) aversion, cold, rough
- fool:** (n) blockhead, dunce, clown, idiot, ass, booby, buffoon; (v) deceive, bamboozle; (n, v) joke, gull. ANTONYM: (n) savant
- foolish:** (adj) childish, fool, crazy, dumb, daft, fatuous, stupid, unwise, preposterous, dopey; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, sensible, shrewd, prudent, visionary, diplomatic, levelheaded, sane, rational, mature, judicious
- footing:** (n) foothold, base, bottom, foundation, status, rank, foot, pedestal, situation, relation, root. ANTONYM: (n) top
- footman:** (n) attendant, butler, follower, flunkey, flunky, varlet,

servitor, valet de chambre, boy, knave; (n, v) lackey

footstool: (n) footrest, hassock, footboard, Ottoman

forbade: (v) prohibit, to prohibit

forbearance: (n) patience, clemency, pardon, abstention, abstinence, mercy, longanimity, avoidance, postponement, indulgence, restraint. ANTONYMS: (n) impatience, intolerance

forbearing: (adj) patient, clement, tolerant, lenient, easy, indulgent, permissive, charitable, merciful, compassionate, meek. ANTONYMS: (adj) impatient, unforgiving

forbid: (v) prohibit, ban, disallow, bar, obstruct, exclude, deny, avert, frustrate, to prohibit, enjoin.

ANTONYMS: (v) allow, let, approve, authorize, stand

forbidding: (adj) grim, ominous, dismal, dour, austere, abominable, ugly, hard, repulsive, redoubtable; (n) banning. ANTONYMS: (adj) alluring, inviting, pleasant, hospitable, friendly, favorable, comforting

forcibly: (adv) forcefully, emphatically, powerfully, by force, mightily, under protest, cogently, hard, strongly, convincingly, clearly. ANTONYMS: (adv) voluntarily, weakly, gently

forcing: (adj) pressing, constraining, penetrating, compulsatory; (n) push

forego: (v) disclaim, antedate, renounce, antecede, waive, abandon, resign, forgo, precede, relinquish, spare

foresaw: (v) foresee

foresee: (v) expect, forecast, anticipate, envisage, previse, foreknow, prophesy, provide, foresaw, predict, see

foreseen: (v) foreseen, long expected; (adj) envisioned, foretold, contingent, concurse, coming, casual, adventitious, accidental, predictable

foretold: (adj) foreseen; (v) annunciate

forever: (adv) always, eternally, evermore, everlasting, continually, permanently; (adj) eternal, permanent; (n) eternity; (adj, adv) interminably, ad infinitum.

ANTONYMS: (adj) occasionally, never, sporadically; (adv) briefly, intermittently

forfeit: (n) penalty, deprivation, cost; (v) abandon, forgo, relinquish,

waive; (n, v) sacrifice, pawn; (adj) confiscate, lost. ANTONYMS: (n) retention; (v) claim, redeem, receive, maintain

forfeited: (adj) forfeit, lost, disfranchised, confiscated, appropriated, condemned

forgave: (v) to excuse

forgetfulness: (n) neglect, amnesia, obliviousness, inattention, memory loss, omission, unknowingness, unawareness, Lethe, carelessness, loss of memory. ANTONYMS: (n) awareness, concentration, remembering, attention

forgetting: (v) forget; (adj) oblivious; (n) disregard

forgive: (v) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, punish, castigate

forgiven: (v) conciliatory, placable

forgiveness: (n) mercy, condonation, clemency, kindness, pity, remission, leniency, absolution, grace, compassion; (n, v) pardon.

ANTONYMS: (n) condemnation, cruelty, harshness

forgiving: (adj) compassionate, lenient, tolerant, charitable, remissive, humane, kind, magnanimous, generous, merciful, mild. ANTONYMS: (adj) unforgiving, hardhearted, impatient, strict

forlorn: (adj) hopeless, desolate, despairing, unhappy, miserable, deserted, inconsolable, downcast, cheerless, wretched, abject.

ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, hopeful, fine

formality: (n) ceremony, formalities, decorum, etiquette, custom, ceremoniousness, starch, ritual, rite, observance; (n, v) stiffness.

ANTONYMS: (n) casualness, possibility, warmth, friendliness

formerly: (adv) already, previously, earlier, lately, originally, anciently, aforetime, first, erstwhile, at one time, once. ANTONYMS: (adv) afterward, lastly, later, now

formidable: (adj) grim, appalling, awful, difficult, forbidding, heavy, dreadful, fearful, uphill, trying, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, easy, comforting, feeble, cheerful

forming: (n) shaping, form, form turning, organization, construction, molding, conformation, synthesis;

(v) create, constitute; (adj) constituent

forth: (adv) away, along, onward, ahead, before, on, off, on the high road, on the road, on the way, under way

fortitude: (n) bravery, endurance, grit, pluck, backbone, determination, tenacity, firmness, strength; (adj, n) guts, spunk. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, frailty, impatience

fortnight: (n) two weeks, period, amount of time

fortunate: (adj) favorable, lucky, auspicious, advantageous, favored, happy, prosperous, fortuitous, well, successful; (adj, n) blessed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, disadvantaged, disastrous, unfavorable, underprivileged, inauspicious, unenviable, unsatisfactory

fortunately: (adv) happily, prosperously, propitiously, fortuitously, providentially, successfully, auspiciously, opportunely, felicitously, blessedly, advantageously. ANTONYMS: (adv) disastrously, unluckily, inauspiciously, negatively

fortune: (n) estate, fate, fluke, destiny, luck, accident, means, assets, riches, abundance, doom. ANTONYM: (n) design

fortunes: (n) adventures, fortune, personal narrative, life, journal

forwarder: (n) forwarding agent, carrier, shipper, sender, promoter

forwarding: (n) promotion, dispatch, consignment, progress, transportation, forward, despatch, shipment, mailing, transfer, shipping

forwards: (adv) ahead, forth, onwards, onward, before, fore, forrader, forrad, forrad, on, in advance. ANTONYMS: (adv) back, behind

foul: (adj, v) nasty, base, corrupt, coarse; (adj) filthy, disgusting, evil, unclean, putrid; (n, v) defile, soil. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) clean, pure; (adj) pleasant, fair, inoffensive, humane, attractive, honest, pleasing, fragrant; (v) unclog

foundations: (n) fundamentals, foundation, practicalities, brass tacks, details

founded: (prep) established, institute; (v) fusil, cast

fourthly: (adv) quaternarily

frailty: (adj, n) foible, fragility, weakness, fault, defect, imperfection, failing, deficiency; (n) feebleness, frailness, infirmity. ANTONYMS: (n) stamina, hardiness, hardihood, sturdiness, robustness, health

frankly: (adv) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely

frankness: (n) honesty, truth, forthrightness, candidness, freedom, sincerity, candour, plainness, bluffness, outspokenness, ingenuousness. ANTONYMS: (n) cunning, tact, delicacy, deceit, conformity, reticence, indirectness, evasiveness

freckled: (adj) speckled, mottled, discolored, freckly, flecked, lentiginose, lentiginous, marked, blemished, pitted; (v) studded. ANTONYM: (adj) plain

freely: (adv) loosely, frankly, openly, generously, independently, gratuitously, voluntarily, liberally, free, sparingly; (adj, adv) spontaneously. ANTONYMS: (adv) reluctantly, deceitfully, accurately, meagerly, parsimoniously, secretly, stingily, unwillingly; (adj) restricted

frequent: (adj, v) customary, usual, ordinary, incessant; (adj) everyday, many, familiar, continual, habitual; (v) patronize, haunt. ANTONYMS: (adj) infrequent, occasional, intermittent, spasmodic, unusual, few; (v) shun, boycott, avoid

fresher: (n) fresh, lowerclassman, underclassman, neophyte, fledgeling, entrant, fledgling

fret: (n, v) gall, irritate, trouble, worry; (v) agitate, chafe, rub, fray, upset, annoy; (n) anxiety

fretfully: (adv) restlessly, uneasily, anxiously, querulously, testily, snappishly, fractiously, petulantly, crossly, nervously, worriedly. ANTONYM: (adv) unconcernedly

fretfulness: (n) disquiet, crossness, impatience, peevishness, irritability, testiness, chagrin, ill humor, vexation, surliness, pettishness

friendless: (adj) alone, lonely, abandoned, solitary, helpless, lonesome, forsaken, unfriended, deserted, introverted, unwanted.

ANTONYM: (adj) sociable

friendship: (n) association, familiarity, affection, companionship, friendliness, intimacy, company, attachment, relationship; (n, v) amity, concord. ANTONYMS: (n) hostility, animosity, antagonism, conflict, formality, rivalry, hatred, detachment, distance, isolation

frighten: (v) cow, alarm, daunt, terrify, appall, scare, affright, intimidate, terrorize, appal; (n, v) fright. ANTONYMS: (v) comfort, reassurance, soothe, calm

frightened: (adj) fearful, timid, startled, terrified, scared, alarmed, anxious, apprehensive, horrified, intimidated, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, confident, brave, fearless, reassured

frivolous: (adj) empty, foolish, dizzy, petty, idle, light, flighty, unimportant, flippant, trivial, superficial. ANTONYMS: (adj) important, solemn, worthwhile, vital, weighty, staid, significant, sensible, responsible, crucial, heavy

frost: (n, v) freeze, chill; (n) cold, hoarfrost, icing, hoar, Robert lee frost, failure; (adj, n) rime; (v) ice; (adj) frozen. ANTONYMS: (n) hot, heat, warmth

fruits: (n) revenue

fulfil: (v) complete, finish, accomplish, do, appease, carry out, execute, carry through, satisfy, perform, fill

furnish: (v) afford, provide, contribute, render, offer, accommodate, supply, outfit, yield, decorate; (n, v) give. ANTONYM: (v) divest

fuss: (n, v) flurry, bicker, fidget, hubbub; (adj, n) stir; (n) flap, commotion, ado, bother, disturbance; (v) fret. ANTONYM: (n) peace

gaiety: (n) fun, cheerfulness, exhilaration, mirth, glee, merriment, hilarity, happiness, joy, joviality, jollity. ANTONYMS: (n) seriousness, misery, sadness

gaily: (adv, v) happily; (adv) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively. ANTONYMS: (adv) sadly, anxiously, dully, despondently

gained: (adj) extrinsic

gaining: (n) acceptance, acquisition, attainment, capture; (adj) ahead, fortunate. ANTONYM: (n) loss

gallant: (adj) fearless, brave, daring, courageous, chivalrous, bold, manly, heroic, dashing, courteous, fine. ANTONYMS: (adj) boorish, rude, selfish

gallantry: (adj, n) prowess, daring, spirit, fearlessness; (n) heroism, bravery, valor, courage, chivalry, courtesy, courageousness.

ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, cowardliness, rudeness

gaming: (n) play, game, diversion, speculation, wager, frolic, bet, gamble, recreation, vice, betting

gardener: (n) horticulturist, farmer, florist, employee, hedger, husbandman, transplanter

gardiner: (n) Samuel Rawson Gardiner

gates: (n) bill Gates

gathered: (adj) deepened, congregated, accumulated, amassed, assembled, concentrated, equanimous, congregate, collective

gathering: (n) collection, accumulation, concourse, congregation, assemblage, crowd, compilation, meeting, crew, gather, throng. ANTONYMS: (n) dismantling, scattering

gaudy: (adj) flashy, loud, showy, garish, flamboyant, tasteless, colorful, tacky, brassy, tawdry, florid. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, restrained, muted, drab, modest, dull, quality

gaze: (n, v) stare, regard, look, behold; (v) gape, see, contemplate, face, pry, view, glance.

ANTONYMS: (v) glance, peek

generality: (n) generalization, commonness, rule, abstraction, commonality, balance, thought, quality, idea, catholicity, bulk. ANTONYMS: (n) specific, particularity

generations: (n) generation, family

generous: (adj) ample, abundant, copious, benevolent, bountiful, kind, charitable, flush, fair, liberal; (adj, n) free. ANTONYMS: (adj) meager, tightfisted, miserly, measly, mean, small, ungenerous, avaricious, greedy, petty, pitiful

generously: (adv) profusely, copiously, bountifully, abundantly, largely, magnanimously, munificently, kindly, handsomely, freely, benevolently. ANTONYMS: (adv) acquisitively, selfishly, prudently, grudgingly,

malevolently, parsimoniously, harshly, scantly, stingily, thinly, ungenerously

genius: (adj, n) capacity, ability, endowment, faculty, gift, cleverness; (n) flair, brain, prodigy, bent, aptitude. ANTONYM: (n) amateur

genteele: (adj) elegant, polite, cultured, refined, graceful, courtly, courteous, fashionable, nice, civil, ladylike. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncouth, improper, vulgar

gentle: (adj) easy, friendly, soft, kind, affable, balmy, mild, feeble, compassionate; (adj, adv) calm; (adj, v) tame. ANTONYMS: (adj) harsh, loud, fierce, caustic, violent, rough, hardhearted, abrupt, heavy, steep, sheer

gentlemanlike: (n) genteel, comme il faut; (adj) urbane, gentle, refined, courtly, chivalrous

gentlemen: (n) sirs, messieurs

gentleness: (adj, n) kindness, courtesy, benignity, compassion; (n) kindness, lenity, mildness, sweetness, softness, benevolence, mercy. ANTONYMS: (n) severity, harshness, fierceness, cruelty, ferocity, brusqueness, abruptness, rage, callousness, sharpness, roughness

gentlewoman: (n) lady, madam, dame, woman, noblewoman, doll, bird, adult female, noble, chick, ma'am

giddiness: (n) flightiness, frivolity, vertigo, silliness, frivolousness, levity, lightness, capriciousness, rashness, symptom, swimming. ANTONYMS: (n) seriousness, reliability

gift: (adj, n, v) endowment, faculty, ability, talent; (n) donation, flair, bestowal; (n, v) award, present, boon; (adj, n) capacity. ANTONYMS: (n) penalty, forfeiture, failing

gladly: (adv, v) happily; (adv) gleefully, contentedly, cheerfully, fair, joyfully, jovially, cheerily, delightedly, gladsomely, readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) reluctantly, unwillingly, sadly, resentfully, miserably

glance: (n, v) look, peek, flash, peep; (n) gaze, glimpse, coup d'oeil, gander; (v) bounce, glint, ricochet. ANTONYMS: (n, v) study; (n) examination, perusal; (v) stick, stare

glancing: (adj) passing

glazing: (n) finishing firing, coating

glen: (n) dell, valley, ravine, dale, dingle, vale, Combe, kloof, gorge, defile, cove

glimpse: (n, v) look, peek; (v) blink, see, notice, spy, spot, espy; (n) coup d'oeil, view, peep. ANTONYMS: (n) scrutiny, observation, perusal; (v) scrutinize, survey, Miss, study

gloom: (n) desolation, dark, darkness, blackness, depression, dimness, dusk, dreariness, despair, dejection; (n, v) cloud. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, happiness, cheerfulness, glee, ecstasy, joy, optimism, cheer

gloomy: (adj) black, desolate, dejected, cheerless, depressing, dismal, downcast, disconsolate, melancholy, funereal, downhearted. ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, cheery, cheerful, bright, hopeful, light, promising, uplifting, joyful, sunny, clear

gloried: (adj) honorable

glory: (n) celebrity, brightness, honor, distinction, glorification, eclat, dignity; (n, v) halo, pride; (v) exult, boast. ANTONYMS: (v) blasphemy, lament, profanity; (n) dishonor, disrepute, ugliness, blame, criticism

glove: (n) boxing glove, gloves, mitt, mitten, baseball mitt, baseball glove, handwear, wristband, sleeve, mittens, batting glove

glow: (n, v) flush, gleam, shine, glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (v) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (n) wanness, darkness, paleness; (v) pale, struggle

glowing: (adj, n) enthusiastic, cordial, passionate; (adj) burning, fervent, blazing, flaming, fiery, dazzling; (adj, v) warm; (adj, adv) aglow. ANTONYMS: (adj) pale, wan, unhappy, unenthusiastic, derogatory, dispassionate, unwell

godfather: (n) godchild, supporter, patron, godparent, godmother, gangster, executive; (v) christen

good-bye: (n) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodby, vale, adios, cheerio

good-looking: (adj) beautiful, comely, handsome, pretty, fine, fair, lovely, gorgeous, charming, bonny, graceful

good-natured: (adj) kindly, friendly, kind, obliging, gracious, kind-hearted, genial, good, bland, sweet, good-tempered

good-naturedly: (adv) friendly, obligingly, graciously, nicely, kind-heartedly, genially, agreeably

goodness: (adj, n) generosity, kindness, gentleness; (n) good, excellence, benefit, virtue, worth, morality; (adj) favor, beneficence. ANTONYMS: (n) evil, wickedness, badness, corruption, bad, immorality, corruption

good-tempered: (adj) good-natured, easy, complaisant, good-humored

goodwill: (n) friendship, friendliness, amity, grace, kindness, benevolence, altruism, readiness, favour, neighborliness, sympathy. ANTONYMS: (n) hostility, malice, opposition, malevolence

gossiping: (adj) gabby, garrulous, scandalous; (n) gossipmongering

governed: (adj) subject; (n) citizenry; (adv) under

governess: (n) chaperon, preceptress, nanny, trainer, tutor, professor, lecturer, rectorress, educator, rectrix, instructress

gown: (n) robe, clothing, cassock, vestment, wrapper, overclothes, outerwear, uniform, tunic, clothes; (v) clothe

grace: (adj, v) adorn; (v) garnish, deck, embellish, beautify, decorate, embroider; (adj, n, v) favor; (n) elegance, beauty; (adj, n) clemency. ANTONYMS: (n) unseeliness, awkwardness, disfavor, inelegance, heaviness, unkindness; (v) deface, demean

graceful: (adj) beautiful, delicate, amiable, easy, fine, charming, fair, airy, becoming, lovely, lithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, stocky, awkward, vigorous, jerky, ugly, stilted, heavy, coarse, strenuous

gracefully: (adv) prettily, graciously, neatly, delicately, smoothly, charmingly, refinedly, lithely, easily, daintily, nicely. ANTONYMS: (adv) awkwardly, ungraciously, clumsily, gracelessly, vigorously, unpleasantly, unkindly, heavily

gracious: (adj) genial, benign, good, courteous, compassionate, kind, accommodating, civil; (adj, n) benevolent, congenial, gentle. ANTONYMS: (adj) ungracious, boorish, discourteous, reserved, rude, abrupt, critical, unkind, hardhearted, harsh, poor

graciously: (adv) gracefully, mildly, politely, courteously, benevolently, benignantly, civilly, sympathetically, mercifully, leniently, suavely. ANTONYMS: (adv) bitterly, coarsely, poorly,

ungraciously, harshly

graciousness: (n) benignity, goodness, kindness, gentleness, good manners, blandness, benignancy, gallantry, civility, grace, benevolence. ANTONYMS: (n) ungraciousness, impoliteness, malignity, unkindness, cruelty, incivility

gradual: (adj) progressive, gentle, slow, deliberate, moderate, shading off, sequential, imperceptible; (adj, adv) piecemeal; (n) grail; (adv) gradually. ANTONYMS: (adj) dramatic, instant, unexpected, steep, abrupt, quick, rapid

grain: (adj, n) crumb; (n) bit, berry, fragment, cereal, scrap, kernel, speck, atom, grist, character.

ANTONYM: (n) lot

grandeur: (n) dignity, splendor, magnitude, brilliance, glory, pomp, elegance, majesty, magnificence, grandness; (adj, n) solemnity. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, simplicity

grapes: (v) clam, chupatty, compote, damper, fish, frumenty, chowder; (n) vintage

grasp: (adj, n, v) catch; (n, v) clutch, clasp, hold, clinch; (v) comprehend, embrace, grapple, apprehend, conceive, cling. ANTONYMS: (n, v) Miss; (v) overlook, lose, give; (n) ignorance

grateful: (adj, n) welcome; (adj) agreeable, appreciative, beholden, pleasing, pleasant, acceptable, indebted, obliged, pleasurable; (v) appreciate. ANTONYMS: (adj) ungrateful, unwelcome, unappreciative

gratefully: (adv) appreciatively, indebted, obligedly, gratifyingly, delightfully, beholdenly, pleasantly, welcomely, goodly, deliciously

gratification: (adj, n) delight; (n, v) content; (n) enjoyment, pleasure, satisfaction, fruition, complacency, joy, luxury, treat, fulfillment.

ANTONYMS: (n) dissatisfaction, disenchantment, dismay, discontent, anxiety

gratified: (adj) glad, satisfied, pleased, delighted, happy, thankful, grateful, content, complacent, comfortable, cheerful

gratify: (v) delight, please, appease, accommodate, satisfy, amuse, suit, indulge, cater; (n, v) humor; (adj) contented. ANTONYMS: (v)

dissatisfy, displease, disappoint

gratifying: (adj) agreeable, pleasant, enjoyable, delightful, pleasurable, rewarding, welcome, satisfying, nice; (adj, v) grateful; (v) gratify. ANTONYMS: (adj) disappointing, unwelcome, unrewarding, frustrating, disagreeable, heartbreaking, annoying, unpleasant

gratitude: (n) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness.

ANTONYMS: (n) ingratitude, ungratefulness

grave: (adj) solemn, serious, critical, earnest, dangerous, sedate, sad, grand; (adj, v) severe, acute; (v) engrave. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, funny, cheerful, carefree, slight, nonchalant, trivial, stable, minor, insignificant, favorable

gravel: (adj, v) nonplus, bother; (v) bedevil, rag, chevy, flummox, bewilder, puzzle; (adj) grating; (adj, n) dirt; (n) grit

gravely: (adv) seriously, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, staidly, momentously, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS: (adv) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (adj) soft

gravity: (n) solemnity, earnestness, gravitation, graveness, gravitational attraction, weight, seriousness, significance, severity, sedateness; (n, v) poise. ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, lightheartedness, triviality, cheerfulness, levity

greatness: (n) excellence, dimension, dignity, bulk, size, enormousness, bigness, enormity, grandness, magnitude, fame. ANTONYMS: (n) obscurity, austerity, commonness, mildness, moderation, simplicity

grief: (adj, n, v) affliction; (n) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (n, v) regret; (adj) sore. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace

grieve: (n, v) distress, aggrieve, afflict, sorrow, annoy; (v) trouble, lament, deplore, bemoan, fret, bewail. ANTONYMS: (v) rejoice, celebrate, encourage

grieved: (adj) sore, sad, sorry, sorrowful, upset, woeful, pained, affected, brokenhearted

grieving: (adj) sorrowful, bereft, bereaved, mournful, aggrieved, sad,

teenful, despondent; (v) grief, affliction; (n) sorrow

grievous: (adj) bitter, dolorous, dreadful, deplorable, sad, tough, pitiful, atrocious, regrettable, sorrowful, sorry. ANTONYM: (adj) successful

grievously: (adv) seriously, heavily, sorrowfully, gravely, severely, mortally, mournfully, heinously, weightily; (adj, adv) painfully, bitterly

gross: (adj) coarse, boorish, big, crude, fat, common, blunt,

disgusting, bulky; (n) aggregate; (adj, v) foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, small, remaining, refined, tiny, partial, delicate, cultivated, chaste, sensitive; (v) lose

groundwork: (n) bottom, basis, base, foundation, bed, ground, footing, bedrock, fundament, background, substructure

grouped: (adj) sorted, classified, collective, gather

grove: (n) forest, orchard, thicket, coppice, wood, gardens, residences, Holt, bosquet, park, Hurst

grown-up: (adj) mature, big, full-grown, ripe, grown, full-fledged

guard: (n) defense, protection, escort, bulwark, watchman, custody, fender; (n, v) care, shield, cover; (adj, n, v) ward. ANTONYMS: (v) endanger, expose, neglect, reveal; (n) attacker

guarded: (adj) wary, careful, chary, circumspect, cagey, vigilant, watchful, conditional, discreet, gingerly, conservative.

ANTONYMS: (adj) frank, careless, trusting, reckless, open, unwary, natural

guardian: (n) guard, defender, champion, curator, warden, conservator, bodyguard, keeper; (adj, n) protector; (adj) protective, custodial. ANTONYMS: (n) attacker, detractor

guardianship: (n) custody, care, charge, keeping, safekeeping, tutelage, conservation, protection, wardship; (adj, n) ward; (adj) guard

guess: (n, v) surmise, estimate, forecast; (v) suppose, deem, reckon, divine, believe, foretell; (n) assumption, supposition

guessed: (adj) rude, inscrutable

guest: (n) caller, visitor, customer, alien, foreigner, client, invite, foreign, company, guests, houseguest

guidance: (n, v) direction, government, control, management, administration, charge; (n) advice, counsel, lead, instruction, regulation

guided: (adj) conducted, directed, led

guiding: (adj) scouting, directive, leading, controlling, guidance, directional, guide, direction, management, steering, sovereign

guilt: (n) sin, criminality, fault, repentance, remorse, offence, guilty, error, culpability, complicity, delinquency. ANTONYM: (n) blamelessness

guinea: (n) greaseball, Republic of Guinea, poultry, change, shilling, penny, doit, domestic fowl, farthing, fowl, French Guinea

gulf: (n) abyss, depth, creek, vortex, bay, loch, cove, abysm, gap, gorge, bight

habit: (n) clothing, practice, dress, garb, attire, convention, character, ritual, addiction, clothes; (n, v) use. ANTONYM: (n) innovation

habits: (n) behavior, decorum, pratique

habitual: (adj, n) common, frequent, usual; (adj) chronic, conventional, confirmed, accustomed, natural, commonplace, everyday, ordinary. ANTONYMS: (adj) occasional, infrequent, mild, irregular, exceptional, erratic, abnormal, innovative

hack: (v) chop, cut down, rip, gash, mutilate, fell; (adj, v) chop up; (n) hacker, drudge, nag, incision

hackney: (n) hireling, carriage, grubber, taxicab, equipage, drudger; (adj) trite

hackneyed: (adj) banal, trite, common, stock, corny, conventional, stale, threadbare, tired, platitudinous, unoriginal. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, novel, imaginative, exceptional

half-year: (n) semester

handkerchief: (n) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (n, v) napkin; (v) sudary

handsome: (adj) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unattractive, meager, ungenerous, measly, plain

handsomely: (adv) liberally, prettily, magnanimously, bonnily, largely, lovely, charmingly, finely, generously, good-lookingly,

smartly. ANTONYM: (adv) poorly

handwriting: (n) calligraphy, writing, fist, script, penmanship, longhand, chirography, cursive, cacography, book, ability

hanging: (n) execution, curtain, arras, wall hanging; (adj) suspended, pendent, pendant, pendulous, hung, pending; (n, v) suspension

happily: (adv) fortunately, joyously, joyfully, merrily, luckily, gladly, blissfully, cheerfully, felicitously, providentially, successfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) miserably, unhappily, sadly, unfortunately, unsuccessfully, reluctantly, gloomily, discontentedly, despondently, negatively, grudgingly

happiness: (n) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess, displeasure

hardened: (adj) hard, callous, confirmed, tough, indurated, tempered, unfeeling, inured, habitual, enured, veteran. ANTONYMS: (adj) inexperienced, smooth, unaccustomed, untempered, feeling, mild

hardship: (n) adversity, calamity, affliction, trouble, difficulty, disaster, deprivation, asperity, destitution; (n, v) grievance, burden. ANTONYMS: (n) privilege, ease, prosperity, wealth, luxury, advantage, opportunity

hardships: (n) difficulty

harm: (adj, n, v) damage, hurt; (adj, n) evil, detriment, injury; (n, v) abuse, wound, blemish, disadvantage; (n) bruise; (adj, v) injure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) benefit, respect, help; (n) reparation, service; (v) enable, spoil, protect, defend, repair

harmony: (n) accord, consonance, agreement, correspondence, accordance, congruity, consistency, amity; (n, v) concord, peace; (v) concert. ANTONYMS: (n) discord, disagreement, argument, conflict, bitterness, harshness, incongruity, uproar, hostility, misery, upheaval

harp: (n) lyre, harmonica, harper, lute, mouth harp; (v) dwell, ingeminate, iterate, restate, reiterate, retell

harshly: (adv) roughly, severely, sternly, sharply, cruelly, hoarsely, strictly, pitilessly, rigorously, rigidly; (adj, adv) piercingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, harmoniously, quietly, gently, elaborately, leniently, smoothly, tolerantly, cheerfully, loosely, pleasantly

haste: (n, v) hurry, dash, dispatch, rush; (n) celerity, expedition, rapidity, speed, bustle, hastiness, quickness. ANTONYMS: (n) delay, patience, forethought, caution

hasten: (adj, n, v) speed, quicken; (v) expedite, advance, hurry, hie, dash, rush; (n, v) further, forward, dispatch. ANTONYMS: (v) linger, retard, amble

hastened: (adj) careless

hastening: (n) quickening, speed, hurrying, speeding up, faster, fast, stepping up

hastily: (adv) hurriedly, rapidly, quickly, rashly, promptly, suddenly, thoughtlessly, impetuously, swiftly, imprudently, speedily. ANTONYMS: (adv) carefully, unhurriedly, industriously, sensibly, prudently, late, calmly, thoroughly, patiently, gradually, cautiously

hasty: (adj) fast, abrupt, cursory, fleet, sudden, rash, impetuous, careless, speedy, hurried, quick.

ANTONYMS: (adj) deliberate, considered, leisurely, sensible, gradual, thorough, cautious, careful, roundabout, prudent, patient

hate: (v) abhor, detest, loathe, abominate; (n) enmity, abhorrence, detestation, hatred, animosity, antipathy, aversion. ANTONYMS: (n, v) like; (v) adore, cherish, admire; (n) attraction, liking, delight, adoration

hated: (adj) despised, disliked, not liked, reviled, scorned, unloved, unpopular. ANTONYM: (adj) precious

hatefully: (adv) repulsively, meanly, abhorrently, malevolently, spitefully, repellently, repugnantly, loathsome, obnoxiously, offensively, heinously

hatred: (n, v) detestation, enmity, animosity; (n) aversion, antipathy, disgust, abhorrence, grudge, anger, abomination, hostility. ANTONYMS: (n) liking, adoration,

affection, attraction, goodwill, kindness, delight, friendliness, admiration

haughty: (adj) supercilious, arrogant, assuming, contemptuous, proud, lordly, cavalier, vain, contumelious, grand; (n) boastful. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, meek, subservient, unassuming, considerate, deferential

haunch: (n) loin, thigh, hindquarters, flank, hip, ham, rump, buttock, small of the back, waist, body part

haunt: (n, v) resort, ghost; (n) den, hangout, home; (v) pursue, follow, stalk, afflict, persecute; (adj) harass

hauteur: (n) arrogance, pride, disdain, conceit, assumption, conceitedness, insolence, loftiness, lordliness, airs, elegance.

ANTONYM: (n) modesty

headache: (n) cephalalgia, pain, encumbrance, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (n, v) twinge; (v) gripe

headquarters: (n) seat, central office, base, residence, office, head office, main office, center, abode, address, Home Office

headstrong: (adj) intractable, dogged, obstinate, disobedient, unruly, willful, wayward, froward, rash, headlong; (adj, v) ungovernable. ANTONYMS: (adj) tractable, compliant, amenable, docile, malleable, agreeable, cautious

heal: (v) mend, recover, doctor, recuperate, cicatrize, get well, fix, restore, convalesce; (n, v) remedy; (n) correct. ANTONYMS: (v) worsen, disfigure, exacerbate

healthful: (adj) healthy, hale, salubrious, beneficial, hygienic, sanitary, wholesome, salutary, remedial, good, nourishing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhealthy, unsanitary, unhealthily

healthfulness: (n) salubrity, salubriousness, health

hears: (v) hear

heartening: (adj) cheering, inspiring, hopeful, inspiring, reassuring, encourage, enriching, joyful, cheerfully encouraging, comforting, educational. ANTONYM: (adj) disturbing

heartfelt: (adj) cordial, sincere, devout, dear, genuine, wholehearted, frank, deep, honest, fervent, real. ANTONYMS: (adj) dishonest, unenthusiastic, impassive

hearth: (n) fire, oven, fireside, stove, chimney, focus, furnace, dwelling, kiln, home, abode

heartily: (adv) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, languorously

hearty: (adj) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (adj, n) well. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager

heaven: (n) Eden, firmament, bliss, Elysium, sky, nirvana, glory, Elysian Fields, Garden of Eden, utopia; (adj) celestial. ANTONYM: (n) misery

hedge: (v) fudge, dodge, elude, evade, skirt, duck, avoid, circumvent, equivocate; (n) barrier, hedging. ANTONYM: (v) confront

heedless: (adj) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless, unwary, indifferent; (adj, v) wanton. ANTONYMS: (adj) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious

heighten: (v) amplify, enlarge, aggravate, raise, deepen, elevate, boost, grow, expand, compound, advance. ANTONYMS: (v) alleviate, damage, decrease, improve, lessen

heightened: (adj) excited, intense, irritate, keen, resonant, sensitive

heinous: (adj) atrocious, grievous, evil, wicked, flagrant, flagitious, monstrous, hateful; (adj, v) gross, nefarious, infamous. ANTONYM: (adj) good

heiress: (n) heiress, inheritrix, inheritor, heritor, owner, beneficiary

heirs: (n) family, posterity, issue

henceforth: (adv) hence, in future, after this; (adj) following

hereabouts: (adv) hereabout, thereabouts

hereafter: (adv) thereafter, from now on, hence, henceforth, hereinafter, afterwards; (n) afterlife, futurity, time to come, great beyond, future life

heretofore: (adv) formerly, as yet, before, so far, yet, already, until now, previously, once, hereunto; (adv, n) hitherto

hermitage: (n) alcove, bower, grotto, greenhouse, arbor, retreat, cloister, seclusion, safe house, ivory tower; (adj) cell

hers: (pron) she, his; (adj) own

hesitate: (adj, n, v) pause, delay; (adj, v) linger; (v) fluctuate, halt, waver, vacillate, demur, boggle, procrastinate; (n, v) doubt. ANTONYMS: (v) rush, decide

hesitating: (adj) indecisive, irresolute, undecided, doubtful, hesitate, reluctant, faltering, unwilling, hesitancy, backward, hesitatingly

hesitation: (n, v) falter, fear; (n) hesitation, faltering, delay, hesitate, diffidence, hesitancy, qualm, reluctance; (v) hesitating. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, resolution, confidence, decisiveness, enthusiasm, inclination, willingness

hide: (n, v) cover, disguise, shelter, veil; (adj, v) obscure; (n) fur, fell, coat; (v) bury, mask; (adj, n, v) darken. ANTONYMS: (v) show, expose, express, divulge, unearth, amplify, advertise, clarify

hint: (v) suggest; (adj, n) trace; (n) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue, allusion; (n, v) tip, touch, dash; (adj, v) intimate. ANTONYM: (n) overtone

hinted: (adj) veiled, roundabout, not explicit, implicit, coded, oblique

hire: (v) employ, charter, enlist, take, rent, take on, retain; (n, v) wage; (n) employment, salary, engagement. ANTONYM: (v) fire

hired: (adj) leased, chartered, mercenary, hackneyed, hack; (v) contented, compensated, paid

hither: (adv) here, whither, hitherward, thither

hitherto: (adv) as yet, yet, so far, up to now, until now, thus far, before, hereunto, to date, still, all the same

honest: (adj) fair, genuine, sincere, good, equitable, artless, heartfelt, guileless, frank, forthright, faithful. ANTONYMS: (adj) lying, misleading, guarded, corrupt, disloyal, unwholesome, discourteous, disreputable, fictional, crafty, crooked

honestly: (adj, adv) justly, sincerely, candidly, fairly, genuinely, really; (adv) openly, directly, faithfully, plainly, truthfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) misleadingly, deceitfully, unfairly, insincerely, hesitantly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, politely

honour: (n) fame, award, dignity, homage, celebrity, accolade, reputation; (n, v) honor; (v) respect, celebrate, dignify. ANTONYMS: (n,

v) dishonor; (v) disrespect

honourable: (adj) estimable, reverend, venerable, glorious, honorable, distinguished, above-board, good, worthy, right, noble
honoured: (adj) esteemed, respected, worthy

honours: (n) first, honors, degree, academic degree

hopeless: (adj) incurable, despondent, forlorn, disconsolate, desperate, impossible, useless, abject, despair, dismal, irreparable. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, competent, promising, optimistic, encouraging, helpful, useful, successful, practical, laudable, effective

horrid: (adj) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, direful, dire, horrible, fearsome. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind

horror: (n) abomination, abhorrence, dismay, fear, fright, revulsion, alarm, repulsion, anxiety; (adj, n) dread, terror. ANTONYMS: (n) delight, attraction, proclivity, bravery, calm, confidence, security

horseback: (n) hogback, body part

horsewoman: (n) rider, equestrian, horseback rider, horseman

hospitality: (n) entertainment, generosity, friendliness, cordiality, welcome, cordial reception, kindness, amiability, warmth, solicitously, politely. ANTONYMS: (n) frostiness, inhospitality

housekeeper: (n) factotum, mistress, shepherd, householder, housewife, domestic, cleaning woman, croupier, domestic help, seneschal, house servant

housekeeping: (n) housewifery, household, domestic science

housemaid: (n) amah, maid, handmaiden, handmaid, maidservant, cleaning woman, girl, ayah, charwoman, biddy, maiden

howsoever: (adv) however, although, though, howso

humanity: (n) benevolence, mankind, flesh, human race, human, humankind; (adj, n) compassion, charity, kindness, benignity, gentleness. ANTONYMS: (n) severity, inhumanity, nastiness, selfishness

humble: (v) demean, humiliate, mortify; (n, v) disgrace, debase; (adj, n, v) abase; (adj) base, lowly, unassuming, docile, low.

ANTONYMS: (adj) impressive, arrogant, haughty, imposing, conceited, pompous, snooty, overbearing, presumptuous, proud, exalted

humbled: (adj) humble, humiliated, crushed, depressed, dispirited, abased, broken in, abject, ashamed; (n) humbler; (v) apart

humbling: (adj) humiliating, demeaning, abject, amazing, astounding, awesome, breathtaking, critical, embarrassing; (n) comedown, debasement

humiliating: (adj) humbling, embarrassing, mortifying, demeaning, shameful, disgraceful, ignominious, abject, dishonorable; (v) humiliate; (n) infra dignitatem. ANTONYMS: (adj) dignified, honorable, glorious, reassuring, mild

humiliation: (n) degradation, disgrace, chagrin, abjection, comedown, indignity, embarrassment, mortification, dishonor, discredit; (adj, n) shame. ANTONYMS: (n) glorification, aggrandizement, pride, success, making

humility: (n) diffidence, modesty, submission, shyness, meekness, lowliness, timidity, trait, humiliation, resignation; (adj) veneration. ANTONYMS: (n) haughtiness, affection, conceit, arrogance

humour: (n) fun, wit, witticism, body fluid, temper, mood, amiability, drollery, disposition; (adj) humorous; (v) gratify

hunting: (n, v) chase; (v) battue; (n) exploration, pursuit, search, ducking, beagling, coursing, frisking, venery, shooting

hurried: (adj) fast, sudden, speedy, rapid, quick, swift, headlong, abrupt, cursory, precipitate, prompt. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, leisurely, considered, patient, meticulous, thorough

hurry: (n) haste; (n, v) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (v) scurry, dash, accelerate, expedite, run. ANTONYMS: (n) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (v) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (intj) wait

hurrying: (n) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager

hurst: (n) Holt, tope, grove

hushed: (adj) calm, silent, still, subdued, placid, muffled, noiseless, soft, soundless, tranquil, gentle. ANTONYM: (adj) noisy

hypocrisy: (n, v) insincerity; (n) cant, dissimulation, falsity, deception, falsehood, sanctimony, deceit, lip service; (v) double dealing; (adj) hypocritical. ANTONYMS: (n) sincerity, honesty

hypocritical: (adj, adv) deceitful, false, counterfeit; (adj) insincere, disingenuous, dishonest, pharisaical, sanctimonious, hollow, hypocritic; (n) hypocrisy. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, straightforward

hysterics: (adj) frenzy, hysterical, phrensy; (n) panic, mirth, emotional behavior, dramatics, paroxysm, rage, tantrum, affected behavior
idle: (adj) lazy, indolent, inactive, free, unfounded, fruitless, baseless, groundless, frivolous, empty, disengaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, employed, industrious, energetic, meaningful, productive, worthwhile, diligent; (v) change, run, work

idleness: (n) lethargy, laziness, torpor, inactivity, idling, unemployment, sloth, inaction, inertia, faineance, idlesse.

ANTONYMS: (n) energy, activity, bustle, liveliness, responsibility

ignorance: (n) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (n) intelligence, acquaintance, education

ignorant: (adj) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. ANTONYMS: (adj) conscious, versed, cultured, educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite

ill-founded: (adj) invalid

illiberal: (adj) close, churlish, covetous, intolerant, insular, bigoted, avaricious, small, mean, miserly; (adj, v) sordid. ANTONYM: (adj) generous

illiterate: (adj) uneducated, rude, unschooled, unlearned, untaught, empty, green, letterless, uninstructed, unread; (n) analphabetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) educated, economical

ill-judged: (adj) imprudent, impolitic, injudicious, incautious

ill-natured: (adj) cantankerous, peevish, sour, surly, catty, crabbed, gruff, disagreeable, malignant, malicious, malevolent

ill-tempered: (adj) morose, sour, cross, crabby, churlish, moody, grouchy, mean, huffy, angry, hot

ill-treatment: (n) hurt

illustration: (n) example, case, depiction, chart, instance, exemplification, figure, description, demonstration, drawing, case in point

illustrious: (adj, n) glorious, celebrated, excellent, grand; (adj) famous, bright, eminent, famed, distinguished, brilliant, well-known. ANTONYMS: (adj) unknown, obscure, ordinary, undistinguished, lowly

ill-will: (n) enmity

imaginable: (adj) conceivable, possible, thinkable, plausible, earthly, believable, credible, feasible, immediate, likely, near.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unimaginable, implausible

imaginary: (adj) fictitious, unreal, false, mythical, illusory, ideal, hypothetical, visionary, fictional, notional, chimerical. ANTONYMS: (adj) real, palpable, actual, concrete, prosaic, normal, true

imagination: (n) vision, fancy, image, dream, conceit, imagery, originality, invention, resource, reflection, phantasy

imagined: (adj) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful

imitate: (n, v) duplicate; (v) forge, ape, emulate, follow, feign, counterfeit, mimic, mock, assume, act

imitated: (adj) mimical

imitation: (adj, n) fake, sham, reproduction; (n) dummy, forgery, mockery, copy, emulation; (n, v) parody; (adj) false, bogus.

ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, real, natural; (n) original, formalism

immoral: (adj) evil, bad, depraved, indecent, dissolute, corrupt, criminal, unprincipled, dirty, unfair, lewd. ANTONYMS: (adj) moral, decent, honest, ethical, principled, good, restrained, amoral, right, righteous, pure

immovable: (adj, v) firm, fixed; (adj)

adamant, steadfast, motionless, unyielding, unmoving, set, imperturbable, inflexible; (v) fast. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, moving, mobile, flexible, movable, acquiescent, temporary, irresolute

impartial: (adj) just, equitable, disinterested, unprejudiced, unbiased, dispassionate, even-handed, candid, even, evenhanded, detached. ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, partisan, prejudiced, subjective, unfair, unjust

impassable: (adj) impervious, impenetrable, impracticable, invincible, insuperable, inaccessible, unpassable, innavigable, inextricable, closed, impossible. ANTONYMS: (adj) passable, open

impatience: (n) annoyance, eagerness, anger, intolerance, restlessness, fidget, nervousness, fidgetiness, enthusiasm, edginess; (adj) nonendurance. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, endurance, apathy

impatient: (adj) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (adj) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow

impatiently: (adv) petulantly, restlessly, keenly, intolerantly, hastily, avidly, uneasily, enthusiastically, edgily, fidgetily, restively. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncomplainingly, calmly, unenthusiastically, lightly

impelled: (adj) prompted, provoked, determined, compulsive, encouraged, goaded, motivated, bound

impenetrably: (adv) hermetically, hermetically, unintelligibly, unfathomably

imperfection: (adj, n) frailty; (n) fault, blemish, defect, deficiency, flaw, weakness, disadvantage, vice, foible, shortcoming. ANTONYMS: (n)

perfection, strength

imperfectly: (adv) faultily, defectively, badly, deficiently, incompletely, partially, poorly, inadequately, sketchily, incorrectly, halfway. ANTONYMS: (adv)

perfectly, flawlessly, correctly, well

impertinence: (n) audacity, gall, impudence, insolence, disrespect, effrontery, brass, boldness, impertinency, sauciness, freshness. ANTONYMS: (n) politeness,

seriousness, reticence

impertinent: (adj) fresh, pert, saucy, forward, audacious, brash, brazen, extraneous, discourteous, disrespectful, flippant.

ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, polite, courteous

imperturbably: (adv) dispassionately, unflappably, serenely, indifferently, impassively, emotionlessly, coolly, casually

impetuous: (adj) boisterous, hasty, fiery, headlong, heady, hot, brash, foolhardy, dashing, fierce; (adj, v) impulsive. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, careful, slow, sensible, patient

implacability: (n) malice, implacableness, revenge, vindictiveness

implacable: (adj) cruel, remorseless, irreconcilable, pitiless, merciless, grim, unappeasable, deadly, mortal, relentless, unforgiving.

ANTONYMS: (adj) placable, unrelenting

implicit: (adj) absolute, understood, tacit, silent, unsaid, undeclared, implied, inherent, virtual, unquestioning, practical.

ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, open, spoken, limited, qualified, actual

implicitness: (n) indirectness, obliqueness, implicitity

implied: (adj) understood, tacit, indirect, oblique, silent, inferential, inherent, ulterior, latent, involved, contained. ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, explicit, overt

imply: (n, v) denote, betoken; (v) connote, hint, allude, intimate, entail, mean, indicate, convey; (adj, v) involve

impolitic: (adj) maladroit,

inexpedient, imprudent, unwise, inadvisable, not politic, ill-advised, disadvantageous, reckless, injudicious, indiscreet.

ANTONYMS: (adj) politic, wise, prudent

importing: (n) importation, mercantilism, commercialism, commerce

importune: (v) beseech, implore, beg, entreat, badger, besiege, worry, annoy, press, pester, tease

impose: (v) dictate, prescribe, enforce, exact, charge, clamp, deceive, enjoin, burden, set, lay.

ANTONYM: (v) revoke

imposed: (adj) compulsory, obligatory

imposing: (adj, n, v) impressive; (adj,

n) noble, commanding, solemn; (adj) dignified, grandiose, stately, distinguished, regal, lofty, baronial.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, unimposing, weak, undignified, lowly

impressed: (adj) touched, bewildered, amazed, susceptible, stupefied, stunned, confused, bemused; (v) imprinted, stamped, carved. **ANTONYM:** (adj) unimpressed

impressive: (adj) effective, commanding, striking, powerful, imposing, influential, exciting, formidable, spectacular; (adj, n) noble, grand. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) humble, ordinary, weak, unremarkable, insignificant, minor, pathetic, tiny, uninteresting, ineffective, average

improbable: (adj) implausible, impossible, incredible, unbelievable, fishy, questionable, inconceivable, impractical, unthinkable, absurd; (adj, n) marvelous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) probable, certain, plausible, truthful, ordinary, on, practical

improper: (adj) false, illicit, illegitimate, unsuitable, wrong, indecent, bad, coarse, amiss, faulty; (adj, v) indecorous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) suitable, fitting, polite, acceptable, sensitive, moral, correct, dignified, lawful, clean, honest

impropriety: (n) barbarism, obscenity, indecorum, error, rudeness, indelicacy, incorrectness, solecism, wrongness; (adj) immorality, inaptitude. **ANTONYMS:** (n) decency, correctness

imprudence: (n) carelessness, indiscretion, folly, improvidence, hastiness, flippancy, recklessness, injudiciousness, rashness, haste; (adj, n) temerity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) discretion, forethought, wariness, wisdom

imprudent: (adj) foolish, foolhardy, indiscreet, hasty, improvident, impolitic, heedless, unadvised, injudicious, unwary, unwise. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) sensible, prudent, cautious, wise, deliberate, discreet, guarded, judicious, advisable

impudence: (adj, n) boldness, brass; (n) cheek, gall, audacity, impertinence, insolence, face, cheekiness, effrontery, assurance. **ANTONYMS:** (n) cowardice,

reticence

impudent: (adj, n) bold, daring; (adj) disrespectful, audacious, impertinent, brassy, barefaced, brazen, insolent, brash, cheeky. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) polite, cowardly

impulse: (n) pulse, urge, impulsion, force, motive, whim, drive, goad, motivation, momentum, incentive. **ANTONYMS:** (n) aversion, disincentive, disinclination

impunity: (n) impune, come off, freedom, immunity, permission, forgiveness. **ANTONYM:** (n) liability

impurities: (n) dross, bastard, scum, cinder

impute: (v) charge, attribute, ascribe, assign, accuse, blame, attach, credit, lay, accredit, impeach

inadequate: (adj) faulty, flimsy, poor, deficient, defective, incompetent, feeble, imperfect, inappropriate, short, ineffective. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) ample, passable, enough, strong, competent, reasonable, acceptable, generous, plentiful, useful, suitable

inattention: (n) neglect, heedlessness, carelessness, forgetfulness, negligence, inobservance, inadvertence, indifference, oversight, slight, distraction. **ANTONYM:** (n) attention, notice, caution, concentration

inattentive: (adj) negligent, neglectful, forgetful, reckless, careless, unaware, regardless, inconsiderate, mindless, inadvertent; (adj, v) remiss. **ANTONYM:** (adj) attentive, alert, observant, carefree, cautious, conscientious, considerate, diligent, prudent

incapable: (adj) impotent, inadequate, unable, helpless, powerless, unqualified, inept, insufficient, inapt, ineffectual, unfit. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) able, competent, strong, powerful, effective

incautiously: (adv) imprudently, recklessly, thoughtlessly, indiscretely, injudiciously, heedlessly, unthinkingly, unguardedly, unwarily, rashly, forgetfully. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) discreetly, carefully

incensed: (adj) angry, exasperated, enraged, indignant, irate, infuriated, irritated, mad, livid, angered, aggravated. **ANTONYM:** (adj) pleased

incessant: (adj) endless, continual, everlasting, eternal, constant, continuous, perpetual, unremitting, interminable, persistent; (adj, v) frequent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) intermittent, occasional, sporadic, broken, finite

incessantly: (adv) constantly, endlessly, continually, perpetually, continuously, unceasingly, eternally, persistently, unremittingly, unendingly, steadily. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) sporadically, briefly

incivility: (n) disrespect, impoliteness, discourtesy, impertinence, insolence, rudeness, indecorum, boorishness, unmannerness, indecency, crudity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) civility, refinement

inclination: (n, v) desire, bent; (n) fancy, affection, tendency, leaning, drift, appetite, dip, proclivity, bias. **ANTONYMS:** (n) disinclination, reluctance, aversion, indifference, unwillingness, antipathy, dislike, horror

inclined: (adj, v) given; (adj) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious

incomprehensible: (adj) inapprehensible, inscrutable, inarticulate, abstruse, cryptic, unfathomable, puzzling, obscure, inexplicable, inconceivable, unaccountable. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) comprehensible, explicable, understandable, intelligible, legible, obvious, straightforward

inconceivable: (adj, v) unbelievable, hard to believe; (adj) impossible, implausible, incomprehensible, unimaginable, unthinkable, improbable, unintelligible, inscrutable, fabulous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) conceivable, believable, likely, understandable, credible

inconsiderable: (adj) inconsequential, immaterial, small, petty, slight, negligible, trivial, fractional, minute, imperceptible, slender. **ANTONYM:** (adj) major

inconsistency: (n) disagreement, contradiction, incompatibility, incoherence, incongruity, discordance, disparity, variance, repugnance, contradictoriness; (adj, n) frivolity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) steadiness, equality, constancy,

- concord**, parity, predictability, reliability
- inconvenience**: (n, v) trouble, incommodate; (v) discommode, disoblige, annoy, disturb, disquiet; (n) disadvantage, difficulty, nuisance, unsuitableness. ANTONYMS: (n) expediency, advantage; (v) help, please
- inconvenient**: (adj) inopportune, awkward, disadvantageous, bothersome, improper, unfavorable, troublesome, hard, inapt, untoward, unfortunate. ANTONYMS: (adj) convenient, suitable, opportune, timely, advantageous
- increases**: (adj) increasing; (n) augmentation, addition
- incredible**: (adj, n) astonishing, marvelous; (adj, v) inconceivable; (adj) fabulous, extraordinary, unbelievable, implausible, fantastic, unlikely, preposterous, wonderful. ANTONYMS: (adj) credible, believable, conceivable, unspectacular, likely, mundane, unremarkable, plausible, awful, sensible, real
- incredulity**: (n) doubt, disbelief, skepticism, incredulousness, distrust, wonder, surprise, suspicion, suspiciousness, mistrust, scepticism. ANTONYMS: (n) faith, understanding, belief
- incredulous**: (adj) dubious, doubtful, suspicious, unbelieving, faithless, skeptical, doubting, lacking faith, questioning, cynical, mistrustful. ANTONYM: (adj) convinced
- incumbent**: (adj, v) superimposed; (n) functionary, official, householder, occupant, parson, locum tenens, sojourner; (adj) compulsory; (v) supernatant, overlying
- incur**: (n, v) contract; (v) catch, get, incite, begin, cause, encounter, experience, obtain, suffer, receive
- indebted**: (adj) grateful, appreciative, thankful, obliged, liable, insolvent, broke; (prep) beholden, debted; (n) debtor; (v) owe. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful
- indecision**: (n) hesitation, irresolution, uncertainty, indecisiveness, hesitance, qualm, vacillation, hesitancy, dubiety, infirmity of purpose; (adj, n) suspense. ANTONYMS: (n) determination, resolve, resolution, confidence
- indecorum**: (n) indecency,
- indecorousness, incivility, impropriety, familiarity, discourtesy, misdeed; (adj) misbehavior, immorality, scandal, laxity. ANTONYM: (n) decorum
- indefinite**: (adj, v) ambiguous, vague; (adj) uncertain, boundless, hazy, equivocal, unlimited, doubtful, dubious, imprecise, indecisive. ANTONYMS: (adj) definite, limited, fixed, constrained, specific, distinct, known, precise, clear, exact
- indelicacy**: (n) impropriety, indecency, indecorousness, ribaldry, coarseness, obscenity, tactlessness, discourtesy, gaminess, immodesty, indecorum. ANTONYMS: (n) decency, propriety
- indelicate**: (adj) indecent, immodest, crude, gross, improper, coarse, crass, bawdy, unbecoming, broad, scurrilous. ANTONYMS: (adj) decorous, tasteful, sensitive, discreet, decent, correct
- indicated**: (adj) numbered
- indifference**: (adj, n) coldness, phlegm; (n) detachment, impassiveness, disregard, aloofness, nonchalance, neglect, unconcern, impassivity, disinterest. ANTONYMS: (n) fervor, interest, eagerness, dedication, sympathy, favorite, compassion, anxiety, responsiveness, forcefulness, care
- indifferent**: (adj) apathetic, impassive, cold, cool, callous, fair, insensible, unconcerned, careless, dull, average. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, fervent, keen, obsessive, energetic, eager, involved, surprised, exceptional, concerned, shocked
- indignant**: (adj) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, content, unaffected
- indignation**: (n) anger, resentment, displeasure, grudge, umbrage, rage, outrage, exasperation, choler, dudgeon; (adj, n) wrath.
- ANTONYM**: (n) contentment, pleasure
- indignity**: (n) dishonor, contumely, humiliation, contempt, outrage, disdain, offence, disgrace, degradation; (n, v) insult, abuse. ANTONYMS: (n) honor, glory, pride
- indirect**: (adj) collateral, incidental, crooked, devious, oblique, roundabout, secondary, side,
- tortuous, winding, disingenuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) overt, straight, concrete, linear, explicit
- indiscreet**: (adj) careless, imprudent, incautious, ill-advised, rash, unadvised, unwise, impolitic, hasty, tactless, inadvisable. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtful, tactful, judicious, guarded
- indispensably**: (adv) needs, by necessity, very, elementally, fundamentally, essentially, basically
- indisposed**: (adj) ill, ailing, loath, sick, averse, poorly, sickly, reluctant, unwilling, unwell, diseased. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, willing, keen, disposed
- indistinctly**: (adv) vaguely, dimly, hazily, mistily, inarticulately, shadowily, obscurely, unclearly, fuzzily, confusedly, ambiguously. ANTONYMS: (adv) precisely, audibly, coherently, distinctly
- individually**: (adv) separately, independently, severally, peculiarly, apart, particularly, singularly, specifically, humanly, each, respectively. ANTONYMS: (adv) together, collectively, generally, objectively
- indolence**: (n) laziness, inaction, lethargy, inertia, inactivity, listlessness, slowness, torpor, sluggishness, apathy; (adj, n) sloth. ANTONYMS: (n) energy, nimbleness, activity, bustle, liveliness, vigor
- indolent**: (adj) idle, lazy, slothful, sluggish, careless, slow, dull, torpid, inert, drowsy, listless. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, industrious, vigorous, diligent
- induce**: (v) generate, tempt, cause, impel, bring, create, draw, engender, beget, get, infer. ANTONYMS: (v) prevent, restrain
- inducement**: (n) enticement, attraction, cause, incitement, impulse, temptation, bait, impetus, occasion, motive, goad. ANTONYMS: (n) disincentive, deterrent
- indulge**: (n, v) gratify, humor; (v) coddle, cosset, baby, pamper, spoil, satisfy, please, mollycoddle, cocker. ANTONYMS: (v) frustrate, deprive, stifle, neglect, deny, displease, fast
- indulged**: (adj) pet, privileged, cherished, admired
- indulgence**: (adj, n) gratification, delight; (n) allowance, extravagance, debauchery, hobby, tolerance,

luxury, enjoyment, leniency, pardon. ANTONYMS: (n) denial, virtue, intolerance, uprightness, necessity, indifference, dismay, severity

indulgent: (adj) forgiving, gentle, clement, lenient, soft, kind, gracious, tolerant, merciful, compassionate; (adj, v) permissive. ANTONYMS: (adj) intolerant, unsympathetic, severe, restrained, harsh, hardhearted, abstemious, disapproving

indulging: (n) pampering, excess, indulgence, orgy, folly, foolery, gratification

industriously: (adv) diligently, painstakingly, busily, sedulously, tirelessly, untiringly, eagerly, studiously, laboriously, carefully, conscientiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) wearily, carelessly

ineffectual: (adj) ineffective, futile, useless, feeble, abortive, powerless, idle, weak, unable, void, vain. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, effectual, effective, useful, viable, competent, invulnerable, helpful, decisive

inevitable: (adj) ineluctable, unavoidable, inescapable, destined, fatal, fated, necessary, obvious, irrevocable, irresistible; (n) ineluctability. ANTONYMS: (adj) evitable, avoidable, optional, preventable, unpredictable, unlikely; (adv) surprisingly

inexhaustible: (adj) indefatigable, immeasurable, unfailing, infinite, boundless, illimitable, unlimited, incalculable, unexhaustible, unapproachable, unfathomable. ANTONYMS: (adj) limited, unproductive

inexpressible: (adj, v) indescribable; (adj) ineffable, unspeakable, unutterable, indefinable, incomparable, nameless, untold, beyond description, unexpressible, undefinable. ANTONYM: (adj) definite

inexpressibly: (adv) unspeakably, indescribably, beyond words

infamous: (adj) disreputable, flagrant, notorious, disgraceful, dishonourable, contemptible; (adj, v) foul, shameful, base; (adj, n, v) scandalous; (adj, adv, v) nefarious. ANTONYMS: (adj) reputable, famous

infamy: (n) dishonor, disrepute, ignominy, notoriety, shame, opprobrium, reproach, stain, discredit, baseness; (adj, n) pollution. ANTONYMS: (n) fame, virtue, honor, obscurity, pride

infancy: (n) babyhood, cradle, beginning, birth, genesis, minority, early childhood, youth, nonage, adolescence, early days. ANTONYM: (n) maturity

infatuation: (adj) devotion, fascination, enchantment, gross credulity; (adj, n) passion, fervor, fanaticism; (n) crush, idolatry, love, hobby. ANTONYM: (n) indifference

inferior: (adj) secondary, bad, humble, poor, junior, petty, lesser, cheap, base, feeble, vulgar. ANTONYMS: (adj) better, choice, excellent, premium, adscript, perfect, higher, quality, senior; (adj, n) superscript; (n) boss

inferiority: (n) poorness, degeneracy, subordinacy, minority, disadvantage, calibre, vulgarity, quality, subordination, meanness, deterioration. ANTONYMS: (n) superiority, advantage, excellence, preeminence

infinite: (adj) absolute, eternal, endless, countless, immense, incalculable, boundless, innumerable, immeasurable, everlasting, spaceless. ANTONYMS: (adj) finite, limited, restricted, small, tiny, slight

infinitely: (adv) greatly, vastly, immensely, immeasurably, boundlessly, enormously, unboundedly, hugely, ceaselessly, unendingly; (adj, adv) incalculably. ANTONYM: (adv) finitely

inflexibly: (adv) firmly, uncompromisingly, unbendingly, obstinately, rigidly, stubbornly, unalterably, inelastically, unwaveringly, strictly, sternly. ANTONYMS: (adv) amenable, flexibly, loosely, helpfully, gently

inflict: (v) impose, cause, wreak, force, enforce, deal, deliver, administer, foist, put, obtrude

influenced: (adj) partial, unfair, acted upon, convinced, persuaded, susceptible, unjust, prejudiced. ANTONYM: (adj) unbiased

influencing: (adj) affecting, infusive

inform: (v) acquaint, impart, advise, enlighten, announce, tell, familiarize, explain, advertise, apprise, warn

informality: (n) familiarity, casualness, anomaly, freedom, evasion, failure, easiness, intimacy, unceremoniousness; (adj) illegality, unlawfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) formality, reserve

informed: (adj) cognizant, educated, conscious, knowledgeable, familiar, apprised, wise, conversant, experienced, sensible; (adv) abreast. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninformed, unconcerned

informing: (n) briefing, disclosure, appraisal, warning, revelation, rattling, presentation, introduction; (v) inform; (adj) intelligencing, giving information

informs: (v) inform; (n) informing

ingenious: (adj) adroit, artful, clever, cunning, deft, expert, creative, imaginative, cute, acute, able. ANTONYMS: (adj) impulsive, naive, unoriginal, inept

ingenuity: (adj, n) ability; (n) adroitness, ingenuity, cunning, imagination, acumen, resource, originality, skill, wit, inventiveness. ANTONYM: (n) ineptness

ingratitude: (n) oblivion of benefits, thanklessness, ungratefulness, feeling. ANTONYM: (n) gratitude

inhabitants: (n) population, citizens, populace, folk, country, community, abode, group, inhabitation, nation, natives

inherit: (v) heir, come into, get, to inherit, own, receive, come in for, to succeed, follow, descend, accede

inherited: (adj) inborn, genetic, familial, ancestral, transmissible, congenital, inherent, incarnate, transmitted, instinctive, intuitive

inheriting: (adj) heritable

inhumanity: (n) brutality, atrocity, barbarism, cruelty, barbarousness, heinousness, atrociousness, savagery, inhuman treatment, inhumaneness, outrage. ANTONYMS: (n) kindness, humaneness, humanity

iniquitous: (adj) sinful, immoral, evil, wrong, injurious, heinous, bad, criminal; (adj, adv) impious, infamous, nefarious. ANTONYMS: (adj) right, fair

injure: (n, v) damage, harm, impair; (v) contuse, disfigure, maim, bruise, blemish, wound, insult; (adj, v) abuse. ANTONYMS: (v) heal, enable, repair, protect, help

injured: (adj) hurt, broken, wounded, affected, damaged, pained, offended, insulted, defective, prejudiced; (n) casualty. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninjured,

- unaffected, well**
- injurious:** (adj) evil, harmful, hurtful, destructive, bad, disadvantageous, detrimental, adverse, deleterious, inimical, damaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) healing, favorable, healthy, helpful, advantageous, beneficial
- injustice:** (n) iniquity, wrong, unfairness, bigotry, wickedness, prejudice, crime; (adj, n) injury, evil, harm, damage. ANTONYMS: (n) fairness, evenhandedness, reasonableness, goodness, tolerance
- inmate:** (n) captive, convict, gaolbird, denizen, prisoner, con, patient, jailbird, lodger, occupant, resident. ANTONYM: (n) outpatient
- innocence:** (n) blamelessness, chastity, ignorance, ingenuousness, purity, gullibility, artlessness, innocent, simplicity, harmlessness, guiltlessness. ANTONYMS: (n) sophistication, experience, fault, dirtiness, wariness, dishonesty
- innocent:** (adj) chaste, artless, clear, ingenuous, innocuous, guileless, guiltless, ignorant, unsophisticated, spotless, naive. ANTONYMS: (adj) culpable, responsible, wicked, wary, experienced, corrupt, worldly, unfair, meaningful, offensive, jaded
- innocently:** (adv) innocuously, ingenuously, inoffensively, naively, purely, simply, artlessly, unsophisticatedly, blamelessly, spotlessly, cleanly. ANTONYMS: (adv) artfully, meaningfully, indecently, immorally, illicitly, intentionally, knowingly, unkindly, suspiciously, offensively, deliberately
- inoffensive:** (adj, n) harmless, innocent; (adj) innocuous, innoxious, safe, unoffending, euphemistic, hurtless, pleasant, gentle, tame. ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, unsavory, unpleasant, harmful, dysphemistic, malicious, exciting
- inquire:** (v) demand, ask, explore, enquire, inspect, research, consult, pry, request, wonder; (n, v) question. ANTONYM: (v) answer
- inquiries:** (n) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration
- inquiring:** (adj) inquisitive, quizzical, interested, analytical, probing, intrusive; (adj, n) questioning; (v) inquire; (n) enquiry, question, examination. ANTONYM: (adj) uninquiring
- insensibility:** (n) callousness, hardness, indifference, dullness, stupidity, stupor, impassiveness, coma, physical insensibility, impatience, trance
- insensible:** (adj) imperceptible, numb, unconscious, callous, dull, unaware, apathetic, impassive, indiscernible, comatose, impassible. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, conscious, sensitive, awake, alive, compassionate, concerned, aware
- insignificance:** (n) unimportance, insignificance, indifference, immateriality, inconsiderableness, slightness, smallness, meanness, littleness, futility, inconsequentiality. ANTONYMS: (n) seriousness, importance, gravity, appropriateness, value, fame
- insignificant:** (adj) inconsequential, inconsiderable, humble, poor, immaterial, trivial, unimportant, light, infinitesimal, indifferent, small. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, enormous, major, important, huge, substantial, considerable, great, colossal, valuable, influential
- insincere:** (adj) false, artificial, feigned, hypocritical, hollow, affected, empty, devious, dishonest, counterfeit, fraudulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) sincere, genuine, natural, straightforward, meaningful, real, true, serious, restrained, honest; (adv) partially
- insinuating:** (adj) crafty, insinuative, oily, ingratiating, having serpents, insinuant, sly, sneaky, giving hints, snide, subtle
- insipid:** (adj) tasteless, bland, dull, watery, flavorless, uninteresting, vapid, savorless, boring, tame, humdrum. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, tasty, interesting, flavorful, spicy, lively, colorful, dark, bright, inspired, imaginative
- insipidity:** (n) flatness, insipidness, blandness, insulsity, jargon, platitude, depression, dejection, boredom, idiocy
- insist:** (v) affirm, assert, contend, demand, claim, asseverate, declare, maintain, urge, importune, press. ANTONYMS: (v) request, deny
- insolence:** (n) impertinence, arrogance, audacity, impudence, effrontery, cheek, assumption, gall, disrespect, haughtiness, crust. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, politeness, meekness, shyness
- insolent:** (adj) impertinent, abusive, disrespectful, impudent, fresh, arrogant, brazen, defiant, offensive, brassy, bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, modest, gracious, meek, submissive
- inspection:** (n) check, review, surveillance, study, scrutiny, inquiry, survey, exploration, search, checkup; (n, v) sight
- inspire:** (adj, v) cheer, enliven, exhilarate; (v) encourage, excite, inhale, incite, affect, infuse, hearten, actuate. ANTONYMS: (v) extinguish, disenchant, douse, knock, dampen, calm, dishearten
- inspired:** (adj) ingenious, adopted, elysian, creative, imaginative, elected, inventive, unearthly, brilliant, stimulated, enthusiastic. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, unimaginative, abysmal, mediocre
- inspiring:** (adj) rousing, provocative, inspire, inspirational, inspiring, heartening, encourage, entertaining, exhilarating, hopeful, imposing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ridiculous, uninspiring, banal, boring, dull, unimpressive
- instability:** (n) fluctuation, flightiness, unreliability, flux, unrest, unstableness, insecurity, vacillation, disequilibrium, volatility; (adj, n) fugacity. ANTONYMS: (n) stability, calm, balance, constancy, solidity, dependability, order, predictability
- instance:** (n) exemplar, case, time, illustration, sample, affair, pattern, chance, cause; (v) exemplify, illustrate
- instances:** (v) conceive, abate, commotion, decline, decrease, imply, diminution, diminish
- instant:** (adj, n) present; (adj) immediate, prompt; (n) flash, minute, jiffy, point, second; (adj, v) exigent; (adj, n, v) pressing, urgent. ANTONYMS: (n) age, eternity; (adj) considered, delayed, slow
- instantaneous:** (adj) immediate, prompt, sudden, precipitate, momentary, abrupt, precipitous, precipitant, swift, momentaneous, quick. ANTONYMS: (adj) gradual, delayed, considered
- instantly:** (adv, n) directly; (adj, adv) immediately, at once; (adv) instantaneously, promptly, forthwith, now, readily, quickly, momentarily, momentarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, slowly,

gradually

instinctively: (adv) involuntarily, mechanically, spontaneously, automatically, intuitively, inherently, automatically, unconsciously, impulsively, unthinkingly, instinctually.

ANTONYMS: (adv) consciously, objectively

instruct: (v) charge, educate, teach, advise, enlighten, direct, drill, inform, command, indoctrinate, tutor

instructed: (adj) taught, tutored, enlightened, intelligent, arranged, instruct, experienced, qualified; (v) erudit, lettered, leaned

instructing: (adj) directory, directorial, enjoining, containing directions, improving

instruction: (n) charge, direction, education, guidance, prescription, guideline, teaching, information, injunction; (n, v) advice, counsel.

ANTONYM: (n) plea

instrument: (n) channel, deed, tool, pawn, apparatus, agency, document, expedient, appliance, gear; (n, v) implement

insufferable: (adj, v) intolerable, abhorrent; (adj) excruciating, impossible, unbearable, insupportable, unendurable, unsufferable, hateful, painful; (v) nauseous. ANTONYMS: (adj) manageable, nice, lovable

insufferably: (adv) hatefully, hopelessly, agonizingly, disagreeably, dreadfully, unfeasibly, trip, ridiculously, intolerably, impossibly, horrendously

insufficient: (adj) defective, scanty, inadequate, incompetent, imperfect, incapable, limited, small, poor, meager, unsatisfactory.

ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, adequate, filling, generous, plenty, abundant, commensurate, acceptable, perfect

insulted: (adj) affronted, offended, injured, huffy

insulting: (adj) contemptuous, insolent, injurious, offensive, scurrilous, defamatory, opprobrious, rude, disgraceful, disdainful, impolite. ANTONYMS: (adj) courteous, conciliatory, polite, generous, cordial

insupportable: (adj, v) insufferable, intolerable; (adj) indefensible, unbearable, excruciating, unjustifiable, unendurable,

impossible, unsupportable, heavy, obnoxious. ANTONYM: (adj) bearable

integrity: (adj, n) honesty, fairness, candor, honor; (n) probity, completeness, righteousness, justice, unity, entirety, fidelity.

ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, wickedness, injustice, division, decadence, badness, immorality, corruption

intelligent: (adj) intellectual, astute, sensible, alert, rational, quick-witted, bright, cunning, gifted, knowledgeable, brilliant.

ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, thick, slow, stupid, dull, foolish

ineligible: (adj) clear, understandable, articulate, luminous, apprehensible, graspable, simple, lucid, definite, distinct, perspicuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) difficult, illegible

intend: (v) destine, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (v) improvise

intentionally: (adv) deliberately, advisedly, consciously, purposely, on purpose, knowingly, willfully, studiedly, expressly, purposefully, intendedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) accidentally, innocently

intently: (adv) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (adv) absently

intercourse: (n) contact, coition, conversation, communication, coitus, dealings, converse, commerce, liaison, congress; (adj, n) acquaintance

interfere: (n, v) interpose; (v) intercede, obstruct, disturb, conflict, impede, hinder, meddle, intervene; (n) interference; (adj, v) intermeddle

interference: (n) hindrance, disturbance, handicap, blocking, intercession, inhibition, encumbrance, barrier, intervention, block; (v) interfere. ANTONYMS: (n) nonintervention, help

interfering: (adj, n) meddling; (adj) officious, busy, disturbing, meddlesome, nosy, busybodied, curious, overbearing, domineering; (n) hindrance

intermarriage: (n) marriage, wedlock, endogamy, inmarriage, nuptial tie, miscegenation, vinculum

matrimonii, mixed marriage, matrimony, union

intermediate: (adj, n) average, intermediary, mean, mediocre; (adj) middle, mid, moderate, halfway; (adj, v) mediate; (v) interject, intercede. ANTONYMS: (adj) last, extreme

intermission: (n) rest, pause, lull, cessation, suspension, interruption, abeyance, disruption, gap, discontinuance, respite.

ANTONYM: (n) continuation

interpose: (v) interject, insert, interpolate, intercede, intervene, meddle, intrude, tamper, step in, butt in; (adj, v) intermeddle

interrupt: (v) disturb, break, hinder, intermit, stop, cut, break in, arrest, check; (n, v) suspend; (adj, v) pause. ANTONYMS: (v) cheer, respect, restore

interrupted: (adj) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (prep) interrupt

interrupting: (adj) cross, interchanged, interpelling, meddlesome, adverse, defensive, contrary, interpellant, interruptive

interruption: (n) disruption, intermission, halt, pause, suspension, discontinuance, hiatus; (n, v) break, hindrance, impediment; (v) interrupt. ANTONYMS: (n) permanence, help, respect

interval: (n) intermission, interruption, distance, break, interlude, hiatus, interim, pause, period, respite, gap. ANTONYM: (n) intensification

intervene: (v) intercede, interpose, meddle, arbitrate, step in, interject, interlope, pass; (adj, v) mediate, intermediate; (n) interference. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard, provoke

intimacy: (adj, n) familiarity, acquaintance; (n) closeness, fellowship, association, friendship, intercourse, affair, camaraderie, conversation, confidence.

ANTONYMS: (n) distance, formality

intimate: (adj, adv, v) close; (n, v) express, imply; (v) hint, indicate, allude, suggest; (adj) informal, inner, internal; (adj, v) confidential. ANTONYMS: (adj) formal, cold, unfriendly, external, outermost, public, superficial

intimately: (adv) nearly, familiarly,

personally, secretly, internally, privately, narrowly, thoroughly, near, well, thickly. ANTONYM: (adv) superficially
intimation: (n) hint, inkling, implication, insinuation, suggestion, clue, allusion, indication, cue, notice, innuendo
intimidate: (adj, v) browbeat; (v) frighten, bully, discourage, bullyrag, scare, deter, terrify; (n, v) affright, alarm, dismay. ANTONYMS: (v) protect, help, reassure
intimidated: (adj) frightened, scared, afraid, browbeaten, cowed, hangdog, timid, daunted, overcome, anxious, demoralized. ANTONYM: (adj) confident
intolerable: (adj) unbearable, insupportable, painful, obnoxious, detestable, inexcusable, deplorable, undesirable, hard, excruciating, difficult. ANTONYMS: (adj) bearable, tolerable, acceptable, reasonable, nice, understandable, lovable, excusable, inoffensive, manageable
intrepidity: (n) bravery, dauntlessness, courage, audacity, valor, heroism, pluck, nerve; (adj, n) daring, prowess; (adj) fearlessness
intricate: (adj, n) complicated; (adj) difficult, knotty, hard, tricky, convoluted, tortuous, inextricable, elaborate, obscure; (adj, v) involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, easy, plain
introducing: (n) introduction
intrude: (v) interfere, trespass, encroach, infringe, impose, obtrude, disturb, interrupt, impinge, barge in, butt in. ANTONYM: (v) disregard
intruder: (n) trespasser, interloper, encroacher, raider, invader, aggressor, go between, gatecrasher, stalker, boarder; (adj, n) stranger
intruding: (adj) aggressive, interfering, intrusive
intrusion: (n) infringement, encroachment, disturbance, interruption, irroad, trespass, invasion, violation, incursion, disruption, entry
inured: (adj) accustomed, callous, enured, habituated, casehardened, confirmed, emotionally hardened, broken in, given, tough, trained
invalid: (adj) false, illogical, unreasonable, null, weak, void, unhealthy, sick, flawed; (n) infirm, (v) disable. ANTONYMS: (adj) valid, legitimate, current, healthy,

true, watertight, correct
invaluable: (adj) valuable, inestimable, incalculable, precious, costly, rare, unvalued, beyond price, unvaluable, serviceable, unprizable. ANTONYM: (adj) dispensable
invariable: (adj) fixed, consistent, even, immutable, steady, unchanging, stable, uniform, set, undeviating, unchanged. ANTONYMS: (adj) changing, dynamic, erratic, irregular, varied
invariably: (adv) constantly, ever, forever, permanently, continually, incessantly; (adj) never otherwise, unfailingly, without exception, without fail; (adj, adv) uniformly
invent: (v) devise, form, create, excogitate, concoct, imagine, contrive; (n, v) forge, fabricate, design, coin
inventing: (adj) lying
invention: (n) fabrication, conception, fiction, imagination, creation, discovery, device, innovation, excogitation, artifice; (n, v) forgery. ANTONYM: (n) truth
invitation: (n) call, bidding, temptation, lure, asking, request, attraction, enticement; (v) invite, solicitation; (n, v) supplication
invite: (v) tempt, allure, bid, call, entice, ask, summon, attract, receive, solicit; (n) invitation. ANTONYMS: (v) elect, repel
inviting: (adj) attractive, alluring, engaging, tempting, enticing, appealing, magnetic, captivating, prepossessing, seductive, appetizing. ANTONYMS: (adj) offensive, repellent, uninviting, unappealing, unwelcoming, bleak, uncomfortable
involuntarily: (adv) unconsciously, unintentionally, inadvertently, automatically, forcedly, mechanically, unthinkingly, reluctantly, accidentally, automatically, unwillingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) voluntarily, consciously, willingly, purposely
involuntary: (adj) instinctive, unconscious, unintentional, forced, mechanical, unthinking, reluctant, unwilling, compulsory, inadvertent, accidental. ANTONYMS: (adj) voluntary, intentional, intended, willing
irksome: (adj, v) wearisome, tiresome; (adj) boring, dull, annoying, tedious, trying, burdensome, bothersome, irritating, prosaic. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, pleasant, refreshing, soothing
irregularity: (n) abnormality, anomaly, eccentricity, inequality, deviation, aberration, constipation, exception, unevenness, variation; (adj, n) deformity. ANTONYMS: (n) symmetry, normality, regularity, dependability, equality, frequency, evenness, consistency, predictability, smoothness
irreligious: (adj) blasphemous, heathen, wicked, profane, ungodly, godless, irreverent, unholy, unreligious, unbelieving, pagan. ANTONYMS: (adj) pious, religious, spiritual, devout, reverent
irremediable: (adj) incurable, irrecoverable, irretrievable, irrevocable, hopeless, irredeemable, irreclaimable, remediless, beyond repair, desperate, cureless. ANTONYMS: (adj) remediable, superficial, temporary
irreproachable: (adj) blameless, spotless, faultless, flawless, innocent, unimpeachable, inculpable, impeccable, immaculate, unblemished, above reproach. ANTONYMS: (adj) reprehensible, shameful, blameworthy, guilty
irrecoverable: (adj) irrecoverable, irremediable, irreversible, remediless, irreclaimable, irrevocable, unrecoverable, incurable, irredeemable, desperate; (v) indefeasible. ANTONYMS: (adj) superficial, flexible, impermanent, temporary
irrevocably: (adv) finally, irreversibly, conclusively
irritable: (adj) fractious, irascible, edgy, cantankerous, touchy, petulant, excitable, cross, sensitive, grumpy, disagreeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, happy, cheerful, amiable, patient, pleasant, stable, courteous; (n) cheeriness
irritated: (adj) annoyed, exasperated, incensed, enraged, aggravated, furious, irate, inflamed, sore, displeased, provoked. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, pleased, patient, contented
irritation: (n) exasperation, anger, annoyance, displeasure, bother, excitation, temper, excitement, irritability, vexation, annoying. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, balm, calm, calmness, equanimity, patience

jealous: (adj) distrustful, envious, covetous, suspicious, jealousy, resentful, invidious, green, grudging, jaundiced, attentive. ANTONYM: (adj) trusting.

jealousy: (n) suspicion, jealous, jealousy, envy, envious, alertness, distrust, contention, competition, scruple, qualm.

jestingly: (adv) facetiously, jocularly, jocosely, in jest.

jewel: (n) gemstone, darling, diamond, jewelry, trinket, treasure, ornament, idol; (adj, n) bijou, precious stone; (adj) brilliant.

jewels: (n) jewelry, gems, wealth, hoops, Perrie, riches, studs, fortune, fineness, earrings, decoration.

jilt: (v) betray, balk, desert, forsake, drop, reject, walk out on, throw over, cozen, cully; (n) woman.

joining: (n) connection, junction, connexion, union, combination, association, concatenation, attachment, assembly, fastening; (adj) connecting.

joke: (n, v) banter; (n) hoax, fun, quip, gag, caper, game, antic, prank, humor; (v) tease.

joking: (n) banter, fooling, fun; (adj) jocose, jocular, humorous, funny, kidding, playful, puckish, comical. ANTONYM: (n) seriousness.

joyful: (adj) gay, glad, elated, cheerful, gleeful, cheery, delighted, joyous, jolly, blissful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, sorrowful, unhappy, despairing, unpleasant, staid, sorry, disappointed, depressed, heavy.

joyfully: (adv) joyously, merrily, gaily, gleefully, buoyantly, cheerily, jubilantly, pleasantly, mirthfully; (adv, v) happily; (adj, adv) cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) joylessly, miserably, despondently.

judged: (n) judging; (adj) guilty, deliberate, legal, lawful.

judgement: (n) adjudication, evaluation, discretion, determination, discernment, opinion, assessment, decision, conclusion, estimate, belief.

judging: (n) judge, judgment, judged, decision making, assessment, thought, deciding, prejudget, discernment.

jumbled: (adj) confused, disorganized, disordered, untidy, muddled, mixed, cluttered, incoherent, chaotic, promiscuous; (adj, adv) topsy-turvy.

ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, systematic, coherent, clear, organized, sound.

jumping: (n) saltation, leaping, header, start, propulsion; (adj) moving, festive; (v) bounding, salient, dancing; (adv) leapingly.

jumps: (n) fit, nervousness, tension, anxiety, jitters.

junior: (adj, n) inferior, subordinate, minor, puise; (adj) juvenile, young, associate, secondary, petty, lower; (n) boy. ANTONYMS: (adj) senior, chief, advanced, major, higher.

justification: (n, v) apology, excuse; (n) account, reason, defence, cause, grounds, vindication, basis, explanation, foundation. ANTONYM: (n) accusation.

justified: (adj) correct, right, proper, elected, adopted, due, righteous, sanctified, unearthly, regenerated, even. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfounded, unjustified, unreasonable, wrong, unworthy.

justify: (v) explain, exonerate, vindicate, confirm, absolve, defend, deserve, apologize, claim, palliate; (n, v) warrant.

justifying: (adj) extenuating, mitigating; (n) justification, defense.

justly: (adv) accurately, fairly, correctly, honestly, lawfully, properly, exactly, uprightly, legitimately, impartially, purely. ANTONYMS: (adv) wrongly, unfairly, unjustifiably, unjustly, unlawfully, sinfully, falsely, immorally.

keener: (v) Indian giver, floater, repeater.

kindly: (adj) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (adv) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (adj, n) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (adj) upsetting, unfeeling, sour.

kindness: (n) generosity, clemency, compassion, grace, good will, graciousness, humanity, goodness, affection; (adj, n) courtesy, gentleness. ANTONYMS: (n) miserliness, spite, nastiness, callousness, cruelty, unfriendliness, maliciousness, thoughtlessness, sourness, severity, disservice.

kindred: (adj) cognate, akin, similar, allied, related; (n) kin, consanguinity, relation, folk, folks, kin group.

kiss: (n, v) caress, brush, embrace, touch; (n) osculation, salute, lip, Kiss of peace, kiss hands; (v) osculate, love.

kitty: (n) pussy, pussycat, pool, puss, jackpot, stakes, stake, wager, cat, fund, consortium.

knees: (n) knee.

knighthood: (n) chivalry, knight, nobility, aristocracy.

lace: (v) entwine, interlace, braid, bind; (adj, v) tie, string; (n) lacing, ribbon, edging; (n, v) net, rope. ANTONYMS: (v) untie, untwine, unpick.

laconic: (adj) curt, brief, terse, compendious, succinct, pithy, compact, taciturn, laconical, summary, short. ANTONYM: (adj) voluble.

ladyship: (n) madam.

laiety: (n) temporality, congregation, layman, mass, multitude, masses, hoi polloi, assembly, brethren, flock, fold. ANTONYM: (n) clergy.

lament: (v) bemoan, complain, deplore, grieve, keen, bewail, mourn; (n) dirge, complaint; (n, v) wail, moan. ANTONYMS: (n) celebration, joy; (v) revel, rejoice, celebrate, applaud, praise, compliment.

lamented: (adj) mourned, bewailed.

lamenting: (adj) weeping, wailing, sad, whining; (adj, n) plaintive; (adj, v) bewailing, querulous; (n, v) complaining; (n) grief, sorrow; (v) dissatisfied.

landing: (n) disembarkation, land, dock, touchdown, debarkation, disembarkment, floor, platform, landing place, bank, banking-ground.

landlord: (n) laird, proprietor, landlady, owner, landholder, land holder, land owner, innkeeper, property owner, slumlord, publican. ANTONYM: (n) occupant.

languor: (adj, n) inactivity, inertia, feebleness; (n) lethargy, fatigue, infirmity, lassitude, weakness, indifference, ennui; (adj) atony. ANTONYM: (n) energy.

larder: (n) storeroom, pantry, food, victuals, viands, provisions, provender, stowage, stillroom, commissariat, spence.

lasting: (adj) abiding, everlasting, firm, eternal, enduring, continuous, permanent, constant, perpetual, tough; (adj, v) fast. ANTONYMS: (adj) fleeting, impermanent.

superficial, ephemeral, caducous, unstable, occasional, insubstantial, erratic, acute, fickle

lastly: (adv) eventually, ultimately, latterly, in conclusion, last, at last, terminally, latestly, utmostly, definitively, concludingly.

ANTONYM: (adv) initially

lately: (adv) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadly; (adj, adv) anew, late, afresh; (adj) recent

latterly: (adv) lately, lastly, late, subsequently, finally, of late, newly, ultimately, secondly, freshly, afterward. ANTONYM: (adv) initially

laudable: (adj) commendable, creditable, admirable, praiseworthy, worthy, deserving, good, honorable, meritorious, applaudable, estimable. ANTONYMS: (adj) shameful, regrettable, unimpressive, lamentable, poor, despicable

laughing: (adj) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (adv) laughingly. ANTONYM: (adj) serious

laughingly: (adv) merrily, gaily, lightheartedly, playfully, dizzily, giddily, perkily, flippantly, smilingly, riantly

laughter: (n) amusement, fun, guffaw, merriment, chortle, chuckle, mirth, hilarity, giggle, derision, happiness. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, gloom, despair, boredom, misery, despondency

laurel: (n) bays, honor, rose-laurel, cassia, cinnamon, sweet bay, Daphne, bay tree, palm, garland, fame

lawfully: (adv) justly, legally, rightfully, licitly, statutorily, fairly, validly, de jure, officially, rightly, truly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unlawfully, illegitimately

lawn: (n) grassplot, field, green, park, meadow, grassplat, plot, lea, turfs, turves, turf

laying: (n) egg laying, placing, parturition, place, repose, setting, put, position, lay, oyster park, oviposition

leads: (n) slating, pieced leads, slates, pile driving leads, tiling

leaning: (adj, n) bent, disposition, partiality; (n) propensity, bias, tendency, incline, lean; (adj) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (n) antipathy, dislike; (adj) upright

learnt: (adj) learned

lease: (n, v) rent, hire, charter, contract; (v) let, demise, engage, take; (n) rental, letting, leasing

leave-taking: (n) farewell, adieu, parting, goodbye, leave, separation, departure, exit

legacy: (n) devise, heritage, inheritance, heirloom, estate, will, gift, leftover, legacies, endowment, birthright

legally: (adv) lawfully, legitimately, justly, statutorily, licitly, validly, constitutionally, rightfully, judicially, juridically, correctly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) unlawfully, illegally

leisure: (n) idleness, convenience, vacation, inactivity, rest, repose, relaxation, recreation, pastime, opportunity; (adj) idle. ANTONYM: (n) work

leisurely: (adj) slow, deliberate, easygoing, leisure, at ease, unhurried, measured, idle; (adv) deliberately, slowly, at leisure. ANTONYMS: (adj) rushed, hurried, formal, vigorous, speedy, fast; (adv) formally, quickly

lend: (v) grant, give, advance, impart, bestow, contribute, borrow, bring, add, confer; (n) lending

lessen: (v) decrease, abate, fall, decline, dwindle, assuage, allay, alleviate; (adj, v) abridge, curtail, contract. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, exacerbate, intensify, raise, grow, aggravate, accelerate, bolster, worsen, strengthen, rise

lessened: (adj) diminished, hurt, lower, mitigated, pointed, tapering, vitiated, atrophied, short, attenuate, attenuated

lessening: (n) diminution, cutback, alleviation, contraction, abatement, mitigation, shrinking, reduction, cut; (adj) decreasing, diminishing. ANTONYMS: (n) growth, restoration; (adj) increasing

lesson: (n) example, education, instruction, class, learning, sermon, recitation, task, study, message; (n, v) rebuke

letting: (n) lease, rental, let, renting, hire, leasing, rent, belongings, permission; (adj) lenient

liable: (adj) answerable, accountable, disposed, apt, responsible, inclined, exposed, likely, subject, culpable, vulnerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwilling, innocent, unlikely, disinclined, impervious

liberality: (n, v) charity, almsgiving; (adj, n) bounty; (n) largess, munificence, benevolence, beneficence, generosity, tolerance; (adj) largesse, gift. ANTONYM: (n) illiberality

liberally: (adv) freely, bountifully, abundantly, munificently, profusely, copiously, bounteously, magnanimously, plentifully, largely, richly. ANTONYMS: (adv) parsimoniously, carefully, stingily, meagerly, ungenerously

liberties: (n) freedoms, familiarity, intimacy

liberty: (adj, n) freedom, franchise; (n) license, leave, independence, autonomy, emancipation, latitude, permission, scope, release. ANTONYMS: (n) slavery, domination, constraint, suppression, dependence

licentiousness: (n) dissolution, dissipation, lewdness, immorality, profligacy, dissoluteness, extravagance, evil, indecency, freedom; (v) license. ANTONYMS: (n) decency, restraint

lieu: (n) office, position, locality, stead, behalf, part, role, berth, station, site, seat

lifetime: (n) life, life span, lifespan, life expectancy, generation, hour, decade, day, time, animation; (adj) lifelong

lifted: (adj) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep

lighted: (adj) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten

lightness: (n) brightness, buoyancy, frivolity, lightness, delicacy, airiness, agility, levity, light, nimbleness, flippancy.

ANTONYMS: (n) darkness, gravity, weight, harshness, seriousness

likelihood: (n) chance, odds, probability, eventuality, expectation, likeliness, prospect, expectancy, verisimilitude, appearance, option. ANTONYM: (n) improbability

likeness: (n) resemblance, copy, effigy, image, affinity, similarity, correspondence, facsimile; (adj, n) figure, form, semblance.

ANTONYMS: (n) difference, diversity, dissimilarity, unlikeness, contrast

likes: (n) kind, sort, type

likewise: (adv) besides, in addition, furthermore, alike, moreover, further, too, similarly; (adj, adv) as

- well, equally; (adj) even
- liking:** (n, v) inclination; (n) fancy, appetite, taste, fondness, predilection, affection, partiality, admiration, approval, appreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, aversion, hatred, indifference, detachment, dissatisfaction, antipathy
- limits:** (n) confines, bounds, range, frontier, area, circumference, perimeter, field, margin, boundaries; (v) confine. ANTONYM: (n) middle
- lingering:** (adj) long, chronic, extended, dilatory, protracted, prolonged, residual, lengthy, inactive, dull; (n) delay. ANTONYM: (adj) quick
- listener:** (n, v) auditor; (n) eavesdropper, audience, observer, perceiver, hearer, attender, attendee, attendant, beholder
- liveliness:** (adj, n) animation, briskness; (n) life, effervescence, buoyancy, exuberance, vigor, activity, agility, cheerfulness, enthusiasm. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, awkwardness, lifelessness, laziness, sadness, apathy
- lively:** (adj, adv) jolly, sprightly; (adj, v) active, cheerful; (adj) energetic, agile, keen, busy, gay, fresh, jovial. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, listless, inactive, unexciting, lifeless, awkward, sad, gentle, tired, insipid, subdued
- livery:** (adj) liverish, biliary; (n) clothing, accouterment, uniform, complexion, legal transfer, color, hue, dye, bailement
- lobby:** (n) foyer, hallway, anteroom, lounge, entrance hall, vestibule, aisle, antechamber, corridor, pressure group, entry. ANTONYM: (n) exit
- lock:** (n, v) bar, hug; (v) close, latch, fasten, engage, hold; (adj, n) hair; (n) curl, padlock, hook. ANTONYMS: (v) open, undo, disengage, flex; (n) key; (adv) partially, partly
- lodge:** (n, v) cabin, place, house; (adj, v) live, dwell, reside, inhabit; (n) cottage; (v) quarter, accommodate, fix. ANTONYMS: (v) dislodge, evict
- lodgings:** (n) digs, accommodation, domiciliation, lodging, billet, housing, quarters, residence, pad, living quarters, launchpad
- lofty:** (adj, v) high, elevated; (adj) exalted, eminent, arrogant, grand, tall, haughty, great, distinguished, majestic. ANTONYMS: (adj) short, lowly, base, modest, deferential, humble
- longing:** (n, v) desire, aspiration; (adj) eager, wistful, nostalgic; (n) nostalgia, wish, hankering, urge, appetite; (adj, n) yearning. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, disinclination; (adj) satisfied, unconcerned
- loose:** (adj, v) lax, dissolute; (adj, n) limp, liberal, licentious; (adj) light, vague; (v) disengage, relax, release, liberate. ANTONYMS: (adj) dense, close, taut, compressed, strict, compact, wedged, secure, strong, similar; (v) confine
- loser:** (n) flop, washout, underdog, lame duck, dud, also-ran, geek, oaf, nerd; (adj) defeated, stupid. ANTONYMS: (n) winner, achiever
- losing:** (v) lose; (n) loss; (adv) losingly, behind; (adj) unbenevolent. ANTONYM: (adj) lucrative
- lottery:** (n) drawing, raffle, sweepstakes, draft, chance, allotment, tombola, draw, bet, brag, cassino
- loud:** (adj) flashy, garish, gaudy, blatant, brassy, boisterous, high, jazzy, brazen, piercing; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, gentle, quiet, subtle, subdued, low, muted, weak, tranquil, thin; (adv) softly
- loudly:** (adv) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly
- loveliness:** (n) comeliness, fairness, grace, attractiveness, charm, glamour, pulchritude, beauty, good looks, cuteness, fineness. ANTONYMS: (n) unattractiveness, unpleasantness, awkwardness
- lover:** (n) dear, darling, fan, devotee, beau, buff, love, admirer, beloved, amorist, man
- loving:** (adj) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (adj, v) tender. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant, disapproving, callous
- lowest:** (adj) least, bottom, smallest, last, minimal, nethermost, under, lowermost, undermost, poorest; (adj, n) minimum
- lowness:** (n) depression, baseness, tallness, meanness, deepness, sordidness, baby blues, completeness, dejection, truncation, abundance
- luck:** (n) fortune, fate, accident, destiny, hazard, lot, advantage, providence, portion, happiness; (n, v) chance. ANTONYM: (n) design
- luckily:** (adv) happily, prosperously, auspiciously, fortuitously, successfully, providentially, propitiously, opportunely, advantageously, felicitously, as luck would have it. ANTONYMS: (adv) unluckily, inauspiciously
- luckless:** (adj) unlucky, unfortunate, doomed, unhappy, untoward, fortuneless, ill-fated, disastrous, unsuccessful, infelicitous, wretched. ANTONYMS: (adj) fortunate, successful
- luncheon:** (n) meal, tiffin, dejeuner, dinner, repast, party; (v) nunchion
- lurking:** (n) ambush; (adj) snaky, backstair, backstairs, clandestine, concealed, dormant, latent, potential, skulking, sneaky
- lustre:** (n) brilliance, gloss, brilliancy, grandeur, splendour, effulgence, splendor, shininess, shine, sheen, brightness
- ma'am:** (n) lady, madam, gentlewoman, milady, woman, madame, Grande dame, doll, chick, brothel keeper, bird
- madam:** (n) dame, lady, ma'am, gentlewoman, missis, Mrs, brothel keeper, madames, signora, female, bawd
- magistrate:** (n) judge, jurist, judiciary, adjudicator, beak, official, provost, recorder, archon, doge, chancellor
- magnitude:** (n) consequence, bulk, mass, proportion, amount, dimension, size, weight, greatness, amplitude, largeness. ANTONYMS: (n) smallness, insignificance, meaninglessness
- maid:** (n) damsel, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid
- maiden:** (n) maid, girl, demoiselle, damosel, wench, fille, lass, miss; (adj) first, initiatory, unmarried
- maintaining:** (n) contention, continuation; (adj) affirming, assertory
- malice:** (n) spite, animosity, enmity, venom, ill will, hatred, malevolence, cruelty, envy, hate, spleen. ANTONYMS: (n) goodwill,

benevolence, affection, goodness

malicious: (adj) evil, vicious, venomous, spiteful, unkind, cruel, poisonous, mean, mischievous, pernicious, nasty. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, harmless, kindhearted, loving, unmalicious, compassionate, good, merciful, pleasant, provoked

mamma: (n) breast, mother, ma, knocker, boob, mum, mammy, mom, momma, mommy, mummy

manifold: (adj) diverse, different, many, various, multiplex, multiplied, frequent; (v) duplicate, copy, multiply; (n) diversity

mankind: (n) world, humanity, humankind, human race, humans, person, flesh, mortality, people, human beings, humanness

manners: (n) conduct, etiquette, propriety, behavior, deportment, manner, courtesy, custom, decorum, good manners, usage. ANTONYM: (n) vulgarity

manoeuvre: (n) device, gambit, artifice, ruse, stratagem, ploy, tactic; (v) direct, guide, steer, go

manor: (n) land, mansion, manor house, castle, hall, residence, estate, seigniory, demesne, manse, dominion

mansion: (n) house, manor, residence, castle, home, manor house, hall, building, palace, villa, abode. ANTONYMS: (n) hovel, shack, hut

mantelpiece: (n) chimneypiece, mantelpiece, shelf, chimneybreast, blanket, cape, sill, clavy, curtain, drape, drapery

maria: (n) Calophyllum longifolium, tree, part, region, female horse

marry: (n, v) wed, espouse; (v) get married, link, conjoin, wife, splice, tie, unite, couple; (n) marriage. ANTONYMS: (v) divorce, separate, split

marrying: (adj) married

masterly: (adj) masterful, expert, crack, proficient, consummate, accomplished, adroit, skillful, dexterous; (adv) principally, expertly

masters: (n) Edgar Lee Masters

master's: (n) postgraduate degree

materially: (adv) physically, substantially, corporeally, significantly, really, essentially, corporally, vitally, solidly, momentously, fundamentally

maternal: (adj) parental, paternal, parent, motherlike, mother, loving,

enatic, agnatic, ancestral, enate, fraternal. ANTONYMS: (adj) paternal, filial

matrimonial: (adj) marital, conjugal, married, bridal, nuptial, spousal, wedded, marriage, wedding, hymeneal, household. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmarried, divorced, public

matrimony: (n) wedding, union, marriage ceremony, nuptials, endogamy, bigamy, intermixture, alloyage, exogamy, intermarriage; (n, v) wedlock

mature: (adj, v) ripe, ripen; (v) develop, age, mellow, season; (adj) complete, old, experienced, adult, perfect. ANTONYMS: (adj) childish, naive, young, unripe, sophomore, unfledged, green, unclear, irresponsible, incomplete; (v) growing

mayorality: (n) situation, office, place, post, spot, position, berth

meanest: (adj) last, least

meanly: (adv) poorly, nastily, averagely, humbly, ungenerously, tightly, rudely, stingily, parsimoniously, scurvy, mediocriety. ANTONYMS: (adv) generously, sympathetically, compassionately, genially, respectfully, pleasantly, affluently

meanness: (n) parsimony, closeness, pettiness, avarice, selfishness, baseness, stinginess, niggardliness, miserliness, nastiness; (adj, n) degeneracy. ANTONYMS: (n) generosity, extravagance, decency

meantime: (adv) meanwhile, in the meantime, simultaneously; (n) interval, interlude, while, at times, whiles, mean, instrument

mechanically: (adv) mechanistically, instinctively, routinely, involuntarily, industrially, unconsciously, automatically, intuitively, impulsively, technically, technologically. ANTONYMS: (adv) manually, consciously

mediocrity: (n) indifference, medium, balance, averageness, mean, person, somebody, someone, soul, ordinariness; (adj, n) moderation. ANTONYM: (n) excellence

meditate: (n, v) muse; (v)

contemplate, consider, cogitate, reflect, speculate, wonder, ruminate, ponder, think, bethink

meditating: (n) conception

meditation: (n, v) contemplation, study; (n) consideration, reflection, deliberation, thought, introspection,

musing, rumination, conception, reflexion. ANTONYM: (n) distraction

meditations: (n) contemplation, consideration, cogitation

melancholy: (adj, v) dreary; (adj, n) gloom, melancholic; (adj) depressed, dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (n, v) low spirits; (n) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (adj) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied

memories: (n) recollections, reminiscences, nostalgia, memento Mori

mend: (adj, v) improve; (v) correct, cure, heal, doctor, better, amend, restore, convalesce; (n, v) fix, patch. ANTONYMS: (v) worsen, tear, smash, decline, deteriorate; (n) fracture

mercenary: (adj, n) hireling; (adj, v) sordid; (adj) mercantile, materialistic, covetous, commercial, greedy, venal, avaricious, selfish; (v) illiberal. ANTONYMS: (adj) altruistic, philanthropic

mere: (adj, n) entire; (adj) bare, simple, pure; (n) loch, tarn, boundary, absolute; (n, v) downright; (adv) merely; (adj, v) clear

merit: (n, v) deserve; (adj, n) excellence, worth, desert; (n) virtue, credit, significance, value, goodness, quality; (v) rate. ANTONYMS: (n) demerit, disgrace, fault, insignificance, mediocrity, commonness

merited: (adj) deserved, just, suitable, rightful, right, due; (v) due to, richly deserved

merits: (n) qualities

merry: (adj) joyful, lively, cheerful, glad, jolly, facetious, frolicsome, lighthearted, festive; (adj, n) convivial, jovial. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, miserable, serious, uptight

mess: (n) jumble, clutter, hodgepodge, jam, difficulty, confusion, disorder, chaos; (v) soil, botch; (adj, n) scrape. ANTONYMS: (n) success, space, neatness, ease

messages: (n) correspondence, communication, post, letters

michaelmas: (n) Martinmas, Michaelmas Day

mien: (n, v) deportment, carriage, bearing, demeanor; (n) look, countenance, appearance, guise, manner, aspect, air

mixed: (adj) miscellaneous, composite, assorted, heterogeneous, medley, integrated, impure, amalgamated, motley, diverse; (adj, v) mingled. ANTONYMS: (adj) homogeneous, pure, insular, uniform, limited

mixing: (n) mix, commixture, admixture, mixed, compounding, combination, amalgamation, mixture, mingling, hybrid, intermixture

mode: (n) means, method, form, way, style, custom, condition, guise; (n, v) manner, fashion, wise

moderate: (adj, v) temperate, calm; (adj) abstemious, mild, middling; (v) mitigate, lessen, allay, diminish, curb; (adv, v) check. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, intensify; (adj) immoderate, radical, unrestrained, speculative, strong, unreasonable, great, intemperate, massive

moderation: (n) abstinence, abstemiousness, moderateness, abatement, measure, alleviation, sobriety, patience, restraint, soberness, easing. ANTONYMS: (n) intemperance, overindulgence, excess, increase, immoderation, strength, extremism, indulgence, impatience, harshness, abandon

modest: (adj) humble, lowly, moderate, gentle, low, meek, chaste, decent, unassuming; (adj, n) bashful, diffident. ANTONYMS: (adj) pretentious, arrogant, spectacular, conceited, showy, proud, pompous, elaborate, grand, conspicuous, ostentatious

modesty: (n) reserve, bashfulness, humility, diffidence, humbleness, demureness, coyness, gentleness, continence; (adj, n) decency, honesty. ANTONYMS: (n) arrogance, immodesty, spectacle, flamboyance, abandon, bigheadedness, pretension, decadence, boldness

momentary: (adj) brief, fugitive, transient, short, instantaneous, ephemeral, passing, momentaneous, temporary, impermanent, temporal. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, lengthy, long

monosyllable: (n) word, polysyllable, dissyllable

monotonous: (adj) dull, flat, boring, dreary, tedious, insipid, monotone, monotonic; (adj, v) dry, uninteresting, stupid. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, varied, stimulating,

lively, exotic, enthralling, brilliant, flexible

monthly: (adj) menstrual, mensal, periodic; (adv) each month, every month, month by month; (n) magazine, periodical, journal, series, review

morality: (n) ethics, goodness, virtue, honesty, decency, integrity, righteousness, chastity, behavior, moral philosophy, rectitude. ANTONYMS: (n) immorality, decadence, wickedness, indecency

moralize: (v) moralise, preach, lecture, preachify, advocate, moral, sermonise

morris: (n) Robert Morris, Gouverneur Morris, Esther Hobart McQuigg Slack Morris, William Morris, Esther Morris

morrow: (n) morning, future, mean solar day, day

mortal: (adj) deadly, fatal, lethal, deathly, earthly; (n) man, individual, creature, person, human being, body. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) immortal; (adj) eternal, heavenly, mild, perfect, spiritual

mortification: (n) chagrin, embarrassment, shame, gangrene, disappointment, disgrace, corruption, necrosis, degradation; (adj, n) vexation; (adj) grievance

mortified: (adj) humiliated, embarrassed, abashed, gangrenous, sheepish, chagrined, feeling shame, feeling guilty, guilty, hangdog, humbled. ANTONYM: (adj) unabashed

mortifying: (adj) embarrassing, demeaning, humbling, undignified, off, awkward, unpleasant; (v) annoying, aggravating, irritating, stinging. ANTONYM: (adj) dignified

mother-in-law: (n) grandmother

motive: (n, v) cause; (n) account, incentive, impulse, inducement, motif, motivation, incitement, reason, subject; (v) aim. ANTONYM: (n) disincentive

mount: (n, v) rise, climb, frame; (v) board, arise, advance, jump, increase; (n) hill, mountain; (adj, v) ride. ANTONYMS: (v) drop, decrease, wane, dismount; (n) valley, hollow

mountains: (n) plenty, mountain range, mountain chain

mounting: (n, v) mount; (adj, n) climbing; (n) ascent, setting, climb, frame, assembly, chassis,

framework, ascension; (adj, adv) rising

muffin: (n) gem, cake, jewel, gemstone, English muffin, bran muffin, corn muffin

multitude: (n) flock, horde, crowd, host, throng, concourse, mob, masses, mass, herd, swarm. ANTONYM: (n) trickle

musical: (adj) harmonious, melodic, sweet, canorous, tuneful, dulcet, mellifluous, pleasing, lyrical; (n) musical comedy, music. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmusical, grating, harsh, inharmonious, unmelodious

muslin: (v) linen, cloth; (n) mouseline, organdy, cambric, crash, fabric, nainsook, organdie

mutual: (adj) common, communal, joint, bilateral, collective, public, united, concerted, shared, alternate; (adv) mutually. ANTONYMS: (adj) individual, unilateral, private, solitary

mutually: (adv) jointly, commonly, together, mutual, collectively, publicly, unitedly, publicly, bilaterally, communally, sharedly. ANTONYM: (adv) alone

mystery: (n) arcanum, enigma, mysteriousness, secrecy, puzzle, craft, perplexity, poser, inscrutability, whodunit; (adj, n) secret. ANTONYMS: (n) explanation, openness

named: (adj, v) called; (adj) nominative, nominal, chosen, appointed, nominated, designated, titled, specified; (v) benempt, cycled

namining: (n) appointment, identification, denomination, appellation, nomination, indication, delegacy, assignment, mention; (adj, n) appellative; (adj) designating

narrative: (n, v) history, tale; (n) account, story, chronicle, legend, yarn, recital, relation, report, anecdote

narrowest: (n) minimum

narrowly: (adv) closely, barely, hardly, strictly, slenderly, tightly, smallly, contractly, slimly, precisely, nearly. ANTONYMS: (adv) broadly, inaccurately

narrow-minded: (adj) narrow, petty, bigoted, provincial, stuffy, fanatical, dogmatic, selfish, sectarian, rabid, conventional

nasty: (adj) dirty, foul, filthy, disgusting, awful, mean, repulsive,

raw, hurtful, coarse; (adj, n) obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, pleasant, nice, charitable, lovely, delightful, friendly, tasty, charming, safe, respectful

nearer: (adj) adjacent, narre, hither; (adv) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer

nearest: (adj) proximate, immediate, close, near, next, adjoining, intimate, direct, adjacent; (adj, adv) nighest; (adv) fore. ANTONYM: (adj) distant

nearness: (n) closeness, contiguity, vicinity, familiarity, adjacency, proximity, propinquity, presence, immediacy, neighborhood, nearby. ANTONYMS: (n) distance, farness, remoteness

neat: (adj) elegant, tidy, clear, natty, graceful, dainty, pretty, clever, pure, straight, nifty. ANTONYMS: (adj) messy, scruffy, unkempt, clumsy, disordered, disorderly, diluted, large, lax, impulsive, loose

neatness: (n) trimness, dexterity, orderliness, tidiness, spruceness, cleanliness, precision, compactness, purity, cleanness, elegance. ANTONYMS: (n) untidiness, largeness, clumsiness, disorder, inelegance, clutter, chaos, messiness

necessity: (n) demand, need, lack, exigency, essential, compulsion, emergency, distress, must, constraint, necessary. ANTONYMS: (n) inessential, treat, unimportance, luxury

needless: (adj, v) unnecessary, superfluous; (adj) futile, dispensable, bootless, excessive, preventable, meaningless, pointless, wanton, unavailing. ANTONYMS: (adj) essential, worthwhile, inevitable, justifiable

needlessly: (adv) uselessly, redundantly, unnecessarily, gratuitously, superfluously, unwantedly, to no avail, meaninglessly, groundlessly, excessively, without need

needlework: (n) stitchery, sewing, needlecraft, stitching, knitwork, crochet, crocheting, knit, knitting, fancywork, creation

neglect: (n, v) disregard, slight, default; (v) ignore, fail, overlook, miss, forget, drop; (n) carelessness, omission. ANTONYMS: (n) development, surveillance, caution, affection, cherish; (v) do, protect, complete, remember, heed; (n, v) care

neglected: (adj) dilapidated, disregarded, ignored, deserted, derelict, forsaken, obsolete, antiquated, antique, shabby, unnoticed. ANTONYM: (adj) salubrious

neglecting: (n) neglect, disregard

negligence: (n) carelessness, disregard, dereliction, inattention, indifference, delinquency, heedlessness, neglectfulness, laches, inattentiveness, laxity. ANTONYMS: (n) attention, diligence, vigilance, caution, carefulness, concern, exactness, thoughtfulness, regard, decency, concentration

negligent: (adj) neglectful, heedless, forgetful, reckless, inattentive, inadvertent, indifferent, slow, lax, untidy; (adj, v) remiss. ANTONYMS: (adj) strict, diligent, conscientious, careful, dutiful, prompt, prudent, responsible, sensible, cautious

neighbour: (adj) neighboring, neighbouring, neighborly, adjacent, contiguous; (v) abut, populate, adjoin, butt on, butt against; (n) neighbourhood

neighbourhood: (n) neighborhood, adjacency, locality, near, nearness, proximity, place, community, street, vicinity, nearby

neighbourhoods: (n) neighbourhood

neighbouring: (adj) adjoining, contiguous, vicinal, abutting; (v) adjoin

nephew: (n) aunt, grandnephew, brother's son, niece, cousin, uncle, kinsman

nerves: (n) nervousness, jitters, jumpiness, jitteriness, restlessness, tension, strain, screaming meemies, apprehension, edginess, extreme nervousness. ANTONYM: (n) calm

netting: (n) mesh, gauze, network, web, lattice, cheesecloth, meshwork, plexus, grid, lace; (v) tissue

nettled: (adj) annoyed, harried, stung, steamed, roiled, riled, pissed, peeved, miffed, loaded, huffy. ANTONYM: (adj) unconcerned

newest: (adj) last, up-to-the-minute, up-to-date, novel, fresh, hot, lowest, concluding, fashionable, stylish, final

nicely: (adv) daintily, pleasantly, finely, deliciously, kindly, delicately, correctly, exactly, pleasingly, elegantly, skillfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, unattractively, inelegantly, cruelly

niece: (n) grandniece, aunt, brother's daughter, uncle, kinswoman

nightcap: (n) drink, dram, game, cap, mobcap, drop

noble: (adj, n) grand, glorious, patrician; (adj) imposing, impressive, elevated, majestic, generous, high; (adj, v) dignified, great. ANTONYMS: (adj) shameful, humble, dishonorable, lowly, lowborn, disgraceful, unimpressive, ignoble, modest, petty; (n) lady

noisy: (adj) boisterous, loud, vociferous, clamorous, turbulent, tumultuous, strident, blatant, shrill, rowdy, vocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) silent, peaceful, tranquil, calm, noiseless, soft, restrained, placid, orderly, gentle

nominally: (adv) formally, smallly, nominatively

nonsense: (n) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, wisdom, substance, fact

nonsensical: (adj) meaningless, absurd, ludicrous, irrational, foolish, pointless, ridiculous, silly, preposterous, farcical, insensate. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, worthwhile

noon: (n) high noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, hour, dinnertime, crest, twelve noon; (adj) meridian, meridional; (adj, n) culmination

northward: (adj, adv) north; (adj) northbound; (adv) northerly, northwards, in the north, to the north

northwards: (adv) northward, northerly, north, in the north, to the north

nothingness: (n) nothing, void, nullity, nihilism, emptiness, insignificance, nonentity, blankness, vacuum, cipher; (adj) nonbeing. ANTONYMS: (n) being, importance, significance

nothings: (n) honeyed words, conversation

noticing: (n) observation, look; (adj) conscious

notions: (n) belief, thinking, thought, sundries, opinion, concept, ideas, ribbon, philosophy, odds and ends; (adj) irrational

novelty: (adj) news; (n) freshness, mutation, newness, trinket, curiosity, originality, oddity, bauble;

(n, v) change, difference

nowadays: (adv) currently, presently, at present, at the moment, immediately; (adv, n) today; (adj, n) present; (n) moment, modern times, these days, nonce. ANTONYMS: (adv) formerly, then

nowhere: (n) obscurity, limbo; (adv) not anywhere, nowhither, without, not anywhere; (adj) tiresome, vapid, uninteresting, tasteless, prosaic

nuptials: (n) wedding, matrimony, bridal, wedding ceremony, marriage ceremony, spousal, wedding party, ceremonial, ceremony, espousal, hymeneals. ANTONYM: (n) divorce
nursing: (n) attention, tending, care, breast feeding, treatment, nurture, suckling, nurse, feeding, treat, rearing

oaks: (n) beech family, Castanopsis, Nothofagus, Lithocarpus, genus Quercus, Genera Castanea, family Fagaceae, Fagus, Fagaceae, chestnuts

obeisance: (n) homage, curtsy, deference, bowing, reverence, obedience, respect, courtesy; (v) genuflexion, kowtow, genuflexion
obey: (v) comply, listen, keep, fulfill, hear, conform, abide by, serve, comply with; (n, v) mind, heed. ANTONYMS: (v) disobey, defy, break, transgress, infringe, challenge, deny

objecting: (adj) disappointed, disinclined, opposed

objection: (n) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe, disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, agreement, praise, acceptance

objectionable: (adj) distasteful, offensive, nasty, exceptionable, undesirable, disagreeable, unwelcome, disgusting, unacceptable, repugnant, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, desirable, acceptable, inoffensive

obligation: (n) debt, bond, duty, liability, commitment, charge, burden, responsibility, onus, necessity, requirement. ANTONYMS: (n) option, persuasion

oblige: (v) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate, obligate, necessitate, enforce, impel. ANTONYMS: (v) displease, request, hinder

obliged: (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful

obliging: (adj, v) complaisant, courteous; (adj) amiable, affable, gentle, kind, good, benign, pleasant, gracious, compliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncooperative, unkind, contrary, reticent

obligingly: (adv) accommodatingly, attentively, courteously, kindly, thoughtfully, gently, cooperatively, helpfully, benignly, goodly, pleasantly. ANTONYM: (adv) uncooperatively

obsequious: (adj) servile, flattering, submissive, cringing, sycophantic, ingratiating, humble, toadying, supple, subservient; (adj, v) deferential. ANTONYMS: (adj) domineering, assertive, disrespectful

obsequiousness: (n, v) flattery; (n) subservience, sycophancy, servility, reverence, submissiveness, admiration, smooth talk; (v) coquetry, captation, toadeating. ANTONYMS: (n) insult, disrespect

observation: (adj, n) observance; (n) remark, comment, attention, contemplation, perception, conception; (n, v) inspection, notice, note, consideration. ANTONYMS: (n) disregard, omission, neglect

observations: (n) commentary, remarks, explanation, comments

observe: (n, v) comment, notice, note; (v) commemorate, mind, guard, mention, mark, see, discover; (int, v) look. ANTONYMS: (v) feel, disregard, break, overlook, disobey, disrespect, Miss, violate

observer: (n) bystander, spectator, witness, viewer, watcher, eyewitness, onlooker, commentator, student, spotter, finder. ANTONYM: (n) participant

observing: (adj) observant, mindful, watchful, commemorative, conscious, observational, perceptive, thoughtful; (n) investigation

obstinacy: (n) stubbornness, firmness, bullheadedness, determination, contumacy, mulishness, impenitence, resolve, resoluteness, impenitency, pertinacity. ANTONYMS: (n) cooperation, compliance

obstinate: (adj) obdurate, inflexible, intractable, determined, inveterate,

disobedient, willful, stubborn, contrary, wayward, dogged.

ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, amenable, irresolute, cooperative, easygoing, docile, biddable, agreeable, accommodating, malleable, gentle

occasional: (adj) accidental, irregular, incidental, infrequent, episodic, intermittent, fortuitous, adventitious, contingent, rare, odd. ANTONYMS: (adj) frequent, recurrent, addicted, regular, common, continuous

occupation: (n) occupancy, business, craft, calling, job, place, vocation, career, function, line; (n, v) affair. ANTONYM: (n) surrender

occupied: (adj) busy, engaged, employed, diligent, active, absorbed, engrossed, working, industrious, affianced, betrothed. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, vacant, uninhabited, available, free, idle, liberated, unoccupied

occupies: (v) acquisition, Addison, engross, absorb, etymology, Milman, misery, multiplied, attainment

occupy: (v) have, engross, get, invade, employ, possess, inhabit, absorb; (n, v) engage, entertain; (adj, v) fill. ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, bore, quit, surrender, vacate, desert, remove

occurring: (adj) going on

oddity: (n) curiosity, peculiarity, crotchet, curio, novelty, original, quirk, eccentric, character, aberration; (adj, n) idiosyncrasy. ANTONYMS: (n) normality, conformist, regularity

oddly: (adv) curiously, peculiarly, unusually, grotesquely, extraordinarily, uncommonly, singularly, weirdly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ordinarily, typically, sensibly, harmoniously

odious: (adj, v) hateful, obnoxious; (adj) detestable, hideous, nasty, execrable, disgusting, abhorrent, abominable, heinous, forbidding. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, delightful, agreeable, lovable, nice

offend: (v) irritate, affront, insult, contravene, injure, disgust, infringe, displease, abuse, wound, anger. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight, praise, attract

offended: (adj) angry, affronted, aggrieved, pained, wronged,

annoyed, insulted, shocked, vexed, resentful, injured. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, proud, unconcerned

offending: (adj) opprobrious, criminal, aberrant, guilty, delinquent, antisocial, scurrilous, errant

offense: (n, v) crime, fault; (n) insult, misdemeanor, offence, aggression, attack, infringement, transgression, delinquency, misdemeanour.

ANTONYMS: (n) defense, virtue, praise

offensive: (adj, v) foul, odious, nasty, aggressive, coarse, hateful; (adj) distasteful, disgusting, loathsome, abusive, nauseous. ANTONYMS: (adj) complimentary, pleasant, polite, defensive, tasteful, peaceful, pleasing, savory, euphemistic, decent; (n) defense

officious: (adj, v) meddlesome; (adj) busy, interfering, meddling,

obtrusive, impertinent, pragmatical, busybodied, overbearing, nosy; (v) pushing. ANTONYM: (adj) meek

officiousness: (n) meddlesomeness, curiosity, importunity, aggressiveness, obtrusiveness

omen: (n, v) harbinger, bode, herald, augury; (n) indication, portent, forerunner, foreboding, sign, mark, auspice

omit: (adv, v) neglect, disregard; (adj, v) miss, skip, jump, pretermit; (v) delete, forget, exclude, except, leave.

ANTONYMS: (v) add, remember

omitted: (adj) absent, forgotten,

misplaced, wanting, not there,

away, gone astray, lost, mislaid,

gone

openly: (adv) frankly, publicly, clearly, candidly, directly, straightforwardly, evidently, publicly, plainly, outspokenly; (adj, adv) manifestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) furtively, secretively, clandestinely, mysteriously, ambiguously, reticently, covertly, discreetly, affectedly, craftily, deceitfully

openness: (n) honesty, frankness, freedom, sincerity, candor, sociability, truth, forthrightness, exposure, receptivity, convenience. ANTONYMS: (n) furtiveness, hostility, secretiveness, reserve, dishonesty, confidentiality, closeness, caginess, resistance, reticence, caution

operated: (adj) driven

oppose: (v) contest, contend, resist, contradict, controvert, contravene, counteract, fight, counter, disagree, dissent. ANTONYMS: (v) advocate, agree, back, advise, promote, accept, submit, encourage, correspond, approve, favor

opposed: (adj) conflicting, hostile, contrary, antagonistic, adverse, contrasted, repugnant, averse, irreconcilable, incompatible; (adj, v) opposing. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, compatible, unopposed, similar, favorable, eager, agreeable, inclined, friendly

oppressed: (adj) laden, persecuted, broken, burdened, drawn, gloomy, aggrieved, downcast, heavy, laden, loaded

oppressively: (adv) severely, overbearingly, heavily, sultrily, stiflingly, stuffily, repressively, weightily, depressingly, overpoweringly, onerously

ordained: (adj) destined, prescribed, appointed, predestined, fated, preordained, meant, legal, lawful, dedicated, inevitable

orderly: (adj) neat, tidy, exact, regular, ordered, systematic, logical, coherent, businesslike; (adv) systematically; (n) attendant.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unmanageable, rowdy, wild, disorganized, untidy, disorderly, confused, lawless, messy, defiant, haphazard

ordination: (n) ordinance, order, assignment, consecration, designation, institution, holy orders, induction, installation, ordering, reading in

originate: (v) begin, arise, initiate, commence, issue, develop, start, come, invent, grow, make.

ANTONYMS: (v) terminate, kill

ornaments: (n) stuff, trim, ornamentation, equipments, dress, disposition, custom, curios, condition, clothing, gaudery

ostentation: (n) affectation, bravado, parade, showiness, flourish, vanity, pomp, splendor, bluster, state, show. ANTONYM: (n) unpretentiousness

ostentatious: (adj) showy, flashy, pompous, pretentious, loud, extravagant, garish, flamboyant, proud, grandiose; (adj, n) haughty. ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, unostentatious, unpretentious, drab, humble

outdone: (adj) beaten, vanquished,

worsted, defeated; (v) outdo

outrun: (v) surpass, outdo, exceed, outride, outstep, outleap, outjump, outgo, outdistance, beat, distance

outstrip: (v) outdo, exceed, beat,

surpass, distance, outshine,

outdistance, outrun, better, best,

outclass

overbearing: (adj) dictatorial, domineering, arrogant, imperious, oppressive, despotic, authoritarian, supercilious, dogmatic, disdainful, lordly. ANTONYMS: (adj) meek, straightforward, modest, reasonable, subservient, weak

overcome: (v) crush, subdue, beat, vanquish, overpower, master, defeat, hurdle, get over, overwhelm; (adj) beaten. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, comfort, protect, resist, surrender, capitulate; (adj) unimpressed

overcoming: (adj) fortunate

overflowing: (adj) full, copious, exuberant, flooding, bountiful, generous, brimming, profuse; (n, v) flood, inundation, deluge.

ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, scarce

overhear: (v) catch, eavesdrop, listen, overheard, understand, fold up, befool, fascinate, entrance, enchant, enamour

overjoyed: (adj) jubilant, joyful, happy, elated, ecstatic, transported, exultant, pleased, enchanted, proud, gleeful. ANTONYMS: (adj) heartbroken, disappointed, depressed, down, dejected, miserable, unhappy, desolate

overlook: (v) disregard, excuse, omit, ignore, forget, fail, command, dominate, oversee, control, miss. ANTONYMS: (v) remember, notice, spot, acknowledge, see, accept, punish

overlooked: (adj) ignored, neglected, unobserved, unnoticed, unmarked

overpower: (v) defeat, overwhelm, conquer, crush, beat, overmaster, rout, subdue, master, devastate, oppress. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, submit, surrender

overpowered: (adj) beaten, conquered, inundated, engulfed, flooded, routed, vanquished, subdued, subjugated, overflowing, mild

overpowering: (adj) overwhelming, oppressive, relentless, compelling, intense, heavy, strong, onerous, devastating, uncontrollable, depressing. ANTONYMS: (adj)

light, subtle, imperceptible, insignificant, shallow, weak, faint, bland
overset: (v) overturn, reverse, upset, invert, destroy, tip; (adj, v) overthrow, overpower; (adj) overmaster, overcome, overmatch
overspread: (v) cover, spread, disseminate, distribute, scatter, diffuse, disperse, broadcast, overlay, mantle, clothe
overspreading: (adj) overhanging; (n) ripple effect, suffusion
overthrow: (adj, n, v) defeat, rout; (n) fall, downfall, destruction; (n, v) overpower, ruin, overturn; (adj, v) overcome; (v) bring down, demolish. ANTONYMS: (v) install, validate, lose, appoint; (n) victory, beginning
overthrowing: (adj) defeating, subversive; (n) oppression
overthrown: (adj) overcome, conquered, battered, overpowered, dejected, cast down, dissolute, doomed, flooded, discomfit, mat
overtook: (v) overtake
overtures: (n) overture
owed: (adj) due, outstanding, unpaid, payable, deserved, fitting; (v) ought, behoove, owned, possessed; (n) aught. ANTONYM: (adj) paid
owing: (adj) due, unpaid, unsettled, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, undischarged, indebted, fulfilling obligation, lawful. ANTONYM: (adj) settled
owned: (v) owed, ought; (adj) own, proprietary; (n) aught
pace: (n, v) walk, gait, rate, march, stride, footprint; (n) speed, tempo, rapidity, tread, celerity
pack: (n, v) crowd, bundle, bunch, load; (n) herd, company, bevy, batch; (v) heap, compress, jam. ANTONYMS: (v) unpack, unload, disperse, empty, loosen
packed: (adj) full, compact, filled, jammed, overcrowded, crammed, dense, thick, congested, teeming, cramped. ANTONYMS: (adj) deserted, loose, open
packing: (n) boxing, package, gasket, bundling, fill, pad, pack, envelopment, wadding, wrap, backpacking
padlock: (n) field, enclosure, pasture, meadow, corral, compound, pound, stall, ground, hutch, parrock
painful: (adj) hard, difficult, sharp, harrowing, grievous, afflictive, bad, irritating; (adj, v) distressing, harsh,

bitter. ANTONYMS: (adj) content, heartwarming, soothing, comfortable, bearable, agreeable, effortless, dull, slight, wonderful, happy
painfully: (adv) sorely, grievously, distressingly, severely, tenderly, badly, agonizingly, laboriously, sadly, bitterly, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, tolerably
pains: (n) nisus, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain
paint: (n, v) color, tint; (v) daub, coat, decorate, varnish, depict, enamel, lacquer, apply; (n) painting
painter: (n) artist, colorist, landscapist, impressionist, miniaturist, dauber, halser, Felis concolor, guy, cable, hawser
palatable: (adj) luscious, tasty, agreeable, toothsome, appetizing, eatable, delectable, delicate, tasteful, sweet, savory. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, indigestible, inedible, tasteless
paling: (n) fence, pale, picket fence, balustrade, fencing, enclosure, bar, barrier, ring fence, quickset hedge; (adj) fading
palings: (n) inclosure, fencing, enclosure
palliation: (n) mitigation, alleviation, extenuation, easement, easing, plea, mollification, soothing, justification, assuagement, appeasement
paltry: (adj, n) mean; (adj) contemptible, measly, trifling, abject, insignificant, inconsiderable, puny, little, trivial, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, substantial, plentiful, enormous, important, profound
panegyric: (n, v) encomium, praise, commendation, applause; (adj, n) encomiastic; (v) laud, laudation; (adj) panegyrical; (n) kudos, paean, eloge
pang: (n) pain, torture, ache, agony, twinge, affliction, sting, stab, distress, ailment, cramp
panting: (adj) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (v) palpitation; (n) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff
papa: (n) father, pa, daddy, Dada, sire, pappa, pop, old man, paterfamilias, cardinal, high priest
parade: (v) flaunt, exhibit, demonstrate, strut, swagger; (n, v) march, show, array; (n) ostentation, pageant, ceremony
parasol: (n) sunshade, canopy, awning, umbrella, marquee, beach umbrella, shade, cover, tilt, tent
parcels: (n) post, correspondence, baggage, appurtenances, letters
pardon: (v) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (n) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (adj, v) justify, exonerate, exculpate. ANTONYMS: (n, v) blame; (v) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (n) intolerance
parental: (adj) paternal, motherly, parent, enatic, enate, agnatic, agnate. ANTONYM: (adj) filial
parishioners: (n) people attending worship, worshippers
parlour: (n) living room, parlor, sitting room, front room, livingroom, room to meet guests, parlours, parlors, salon, reception room, room
parsonage: (n) vicarage, rectory, residence, habitation, glebe house, glebe, dwelling house, dwelling, domicile, deanery, church house
partake: (v) deal, touch, share, consume, attend, eat, taste, receive, communicate, join, have. ANTONYM: (v) refrain
parted: (adj) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible, disunited, compounder, compound, dividable
partial: (adj) imperfect, fragmentary, unfair, sectional, inequitable, biased, part, one-sided, unequal, fractional, halfway. ANTONYMS: (adj) complete, impartial, total, absolute, comprehensive, unbiased, fair, finished, just, whole, balanced
partiality: (n) favor, fondness, leaning, fancy, favour, predilection, liking, prejudice, favoritism, bias, affection. ANTONYMS: (n) impartiality, fairness, indifference, horror, antipathy
participation: (n) interest, contribution, complicity, attendance, intervention, communion, commitment, connection, association, concert; (v) participate
particulars: (n) specification, data, nicety, minutiae, terms, consideration, workings, fine points, ins and outs
parting: (n) adieu, division, leave, departure, disunion, goodbye, leaving, segregation, dying, rupture; (adj) valedictory. ANTONYMS: (n) joining, meeting, connection, Reunion
partridges: (n) family Phasianidae, order Galliformes, curassows,

Phasianidae, chickens, Galliformes, hoatzins, grouse

passion: (n) affection, fire, fervor, love, feeling, anger, enthusiasm, heat, craving, desire; (n, v) ardor. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, hate, serenity, meekness, hatred, doubt, dislike, calmness, moderation

pathetic: (adj) deplorable, miserable, pitiful, wretched, forlorn, lamentable, tragic, distressing; (adj, v) touching, affecting, sad.

ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, comical, effective, impressive, admirable, spirited, praiseworthy, generous, fine, brilliant, decisive

patience: (n) endurance, fortitude, longanimity, equanimity, tolerance, resignation, restraint, composure, sufferance; (n, v) moderation, calmness. ANTONYMS: (n) impatience, eagerness, intolerance, annoyance

patron: (n) backer, advocate, friend, defender, customer, client, helper, sponsor, benefactor, frequenter, supporter. ANTONYM: (n) detractor

patronage: (n) condescension, aegis, clientele, favor, trade, backing, assistance, countenance, auspices, aid, championship

patroness: (n) supporter, sponsor, benefactress, support, donor, fairy godmother

pause: (n, v) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop; (adj, n, v) rest; (n) intermission, gap; (adj, v) discontinue; (v) hesitate.

ANTONYMS: (n) decisiveness, continuation, start; (v) proceed

pavement: (n) walk, paving, path, pathway, road surface, pave, sidewalk, floor, curbside, trottoir, earth

peaches: (n) amphetamine sulfate
peak: (adj, n) top, maximum; (n) apex, acme, crown, pinnacle, tip, height, summit, mountain, extreme. ANTONYMS: (n) trough, base, bottom, minimum; (n, v) dip

peculiar: (adj) particular, odd, exceptional, different, extraordinary, curious, eccentric, characteristic, anomalous, abnormal, distinctive. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, typical, common, universal, explicable, conventional

peculiarity: (n) idiosyncrasy, distinction, particularity, oddness, eccentricity, distinctiveness, abnormality, characteristic,

attribute, difference, individuality.

ANTONYM: (n) similarity

peculiarly: (adj, adv) particularly, curiously, unusually, uncommonly, singularly; (adv) especially, oddly, strangely, specifically, weirdly, specially. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, slightly

pecuniary: (adj) financial, fiscal, commercial, economic, nummular, sumptuary, numismatical, pecunial, crumenal

pedantic: (adj) affected, donnish, learned, bookish, formal, scholastic, scholarly, didactic, full of affectation, fussy; (adj, v) pompous. ANTONYMS: (adj) basic, dilettante

peep: (n, v) glance, peek, look, gaze, glint, squeal; (n) glimpse, cheep; (v) chirp, peer, pry. ANTONYMS: (v) stare, gaze; (n) examination

peevish: (adj) fretful, fractious, morose, testy, irascible, moody, captious, petulant, cross, cantankerous, touchy

penance: (n) atonement, sacrament, confession, compunction, penalty, expiation, remorse, repentance, punishment, reparation, hair shirt

penetration: (n, v) intelligence, discernment, discrimination, judgment; (adj, n) acumen; (n) incursion, acuteness, entrance, interpenetration, invasion, breakthrough. ANTONYM: (n) foolishness

penitent: (adj) contrite, apologetic, sorry, remorseful, regretful, guilty, sorrowful, rueful, penitential; (n) flagellant, religionist. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrepentant, impenitent, unashamed, unremorseful

perceive: (v) comprehend, apprehend, discover, see, grasp, find, know, observe, sense, appreciate; (adj, v) discern. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, observe, ignore

perceived: (adj) sensed, apparent, supposed, professed, ostensible

perceiving: (n) feeling, sensing, hearing, looking at, recognition, thought, vision, lipreading; (adj) conscious, perceptive, reasonable

perceptible: (adj) conspicuous, appreciable, evident, discernible, obvious, visible, palpable, apparent, detectable, manifest, observable. ANTONYMS: (adj) intangible, unclear, inaudible, inconspicuous, obscure, undetectable, invisible

perfuse: (n) on compulsion; (adv)

needs

performed: (adj, v) done, finished; (adj) fulfilled

performer: (n) musician, doer, artiste, comedian, player, conjurer, juggler, magician, executant, thespian, agent
permit: (adj, n, v) give, allow, consent; (adj, v) grant; (n, v) license, leave; (v) admit, let, bear; (n) licence, permission. ANTONYMS: (n, v) ban; (v) prevent, prohibit, stop, refuse, veto, outlaw, disagree, debar, bar; (n) prohibition

permitted: (adj) allowed, permissible, allowable, admissible, lawful, free, approved, legitimate, legal, legalized, veniam. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlawful, constrained

perpetual: (adj) incessant, continual, constant, endless, eternal, everlasting, lasting, ceaseless, immortal, continuous, perennial. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, intermittent, transitory, mortal, unstable, finite, inconstant, occasional, sporadic

perpetually: (adv) eternally, everlasting, always, incessantly, continually, endlessly, permanently, ceaselessly, ever; (adj, adv) forever. ANTONYMS: (adv) erratically, sporadically

perplexity: (n) confusion, dilemma, bewilderment, maze, labyrinth, embarrassment, quandary, complication, enigma; (adj, n) difficulty, distress. ANTONYM: (n) understanding

perseverance: (n) endurance, tenacity, resolution, constancy, fortitude, assiduity, industry, doggedness, firmness, persistence, determination. ANTONYMS: (n) vacillation, cowardice, indecision, indifference

persevering: (adj) diligent, firm, determined, constant, resolute, dogged, persistent, tenacious, steadfast, industrious, insistent. ANTONYM: (adj) irresolute

perseveringly: (adv) patiently, doggedly, tenaciously, persistently, determinedly, constantly, resolutely, steadily, insistently, busily, stubbornly

persist: (v) persevere, go on, endure, insist, maintain, remain, linger, follow; (n, v) last, abide, hold. ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, desist, cease

persisting: (adj) abiding, lasting, constant, continual, enduring,

- living, inveterate, dogging, diligent, continuous; (v) persist
- personage:** (n) person, notable, celebrity, personality, individual, bigwig, figure, somebody, human, character, being
- persuade:** (v) convince, coax, assure, allure, entice, influence, induce, cajole, argue, exhort, lure. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, dissuade, deter, restrain, force
- persuaded:** (adj) sure, satisfied, easily affected, impressionable, positive, delicate, sensible, intelligent, certain, in no doubt, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsure, uncertain
- persuasion:** (n) belief, opinion, faith, inducement, creed, idea, exhortation, enticement, view, sentiment; (adj, n) conviction. ANTONYMS: (n) force, punishment, dissuasion
- perturbation:** (n) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (adj, n, v) trepidation; (adj, n) flutter
- perturbed:** (adj) disturbed, agitated, hot and bothered, confused, uneasy, concerned, worried, unsettled, troubled, upset, distraught. ANTONYMS: (adj) untroubled, relaxed
- perusal:** (n) examination, scrutiny, study, survey, inspection, poring over, studying, literary scholarship, perusing, lection, look
- perusing:** (n) poring over, studying
- perverse:** (adj) fractious, obstinate, obdurate, bad, corrupt, headstrong, disobedient, intractable, willful, sinister, wayward. ANTONYMS: (adj) wholesome, obliging, agreeable, accommodating, malleable, good
- pervereness:** (n) perversity, cussedness, unruliness, wilfulness, willfulness, contumacy, obliquity, degeneracy, depravity, deliberate unruliness, crotchetiness
- petition** (n, v) appeal, request, desire, claim; (v) ask, beg, crave, apply; (n) application, entreaty, invocation
- petrified:** (adj) mineralized, motionless, frightened, scared, numb, stiff, harder, firm, mineral, like a statue, lacking sensation. ANTONYMS: (adj) mobile, fearless
- petticoat:** (adj, n) female; (n) underskirt, skirt, she, woman, her, crinoline, wife, undergarment, apron; (adj) petty
- petulance:** (n) touchiness, testiness, tetchiness, crossness, choler, fretfulness, peevishness, temper, acerbity; (adj) petulant, flippancy
- phaeton:** (n) coach, tourer, automobile, chariot, holidaymaker, car, machine, auto, touring car, motorcar
- philosopher:** (n) thinker, bacon, libertarian, gymnosophist, empiricist, necessitarian, moralist, theorist, wisdom, pundit, mechanist
- philosophic:** (v) platonic, staid, stayed, stoical; (adj) thoughtful, rational, patient, learned, ideologic, ideological. ANTONYM: (adj) nonphilosophical
- pianoforte:** (n) grand piano, pianissimo, percussive instrument, mechanical piano, percussion instrument
- pictured:** (adj) envisioned, portrayed, graphic, delineate, delineated, impictured, unreal, visualised, visualized, impressed
- picturesque:** (adj, v) pictorial; (adj) beautiful, striking, colorful, idyllic, scenic, vivid, quaint, lovely, romantic, colourful. ANTONYMS: (adj) drab, dull, ugly, unattractive, modern
- pigs:** (n) stock, hogs, Suidae, livestock, litter, family Suidae, domestic animals, cattle, boars, sheep, farm animals
- piling:** (n) pile, stacking, pillar, spile, heap, buttress, caking, stack, stilt, cumulus, mess
- piqued:** (adj) irritated, irate, hurt, irked, intoxicated, indignant, up in arms, in a huff, offended, huffy, excited. ANTONYM: (adj) unconcerned
- piquet:** (v) garrison; (n) rank, picquet, cards, card game
- pitched:** (adj) oblique, thrown, slanting, at an angle, leaning; (v) fixed, pight, determined. ANTONYM: (adj) level
- pitiable:** (adj) forlorn, abject, pathetic, miserable, pitiful, wretched, lamentable, poor, squalid; (adj, v) deplorable, mournful. ANTONYMS: (adj) privileged, strong
- pitiful:** (adj, n) abject; (adj) pathetic, lamentable, piteous, contemptible, miserable, distressing, mean, wretched, poor, sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, heartwarming, admirable, cheerful, fine, happy, impressive
- pity:** (n, v) compassion, ruth; (n) mercy, commiseration, condolence, sympathy, clemency, remorse; (v) sympathize, compassionate, feel sorry for. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, cruelty, indifference, harshness, joy
- placing:** (n) placement, arrangement, disposition, installation, allocation, ordering, disposal, borrowing, composition
- plague:** (v) molest, harass, afflict, hassle, annoy, badger, pester, disturb, beleaguer; (n, v) worry; (adj, n, v) bother. ANTONYM: (v) comfort
- plain:** (adj) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest, obvious, clear, simple; (adj, n) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned
- plainly:** (adv) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously, patently, overtly, definitely; (adj, adv) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly
- plantation:** (n) orchard, farm, garden, shrubbery, hacienda, planting, settlement, colony, parterre, grove, planter
- playful:** (adj) frisky, humorous, kittenish, mischievous, skittish, impish, naughty, merry, lighthearted, frivolous, frolicsome. ANTONYMS: (adj) serious, lethargic, solemn, staid, subdued, heavy
- playfulness:** (n) mischief, impertinence, gaiety, archness, friskiness, pertness, merriment, humor, impishness; (n, v) play, sport. ANTONYM: (n) seriousness
- plead:** (v) entreat, implore, beg, adjure, petition, ask, appeal, defend, invoke, sue; (n, v) allege.
- ANTONYMS:** (v) answer, demand
- pleasant:** (adj) jolly, amiable, agreeable, acceptable, nice, charming, kindly, facetious, joyful, pretty; (adj, v) pleasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) disgusting, horrible, repugnant, nasty, gruesome, unwelcome, harsh, shocking, disagreeable, foul, terrible
- pleasantly:** (adv) pleasingly, nicely, cheerily, enjoyably, agreeably,

delightfully, sunnily, genially, gratifyingly, kindly; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, offensively, awfully, discordantly, dreadfully, shockingly, unkindly, irritably, harshly, curtly, nastily

pleasantness: (n) agreeableness, sweetness, niceness, suavity, disagreeableness, attractiveness, gaiety, kindness, delightfulness, geniality, charm. ANTONYMS: (n) atrociousness, harshness, ghastliness, gruesomeness, grumpiness, repulsiveness, nastiness, unkindness

pleasantry: (n) joke, wit, jocularity, jest, fancy, waggonery, drollery, esprit, banter, sport, jocosity

pleased: (adj) contented, glad, delighted, content, joyful, thankful, gratified, appreciative, overjoyed, cheerful; (adj, v) elated.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, annoyed, angry, worried, ashamed, disappointed, frustrated, sad, unsatisfied, ungrateful, uncomplimentary

pleasing: (adj, n) acceptable; (adj) amiable, lovable, amusing, attractive, gratifying, lovely, pleasant, charming, delightful, inviting. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, infuriating, disappointing, straight, hurtful, maddening, displeasing, discordant, harsh, frustrating

pleasures: (n) pleasure

pledged: (adj, v) affianced; (adj) betrothed, busy, bound, occupied, bespoken, promised, sworn, responsible, intermeshed, guaranteed

plentiful: (adj) opulent, bountiful, ample, luxuriant, liberal, copious, fruitful, full, abundant, rich, plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) scanty, meager, sparse, lacking, insufficient, few, infertile

pliancy: (n) pliability, suppleness, bendability, elasticity, complaisance, adaptability, advantage, aid, flexibleness, ease, lissomeness

poetry: (n) verse, poesy, song, rhyme, style, poetics, epos, poems, stanza, doggerel, tuneful Nine

pointedly: (adv) penetratingly, poignantly, piquantly, markedly; (adj) particularly, by design, peculiarly, on purpose, notably, knowingly, designedly

pointing: (n) punctuation, indication,

scoring

polished: (adj) glossy, cultured, finished, refined, smooth, lustrous, genteel, courtly; (adj, v) courteous, civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, coarse, shoddy, unpolished, amateur, awkward, unsophisticated

polite: (adj) cultured, gentle, courtly, civil, refined, proper, genteel, kind, attentive, friendly, complaisant. ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, discourteous, boorish, improper, abusive, common, authoritative, disobedient, uncivilized, uncivil, curt

politely: (adv) kindly, civilly, respectfully, properly, graciously, urbanely, elegantly, gallantly, genteelly, refinedly, considerately. ANTONYMS: (adv) rudely, brusquely, discourteously, disrespectfully, uncooperatively, disagreeably

politeness: (n) civility, courteousness, courtliness, manners, decorum, gentility, good manners, niceness, refinement, gallantry, decency.

ANTONYMS: (n) vulgarity, rudeness, incivility, neglect

pompous: (adj) grand, arrogant, ostentatious, affected, pretentious, overblown, showy, inflated, majestic, lordly; (adj, prep) bloated. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, straightforward, unceremonious, quiet, unassuming, natural, deferential, relaxed, meek

poorly: (adv) inadequately, meanly, bad, meagrely, unfortunately, insufficiently, imperfectly; (adj, adv) ill, sickly; (adj, v) indisposed, sick. ANTONYMS: (adv) opulently, satisfactorily, graciously, clearly, fully, excellently, perfectly, outstandingly, affluently, smartly; (adj) healthy

pope: (n) Holy Father, priest, Vicar of Christ, cardinal, high priest, ruffe, papa, Gregory; (adj) church, gospel, Gregorian

popularity: (n) celebrity, fame, repute, renown, vogue, appreciation, account, prevalence, quality, prestige, publicity.

ANTONYMS: (n) obscurity, infamy

portion: (n, v) division, lot, allot, dividend, divide; (n) piece, parcel, fragment, component, section; (adj, n) constituent. ANTONYM: (n) whole

portrait: (n) effigy, image, likeness, icon, delineation, depiction, figure,

portraiture, picture, photograph, painting

positively: (adv) absolutely, definitely, decidedly, unequivocally, expressively, emphatically, categorically, clearly, confidently; (adv, int) surely; (adj, adv) really. ANTONYMS: (adv) disapprovingly, pessimistically, uncertainly, doubtfully, inauspiciously, ill

possess: (adj, v) own; (v) hold, wield, occupy, bear, keep, enjoy, contain, retain, to have, maintain. ANTONYMS: (v) lack, remove

possessed: (adj) mad, obsessed, frantic, hysterical, furious, fanatical, infatuated, insane; (v) ought, owed, behoove. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested

possessing: (adj) fruitful

possession: (n) occupation, ownership, keeping, goods, substance, tenure, property, grasp, estate, domain; (n, v) acquisition.

ANTONYMS: (n) vacancy, sale

possessor: (n) owner, holder, proprietor, householder, occupant, landowner, landholder, proprietary, somebody, someone, soul

possibilities: (n) potential, field

posterity: (n) race, descendants, issue, offspring, descendant, future, generation, progeny, breed, descendent, spat

postponed: (adj) delayed, late, belated, off, later than usual, put off

postscript: (n) appendix, addendum, supplement, addition, continuation, epilogue, codicil, PS, annotation, footnote, late addition.

ANTONYMS: (n) introduction, preface

poultry: (n) chicken, fowl, hen, domestic fowl, bird, Guinea, cochin, dove, fowls, capon, chick

pour: (v) gush, shed, decant, scatter, stream, flow, pelt, discharge, teem, infuse; (n, v) overflow.

ANTONYMS: (v) drizzle, trickle

oured: (adj) concrete

pouring: (adj) gushing, teeming, flowing profusely, burbling, burbly; (n) casting, affusion, downpour, effusion, tapping, baptism.

ANTONYM: (adj) light

powdering: (n) pattern, diaper, pargeting, paneling, graining

practised: (adj) practiced, expert, adept, good, trained, proficient, seasoned, skilful, skilled, skillful, versed

practising: (adj) practicing,

churchgoing

praise: (v) approve, extol, flatter, celebrate, glorify; (n, v) commend, compliment, honor, glory, acclaim; (n) applause. ANTONYMS: (n) criticism, disparagement; (v) reprimand, disparage, reproach, scold, belittle, rebuke, chastise, denigrate, sully

praised: (adj) bepuffed, popular, renowned

pray: (v) beg, implore, entreat, crave, invite, plead, beseech, appeal, importune, adjure, invoke.

ANTONYM: (v) reject

preaching: (n) sermon, lecture, homily, preaching, baccalaureate, speech, pulpit, exhortation, kerygma; (v) preach; (adj) hence

preceding: (adj, adv) anterior, earlier; (adj) foregoing, former, previous, prior, past, precedent, preventen; (adv) forward; (prep) before.

ANTONYMS: (adj) following, succeeding, next, present

precious: (adj, n) beloved; (adj) valuable, costly, cherished, invaluable, expensive, golden, choice, inestimable, exquisite; (n) darling. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheap, hated, shabby

precipitance: (n) haste, hurriedness, rush, precipitancy, hastiness, abruptness, dispatch, expedition, speed, swiftness, gruffness

precipitate: (adj, n) hasty; (adj, n, v) deposit; (adj) impetuous, headlong, sudden, immediate, instant, precipitant; (n, v) accelerate, expedite; (v) hurry. ANTONYMS: (adj) overdue, cautious, protracted; (v) retard

precision: (n) accuracy, correctness, exactness, accurateness, preciseness, fidelity, nicety, delicacy, truth, exactitude; (adj) precise. ANTONYMS: (n) vagueness, inaccuracy, ambiguity, imprecision, clumsiness, impreciseness, neglect, messiness, incorrectness, faintness, carelessness

predict: (v) forecast, foretell, foresee, augur, portend, presage, foreshadow, foreshow, forebode, bode, divine

predominance: (n) advantage, ascendancy, dominance, predominancy, excellence, mastery, dominion, ascendance, supremacy, odds, overweight

predominate: (v) command, outweigh, govern, reign, overrule,

rule; (adj, v) prevail, master; (adj) predominant, preponderate, paramount

preference: (n) predilection, option, liking, choice, election, preferment, precedence, penchant, fondness, partiality, alternative. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, coercion, antipathy

preferment: (n) advancement, elevation, priority, preference, consecration, induction, institution, ordination, holy orders, translation; (n, v) promotion. ANTONYM: (n) demotion

preferred: (adj) favorite, chosen, pet, select, favourite, selected, choice, preferable, singled out, favoured, golden

prejudice: (n, v) harm, hurt, damage; (v) influence, predispose, injure; (n) disadvantage, partiality, preconceived notion, discrimination, preconception. ANTONYMS: (n) tolerance, fairness, impartiality, justice, broadmindedness; (v) enhance

prejudiced: (adj) biased, partisan, bigoted, jaundiced, interested, opinionated, narrow, intolerant, colored, inequitable, subjective. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbiased, broadminded, balanced, impartial, unprejudiced, objective, just, tolerant

premeditated: (adj) intentional, planned, designed, conscious, calculated, studied, intended, prearranged; (v) prepense; (adj, v) aforethought, premeditate. ANTONYMS: (adj) accidental, ingenuous, spontaneous, unintentional, unpremeditated, automatic, casual

premeditation: (n) predetermination, predestination, provision, preparation, purpose, aforethought, predeliberation, forecast, preordination, foresight, planning

prepare: (n, v) arrange, form, plan, make; (v) dress, set, lay, devise, groom, equip; (adj, v) coach.

ANTONYM: (v) perform

preparing: (n) preparation, manufacturing; (v) brewing, prepare; (adj) preliminary, forthcoming, coming

prepossessed: (adj) infatuated, jaundiced, forepossessed, partial, partisan, colored, obsessed, preoccupied

prepossession: (n) preconception, prejudice, predilection,

preoccupation, bent, inclination, preconceived opinion, prevention, preconceived idea, parti pris, prenotion

presently: (adv) instantly, directly, currently, before long, shortly, soon, now, at present, readily, just, actually. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, now, formerly

preservation: (n) maintenance, keeping, protection, retention, custody, storage, upkeep, care, embalmment, saving, conservancy. ANTONYMS: (n) release, extinction, abandonment, change, end, neglect

preservative: (adj) protective, conservative, defensive, conservational; (n) preserver, preserving agent, antiseptic, chemical compound, brine; (adj, n) additive

preserve: (v) maintain, keep, save, guard, hold, defend, uphold, keep up; (n) jam, jelly, conserves.

ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, discontinue, damage, lose, attack, endanger, use, end

preserved: (adj) kept, conserved, whole, pickled, condite, safe.

ANTONYM: (adj) fresh

preside: (v) manage, lead, conduct, command, control, direct, rule, moderate, guide, chair, preside over

pressed: (adj) compact, urgent, printed, pressing, press, stamped, pushed, impelled, incited, bound, driven

pressing: (adj, v) exigent, importunate, important; (adj) imperative, immediate, imperious, instant, critical, insistent; (n) dishing, press. ANTONYM: (adj) mild

pressingly: (adv) instantly, earnestly, critically, imperiously, immediately, insistently, necessarily, imperatively, quickly, seriously, importunately

presume: (v) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture.

ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, despair, speculate

presumed: (adj) supposed, reputed, putative, understood, alleged, probable, theoretical

presuming: (adj) forward, arrogant, insolent, familiar, overconfident, conceited, assuming, rash, brash, pretentious, confident

presumption: (n) effrontery, confidence, assurance, premise,

arrogance, guess, conjecture, surmise, insolence, impertinence, belief. ANTONYM: (n) respect

pretence: (n) deceit, pretext, dissimulation, pretense, affectation, falsehood, deception, hypocrisy, bluff, appearance, pretension

pretend: (adv, v) assume; (adj, v) sham, counterfeit, fake, play; (v) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) real; (adj) genuine, natural, sincere

pretended: (adj, v) sham, mock, counterfeit, pseudo, spurious; (adj) assumed, fake, feigned, fictitious, bogus, affected

pretending: (n, v) pretense; (n) affectation, appearance, acting, pretence, mannerism, dissembling, pretension, deception, deceit; (adv) pretendingly

pretense: (n) affectation, pretension, deception, show, cover, masquerade, hypocrisy, mask, facade, sham; (adj, n) feint. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, honesty, humility, sincerity, genuine

pretension: (n) ostentation, pretence, affectation, pretense, claim, assertion, title, pretentiousness, feint, pride, requirement. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, humility, honesty

pretensions: (n) airs, affected manner, mannerism

prevail: (n, v) triumph, control, govern; (v) dominate, overcome, outweigh, obtain, persist, carry, vanquish; (adj) preponderate. ANTONYM: (v) lose

prevailing: (adj) prevalent, rife, dominant, common, current, overriding, popular, general, influential, epidemic, powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, rare, unusual

prevented: (adj) disallowed, barred, banned. ANTONYM: (adj) legitimate

prey: (n) chase, game, victim, immolation, quarry, target, mark, capture; (n, v) plunder, raven; (v) eat. ANTONYMS: (n) hunter, predator

pride: (n) arrogance, conceit, egotism, vanity, lordliness, assumption, insolence, disdain, hauteur; (n, v) boast; (v) plume. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, sorrow, dregs, disgrace, shame, baseness

principally: (adv) mainly, primarily,

especially, predominantly, particularly, above all, mostly, largely, in the main, masterly, essentially

prior: (adj) preceding, former, foregoing, previous, earlier, anterior, past, preliminary, antecedent, advance; (n) abbot. ANTONYMS: (adj) later, following

privately: (adv) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (adj, adv) quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, officially

privilege: (n) liberty, prerogative, immunity, freedom, grant, franchise, exemption, concession, claim; (n, v) license, permit. ANTONYM: (n) insult

privileged: (adj) exclusive, confidential, inside, free, favored, inner, vested, advantaged; (adj, v) sanctioned; (n) prerogative; (v) warranted. ANTONYMS: (adj) underprivileged, poor, deprived, public, harsh, Standard

prized: (adj) beloved, precious, dear, cherished, appreciated, treasured, esteemed, valuable, highly regarded, favorite, priceless. ANTONYM: (adj) hated

probability: (n) likelihood, chance, possibility, likeliness, opportunity, expectation, eventuality, prospect, expectancy, contingency; (adj, n) odds. ANTONYM: (n) improbability

probable: (adj) likely, plausible, possible, potential, presumable, feasible, hopeful, convincing, believable, to be expected, specious. ANTONYMS: (adj) improbable, implausible, unbelievable

probity: (adj, n) integrity, honor, candor, decency; (n) goodness, morality, principle, sincerity, virtue, veracity; (adj) faithfulness. ANTONYM: (n) untrustworthiness

proceed: (v) move, advance, originate, ensue, flow, issue, arise, emanate; (adj, v) pass, run, extend. ANTONYMS: (v) discontinue, recede, regress, return, retreat

proceeded: (v) proceed, yode

proceeding: (n) matter, transaction, affair, procedure, lawsuit, proceedings; (v) deed, act; (n, v) measure; (adv, n) happening; (adj, adv, v) going on

proclaim: (v) declare, assert, advertise, broadcast, promulgate, enunciate, herald, decree, divulge, notify, annunciate

procure: (v) get, obtain, buy, earn, win, gain, have, purchase, induce, derive, find. ANTONYM: (v) give

procuring: (v) procure

prodigious: (adj) gigantic, enormous, huge, phenomenal, portentous, stupendous, exceptional, colossal, immense, gargantuan; (adj, v) monstrous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unexceptional, normal, average, tiny, weak

prodigiously: (adv) astonishingly, enormously, immensely, vastly, marvelously, exceptionally, colossally, largely, wonderfully, hugely, tremendously

productive: (adj, v) fruitful; (adj) fertile, plentiful, generative, helpful, fat, copious, lucrative, inventive, constructive, original. ANTONYMS: (adj) unproductive, barren, unprofitable, consumptive, destructive, fruitless, idle, infertile, unimaginative, indolent, negative

profess: (v) assert, feign, affirm, avow, state, pretend, claim, confess, allege, aver; (n, v) protest. ANTONYM: (v) repress

professed: (adj) alleged, declared, apparent, avowed, pretended, seeming, supposed, affected, feigned, so-called, purported

professing: (n) avowal, profession, community

profession: (n) employment, declaration, occupation, affirmation, calling, career, vocation, job, position, assertion, assurance. ANTONYM: (n) denial

proficiency: (n) ability, expertise, capability, dexterity, competence, efficiency, knowledge, expertness, skill, facility, craft. ANTONYMS: (n) inability, inexperience

proficient: (adj, n) expert, professional; (adj) able, accomplished, practiced, good, adroit, capable, skillful, competent, deft. ANTONYMS: (adj) inept, amateur, untrained, inexperienced, bad

profligacy: (n) debauchery, dissipation, licentiousness, prodigality, dissolution, depravity, debauch, corruption, improvidence, dissoluteness, vice. ANTONYMS: (n) economy, decency, parsimony

profligate: (adj) debauched, lavish, corrupt, extravagant, immoral, wasteful, abandoned; (adj, n) prodigal, licentious, spendthrift,

libertine. ANTONYMS: (adj) frugal, upright, moral, economical, parsimonious, sensible, cautious, innocent

profuse: (adj, n) generous, liberal; (adj) plentiful, ample, copious, lavish, bounteous, exuberant, excessive, full, prodigal.

ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, meager, thin, scanty, restrained, unhealthy, small

profusion: (n) opulence, abundance, prodigality, plenty, excess, cornucopia, plenitude, profuseness, copiousness, exuberance; (adj) amplitude. ANTONYMS: (n) insufficiency, scarcity

prohibited: (adj) illicit, illegal, taboo, banned, unlawful, contraband, barred, proscribed, not allowed, out; (adj, adv) off-limits. ANTONYMS: (adj) legitimate, permitted, allowed, authorized, legal, permissible, acceptable, eligible, lawful, open

projected: (adj) proposed, jutting, planned, deliberate, protruding, protrusive, sticking, sticking out, likely, anticipated, expected

promising: (adj) auspicious, bright, favorable, propitious, encouraging, favourable, hopeful, promise, budding, optimistic, probable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeless, inauspicious, threatening, unfavorable, unlikely, depressing

promote: (adv, v) further, forward; (v) help, encourage, aid, push, prefer, develop, foster, advertise, assist. ANTONYMS: (v) demote, prevent, downgrade, impede, obstruct, oppose, restrain, thwart, buy, hinder, neglect

prompt: (adj) agile, quick, nimble, punctual, expeditious; (v) actuate, incite, inspire, move, instigate; (adj, v) fleet. ANTONYMS: (adj) late, uncertain; (v) discourage, hinder, halt

prompted: (adj) impelled, driven, encouraged, provoked, pressed; (n) contumely, abuse, discussions, dictated, insult, invective

prone: (adj) liable, apt, inclined, disposed, subject, flat, predisposed, likely, prostrate, procumbent, susceptible. ANTONYMS: (adj) upright, immune, resistant, unwilling, impervious, disinclined

pronounce: (v) articulate, declare, affirm, say, assert, express, vocalize, proclaim; (n, v) allege; (adj, v) deliver, utter. ANTONYM: (v)

mumble

pronounced: (adj) clear, emphatic, distinct, prominent, notable, obvious, salient, evident, definite, bold, palpable. ANTONYMS: (adj) faint, inconspicuous, indefinite, loose, slight, small

pronouncing: (v) pronounce; (n) pronunciation, utterance

proof: (n) confirmation, probation, authentication, sign, substantiation, evidence, verification, validation, argument, experiment, indication. ANTONYM: (n) contradiction

propitious: (adj) fortunate, lucky, good, benign, happy, opportune; (adj, v) auspicious; (adj, n, v) friendly; (adj, n) promising, advantageous, kind. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfortunate, unlucky, unpropitious, inopportune, hopeless

proportionate: (adj, v) proportional; (adj) proportionable, equal, harmonious, comparable, balanced, sufficient, relative, appropriate, adequate, equitable. ANTONYM: (adj) disproportionate

proportioned: (adj) attemperate, shapely, regular, properly adapted, even, balanced. ANTONYM: (adj) asymmetrical

proportions: (n) size, magnitude, capacity, scope, figure, confines, acreage

propose: (v) bid, nominate, design, plan, proffer, move, intend, mean, aim, suggest; (n, v) advance.

ANTONYMS: (v) reject, improvise, oppose

proprietor: (n) possessor, manager, landlord, holder, host, keeper, master, employer, patron, proprietress, proprietary

propriety: (adj, n) decency, modesty, correctness, aptitude; (n) decorum, fitness, etiquette, civility, grace, politeness, manners. ANTONYMS: (n) impropriety, rudeness, unsuitableness, indecorum, decadence, tactlessness, corruption, vulgarity, indecency

prospects: (n) perspective, forecast, circumstances, odds, expectation, possibilities, prediction, projection, scenario, diagnosis

prosperity: (n) affluence, wealth, success, flourish, good fortune, fortune, welfare, opulence, abundance, good, prosperousness.

ANTONYMS: (n) failure, fruitlessness, hardship, insufficiency
prosperous: (adj, n) lucky,

auspicious, fortunate; (adj) flourishing, favorable, opulent, easy, comfortable, affluent, advantageous, successful. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, unsuccessful, failing, underprivileged, impoverished

protesting: (adj) disinclined, opposed; (n) clamor

proudly: (adv) haughtily, arrogantly, superciliously, boastfully, vainly, splendidly, stately, loftily, snootily, disdainfully, conceitedly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) humbly, modestly

proverb: (n) adage, byword, aphorism, dictum, saying, axiom, parable, motto, expression; (n, v) maxim, saw

proving: (adj) furnishing evidence, asserting, evidential, evidentiary; (n) authentication, confirmation, contest, determination, documentation, finding, monetisation

provoke: (n, v) excite; (v) defy, offend, enrage, anger, irritate, arouse, kindle, inflame, invite, get.

ANTONYMS: (v) please, soothe, mollify, deter, inhibit, dampen, arbitrate, allay, defuse, discourage, douse

provoked: (adj, prep) exasperated, inflamed; (adj) irritated, aggravated, infuriated, indignant, irate, huffy, hot, excited; (adv) up in arms.

ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, gratuitous, pleased

provoking: (adj) provocative, annoying, aggravating, galling, maddening, vexatious, agitative, tempting, agitating; (adj, v) irritating, insulting. ANTONYMS: (adj) conciliatory, courteous, satisfying

proxy: (n) attorney, deputy, agent, agency, delegate, alternate, surrogate, procurator, authority, vicar; (adj, n) replacement

prudence: (n) foresight, economy, frugality, caution, care, forethought, providence, circumspection, judgment, deliberation; (adj, n) wisdom. ANTONYMS: (n) imprudence, profligacy, generosity, hindsight, recklessness, extravagance

prudent: (adj, v) discreet; (adj) cautious, circumspect, reasonable, chary, economical, careful, frugal, deliberate, advisable, canny.

ANTONYMS: (adj) imprudent, reckless, spendthrift, stupid,

careless, unwise, unsafe, tactless

prudent: (adj) discreet, economical
prudently: (adv) wisely, cautiously, judiciously, discreetly, shrewdly, sparingly, charily, sagaciously, warily, frugally, circumspectly. ANTONYMS: (adv) recklessly, imprudently, extravagantly, generously, indiscreetly, immaturely, stupidly

publicly: (adv) overtly, publically, in public, generally, communally, commonly, socially, stately, vulgarly, plainly, usually. ANTONYMS: (adv) privately, secretly, informally

publish: (adj, v) disclose, announce, communicate; (v) proclaim, divulge, issue, circulate, notify, broadcast, print, advertise

puffed: (adj) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, bepuffed, overflowing, out of breath

punch: (n, v) jab, hit, drill, stab, thrust, cuff, wallop, beat; (v) prick, perforate; (n) die. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, lethargy, sluggishness

punctual: (adj) accurate, exact, punctilious, prompt, timely, definite, rigorous, precise, nice, mathematical; (adj, v) regular. ANTONYMS: (adj) early, unpunctual, slow

punctuality: (n) accuracy, precision, nicety, exactitude, truth, fidelity, exactness, promptitude, steadiness; (adj) rigor, mathematical precision. ANTONYM: (n) tardiness

punctually: (adv) precisely, exactly, duly, accurately, correctly, on time, regularly, timely, punctiliously, strictly, sharp

punish: (v) amerce, discipline, castigate, chasten, chastise, penalize, strike, avenge, pay, beat, execute. ANTONYMS: (v) excuse, exonerate, pardon, reward, commend

punishment: (n) correction, penance, chastisement, fine, judgement, rebuke, retribution, reward, castigation, execution; (adj, n) penalty. ANTONYMS: (n) persuasion, exoneration, reward

purchased: (adj) boughten, not homemade; (prep) bribed

purport: (n, v) aim, amount; (n) intent, drift, intention, meaning, end, effect, design; (v) mean, propose

purposely: (adj, adv) designedly, advisedly, knowingly; (adv)

intentionally, on purpose, by design, consciously, by choice, calculatedly, explicitly; (adj) wittingly.

ANTONYM: (adv) unintentionally

purse: (n) bag, pouch, money, handbag, sac, currency, pocketbook, pelf; (v) wrinkle, pucker, crease

pursue: (v) follow, dog, prosecute, hunt, course, tail, stalk, persist, hound, haunt, go after. ANTONYMS: (v) shun, eschew, avoid, discourage, lead, precede, find

pursued: (n) hunted person

pursuing: (n) pursuit, search, hunt; (adj) coming, engaged

pursuit: (n) quest, hunt, search, persecution, chase, career, interest, job, business, performance, employment

pursuits: (n) diversion, duties

puzzle: (adj, v) perplex, confuse, embarrass; (n) enigma, riddle, mystery, maze; (n, v) nonplus; (v) confound, mystify, baffle. ANTONYMS: (v) clarify, placate, explain; (n) explanation

puzzled: (adj) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed. ANTONYM: (adj) clear

pyramids: (n) billiards, pingpong, pool, bagatelle, jackstones, pushball, hopscotch

quadrille: (n) picquet, loo, euchre, drole, cribbage, allfours, lancers, reverse, music, cotillion, commit

qualification: (n, v) limitation; (adj, n) capability, endowment; (n) provision, competence, prerequisite, fitness, preparation, eligibility, degree; (adj) faculty

qualifications: (n) capacity, qualification, terms, ability, credentials, faculty, facility, rider, eligibility requirements, training, specifications. ANTONYM: (n) inability

qualified: (adj) competent, capable, eligible, efficient, proficient, fit, conditional, able, clever, expert, certified. ANTONYMS: (adj) unofficial, total, definite, unreserved, immature, amateur, inept, inexperienced, unrestricted, absolute, ineligible

qualities: (n) character, disposition, nature, spirit, tone, quality, role, self, part, traits, individuality

quantity: (n) amount, quantum, extent, measure, sum, multitude, total, portion, heap, degree, deal

quarrel: (adj, n, v) dispute; (n, v) fight, feud, brawl, row, altercation, argue, conflict, squabble; (n) dissension, difference.

ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, reconciliation, acceptance, concord, consensus; (v) agree

quarreling: (adj) brawling, noisy, discordant; (n) disagreement; (v) argue

quarrelling: (adj) at variance, in dispute, in disagreement, in conflict; (n) dissension

quarrelsome: (adj) argumentative, belligerent, combative, cantankerous, aggressive, disputatious, ugly, currish, termagant; (adj, n) contentious; (adj, v) fretful. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, peaceful, amiable

quartered: (n) quartering, quarters

quarters: (n) abode, domicile, lodging, residence, quarter, diggings, pad, digs, lodgings, accommodation, barracks

querulous: (adj) petulant, irritable, fretful, discontented, tetchy, complaining, fractious, touchy, cross, grumpy, grouchy

quest: (n) pursuit, investigation, exploration, chase, research, inquest; (n, v) probe, hunt, inquiry, examination; (v) call for

quickness: (n) celerity, expedition, promptness, alacrity, agility, speed, dispatch, dexterity, fleetness, hurry, readiness. ANTONYMS: (n) awkwardness, delay, ineptness

quieted: (adj) composed

quit: (adj, n, v) leave; (v) go, drop, break, cease, give up, depart, end, discontinue; (adj, v) discharge; (n, v) part. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, occupy, enter, maintain, start, come, arrive

quitting: (n) departure, resignation

racked: (adj) assured, confident, miserable

rage: (adj, n, v) fume, bluster; (adj, n) wrath, indignation, frenzy, mania; (n) passion, anger, craze, exasperation; (n, v) storm. ANTONYMS: (n) gentleness, composure, calm, equanimity, pleasure, serenity

ragout: (v) stew, hash, fricassee, mince, rechauffe, releve, remove

raising: (n) bringing up, nurture, elevation, lift, raise, culture, heave, ascent, ascension, upbringing, rearing

ramble: (n, v) journey, stroll, saunter,

wander, roam, meander, excursion, hike, tramp, walk, promenade.

ANTONYM: (v) settle

rang: (n) rung

rank: (n, v) range, order, place, position, grade, class, line, file; (v) arrange, classify; (n) gradation. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) sparse, pleasant, clean

rant: (n, v) harangue, rave, spout, rage, fume; (adj, v) jabber; (v) declaim, mouth, bluster; (n) bombast; (adj, n) fustian

rapacity: (adj, n) greed, avarice; (n) cupidity, edacity, covetousness, rapaciousness, esurience, extortion, gluttony, voracity; (adj) avidity

rapidity: (n) expedition, quickness, promptness, dispatch, celerity, haste, velocity, pace, fleetness, promptitude, speed. **ANTONYM:** (n) tardiness

rapture: (n) joy, bliss, delight, happiness, exaltation, elation, exultation, enchantment; (adj, n) enthusiasm; (n, v) transport; (adj, n, v) passion. **ANTONYMS:** (n) indifference, boredom, misery, gloom, agony, hell, despair

rapturous: (adj) overjoyed, enraptured, rapt, delighted, rhapsodic, blissful; (adj, v) ravishing; (v) ardent, passionate, fond, erotic. **ANTONYM:** (adj) down

raptoriously: (adv) ravishingly, rhapsodically, overjoyedly, raptly, delightedly, enrapturedly, gladly

rashness: (n) temerity, precipitation, recklessness, hastiness, imprudence, heedlessness, folly, precipitancy, indiscretion, carelessness, adventurism. **ANTONYMS:** (n) caution, consideration, deliberation, patience, discretion, carefulness, forethought

rated: (adj) specified

rational: (adj, n) reasonable, just; (adj) intelligent, sane, judicious, logical, mental, sound, sober, wise, practical. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) illogical, anxious, biased, untenable, unreasonable, unrealistic, unconvincing, physical, intuitive, foolish, delirious

rationally: (adv) logically, sanely, judiciously, wisely, coherently, sagaciously, lucidly, justly, reasonably, sensibly, practically. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) irrationally, illogically, emotionally, foolishly, unconvincingly, unreasonably

rattle: (n, v) jingle, jangle, clatter; (n) click, clang, clack; (v) bang, confuse, shake, patter, disconcert

reaching: (n) reach, arrival, coming, accomplishment, outreach, advent, achievement, grasp, arriver, getting; (adj) suspicious

readily: (adv) easily, lightly, freely, quickly, immediately, instantly, willingly, soon, eagerly; (adj, adv) handily, smoothly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) grudgingly, eventually, reluctantly, unenthusiastically

readiness: (n) facility, ease, expedition, preparation, promptness, knack, dexterity, eagerness, quickness, fitness; (adj, n) alacrity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) reluctance, delay

reanimated: (adj) animated, alive

reap: (v) harvest, gain, glean, gather, obtain, cut, receive, earn, acquire; (adj, v) mow; (adj) clip.

ANTONYMS: (v) lose, scatter

reappear: (v) recur, come back, appear, repeat, be restored, get back, happen again, haunt, persist, revert, resume. **ANTONYM:** (v) disappear

reasonableness: (n) rationality, reason, equity, justice, fairness, moderation, sanity, likelihood, common sense, modestness, moderateness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) unreasonableness, excessiveness

reasonably: (adv) fairly, rather, quite, passably, pretty, justly, somewhat, sensibly, rationally, enough, fair. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) extremely, dangerously, illogically, irrationally, wrongly, extravagantly, foolishly, implausibly, intolerably, unsatisfactorily, unfairly

reasoning: (n) argumentation, deduction, ratiocination, illation, logic, argument, abstract thought, sense, judgment, thought; (adj) rational

rebuke: (n, v) reprimand, rebuff, reproach, chide, blame, reproof, lecture, check; (v) castigate, berate; (n) admonition. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) praise, compliment; (v) commend, acknowledge, approve; (n) approval

recall: (adj, v) reverse; (v) revoke, rescind, recognize, recollect, remember, repeal, countermand; (n) memory, anamnesis; (n, v) return. **ANTONYMS:** (v) issue, dissolve

recede: (v) decline, withdraw, retire, fall back, diminish, retreat, abate, give, draw back, decrease, lose. **ANTONYMS:** (v) approach, gain,

proceed, surge, stay, increase, appear, level

receipt: (n) acknowledgment, acknowledgement, acceptance, acquittance, ticket, check, recipe, revenue, certificate, profit; (v) acknowledge. **ANTONYMS:** (n) rejection, invoice

receiving: (n) getting, reception, acceptance, taking, adoption, recipiency; (v) receive; (adj) received, accepting, admitting, recipient. **ANTONYM:** (n) rejection

reception: (n) acceptance, admission, receiving, greeting, getting, salutation, acception, comprehension; (adj, n) entertainment, party; (n, v) adoption. **ANTONYMS:** (n) dispatch, rejection

recital: (n) account, description, narrative, explanation, history, performance, reading, statement, recitation, concert, relation

reckon: (v) estimate, judge, hold, compute, guess, calculate, gauge, rate; (n, v) enumerate, count, number

recognized: (adj) accepted, noted, recognised, established, illustrious, distinguished, standard, known, notorious; (adj, v) received; (v) ascertained. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unofficial, concealed, dubious, informal

recognizing: (v) recognize, acknowledge, recognise; (adj) conscious, respectful; (n) observation

recollect: (v) recall, remember, recognize, call to mind, remind, mind, think, call up, reminisce, refresh, retrieve. **ANTONYM:** (v) forget

recollecting: (n) recollection

recollection: (n, v) mind; (n) reminiscence, recall, anamnesis, remembrance, recognition, memento, memorial, commemoration, memoir, retrospect

recollections: (n) memories, reminiscences, recollection, biography

recommend: (v) advocate, advise, counsel, commend, offer, suggest, move, praise, urge, endorse, promote. **ANTONYM:** (v) oppose, reject

recommendation: (n) commendation, suggestion, advice, counsel, advocacy, reference, approval, proposal, admonition, endorsement,

- character**
- recommended:** (adj) registered, advisable, favored, not compulsory, optional, required
- recommending:** (adj)
- recommendatory, commendatory
- reconcile:** (adj, v) conciliate, accord, harmonize; (v) accommodate, pacify, placate, mediate, adjust, harmonise, make up, propitiate.
- ANTONYMS: (v) alienate, estrange, provoke, quarrel, segregate, worsen
- reconciled:** (adj) consistent, resigned, serene, meet; (v) made friends, affriended. ANTONYM: (adj) unreconciled
- reconciliation:** (n, v) concord, peace, harmony; (n) adjustment, agreement, rapprochement, pacification, reconciliation, conciliation, appeasement, mediation. ANTONYMS: (n) incitement, war
- reconciling:** (adj) accommodative, peacemaking, gentle, mild, conciliatory, peaceful, cooperative, quiet; (n) integration, merging, reconciliation
- recover:** (v) reclaim, get back, recuperate, retrieve, regain, pick up, get well, restore, heal, convalesce, mend. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, die, decline, aggravate, abandon, worsen, scatter
- recovered:** (adj) cured, retrieved, well, well again, healthier, aged, improved, whole, better, corned. ANTONYM: (adj) worse
- recovering:** (v) recover, regain, restore; (adj) better; (n) rehabilitation, recovery, rescue, relaxation; (adv) getting better, on the road to recovery, improving
- recreation:** (n) amusement, distraction, pastime, play, diversion, merriment, leisure, fun, game, frolic, sport
- rectitude:** (adj, n) justice, honesty, equity; (n) integrity, veracity, virtue, uprightness, morality, purity, propriety; (adj) fidelity.
- ANTONYMS: (n) immorality, incorrectness, wickedness
- rector:** (n) minister, pastor, president, manager, principal, governor, clergyman, curate, parson, director, priest
- rectory:** (n) parsonage, manse, vicarage, residence, habitation, home, glebe house, glebe, dwelling house, domicile, deanery
- recurring:** (adj) frequent, intermittent, cyclic, periodic, periodical, repeated, repetitive, customary, accustomed, memorable, chronic. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, intermittent, spasmodic, unusual, rare, occasional
- real:** (n, v) coil, roll; (v) waver, rock, stagger, totter, spin, teeter, falter; (n) bobbin, spool
- re-establish:** (v) restore, reconstruct, renew, regenerate, reestablish, return
- reflecting:** (adv) reflectingly; (adj) reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectent; (n) mirroring, reflection, reflexion
- reflection:** (n) contemplation, thought, deliberation, meditation, musing, cogitation, idea, notion, introspection; (n, v) observation, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (n) impulsive, confirmation
- refrain:** (v) desist, cease, fast, avoid, leave off, withhold, stop, spare; (adj, v) forbear; (n) chorus, hold.
- ANTONYMS: (v) participate, act, consume, persist
- refreshing:** (adj) bracing, invigorating, refreshing, pleasant, fresh, cool, refresh, refreshingly, crisp, tonic, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwelcome, soporific, tiring, relaxing, musty
- refreshment:** (n) bite, drink, recreation, collation, repose, relief, rest, entertainment, treat; (v) invigoration; (n, v) regalement
- refuge:** (n) sanctuary, asylum, safety, retreat, cover, harborage, haven, shelter, harbor; (n, v) recourse, resort
- refusal:** (n) denial, declination, negative, rebuff, rejection, no, prohibition, ban, repulse, negation, exclusion. ANTONYMS: (n) permission, acceptance, compliance, approval, disposition, inclination, affirmative, affirmation
- refuse:** (v) deny, reject, decline, disallow, rebuff, turn down; (adj, n) waste, trash; (n) offal, litter; (n, v) dross. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm
- refusing:** (adj) negative, dismissive, denying, recusative, noncompliant
- refute:** (v) confute, contradict, controvert, oppose, disprove, rebut, deny, invalidate, negate, gainsay; (n, v) answer. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, prove, avow, confirm, corroborate
- regain:** (v) retrieve, recoup, recuperate, reclaim, recapture, redeem, get, discover, feel, recall, get back
- regarding:** (prep) about, as regards, for, on, towards, apropos; (adj, prep) with regard to, with reference to; (adj) as to, in regard to, in relation to
- regardless:** (adj) inattentive, heedless, thoughtless, reckless, mindless, indifferent, negligent, neglectful; (adv) irregardless, irrespective, no matter
- regiment:** (n) corps, battalion, legion, host, brigade, division, multitude, cohort; (v) control, organize, regulate
- regimentals:** (n) military uniform
- regret:** (n, v) grieve, sorrow; (v) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (n) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition.
- ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, praise; (n) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction
- regrets:** (n) regret, declination, RSVP regrets only, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, celestial latitude, excuse, Dec
- regulars:** (n) clientele, Sabaoth, patrons, military forces, the army, clients, soldiery, troops, customers, armed force
- regulate:** (adj, n, v) adjust; (v) manage, control, determine, fix, influence, govern, modulate, regularize; (n, v) direct, order. ANTONYMS: (v) destabilize, intensify
- regulated:** (adj) ordered, arranged, consistent, lawful, temperate, not haphazard, organized; (adv) in time, in harmony, keeping pace, keeping up
- regulation:** (n) order, adjustment, law, arrangement, decree, ordinance, canon, management, direction; (adj, n) control, government. ANTONYMS: (n) disorder, disorderliness
- rein:** (n) bridle, curb, restraint, check, strap; (v) leash, harness, contain, rule, rein in, confine
- reject:** (v) deny, decline, disapprove, eliminate, dismiss, exclude, rebuff, discard, repel, ignore; (n) cull.
- ANTONYMS: (v) approve, choose, select, grant, acknowledge, agree, pass, welcome, propose, prefer, keep
- rejecting:** (adj) negative, dismissive, disdainful; (n) rejection

rejection: (n) dismissal, repulse, denial, refusal, rebuff, abandonment, renunciation, exception, disavowal, negation, repudiation. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, recognition, amalgamation, belief, receipt, welcome, permission, agreement
rejoice: (v) cheer, gladden, triumph, revel, jubilate, gratify, gloat, please; (n, v) delight, glory, joy. ANTONYMS: (v) lament, mourn, complain
rejoicing: (n) exultation, jubilation, happiness, joy, mirth, pleasure, elation; (adj) jubilant, exultant; (v) rejoice; (adv) rejoicingly. ANTONYM: (n) sadness
relate: (v) recount, narrate, link, associate, tell, appertain, apply, detail, describe, recite, refer. ANTONYMS: (v) dissociate, conceal, conflict, contrast, disconnect, separate
relation: (n) narration, recital, association, affinity, description, rehearsal, kin, relative; (n, v) account, report, regard
reliance: (n) credit, faith, trust, dependence, belief, credence, conviction, hope, assurance, dependency, expectation. ANTONYM: (n) distrust
relieve: (n, v) ease, assuage, mitigate, alleviate, allay, calm, redress; (v) free, help, console, excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) burden, aggravate, exacerbate, harbor, enforce, include, upset, depress
relieved: (adj) alleviated, thankful, mitigated, prominent, pleased, joyful, fresh, delighted, comfortable, cheerful, happy. ANTONYM: (adj) worried
relinquish: (v) abandon, abdicate, leave, cede, quit, renounce, give up, discard, disclaim, yield, desert. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, accept, continue, enforce, acquire
reluctance: (n) aversion, hesitation, indisposition, distaste, disgust, dislike, opposition, unwillingness, repugnance, diffidence, scruple. ANTONYMS: (n) readiness, disposition, keenness, willingness, enthusiasm
reluctant: (adj) loath, unwilling, averse, loth, indisposed, hesitant, involuntary, backward, diffident, shy, slow. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, eager, enthusiastic, happy, disposed, wholehearted, keen

rely: (v) depend, count, lean, believe, bank, confide, entrust, reckon, trust, swear; (n, v) rest
remainder: (n) excess, leftover, overplus, end, residue, oddment, balance, rest, surplus; (adj, n) remnant; (adv) after
remark: (n, v) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (adj, n, v) observe; (v) perceive, mark, discern; (n) observation
remarkably: (adj, adv) outstandingly, markedly, conspicuously, particularly, prominently; (adv) signally, uncommonly, surprisingly, extremely, wonderfully, curiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) normally, slightly, poorly, unexceptionally
remarks: (n) commentary, explanation
remedy: (n, v) cure, redress, heal, help, medicine, relief; (v) rectify, amend, relieve, correct; (n) drug. ANTONYM: (n) poison
remembering: (n) recollection, recall, memory, identification, recognition, remember, association, connection, connexion, reminiscence, remembrance
remembrance: (n, v) recollection, mind; (n) commemoration, memorial, recall, relic, monument, keepsake, reminiscence, recognition; (adj, n) memento
remind: (v) recollect, prompt, recall, commemorate, call up, memorialize, hint, jog, inform, think; (n, v) mind
remonstrance: (n) protest, expostulation, objection, dissuasion, censure, remonstration, reprehension, admonition, monstrance, mediation, dehortation
remorse: (n) penitence, contrition, repentance, regret, guilt, penance, sorrow, grief, qualm, ruefulness, compassion. ANTONYM: (n) shamelessness
removal: (n) transfer, expulsion, elimination, dismissal, exclusion, shift, remove, ablation, move, withdrawal, abatement. ANTONYMS: (n) insertion, addition, provision, arrival, return, inclusion
removing: (adj) departing
rencontre: (n) collision, brush, rencontre, appulse, syzygy, coincidence, fight, affair, contest, coexistence
render: (v) interpret, explain, give, offer, furnish, pay, construe, return, provide, impart, translate
rendering: (n) interpretation, translation, rendition, reading, representation, version, interpreting, depiction, execution, construction, explanation
renewal: (n) revival, renaissance, renovation, rehabilitation, restoration, reclamation, update, rebirth, reform, regeneration, innovation. ANTONYMS: (n) deterioration, disappearance
renewed: (adj) changed, born again, new, fresh, redintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate
renewing: (adj) renewal, restorative, reviving, recuperative, promoting recuperation, grateful, revitalising, revitalizing
repaired: (adj) reconditioned, maintained, mended, fastened, serviced, intent, frozen, flat, serviceable
repeat: (v) copy, recapitulate, reduplicate, reiterate, rehearse, return, say, double, renew, iterate, duplicate
repeatedly: (adv) often, recurrently, again, time and again, commonly, again and again, successively, regularly, repetitively, habitually, continually. ANTONYMS: (adv) intermittently, never, simultaneously, spasmodically, rarely, manually, infrequently
repeating: (n) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (adj) repetitive, iterating, iterative, repetitive
repel: (v) nauseate, revolt, disgust, repulse, sicken, rebuff, decline, displease, drive back, reject, refuse. ANTONYMS: (v) draw, charm, welcome, incline, yield, please, delight
repent: (v) deplore, bewail, rue, mourn, lament, atone, sorry, bemoan, feel remorse, grieve, be sorry
repentance: (n) contrition, penance, remorse, regret, compunction, sorrow, guilt, contriteness, grief, attrition, atonement. ANTONYMS: (n) shamelessness, brazenness
repetition: (n) gemination, reiteration, recurrence, replication, iteration, return, repeating, renewal, duplication, rehearsal, reduplication. ANTONYM: (n) disappearance
repine: (v) kick, grumble, regret,

quetch, murmur, brood, mourn, languish, whine, lament; (n) sink

repining: (n) regret, plaintive, lamenting, mourning, grief, mournful; (v) taking on; (adj) regretful

replete: (adj) fraught, profuse, excessive, inordinate, exuberant, overmuch, satisfied; (v) fill, take, satiate, cloy. ANTONYM: (adj) hungry

replying: (adj) respondent, responsive

reporting: (n) coverage, notification, insurance, performance reporting, news, line reporting, publication, insurance coverage, registration, announcement; (adv) under-

repose: (n, v) recline, peace, lie, calm; (n) composure, ease, quiet, leisure, recreation, relaxation; (v) lay.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) work; (n)

activity, panic, agitation

reprehensible: (adj) censurable, deplorable, guilty, blameworthy, criminal, offensive, inexcusable, abominable, objectionable, obnoxious; (adj, v) uncommendable. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, praiseworthy, noble, good, creditable, admirable, excusable, innocent, reputable, proper

representing: (adj) representative, represented, representant; (n) representation, imitation; (v) mock, pseudo, simulating; (prep) in place of, in lieu of, instead of

repress: (v) inhibit, crush, quash, control, suppress, put down, bridle, keep down, subdue, restrain, reduce. ANTONYMS: (v) declare, liberate, incite

repressed: (adj) inhibited, suppressed, pent-up, forgotten, subconscious, inner, composed, reserved, unconscious

repressing: (adj) inhibiting, insolent, discouraging, aggressively haughty, overbearing, arrogant, dictatorial, domineering, restrictive, repressive, overpowering

reproach: (n, v) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, invective; (v) accuse, chide, condemn; (n) condemnation.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) commend, approve; (n) compliment, commendation, approval

reproof: (n, v) reprimand, censure, rebuke, lecture; (n) reproach, admonition, reprehension, blame, condemnation, objurgation,

castigation

repugnance: (n) horror, hatred, antipathy, inconsistency, repulsion, nausea, revulsion, loathing, detestation, aversion, hate.

ANTONYMS: (n) pleasantness, love, attractiveness, adoration, liking

repugnant: (adj) abominable, abhorrent, odious, hateful, loathsome, ugly, adverse, obscene, offensive; (adj, v) repulsive; (adj, n) contradictory. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, agreeable, desirable, lovable, nice, delightful

repulsive: (adj) offensive, detestable, ugly, disagreeable, nauseous, hideous, loathsome, abhorrent; (adj, v) abominable, hateful, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, delightful, desirable, reputable, lovely, lovable, humane, appealing, laudable

reputed: (adj) supposed, renowned, famous, conjectural, assumed, famed, eminent, prominent, alleged, well-known, distinguished.

ANTONYM: (adj) known

requested: (adj) demanded

requester: (n) supplicant

requiring: (v) require; (adv) demandingly; (adj) demanding, pressing

requisite: (n) need, necessity, requirement, must; (adj, n) necessary, prerequisite; (adj) required, mandatory, needful, compulsory, obligatory.

ANTONYMS: (adj) voluntary, optional, dispensable; (n) inessential, luxury

rescue: (n, v) release, ransom, salvage; (n) deliverance, delivery, relieve; (v) extricate, recover, free, save, redeem. ANTONYMS: (n) involvement, loss, abandonment, downfall; (n, v) capture; (v) endanger, lose, aggravate

resemblance: (n) affinity, parallel, similarity, comparison, correspondence, likeness, conformity, appearance, analogy, semblance, resemble. ANTONYMS: (n) dissimilarity, contrast

resent: (v) resentful, envy, grudge, begrudge, embittered, angry, abhor, take offense, take umbrage, take exception, loathe. ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, wish, accept

resentful: (adj) angry, indignant, malicious, resent, embittered, rancorous, envious, jealous, offended, hurt, mad. ANTONYMS:

(adj) resigned, unresentful, willing, sweet, pleased

resentfully: (adv) bitterly, enviously, jealously, indignantly, angrily, crossly, sulkily, maliciously, sullenly, petulantly, reluctantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gladly, contentedly, graciously, sweetly

resentment: (n) grudge, displeasure, indignation, anger, ill will, rancor, umbrage, rage, envy, grievance, passion. ANTONYMS: (n) friendliness, happiness, contentment, calm

reserve: (adj, v) save; (n) reservation, backup, modesty, bank; (adj, n) substitute; (v) keep back, maintain, book, withhold, appropriate.

ANTONYMS: (n) warmth, friendliness, informality, approachability, arrogance, boldness, brashness; (v) show, use; (adj) active

reserved: (adj, n) cold, distant, frigid; (adj) coy, reticent, diffident, bashful, aloof, retiring, quiet, shy.

ANTONYMS: (adj) open, forthcoming, uninhibited, relaxed, warm, communicative, talkative, free, definite, cordial, forward

reserves: (n) reserve, resources, militia, savings, saving, backup, provisions, provision, hoard, stockpile, second fiddle

residence: (n) home, house, dwelling, lodging, accommodation, domicile, occupancy, place, mansion, habitation, manse. ANTONYM: (n) vacancy

residing: (adj) residential, situated, permanently fixed, placed, residential, located

resign: (v) renounce, cede, relinquish, quit, give up, leave, abandon, drop, deliver, surrender, forgo.

ANTONYMS: (v) accept, continue, retain, stay

resignation: (n) endurance, surrender, patience, renunciation, abdication, submission, acquiescence, compliance, renouncement, demission, cession. ANTONYM: (n) defiance

resigned: (adj) patient, acquiescent, yielding, pessimistic, abject, passive, forbearing, obedient; (adj, v) subdued; (v) bowed down, content.

ANTONYMS: (adj) resentful, optimistic, intolerant

resist: (n, v) oppose, confront; (v) rebel, defy, revolt, endure, reject, protest, refuse, impede, fight back.

ANTONYMS: (v) surrender, yield, assent, agree, suppress, favor, accept, attract, obey, welcome
resisting: (adj) tough, tenacious, sequacious, stringy, tough as white leather, resistant, recalcitrant, opposing, making resistance, loath; (v) resist

resolute: (adj, n) constant, firm, fixed, steady; (adj, v) determined; (adj) inflexible, brave, adamant, dogged, unbending, courageous.

ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, uncertain, uncommitted, timid, fickle, feeble, indecisive, flexible, flippant, hesitant, undecided

resolutely: (adv) determinedly, decidedly, steadfastly, decisively, unfalteringly, boldly, steadily, stubbornly, definitely, resolvedly, unwaveringly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) irresolutely, indecisively, uncertainly, feebly, hesitantly, aimlessly

resolve: (n, v) purpose; (v) determine, solve, decide, dissolve, decompose, settle; (n) determination, firmness, decision, resolution. **ANTONYMS:** (n) weakness, irresoluteness, vacillation, cowardice, flexibility, indecisiveness, indifference; (v) aggravate, complicate, exacerbate, waver

resolved: (adj, v) resolute, firm, certain; (adj) fixed, definite, set, decided, conclusive, intent, solved, positive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) undecided, flexible, irresolute, unconfirmed, uncertain

resolving: (n) factoring, resolve, settlement, solving, solution, factorization, diagonalization, declaration, firmness, resoluteness; (v) solve

resounding: (adj) booming, ringing, reverberating, loud, rolling, vibrant, emphatic, resonating, reverberant; (v) resound; (adv) resoundingly. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) qualified, marginal

resource: (n, v) resort, refuge; (n) expedient, imagination, stock, device, facility, ingenuity, contrivance, source, resourcefulness

respectability: (n) reputation, propriety, reputability, decorum, honesty, honourableness, gentility, dignity, repute, politeness; (adj) respectableness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) decadence, indecency, immorality

respectable: (adj) considerable, decorous, fair, estimable, decent,

honorable, good, proper, creditable, passable, honest. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) bad, small, sordid, scruffy, inadequate, unrespectable, paltry, discourteous, inappropriate, sinful, unacceptable

respected: (adj) illustrious, respectable, honored, appreciated, dear, revered, valued, redoubtable, celebrated, glorious, famous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) ordinary, unreliable, weak

respectful: (adj) deferential, mannerly, dutiful, courteous, attentive, obedient, reverential, regardful, reverent, polite, humble. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) cheeky, impudent, insolent, rude, contemptuous, disobedient, scornful, nasty, sneering, irreverent, impolite

respecting: (prep) about, regarding, apropos, as regards, pertaining to; (adj) relative, not absolute, pertaining, referring, loving

respective: (adj) individual, proper, relative, several, appropriate, peculiar, singular, corresponding, private, personal, regardful

respects: (adj) aboard, welcome; (n) compliments, greeting, compliment, bairnsmaids, devoir, duty

rested: (adj) comfortable

restless: (adj) fidgety, uneasy, impatient, restive, agitated, fretful, turbulent, feverish; (adj, n) nervous, apprehensive; (adj, v) unquiet.

ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, peaceful, lethargic, unbroken, still, contented

restoration: (n, v) restitution, amends; (n) reinstatement, rehabilitation, revival, renewal, renovation, restore, regaining, repair, recovery. **ANTONYMS:** (n) confiscation, abolition, disappearance

restored: (adj) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent

restoring: (n) reinstatement, restoration; (adj) grateful, reflective, comforting, refreshing

restrain: (adj, v) confine; (v) control, rein, hold, curb, bind, contain, prevent, limit, repress; (n, v) check. **ANTONYMS:** (v) encourage, promote, unleash, impel, release, intensify, increase, free, extend, express, support

restrained: (adj) reserved, quiet, modest, temperate, discreet, limited, reasonable, subdued, unemotional,

reticent, guarded. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unrestrained, open, flashy, immoral, ostentatious, wild, loud, theatrical, outgoing, extravagant, emotional

restraint: (n) bridle, reserve, moderation, modesty, constraint, control, restriction, curb; (n, v) hindrance, check, limit.

ANTONYMS: (n) excess, abandon, incentive, decadence, freedom, unrestraint, depravity, disorderliness, indulgence, expression, incitement

resume: (v) restart, regain, summarize, continue, revert, adopt, recapitulate; (n, v) outline; (n) digest, synopsis, summary.

ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, suspend, die, discontinue, expand

retail: (v) deal out, issue, merchandise, utter, peddle, vend; (n) dispense, retailing, business; (adj, v) wholesale; (n, v) trade.

ANTONYM: (v) buy

retailing: (n) deal, trade, merchandising, marketing, transaction, vending; (adj) commercial. **ANTONYM:** (n) purchase

retain: (v) keep, reserve, preserve, have, maintain, continue, hold, employ, engage, hire, own.

ANTONYMS: (v) expel, dismiss, release, relinquish, fire, destroy, lack

retained: (adj) maintained, reserved, durable, haunting, lasting, not shed, permanent, persistent, relentless, repaired, aeonian

retaining: (adj) retentive; (n) employment, reservation

retaliate: (v) turn upon, pay, repay, revenge, retort, talion, strike, take revenge, reciprocate, reply, requite

retired: (adj) obscure, secluded, sequestered, solitary, emeritus, secret, lonely, withdrawn, superannuated, close; (adj, v) covert

retort: (n, v) answer, return, riposte; (n) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (v) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic

retreated: (adj) withdrawn, people

retreating: (n) flight; (adj) moving back

retrospective: (adj) nostalgic, reminiscent, thoughtful, ex post facto; (n) art exhibition, demonstration, display, exposition, trade fair, showing, show

returns: (n, v) proceeds, income, profits; (n) earnings, return, census,

take, revenue, wage, takings, result
revealing: (adj) telling, telltale, significant, powerfully persuasive; (n) discovery, exposure, revelation, rattling, uncovering, reveal, apocalypse. ANTONYMS: (adj) confusing, secretive, concealing; (n) concealment

revenge: (n) retribution, vengeance, reprisal, retaliation, repayment, grudge, punishment; (v) retaliate, repay, requite, vindicate

revenging: (adj) malicious, revengeful

revered: (adj) August, sacred, esteemed, venerated, respected, beloved, holy, venerable, blessed, celebrated, honored. ANTONYMS: (adj) secular, disreputable

reverie: (n) dream, fantasy, air castle, brown study, reverie, trance, abstraction, castle in Spain, castle in the air; (adj) preoccupation, distraction. ANTONYM: (n) reality

reverse: (adj, v) repeal, rescind, annul, nullify, invert; (adj, n) converse, contrary; (v) revoke, countermand, overturn; (adj, n, v) rear. ANTONYMS: (n) success, victory, obverse, recto; (v) accept, uphold, validate, reinforce, proceed; (adj) forward, parallel

reverting: (n) reversion, relapse, relapsing, recidivism, lapse, backslicing, lapsing, regress, reversal; (adj) returning, reversible

revival: (n, v) restoration; (n) resurgence, renewal, resurrection, recovery, renaissance, rally, regeneration, revitalization, rebirth, renascence. ANTONYMS: (n) disappearance, deterioration, downturn, slump

revive: (v) refresh, invigorate, quicken, renew, renovate, restore, resuscitate, animate, awake, repair, recreate. ANTONYMS: (v) demoralize, kill, slay, stagnate, abandon, die, drain

revived: (adj) fresh, refreshed, animated, revitalized, alive, invigorated, new

revolt: (n, v) mutiny, rebellion, insurrection; (v) sicken, nauseate, rebel, repel, repulse, offend; (adj, v) shock; (n) uprising. ANTONYMS: (n) attraction; (v) please, delight

revolted: (adj) sickened, sick, shocked, horrified, disgusted, appalled

revolving: (adj) turning, rotating, vertiginous, rotary, gyratory,

wheeling, rotative, rotatory, rotational; (n) revolution; (v) revolve

rewarded: (v) crowned, honored, excessive, consummated; (adj) salaried, pleased, paid, happy, satisfied, remunerated, content. ANTONYM: (adj) frustrated

richly: (adv) wealthily, copiously, opulently, lavishly, abundantly, sumptuously, affluently, profusely, amply, plentifully, fully. ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, poorly, simply, barely

ride: (n, v) outing; (adj, v) bestride; (n) run, lift, jaunt; (v) mount, bait, float, rag, tease, harass

ridge: (n) ledge, bank, hill, shelf, dune, swelling, projection, ridgepole, peak, ghat; (n, v) crease. ANTONYMS: (n) channel, depression, base

ridicule: (n, v) laugh at, deride, banter, insult, taunt, scorn, scoff; (n) derision, mockery; (adj, n) irony; (v) jeer. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise, respect; (v) approve; (n) approval, admiration

ridiculing: (adj) sneering, satirical

ridiculous: (adj) foolish, preposterous, funny, laughable, ludicrous, inane, nonsensical, comical, farcical, amusing, comic. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, inspiring, ordinary, sensitive, acceptable, generous, normal, possible, impressive, sane, worthwhile

riding: (n) ride, horseback riding, travel, hundred, tithing, soke, travelling, manege, athletics; (v) horsemanship; (adj) awheel

rightful: (adj) right, lawful, just, justifiable, proper, legal, equitable, licit, real, genuine, true. ANTONYMS: (adj) wrongful, illegal, unlawful, fake

rightly: (adv) correctly, rightfully, properly, accurately, appropriately, exactly, fitly, straightly, fairly, really; (adv, v) adequately. ANTONYMS: (adv) wrongly, inappropriately, incorrectly, immorally, unjustly, partially, sinfully, unfairly, falsely

rings: (n) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets

risen: (v) uprise

rites: (n) money, finances, wake, religion

rival: (n) competitor, enemy, foe, contestant; (adj, n, v) emulate; (n, v) match, contest, corral; (adj, v)

competitive; (v) compete, contend. ANTONYMS: (adj) allied; (n) partner, friend, supporter

roasted: (adj) fried, baked

robinson: (n) jack Roosevelt Robinson, James Harvey Robinson, Lennox Robinson, Ray Robinson, sir Robert Robinson, walker smith, Esme Stuart Lennox Robinson, Robert Robinson, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Edward Goldenberg Robinson

rocks: (n) sunken rocks, family jewels, coral reef

romantic: (adj) amorous, impractical, fanciful, quixotic, unrealistic, utopian, loving, amatory, fictitious; (adj, n) visionary, romanticist. ANTONYMS: (n) realist, classicist; (adj) commonplace, graphic, unromantic, unsentimental, unhappy, prosaic, disapproving, cool, realistic

roused: (adj) excited, awake, susceptible, emotional, elated, interested

rude: (adj, n) rough, impudent, coarse, abrupt, bold; (adj) blunt, discourteous, impolite, brutal, crude, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, refined, courteous, chivalrous, civil, proper, decent, exact, clean, gentle, inoffensive

rudeness: (n) disrespect, audacity, insolence, impudence, discourtesy, incivility, effrontery, bad manners, impoliteness, impropriety, primitiveness. ANTONYMS: (n) civility, refinement, propriety, courteousness, courtesy, decency, respect, diplomacy, praise, thoughtfulness, gentleness

ruin: (n) devastation, desolation; (adj, n) downfall; (v) break, consume, demolish, destroy; (n, v) doom, ravage, destruction, damage. ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, enhance, save, restore, improve; (n, v) respect; (n) making, success, triumph, rise, preservation

ruined: (adj, v) lost; (adj) dilapidated, desolate, broke, broken, bankrupt, finished, devastated, desolated, insolvent, spoiled. ANTONYMS: (adj) solvent, pure, rich, whole

ruining: (n) ruin, laying waste, devastation, wrecking, razing, damage, collapse, desolation, destruction, dilapidation; (adj) deleterious

rushed: (adj) hurried, rush, precipitate, rapid, unexpected,

hassled, immediate, instant, instantaneous, quick, speedy. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, slow, considered, gradual.

sacrifice: (n, v) oblation, forfeit; (v) offer, immolate, offer up, give, give up, relinquish; (n) immolation, loss, forfeiture.

sadly: (adv) pitifully, dolefully, unfortunately, mournfully, sorrowfully, woefully, dejectedly, pathetically, wretchedly, forlornly; (adj, adv) seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, gladly, joyfully, fortunately, luckily, enthusiastically.

safely: (adv) surely, safe, certainly, cautiously, soundly, strongly, sure, steadily, harmlessly, unharmedly, unhurly. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmfully, hazardously, loosely.

sagacity: (n, v) discernment, judgment, penetration; (n) judiciousness, sense, prudence, gumption, acumen, perspicacity; (adj, n) discretion, wisdom. ANTONYM: (n) foolishness.

salad: (n) coleslaw, sauce, pasta salad, mash, gallimaufry, fruit salad, mingled yarn, dish, miscellany, herring salad, crab Louis.

sally: (n) foray, quip, sortie, crack, joke, wisecrack, coupe de main, attack, onset, jaunt, excursion.

saloon: (n) pub, public house, salon, parlour, pothouse, hall, barroom, gin mill, alehouse, tavern, taproom.

salutation: (n, v) salute; (n) reception, hail, hello, welcome, address, compliment, hullo, recognition, interpellation, pax.

sameness: (n) equality, resemblance, monotony, similarity, identicalness, parity, unvariedness, oneness, likeness, dullness, tedium. ANTONYMS: (n) variety, variation, uniqueness, inconsistency, contrast, variability.

sanction: (n, v) warrant, countenance, assent, consent, license; (v) approve, okay, authorize; (n) endorsement, permission, authority. ANTONYMS: (v) forbid, prohibit, disapprove, reject, outlaw, debar; (n, v) ban, veto; (n) reward, prohibition, refusal.

sanctioned: (adj) approved, legitimate, authorized, canonical, official, legal, accepted, canonic, orthodox; (v) allowed; (adj, v) privileged.

sang: (n) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant.

sanguine: (adj) hopeful, optimistic, bloody, rubicund, confident, crimson, cheerful, buoyant, sanguineous; (adj, n) red, florid. ANTONYMS: (adj) pessimistic, gloomy, doubtful.

sarcastic: (adj) sharp, poignant, caustic, bitter, biting, pungent, acid, acrimonious, ironical; (adj, v) derisive, satirical. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, pleasant, approving, kind, complimentary, mild, respectful.

sash: (n) girdle, cincture, band, cummerbund, baldric, framing, waistband, framework, frame, fillet, fascia.

satin: (adj) glossy, sleek, velvet, down, silky, silklike, silken, satiny, velure; (n) cloth, fabric.

satirical: (adj) satiric, cutting, mordant, mocking, ironic, biting, scornful, sardonic, derisive; (adj, n) keen; (n) ironical. ANTONYM: (adj) sympathetic.

satisfaction: (n, v) pleasure, gratification, contentment, content; (n) enjoyment, joy, complacency, amends, reparation, redress, recompense. ANTONYMS: (n) displeasure, discontent, aggravation, sorrow, dismay, anxiety.

satisfactory: (adj) adequate, competent, sufficient, good, acceptable, ample, fair, tolerable, decent, presentable, plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) inadequate, unacceptable, poor, appalling, disagreeable, bad, intolerable.

satisfied: (adj) happy, content, full, pleased, confident, complacent, persuaded, fulfilled; (adj, v) certain, sure; (v) convinced. ANTONYMS: (adj) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, pensive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed.

satisfy: (v) please, persuade, meet, satiate, indulge, sate, appease; (adj, v) content, fill, suffice, do. ANTONYMS: (v) intensify, displease, disappoint, disgruntle, frustrate.

satisfying: (adj) satisfactory, pleasant, enjoyable, gratifying, pleasurable, welcome, good, comforting, hearty, delightful, satisfy. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrewarding, disappointing, trying, light, frustrating, unwelcome, unflattering, insufficient, disagreeable.

saucy: (adj, n) pert; (adj) bold, impudent, audacious, insolent, fresh, forward, impertinent, flippant, rude, brazen. ANTONYM: (adj) respectful.

savage: (adj, v) fierce, wild, furious; (adj) ferocious, brutal, cruel, bloodthirsty, rough, pitiless; (adj, n) brute; (n) vandal. ANTONYMS: (adj) civilized, gentle, nice.

saved: (adj) protected, economized, rescued, blessed.

saving: (adj, n) frugal, economical; (adj) thrifty, save; (n) economy, conservation, salvation, rescue, preservation, cut, retrenchment. ANTONYMS: (n) extravagance, expenditure; (adj) spendthrift.

scampering: (n) running.

scandalous: (adj) infamous, disgraceful, ignominious, outrageous, opprobrious, shocking, disreputable, disgusting, dishonorable; (adj, v) base, foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) proper, seemly, honorable, appealing, complimentary, reputable, admirable.

scarce: (adj) rare, insufficient, deficient, infrequent, uncommon, scant, scanty, few, sparse; (adv) just, barely. ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, common, adequate, strong, usual, extensive.

scarcely: (adv) narrowly, rarely, hardly, just, scarce, uncommonly, insufficiently, scantly, scantily, only just, seldom. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, liberally.

scarcity: (n) paucity, dearth, lack, deficiency, rarity, insufficiency, scarceness, infrequency, defect, deficit, rareness. ANTONYMS: (n) plethora, abundance, affluence, excess, frequency, provision, glut, profusion, intensity.

scarlet: (adj) crimson, ruddy, carmine, ruby, sanguine, rubicund, reddish, cerise; (n) vermillion, orange red, redness.

scattered: (adj) dissipated, thin, disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (v) disperse.

scheming: (adj) designing, artful, crafty, wily, tricky, sly, shrewd, devious, astute, intriguing; (adj, n) cunning. ANTONYMS: (adj) honest, ingenuous, straightforward, open, straight, guileless; (n) ingenuousness.

scold: (v) reprimand, chide, berate, rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach,

rail, grouch; (n, v) nag; (adj, n) shrew. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, compliment, approve
scolding: (n) rebuke, lecture, castigation, admonition, reproof, objurgation, chiding, dressing, jobation, scold, rating. ANTONYMS: (n) compliment, approval
scores: (n) lots, flock, oodles, scads, slew, multitude, crowd, many, legion, lot, army
scorn: (v) despise, contemn, reject; (n, v) ridicule, neglect, disregard, deride, slight; (n) contempt, derision, mockery. ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect, praise; (v) appreciate, revere, value, approve, admire, accept; (n) admiration, commendation, humility
scorned: (adj) detested, hated, abject, neglected, contemptuous, despicable, insolent, undesirable, unloved, unpopular, mean
scotch: (v) queer, bilk, thwart, chock, cross, foil, frustrate, notch, nick; (adj) Scots, economical
scrape: (n, v) scratch, graze, score, mark; (v) rub, pare, rake, grate, chafe, abrade; (n) abrasion
scruple: (adj, v) hesitate, demur, pause; (n) hesitation, qualm, misgiving, distrust, objection; (n, v) mistrust; (v) falter, question
scruples: (n) conscience, moral sense, sense of right and wrong, morality, ethical motive, principle, ethics, moral fiber, morals
scrutiny: (n) examination, review, inspection, search, investigation, check, inquiry, research, analysis, study, surveillance. ANTONYM: (n) glance
searching: (adj) piercing, inquisitive, probing, acute, exhaustive, curious, inquiring, profound, exploratory; (adj, v) cutting; (v) excruciating
seasonable: (adj) timely, fit, well timed, favorable, timeful; (adj, n, v) appropriate; (adj, v) convenient; (adj, adv) early; (n) fit adapted, in loco, a propos. ANTONYMS: (adj) untimely, unseasonable
seated: (adj) sat, sedentary
secluded: (adj) remote, secret, reclusive, privy, cloistered, isolated, lonely, retired, sequestered, solitary; (adj, v) hidden. ANTONYMS: (adj) nearby, near, exposed, busy, accessible
seclusion: (n) retreat, segregation, retirement, isolation, secrecy, concealment, insulation, separation,

hermitage; (adj, n) solitude, loneliness. ANTONYMS: (n) company, closeness, inclusion
second-hand: (adj) hand-me-down, derivative, imitative, secondary
secondly: (adv) secondarily, second, latterly, subordinately, duplicitely, inferiorly, forwardly, additionally, furtherly, in the second place, subsequently
secrecy: (adj, n, v) privacy; (n) concealment, silence, confidentiality, darkness, seclusion, retirement, mystery, secretiveness, privateness, mum
secretly: (adv) privately, confidentially, quietly, stealthily, surreptitiously, furtively, in secret, darkly, secretly, clandestinely, occultly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, deliberately, brazenly
secrets: (n) secrecy
secured: (adj) secure, protected, firm, locked, fast, bonded, bolted, barred, latched, securer, obtained
sedate: (adj, v) calm, serious, quiet, demure; (adj) staid, composed, solemn, sober, earnest, cool, heavy. ANTONYMS: (v) stimulate; (adj) wild, frenetic, bold, boisterous, frivolous
sedateness: (n) gravity, composure, sobriety, staidness, seriousness, solemnity, placidity, calm, serenity, tranquillity; (n, v) calmness. ANTONYM: (n) cheerfulness
seduction: (n) allurement, attraction, temptation, enticement, lure, conquest, persuasion, seducement; (adj) fascination, enchantment, witchery
seeming: (adj) ostensible, superficial, illusory, outward, probable, deceptive, specious; (adj, n) appearance, semblance; (n) aspect, show. ANTONYMS: (adj) actual, deep, inner
seize: (v) catch, capture, grab, arrest, clutch, get, apprehend, receive, annex, clasp; (n, v) grapple. ANTONYMS: (v) baulk, relinquish, restore, surrender, give, remove
seized: (adj) confiscate, appropriated, condemned, apprehended, grasped, taken, held, seized, detained, obtained, arraught
seizing: (v) seize; (n) seizure, clutches, prehension, taking, apprehension, capture, infection; (adj) catching, galling, controlling
seldom: (adj) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (adv) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. ANTONYMS: (adv) often, seldom
selecting: (n) picking, option; (v) choose; (adj) selective, electoral, elective, eclectic
self-command: (n) self-control, self-government, self-restraint, discipline, presence
self-conceit: (n) conceit
self-denial: (n) renunciation, abstinence, austerity, restraint, temperance
self-importance: (n) arrogance, pride, conceit, pretension, assumption, egoism, gall
selfish: (adj) mean, greedy, mercenary, egotistical, egotistic, egoistic, self-interested, stingy, egocentric, self-centered, covetous. ANTONYMS: (adj) selfless, altruistic, generous, altruism, considerate, philanthropic, thoughtful, constructive, concerned, abstemious, kind
selfishness: (n) greed, egotism, greediness, meanness, individuality, opportunism, expedience, individualism, self, selfness, selfish. ANTONYMS: (n) altruism, selflessness, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, conformity, generosity
self-reproach: (n) regret, repentance, shame, penitence, contrition, guilt
self-sufficiency: (n) pride, independence
self-willed: (adj) stubborn, wilful, wayward, obstinate, headstrong, perverse, intractable, masterful, pig-headed, wild, deaf
selves: (pron) oneself
sending: (n) forwarding, dispatch, transmission, transmittal, send, despatch, mailing, transport, dispatching, dispathment, conveyance
seniority: (n) eldership, age, priority, length of service, longevity, higher status, higher rank, rank, senior status, primogeniture, oldness
sensation: (n, v) feeling, impression, sense; (v) affection; (n) emotion, feel, perception, wonder, sensibility, sensitivity, thrill. ANTONYMS: (n) deadness, flop, dud, calm, failure
sensations: (n) feelings, vibrations, ambience
senses: (adj) sober senses, sound mind; (n) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties,

mother wit, right mind, sanity

sensibility: (adj, n, v) feeling, notion; (n, v) sensation, appreciation, sense; (n) emotion, sensitivity, consciousness, perceptivity, awareness; (adj, n) sentiment.

ANTONYM: (n) insensitivity

sensible: (adj) aware, sagacious, prudent, rational, judicious, perceptible, sane, wise, intelligent, appreciable, sage. ANTONYMS: (adj) ludicrous, crazy, unreasonable, stupid, silly, ridiculous, reckless, idiotic, outrageous, imprudent, mad **sensibly:** (adv) sanely, intelligently, rationally, pragmatically, realistically, cleverly, politically, perceptibly, soundly, noticeably, wisely. ANTONYMS: (adv) foolishly, ludicrously, ridiculously, unreasonably, illogically, madly, irrationally, hastily, stupidly, irresponsibly, immaturely

sentiment: (n) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression

sentiments: (n) breast

sentinel: (n) sentry, lookout, watch, watchman, scout, picket, patrol, lookout man, guardian, outlook, protector

separated: (adj, prep) separate, isolated, disjoined, distinct; (adj, adv) apart; (adj) detached, divided, disjointed, free, disjunct, discrete. ANTONYMS: (adj) attached, connected

separately: (adv) individually, apart, discretely, one by one, severally, asunder, aside, distinctly, abstractly, singly, separately. ANTONYMS: (adv) simultaneously, collectively

separates: (n) coordinates

separating: (v) parting, partible; (n) division, separation, severance, unscrambling, unraveling, removal; (adj) separated, disjoining, graduating

separation: (n) disjunction, detachment, disunion, seclusion, disconnection, rift, isolation, divorce, parting, departure; (n, v) division. ANTONYMS: (n) unification, closeness, marriage, union, unity, connection, bond, integration, synthesis, inclusion, meeting

sept: (n) family, line, race, name, tribe, September, clan, dynasty, folk, family line, kinfolk

sequel: (n) sequence, result, issue,

aftermath, continuation, continuance, outcome, consequence, ending, upshot, outgrowth.

ANTONYM: (n) prelude

serenity: (n) quiet, peace, calm, quietness, equanimity, calmness, quietude, repose; (adj, n) composure, tranquility, placidity. ANTONYMS: (n) anxiety, uproar, chaos, anger, panic, bustle, disturbance, impatience, turbulence, turmoil

sermon: (n) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preaching, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (n, v) lecture

servant: (n) manservant, domestic, lackey, maid, employee, flunkey, retainer, boy, footman, flunky, menial. ANTONYMS: (n) master, mistress

servants: (n) staff, suite

serviceable: (adj) practical, helpful, handy, profitable, beneficial, effective, useful, convenient, efficient, operative, practicable. ANTONYMS: (adj) impractical, unusable, unserviceable, useless, flimsy, worthless

servility: (n) sycophancy, obsequiousness, subservience, meanness, abjectness, flattery, obedience, humility, submissiveness, servileness, yoke

serving: (n) helping, share, service, piece, attendance, help, serve, drumstick, plate, libation, service of process

settle: (adj, n, v) fix, establish, confirm; (n, v) place, set; (v) resolve, clarify, pay, regulate, adjudicate, agree. ANTONYMS: (v) float, wander, prolong, owe, bungle, open, provoke, rise, weaken, worsen, complicate

settled: (adj) definite, set, firm, permanent, certain, calm, established, decided, formed, defined, finished. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsettled, exciting, temporary

settling: (n) settlement, subsidence, defecation, dregs, clearing, sinking, dred, remission, cave in; (adj) determining, definitive

severity: (n) rigor, austerity, harshness, roughness, intensity, inclemency, asperity, gravity, hardness, tyranny, violence.

ANTONYMS: (n) leniency, pleasantness, flexibility, clemency, softness, insignificance, warmth,

lenience, brightness

shade: (n, v) screen, tinge, shadow, tint, color, cloud; (n) ghost, hue, blind, conceal, tone. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, glare; (v) brighten, clarify, expose

shades: (n) shade, sunglasses, dark glasses, shadow, glasses, blind, awning, roller blind, eyeglasses **shake:** (n, v) jolt, beat, jar, quiver, wave; (v) agitate, excite, disturb; (adv, v) brandish; (adj, v) quake, totter. ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, steady

shaken: (adj) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (v) passe, lame, broken, threadbare, wilted, shaky, vibrate

shaking: (adj, n) quivering, tremor, jarring; (n) quiver, palpitation, quake; (adj) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering

shame: (n, v) disgrace, dishonor, discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (n) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (v) abash.

ANTONYMS: (n) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (v) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignify

shameful: (adj) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking, ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (adj, v) foul, base, gross, black.

ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent

shameless: (adj) bold, immodest, profligate, depraved, audacious, blatant, barefaced, unscrupulous, impudent, unblushing; (adj, v) graceless. ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, abashed, ashamed, discreet, prudish, apologetic

sharing: (n) communion, dispensation, allotment, generosity, apportionment, pooling, allocation, division, show and tell, sharing out; (adj) sexual

sharpened: (adj) acute, pointed, acuate, sharper, better, sensual

shed: (v) discard, drop, moult, scatter, exuviate, molt, cast off, dismiss; (n) shack, hut, cabin.

ANTONYMS: (v) keep, cover; (adj) persistent

sheets: (n) rain, bed linen

sheltered: (adj) secure, comfortable, screened, safe, secluded, cozy, snug,

covered, shaded; (adj, v) private; (v) covert. ANTONYMS: (adj) vulnerable, sunny, exposed, public, harsh, bleak

shelves: (n) shelf, rack, shelving
shew: (v) demonstrate, prove, show, contradict, establish, substantiate, support, sustain, indicate, exhibit, display. ANTONYM: (v) disprove
shield: (n, v) shelter, screen, cover, guard, safeguard, buffer; (v) preserve, secure, defend, hide; (n) protection. ANTONYMS: (n) danger, exposure; (v) endanger, attack, reveal

shifting: (adj) moving, variable, changeable, fickle, changing, varying, unsettled, movable, fitful; (n) change, movement.

ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, consistent

shine: (n, v) light, sheen, flash, glitter, sparkle, polish, rub; (v) burnish, gleam, blaze; (n) radiance

shire: (n) canton, province, county, country, parish, territory, township, shire, administrative district, Shire horse, administrative division

shocked: (adj) dismayed, aghast, amazed, surprised, stunned, distressed, afraid, speechless, appalled, bewildered, dumbfounded. ANTONYMS: (adj) delighted, indifferent, unaffected

shocking: (adj) frightful, shameful, formidable, ghastly, horrible, hideous, disgraceful, disgusting, scandalous; (adj, v) offensive, abominable. ANTONYMS: (adj) admirable, delightful, pleasing, lovely, comforting, honorable, wonderful, bland, inoffensive, decent, excellent

shoot: (v) discharge, flash, drive, dart, dash, send, photograph; (n) scion, branch; (n, v) sprout, hunt. ANTONYM: (v) trickle

shopping: (n) buying, marketing, purchasing, business, buy, traffic, custom, nundination, patronage, case shopping, retail therapy

shorten: (v) condense, reduce, abbreviate, clip, abridge, cut, curtail, cut back, contract, compress, dock. ANTONYMS: (v) expand, prolong, extend, complicate
shorter: (adj) smaller, inferior
shortness: (n) lack, abruptness, busqueness, curtiness, briefness, shortage, conciseness, gruffness, curtailment, short, shortcoming. ANTONYMS: (n) tallness, height,

longness, wordiness, courtesy

shrewish: (adj) choleric, passionate, fiery, peppery, mischievous, vixenish, peevish, wicked, quick-tempered, sagacious, shrewd
shrink: (adj, v) recoil; (n, v) flinch, wince; (v) contract, shorten, lessen, diminish, cower, reduce, quail, decrease. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, enlarge, grow, stretch, swell, bloom, rise, inflate

shrubbery: (n) brush, plantation, flora, parterre, shrub, scrub, brushwood, hedge, thicket, bushes, area

shrug: (n) motion, nod, leer, nudge, glance, gesture, gesticulation, tip the wink; (v) gesticulate, to shrug one's shoulders; (n, v) signal

shyness: (n) diffidence, modesty, bashfulness, humility, shame, timidity, coyness, pudency, timorousness, backwardness, timidness. ANTONYMS: (n) sociability, brashness, confidence, urbanity, arrogance

sick: (adj) ill, queasy, poorly, ailing, weary, diseased, sickly, morbid; (adj, v) indisposed, unwell; (adj, n) invalid. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, fond, wholesome

sickly: (adj, adv) poorly; (n) invalid; (adj) sick, ailing, pale, sallow, indisposed, morbid, diseased; (adj, n, v) infirm; (adj, v) faint.

ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, bitter, robust

sideboard: (n) cupboard, closet, cellaret, credenza, cabinet, counter, locker, credence, press, snack bar, bin

sigh: (n, v) groan, suspir, murmur; (v) breathe, languish, pine; (n) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration

signal: (n, v) omen, gesture, presage, wave, alert; (n) indication, flag, alarm; (v) indicate; (adj, n) salient, prominent. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconspicuous, ordinary

signify: (n, v) intend, mark; (adj, n, v) import; (v) imply, indicate, denote, point, stand for, express, intimate, matter

silenced: (adj) mute, muffled, disabled

silently: (adv) mutely, stilly, quietly, noiselessly, soundlessly, taciturnly, wordlessly, secretly, speechlessly, placidly, tacitly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loudly, audibly, openly, brazenly
silly: (adj) ridiculous, absurd,

childish, fatuous, irrational, frivolous, idiotic, preposterous, unreasonable; (adj, n) fool; (n) imbecile. ANTONYMS: (adj) mature, wise, rational, clever, advisable, profound, reasonable, responsible, significant

similarity: (n) parallelism, likeness, kinship, parallel, identity, conformity, parity, semblance, sameness, affinity, comparison. ANTONYMS: (n) difference, contrast, disparity, isolation

simpleton: (n) fool, blockhead, dolt, dunce, numskull, ninny, nincompoop, booby, sap, dummy, dullard

sincere: (adj, v) earnest, devout; (adj) genuine, faithful, heartfelt, honest, serious, open, artless, candid; (adj, n) cordial. ANTONYMS: (adj) insincere, dishonest, guarded, flippant, affected, disingenuous, hypocritical, cunning, unfaithful, unenthusiastic, unbelievable

sincerely: (adv) candidly, honestly, really, genuinely, heartily, openly, earnestly, simply, truly, seriously, unrereservedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) dishonestly, affectedly, flippantly, jokingly, untruthfully, unenthusiastically, pretentiously, mildly

sincerity: (adj, n) candor, honesty, integrity, probity, faithfulness; (n) earnestness, heartiness, genuineness, candour, frankness, cordiality. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, hypocrisy, flippancy, frivolity, affectedness, caution, reticence, deceit, doubt

sing: (v) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (n, v) twitter, squeak

singing: (v) sing; (n) chanting, caroling, crooning, hymnody, humming, intonation, scat, psalmody, harmonization; (adj) cantabile. ANTONYM: (adj) silent

singular: (adj, n) extraordinary; (adj) odd, individual, particular, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, queer, single, quaint, exceptional. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, together, usual, customary

sink: (n, v) sag, dip; (v) decline, fall, set, descend, drop, fell, subside, settle; (adj, n, v) droop.

ANTONYMS: (v) rise, float, improve, increase, recover, drift, ascend, raise

sinking: (n) sinkage, settling, fall,

- descent**: foundering, depression, immersion, submersion, submergence; (v) decrease, decline. ANTONYM: (adj) rising
- sister-in-law**: (n) the wife of one's elder brother
- sisterly**: (adj) sororal, fatherly, motherly, sisterlike. ANTONYM: (adj) brotherly
- sisters**: (n) sistren
- situated**: (adj) set, situate, placed, sited, fixed, laid, contextualized, hardened, dictated; (v) locate; (prep) circumstanced
- sixpence**: (n) bender, coin, teston, testern
- sixteen**: (n) large integer
- sixth**: (n) common fraction, interval, musical interval, simple fraction
- sized**: (adj) pasted
- sketch**: (n, v) plan, outline, draft, scheme, picture, project; (n) drawing, cartoon, plot; (v) paint, draw
- slacken**: (adj, n, v) loosen; (v) abate, remit, retard, loose, douse, lessen, slow, slack up; (adj, v) slack; (n, v) ease. ANTONYMS: (v) tense, increase
- slave**: (n) servant, bondman, thrall, bondsman, bondwoman, captive, vassal; (n, v) labor; (v) drudge, work; (adj, n) inferior. ANTONYMS: (adj) free; (v) slack
- sleeping**: (adj) asleep, inactive, latent, sleepy, vegetative, vegetative; (n) dormancy, noctambulism, quiescence, quiescence, short sleep. ANTONYMS: (adj) active; (n) waking
- sleepless**: (adj) insomniac, lidless, vigilant, wakeful, awake, watchful, disturbed, alert, unquiet, uneasy, restive
- slight**: (adj, adv) light; (adj) thin, flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little; (adv, n, v) neglect; (n, v) insult, scorn; (v) ignore. ANTONYMS: (adj) considerable, major, obvious, thickset, severe, wide, fat, intense, heavy, likely; (v) acknowledge
- slighted**: (adj) hurt, injured, insulted, heedless, careless, not regarded, offended, regardless, upset
- slightest**: (adj) minimal, first, smallest amount
- slightingly**: (adv) negligently, slightly, lightly
- slit**: (n, v) score, rip, split, breach, slash, crack, scratch; (n) crevice, gap; (adj, n) cleft; (v) slice
- sloping**: (adj, v) oblique, slope; (adj)
- slanting, inclined, slanted, diagonal, leaning, sloped; (adj, adv) aslope, aslant; (v) slant. ANTONYMS: (adj) horizontal, upright
- slyness**: (n) cunning, craftiness, guile, foxiness, astuteness, artifice, deceit, wiliness, stealth, shrewdness, deceitfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) straightforwardness, frankness
- smallest**: (adj) least, minimal, littlest, lowest, last, first, negligible, smallest number of, bottom, littler. ANTONYM: (adj) maximum
- smart**: (adj, n) sharp, quick, bright; (n, v) pain; (adj) shrewd, crafty, sly, dapper, prompt, astute, intelligent. ANTONYMS: (adj) stupid, scruffy, unkempt, dim, shabby, slow, naive, unfashionable, unstylish, unintelligent, thick
- smiling**: (adv) smilingly; (adj) bright, cheerful, jolly, joyful, of good cheer, twinkly, fair, sunny; (n) grinning, grin. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, gloomy
- smilingly**: (adv, v) happily; (adv) brightly, cheerfully, jolly, joyfully, laughingly
- smoothly**: (adv) easily, evenly, calmly, swimmingly, sleekly, fluently, flatly, softly, quietly, oily; (adj, adv) readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) unevenly, harshly, abrasively, awkwardly, huskily, hesitantly
- sneer**: (n, v) deride, jeer, scorn, flout, ridicule, scoff, mock, leer, grimace, gird; (n) smirk
- sneering**: (adj) contemptuous, disdainful, sarcastic, mocking, snide, scornful, disparaging, disapproving; (n) mockery, disdain; (adv) sneeringly. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, admiring
- snug**: (adj, v) cosy, trim; (adj) cozy, easy, comfy, tight, close, warm, secure, homely; (v) neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) baggy, uncomfortable, unwelcoming, bleak, formal, loose
- softened**: (adj) diffused, muffled, muted, quiet, slow, touched, sluggish, soften, pultaceous, subdued, low-key
- softness**: (n) mildness, kindness, flabbiness, flaccidity, suavity, downiness, gentleness, tenderness, faintness; (adj, n) delicacy; (adj) smoothness. ANTONYMS: (n) rigidity, hoarseness, brightness, hardness, volume, harshness, tone, noise, heaviness, firmness, loudness
- solace**: (n) consolation, relief, balm, solacement; (v) console, allay, relieve, recreate; (n, v) ease, cheer, support. ANTONYMS: (n) distress, grief
- sole**: (n) bottom, flounder, base; (adj) single, singular, one, exclusive, individual, only, alone, solitary. ANTONYM: (adj) common
- solely**: (adj, adv) exclusively, merely, only, alone, barely; (adv) just, but, entirely, wholly, purely, completely
- solemn**: (adj, n, v) serious; (adj, v) sober, important, sedate, devout, formal, demure; (adj) heavy, dignified, sacred; (adj, n) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, cheerful, uncemonious, funny, playful, flippant, relaxed
- solemnity**: (n) seriousness, sobriety, earnestness, formality, ceremony, impressiveness, austerity, sedateness, display, pomp, grandeur. ANTONYMS: (n) humor, levity, cheerfulness, understatement
- solicit**: (v) crave, request, petition, ask, pray, importune, require, apply, implore, demand; (adj, v) court
- solicitation**: (n) petition, appeal, importunity, invitation, entreaty, allurement, request, prayer, instance, demand; (n, v) postulation
- soliciting**: (n) traffic, suit; (adj) petitory, petitioning
- solicitude**: (n) care, consideration, anxiety, thought, apprehension, regard, attention, fear, disquietude, heed, fret. ANTONYMS: (n) negligence, serenity, thoughtlessness
- solidity**: (n) consistency, firmness, density, compactness, reliability, rigidity, substance, consistence, hardness; (adj, n) stiffness, soundness. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, hollowness, porosity, looseness, instability, slenderness, lightness, clearness, limpness
- solitary**: (adj) forlorn, only, alone, single, lonely, lone, sole, unaccompanied, isolated; (adj, n) recluse; (n) hermit. ANTONYMS: (adj) sociable, combined, common, outgoing
- solitude**: (n) desolation, loneliness, seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness, retreat, desert, solitariness. ANTONYMS: (n) companionship, closeness
- sonnet**: (n) ode, verse, poem, elegy, canzonet, eclogue, lay, Anacreontic, poesy, quatorzain; (v) poetize

sooner: (adj, adv) rather, earlier, before, preferably, instead; (adv) first, before now, faster, previously, beforehand; (adj) prior

soothe: (n, v) comfort, allay, console, solace; (v) alleviate, palliate, ease, calm, mitigate; (adj, v) appease; (adj, n, v) assuage. ANTONYMS: (v) upset, irritate, aggravate, annoy, intensify, worry, enrage, scare, provoke, incite, disturb

soothed: (adj) composed

sore: (adj, n, v) hurt; (adj) sensitive, angry, grievous, raw; (n) injury, lesion, cut, boil; (v) acute; (adj, v) sharp. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, healthy, pleased, comfortable

sorely: (adv) severely, tenderly, madly, very, greatly, highly, most, distressingly, extremely, hard, sensitively

sorrow: (n, v) regret, lament, grieve; (v) mourn; (n) mourning, heartache, repentance, remorse; (adj, n) sadness, misery; (adj, n, v) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, delight, happiness, peace, hopefulness, cheerfulness, shamelessness, calm, content; (v) rejoice

soul: (n) creature, human, person, personification, ghost, individual, mind, essence, life, self; (adj, n) heart. ANTONYMS: (n) surface, body

soup: (v) pottage, potage, drink, liquor; (n) juice, gumbo, mulligatawny, borscht, bortsch, borsht; (adj) emulsion

sour: (adj, n) morose, harsh; (adj, v) acid; (adj) bitter, rancid, gruff, grim, glum, dour; (adj, n, v) severe; (v) ferment. ANTONYMS: (adj) kindly, pleasant, bland, amiable, fresh, mature, mild, kind; (v) sweeten, enhance

spacious: (adj) broad, extensive, large, wide, ample, commodious, vast, capacious, comprehensive, open, great. ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, narrow, airless, overcrowded

spare: (adj, v) free, reserve, save, thin; (adj) slender, slight, additional, lean; (adj, n) extra, excess; (v) exempt. ANTONYMS: (n) shortfall, original; (adj) principal, fat, basic, abundant, stout; (v) need, include

speaks: (n) talks

speculation: (n) guess, venture, reflection, meditation, guesswork, gamble, supposition, theory, surmise, adventure, conjecture.

ANTONYM: (n) fact

speedily: (adj, adv) quickly, quick, immediately; (adv) rapidly, promptly, hastily, swiftly, fast, apace, hurriedly, fleetly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) later, eventually

speedy: (adj, v) rapid, prompt, fleet, swift; (adj) fast, agile, ready,

immediate, cursory, hurried, brisk.

ANTONYMS: (adj) leisurely,

plodding

sphere: (n) region, range, province, domain, realm, area, department, round, ball, circle, globe

spiritless: (adj) listless, inanimate,

languid, flat, cheerless, soulless, dead, depressed; (adj, v) feeble, low; (v) soft. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, lively, happy, decisive

spirits: (n) alcohol, booze, humor, frame of mind, liqueur, strong drink, hard drink; (adj) cheer, geniality, good humor; (v) wine

spite: (n) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (n, v) pique. ANTONYMS: (v) please; (n) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony

spiteful: (adj) malicious, malevolent, sinister, nasty, malignant, venomous, spiteful, ill-natured, vindictive, cruel, hateful. ANTONYMS: (adj) benevolent, harmless, merciful, kindhearted, friendly, pleasant, loving, benign, generous, gentle, flattering

spleen: (n) spite, anger, resentment, rage, lien, malice, bitterness, rancour, huff, grudge, rancor. ANTONYM: (n) affection

splendid: (adj, n, v) illustrious, glorious; (adj) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (adj, n) magnificent, noble, grand; (adj, v) brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby

splendour: (n) pomp, magnificence, lustre, splendor, luster, brilliancy, resplendence, luxury, grandeur, grandness, brilliance

spoilt: (adj) spoiled, blighted, be stunted, destroyed, unsound, corrupt, disordered, reproduced fraudulently, defective, defiled, big

sportive: (adj) frolicsome, jocund, gay, jolly, cheerful, lively, merry, rollicking, mirthful, vivacious, blithe

spots: (n) damp, drifter, floater, floating policy, muscae volitantes, Musca volitans

spreading: (n) dissemination, propagation, dispersion, circulation, spread, dispersal, extension, scatter, distribution; (adj) scattering, diffusing

springing: (v) jumping, climbing, bounding, furious, conspicuous, prominent, ascending, projecting outwardly; (n) growth, suspension, emanation

spur: (n) inducement, incentive, impulse, stimulus; (n, v) prod, prick, incite, prompt; (v) provoke, impel, animate. ANTONYMS: (n) discouragement, disincentive, deterrent; (v) calm, delay, inhibit

spurned: (adj) jilted, unloved

squeamish: (adj) fastidious, finicky, delicate, queasy, dainty, prudish, prissy, finical, difficult, touchy, overnice

stability: (n) durability, firmness, poise, permanence, equilibrium, solidity, security, balance, stableness, strength, endurance. ANTONYMS: (n) unsteadiness, inconstancy, fluctuation, upheaval, softness, interruption, flimsiness, inconsistency, imbalance

staggered: (adj) dumbfounded, astonished, flabbergasted, astounded, stunned, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, angular, dizzy, taken aback

staid: (adj, v) serious, sedate, grave, solemn, sober, demure; (adj) calm, quiet, composed, somber, decorous. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, exciting, funny, daring, playful, bright, relaxed

staircase: (n) stair, ladder, flight, steps, flight of steps, stairs, backstairs, escalator, companionway, way, entrance

stamp: (n, v) print, imprint, mark, seal, brand, impress, cast, punch, shape; (v) trample; (n) impression

stands: (n) bleachers, stood, grandstand, standing, stop, covered stand, standpoint, stall, sales booth, reviewing stand, rack

startled: (adj) dumbfounded, dismayed, distressed, aghast, frightened, astonished, amazed, terrified, afraid, shocked, astounded

starve: (v) fast, crave, lust, hunger, thirst, perish, be hungry, deprive, benumb; (adj, v) pinch; (adj) gripe. ANTONYMS: (v) feed, eat

stated: (adj) set, declared, explicit, regular, certain, established, settled, avowed, alleged, definite; (adv) given
stateliness: (n) loftiness, magnificence, dignity, nobility, splendor, grandeur, greatness, grandness, starched stateliness, impressiveness, decorum. ANTONYM: (n) simplicity
stately: (adj) solemn, imposing, elegant; (adj, v) noble, dignified, grand, proud, great; (adj, adv) regal, majestic, royal. ANTONYMS: (adj) boisterous, humble, modest, lowly
stating: (n) reference
staying: (n) stays, arrest; (adj) continual, old, left
stays: (n) bodice, stay, girdle, panty girdle, stayed, staying, foundation, corsette, sash, slip, corselet
steadfast: (adj, v) solid, firm, permanent, loyal, fast, fixed, immovable, faithful; (adj) resolute, determined, steady. ANTONYMS: (adj) irresolute, disloyal, unreliable, undependable, uncommitted, weak, transient, fickle, compliant, acquiescent, inconstant
steadfastly: (adv) steadily, solidly, unwaveringly, resolutely, unfalteringly, unswervingly, determinedly, faithfully, persistently, permanently, staunchly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unreliably, irresolutely, unfaithfully
steadily: (adv) constantly, stably, regularly, fixedly, strongly, continually, steadfastly, uniformly, tightly, calmly, determinedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unsteadily, nervously, loosely, weakly, rapidly, suddenly, excitedly, haphazardly, inconsistently, unevenly
steadiness: (adj, n) stability, firmness, steadfastness; (n) regularity, equilibrium, consistency, resolution, permanence, persistence, sureness; (adj) stableness. ANTONYMS: (n) unsteadiness, instability, unreliability
steady: (adj, v) steadfast, even, secure, resolute, regular, calm, sedate; (adj, adv) stable; (adj) constant, continual, fixed. ANTONYMS: (adj) shaky, wobbly, intermittent, unreliable, irregular, fluctuating, inconsistent, unbalanced, unstable, unfaithful; (adv) unsteadily
stem: (n) root, bow, branch, stalk, bole, stick, shank, handle; (v)

originate, block, arrest. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, accelerate
stepped: (v) advanced, gone, stopen
stepping: (n) steps
steward: (n) flight attendant, waiter, keeper, warden, attendant, curator, caretaker, administrator, janitor, chamberlain, stewardess
stiffly: (adv) firmly, stiff, awkwardly, unbendingly, difficultly, woodenly, strongly, formally, stringently, clumsily, strictly. ANTONYM: (adv) loosely
stiffness: (n) hardness, severity, inflexibility, rigor, clumsiness, firmness, awkwardness, inclemency, harshness, tension, roughness. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, looseness, suppleness, weakness, ease, malleability, friendliness, relaxation, leniency, smoothness, limpness
stir: (adj, n, v) move, bustle; (v) rouse, arouse, affect, agitate, inspire; (adj, n) movement; (n) commotion, excitement, disturbance. ANTONYMS: (v) dampen, retire, stultify, bore, steady, stifle, suppress; (n) quiet, peace; (n, v) calm
stirring: (adj) lively, exciting, alive, rousing, spirited, touching, thrilling, active; (n) agitation; (v) eventful, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressing, boring, inactive, dull, conciliatory, asleep, uninspiring, unimpressive; (n) suppression
stoke: (v) tend, hit, paddle, tap, slap lightly, touch
stole: (n) wrap, stolen, scarf, stolon, stealing, robe, alb, tunicle, surplice, alba, cassock
stopping: (n) stoppage, cessation, shutdown, padding, fillet, suspension, stay, discontinuation, abeyance, interruption; (adv) haltingly
storing: (n) warehousing, accumulation, congestion, deposition, harvest, repositing, stockpiling
storm: (n, v) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (v) fume; (n) shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust. ANTONYM: (n) trickle
stout: (adj, n) sturdy, stocky, hearty; (adj) hardy, strong, robust, obese, husky, bold, corpulent, fleshy. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, slim, flimsy, cowardly, slight, skinny, fragile, weak
stoutly: (adv) sturdily, robustly, strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. ANTONYM: (adv) feebly
strangely: (adv) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously
strangeness: (n) oddity, oddness, quaintness, peculiarity, curiosities, abnormality, weirdness, foreignness, queerness, singularity, quirk. ANTONYMS: (n) familiarity, nativeness
stranger: (n) foreigner, outsider, newcomer, outlander, immigrant, intruder, unknown, tramontane, trespasser; (adj) foreign, strange. ANTONYMS: (n) pal, native, associate, resident, familiar
strangers: (n) stranger
stream: (adj, n, prep, v) current, course; (n, prep, v) flood; (n, v) brook, run, crowd, jet, gush; (n) river; (v) pour, swarm. ANTONYMS: (n) shortage; (v) drizzle
strenuously: (adv) energetically, zealously, arduously, severely, forcefully, earnestly, laboriously, busily, toilsomely, forwardly, hardly
stretch: (adj, n, v) strain; (adj, v) extend, elongate, lengthen; (n) extent, expanse; (v) prolong, draw; (n, v) run, spread, range. ANTONYMS: (v) shorten, shrink, withdraw, narrow, relax; (adj) inflexible
stretched: (adj) extended, stiff, tight, tense, stretched out, strained, expanded, outstretched, elongated, outspread, prolonged. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, short
stretching: (n) tension, stretch, expansion, workout, reach, amplification, stretchiness, enlargement; (adj) stretched, long; (v) extend
strictly: (adv) rigorously, severely, exactly, correctly, stringently, sternly, rigidly, precisely, closely, literally, harshly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, leniently, lightheartedly, negligently, inaccurately, unlawfully, falsely, amenably
striking: (adj) outstanding, dramatic, spectacular, salient, imposing, conspicuous, vivid, remarkable,

notable, astonishing; (n) strike. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, ordinary, unimpressive, unremarkable, inconspicuous, unattractive, uninteresting, plain, insignificant, humble, obscure

strikingly: (adj, adv) notably, signally, unusually, singularly; (adv) prominently, stunningly, imposingly, impressively, markedly, outstandingly, obviously

striving: (n) nisus, pains, endeavor, strife, try, strain, attempt, strive, ambition, struggle, exertion.

ANTONYM: (adj) unmotivated

stroke: (adj, n) blow; (n, v) touch, caress, mark, buffet, lick, pat; (n) beat, hit, knock, bang

stroll: (n, v) ramble, saunter, walk, amble, wander, promenade, tramp, hike; (v) roam, go for a walk, range

stronger: (adj) reprobate, insensible, reproof, iniquity, hardening, shameless, graceless, immoralities, ministry; (v) Milman, misery

struck: (adj, v) smitten; (v) stroke; (adj) affected, afflicted, doting, dotty, enamored, gaga, hurt, in love, infatuated

struggling: (v) strive; (adj) harassed, hostile, under pressure, stressed, aggressive, agonizing, rebellious, belligerent, careworn; (n) collation

stubbornness: (n) firmness, bullheadedness, inflexibility, pertinacity, contumacy, resoluteness, resolve, tenacity, obstinancy, impenitency, determination. ANTONYMS: (n) compliance, flexibility, indecisiveness

studied: (adj) deliberate, calculated, conscious, premeditated, affected, elaborate, learned, intended, designed, willful; (v) advised. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, unstudied, casual

studious: (adj) scholarly, bookish, academic, assiduous, erudite, diligent, learned, careful, deliberate; (adj, v) thoughtful, reflective.

ANTONYM: (adj) negligent

studying: (n) poring over, perusal, study, learning, reading, speculation

stuffy: (adj) close, musty, stodgy, airless, stale, sultry, stifling, muggy, sweltering, ponderous, vapid.

ANTONYMS: (adj) airy, relaxed, clear, fresh, modern, lively

stumbling: (adj) lurching, astounding, hesitant, halting,

awkward, astonishing, maladroit, clumsy, weaving; (adv) stumblingly; (n) hesitation. ANTONYM: (adj) firm

stupidity: (n) foolishness, nonsense, obtuseness, dullness, fatuity, absurdity, stolidity, slowness, denseness, idiocy, imbecility. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, logic, cleverness, shrewdness, wisdom, ability

subjection: (n) conquest, oppression, captivity, bondage, confinement, servitude, dependence, enslavement, slavery, repression, subjugation

subjoin: (v) annex, affix, append, add, attach, eke, superpose, augment, connect, join, tack on

submit: (v) comply, obey, acquiesce, give in, present, hand in, put forward, hand over, propose, give; (n, v) resign. ANTONYMS: (v) resist, persevere, defy, overpower, face, disobey, conquer

sustsist: (v) exist, be, survive, abide, last, reside, live on, dwell, obtain, continue, breathe. ANTONYM: (v) perish

subsisting: (adj) extant, living

substance: (adj, n) subject; (n) body, significance, import, material, matter, meaning, amount, means, gist, core. ANTONYMS: (n) meaninglessness, lightness, surface

substitute: (n) deputy, backup, delegate; (n, v) alternate, shift, surrogate; (adj, n) alternative, makeshift; (v) change, replace, fill in

succeed: (v) follow, arrive, prosper, prevail, manage, supplant, ensue, supersede, do, achieve, flourish. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, precede, lose, botch, restore, neglect, Miss, deteriorate

succeeding: (adj) following, subsequent, after, consecutive, posterior, ensuing, consequent, successive, consequential; (adj, adv) later; (v) succeed. ANTONYMS: (adj) outgoing, preceding

succession: (n) series, run, round, chain, string, lineage, row, continuation, concatenation, course, reversion

successively: (adv) in turn, one after the other, in succession, sequentially, serially, running, in order, gradually, subsequently, repeatedly, one after another

successor: (n) heir, inheritor, beneficiary, offspring, replacement,

progeny, sequel, scion, alternate, heritor, successor. ANTONYMS: (n) forerunner, precursor, predecessor, ancestor

suddenness: (n) steepness, hastiness, precipitance, precipitancy, precipitateness, sudden, craggedness, surprise, precipitousness, brusqueness, curtiness

sufferer: (n) victim, martyr, prey, casualty, invalid, depressive, diseased person, sick person, rheumatic, diabetic, neurotic

sufficiently: (adv) fully, satisfactorily, enough, amply, quite, properly, competently, decently, abundantly, goodly, completely. ANTONYM: (adv) inadequately

suggesting: (n) proposal; (adj) symptomatic of, insinuating, suggestive of

suitableness: (n) fitness, appropriateness, convenience, consonance, navigability, pertinency, adaptableness, congruity, agreeableness; (adj, n) propriety; (n, v) agreement

suited: (adj, v) proper, fit, fitted, adapted, convenient; (adj) appropriate, good, apt, eligible, capable, useful. ANTONYMS: (adj) incompatible, wrong, inappropriate

suiting: (n) cloth, fabric, fitting, disposition, settlement, regulation, adaptation, adjustment; (adj) corresponding, conformable, answering

summon: (v) assemble, convene, demand, ask, invoke, evoke, invite, muster, page, rally, convoke. ANTONYM: (v) disband

summons: (n) call, invitation, bidding, process, writ, invocation, warrant, command; (n, v) summon; (v) demand, cite

sunk: (adj) sunken, undone, finished, ruined, profound, immersed, damaged, lowed, lying flat; (v) cut up, dashed

supercilious: (adj) proud, haughty, disdainful, lofty, contemptuous, contumelious, cavalier, lordly, arrogant, scornful, high and mighty. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, affable

superciliousness: (n) arrogance, haughtiness, condescension, disdainfulness, pride, contemptuousness, condescendingness, airs, conceit, insult, loftiness. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, respect

superintendence: (n) oversight, direction, management, inspection, control, government, surveillance, supervising, care, guidance, invigilation

superior: (adj) dominant, exceptional, predominant, better, great, proud, arrogant, excellent, select, high; (adj, n) elder. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) inferior, subscript; (adj) humble, worse, poor, adscript, junior, lesser, low; (n) subordinate, associate

superiority: (n) predominance, priority, excellence, mastery, precedence, preference, distinction, supremacy, domination, eminence; (adj, n) odds. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, weakness, friendliness, mediocrity, simplicity

superlatively: (adv) perfectly, preeminently, excellently, matchlessly, extremely, outstandingly, splendidly, magnificently, consummately, brilliantly, absolutely

superseded: (adj) outmoded, archaic, extinct, obsolete, out of date, outdated

supper: (n) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (v) *dejeuner*, *bever*, whet

supplication: (n, v) entreaty, solicitation; (n) petition, invocation, appeal, request, rogation, plea, orison, blessing, imploration

supplied: (n) supplying; (adj) adequate, ample, copious, complete, fitted, impregnated, made pregnant, offered, perfect, plenteous.

ANTONYM: (adj) unavailable

supplying: (n) supply, issue, feeding, logistics, issuing, issuance, irrigation, alimentation, purveyance; (v) furnish, provide

supposing: (adv) admitting, conditionally, in case; (n) supposition, conjecture, thought, theory, assumption; (conj) although, what if; (v) suppose

supposition: (n, v) conjecture; (n) assumption, hypothesis, presumption, premise, speculation, surmise, guess, supposal, thought, imagination. ANTONYMS: (n) fact, knowledge, proof, reality, practice

suppress: (v) subdue, silence, quell, check, stifle, restrain, subjugate, curb, crush, strangle, oppress.

ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, stimulate, incite, expose, declare, resist, confess, divulge, surrender, advertise, acknowledge

suppressed: (adj) stifled, smothered, strangled, repressed, downtrodden, buried, hidden, pent-up, latent, untold; (n) subordinate.

ANTONYMS: (adj) publicized, overt
surmise: (n, v) guess; (v) suppose, suspect, presume, imagine, divine, doubt; (n) hypothesis, supposition, speculation, assumption.

ANTONYMS: (n) knowledge, measurement

surmount: (v) overcome, conquer, subdue, defeat, master, excel, transcend, outstrip, surpass, vanquish, outmatch. ANTONYMS: (v) yield, fail

surpass: (v) beat, outdo, exceed, surmount, better, excel, outstrip, overcome, overrun, best, go beyond. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, follow, trail

surpassing: (adj) excellent, superior, transcendent, exceptional, prodigious, fine, outstanding, extraordinary; (v) surpass; (adv) surpassingly; (prep) above

surrounded: (adj) enclosed, ringt, not independent, ringed, inside, rooted, conditioned, circumstanted, bounded; (v) beset, furnished

surrounding: (prep) round, about; (adj) encompassing, encircling, environmental, circumambient, adjoining; (adv) around; (n) surroundings, circumstances, enclosing

surveying: (n) mensuration, measurement, investigation, triangulation; (v) inspect, examine; (adj) observant

survivor: (n) person, unfortunate, survivor, somebody, animal, animate being, beast, brute, subsister, creature, someone

susceptibility: (n) sensitivity, liability, impressibility, inclination, capability, sensibility, susceptibility, receptivity, responsiveness, proclivity, tendency. ANTONYMS: (n) resistance, insensitivity

suspect: (v) mistrust, suppose, distrust, conjecture, guess, surmise, divine, disbelief; (adj) fishy, questionable, shady. ANTONYMS: (adj) trustworthy, trusted, innocent, reliable, credible, aboveboard; (n) plaintiff; (v) know, believe

suspected: (adj) supposed, doubted, suspicious, suspicion, inspiring distrust, distrusted

suspend: (adj, v) defer, put off; (v)

interrupt, stop, adjourn, postpone, hang, dangle, stay, shelve, debar.

ANTONYMS: (v) continue, sustain, rise, finish, advance, inaugurate

suspended: (adj) hanging, dormant, pendulous, abeyant, dangling, in abeyance, inactive, pendant, in suspension, penile, suspensory

suspense: (n) doubt, expectancy, anticipation, indecision, insecurity, unrest, expectation, irresolution, suspension, tension; (adj, n) hesitation. ANTONYM: (n) knowledge

suspicion: (n) distrust, inkling, misgiving, hunch, qualm, scruple, surmise, supposition; (n, v) doubt, mistrust, fear. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, knowledge, information, carelessness, recklessness, certitude

suspicious: (adj) entertain doubts, have doubts; (n) doubts, misgivings, reservations, qualms, worries, fears, uncertainties

suspicious: (adj) questionable, distrustful, shady, queer, doubtful, dubious, incredulous, fishy, funny, jealous, mistrustful. ANTONYMS: (adj) gullible, trustworthy, aggressive, aboveboard, certain, unsuspecting, unquestionable, believable, straight, palpable, innocent

sustained: (adj) prolonged, long, continuous, constant, chronic, free burning, perennial, supported, permanent, sostenuto, protracted. ANTONYM: (adj) brief

swallowed: (adj) engulfed, gulped, inundated, overcome, overwhelmed, flooded, overpowered, enclosed

sweetness: (n) sugariness, sweet, redolence, pleasantness, fragrance, aroma, charm, perfume, amenity, niceness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) sourness, sharpness, unpleasantness, harshness, tastelessness, unkindness

sweet-tempered: (adj) sweet, amiable

swell: (n, v) rise, heave, increase, wave, billow; (v) enlarge, expand, puff, grow, bloat; (adj, n) dandy. ANTONYMS: (v) deflate, desiccate, shrink, compress, concentrate, wane; (n, v) decline; (adj) bad, horrible, shabby, awful

swelled: (adj) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder
swelling: (n) protuberance, lump, swell, intumescence, growth,

projection: prominence, bulge, dropsy; (adj, v) inflated; (adj) growing. ANTONYM: (n) decline

syllable: (n) antepenultimate, antepenult, penultima, penultimate, articulate, utter, linguistic unit, solfa syllable, speech sound, syllabe, language unit

symmetry: (n) proportion, order, regularity, correspondence, equilibrium, harmony, consistency, coextension, bilaterality, parity, symmetricalness. ANTONYMS: (n) irregularity, disproportion, unevenness, imbalance

sympathise: (v) sympathize, commiserate, empathise, empathize, gather, infer, interpret, read, realise, realize, see

symptom: (n) indication, note, mark, evidence, manifestation, token, signal, characteristic, omen, Rousseau's sign, ague

symptoms: (n) syndrome

synonymously: (adv) equivalently, similarly

titillate: (adj) silent, implicit, understood, implied, undeclared, unspoken, voiceless, mute, mum; (n) tace; (v) not expressed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) spoken, express

taciturn: (adj) silent, quiet, reserved, uncommunicative, speechless, secretive, mute, withdrawn, distant, mum, incommunicative.

ANTONYMS: (adj) wordy, voluble, communicative, forthcoming, fluent, open

tackle: (n) equipment, rigging, kit, paraphernalia, rig, fishing tackle; (v) harness, deal with, handle, undertake, set about. ANTONYMS: (v) forget, ignore, dodge, neglect

talent: (n) genius, ability, aptitude, capacity, skill, knack, flair, capability; (n, v) endowment, faculty; (adj, n) cleverness.

ANTONYMS: (n) incapacity, lack, stupidity, incompetence, ineptness, drawback

talents: (adj) talent, ability, capacity, parts, ingenuity, cleverness, turn; (n) faculty, endowment, genius, accomplishment

talker: (n) speaker, conversationalist, orator, chatterbox, babbler, raver, stammerer, chatterer, speechmaker, caller, mutterer

tanned: (adj) bronzed, suntanned, browned; (n) brunette.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pale, untanned

taught: (adj) instructed, educated,

schooled, instruct, well-bred, scholarly, provided; (v) firm, fast, close, taut

teach: (v) enlighten, educate, instruct, coach, indoctrinate, drill, learn, lecture, school; (adj, v) guide, show

tear: (n, v) rip, break, split, rupture, crack, run, slit; (v) pull, rend, lacerate; (adj, v) rush. ANTONYMS: (v) wait, mend, idle, fix, amble, dawdle

tease: (n, v) annoy; (adj, v) molest, harry, worry, bait; (v) taunt, kid, pester, plague, provoke, mock. ANTONYM: (v) placate

teasing: (n) tease, play, joke, fun, banter; (adj) quizzical, vexatious, pestering, annoying, playful; (v) worrying. ANTONYM: (n) seriousness

tedious: (adj) tiresome, boring, dreary, slow, heavy, humdrum, irksome, lifeless; (adj, v) monotonous, arid, dry.

ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, varied, easy, readable, lively, entertaining, enthralling, brisk, concise, exotic, pleasant

temper: (adj, v) moderate, soften, mitigate, harden; (n) character, disposition, humor, nature; (v) modify, season, qualify.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) upset; (v) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (n) composure, happiness, wrath, equanimity

tempered: (adj) attempered, temperate, moderated, toughened, subdued, set, enured, proportioned, properly adapted, emotionally hardened, treated. ANTONYM: (adj) untempered

tempt: (adj, v) attract, allure; (v) entice, decoy, charm, inveigle, invite, coax, seduce, fascinate, attempt. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, appall, repel

temptation: (n, v) lure, enticement, bait; (n) attraction, allurement, invitation, seduction, inducement, allure, appeal, pull. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, discouragement

tenant: (n) lodger, resident, lessee, inhabitant, renter, leaseholder, occupier, holder, inmate; (v) occupy, inhabit. ANTONYM: (n) proprietor

tendency: (n, v) drift; (n) proclivity, propensity, leaning, trend, direction, inclination, partiality, disposition, bent, course. ANTONYM: (n) dislike

tender: (n, v) offer, proffer, bid; (adj, v) affectionate; (adj) painful,

sensitive, soft, loving, sore; (v) propose, present. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, rubbery, hard, rough, uncaring, healthy, mature, unfeeling, cold, experienced; (v) withdraw

tenderly: (adv) softly, kindly, delicately, affectionately, fondly, warmly, painfully, sensitively, caringly, sympathetically, gently. ANTONYMS: (adv) roughly, severely, disapprovingly, harshly

tenderness: (n) fondness, soreness, love, affection, sympathy; (adj, n) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy.

ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment

tenor: (n) purport, meaning, substance, tendency, spirit, tone, mood, effect, set, temper; (adj) soprano

tens: (n) transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation

tent: (n) awning, marquee, pavilion, canopy, collapsible shelter, tabernacle, attention, pack tent, parasol, pop tent; (n, v) camp

tents: (n) encampment

termination: (n) close, end, conclusion, result, dissolution, cessation, expiration, finale, finish, completion, issue. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning, preservation, initiation, inauguration, creation

terrific: (adj) tremendous, fantastic, great, wonderful, dreadful, formidable, splendid, brilliant, marvellous; (adj, v) terrible, shocking. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, abysmal, bad, calm, moderate, nasty, dreadful, insignificant, ordinary, unremarkable

testimony: (n, v) attestation, witness; (n) declaration, proof, evidence, testimonial, confirmation, statement, affidavit, affirmation, profession

tete-a-tete: (n) gab, conversation, chat

thankful: (adj) appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, contented, pleased, gratified, relieved, under obligation, appreciative, welcome.

ANTONYMS: (adj) worried, unappreciative, unthankful, sorry

thankfully: (adv) gratefully, obligedly, beholdenly, indebtedly, pleasedly, fortunately, happily, unrereservedly, with enthusiasm, with pleasure, freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) unfortunately, unwillingly

thankfulness: (n) appreciation,

gratefulness, appreciativeness, thanks, credit, merit, recognition

thankng: (n) curtain call, appreciation, acknowledgement, blessing

thence: (adv) therefore, thus, therefrom, thereof, consequently, then, so, thereafter, thenceforth, since, on account of

thereby: (adv) whereby, hereby

therein: (adv) in this, in there

thereupon: (adv) hereupon, next, then, immediately, therefore, therewith, in the sequel, close upon, upon which, whereupon, accordingly

thirdly: (adv) third, tertiarily, in the third place, thrice

thirteen: (n) long dozen, large integer

thither: (adv) hither, whither, on that point, in that respect, at that place, in that location; (adj) further, ulterior, remoter, succeeding, more distant

thorough: (adj) complete, full, profound, exhaustive, absolute, good, comprehensive, detailed, extensive, sweeping, careful.

ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, sketchy, careless, slack, imperfect, sloppy, rushed, restricted, inadequate, halfhearted, dense

thoroughly: (adv, v) fully; (adv) entirely, totally, soundly, exhaustively, carefully, absolutely, perfectly, deeply, utterly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, negligently, partially, partly, barely, halfheartedly, deficiently, inadequately, insufficiently, hastily

thoughtful: (adj, v) serious, solemn, grave; (adj) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking

thoughtfulness: (n) kindness, tact, deliberation, attentiveness, contemplativeness, attention, introspection, meditation, pensiveness, reflection, reflexion.

ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtlessness, carelessness, cruelty, rashness, unthoughtfulness, inconsideration, unkindness, selfishness, insensitivity, neglect, cheerfulness

thoughtless: (adj, v) careless, heedless, rash, improvident; (adj) reckless, inattentive, hasty,

unthinking, negligent, neglectful, imprudent. ANTONYMS: (adj) considerate, considered, heedful, prudent, kind, cautious, mindful, responsible, attentive, observant, sensible

thoughtlessness: (n) inconsideration, rashness, carelessness, impulsiveness, imprudence, indiscretion, heedlessness, bluntness, foolhardiness, neglect, negligence. ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtfulness, care, responsibility, carefulness, caution, wisdom, diplomacy, sensitivity

threadbare: (adj, v) stale, shabby, dilapidated, bald, frayed, faded; (adj) hackneyed, worn, banal, trite, tattered. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, unused, reliable, fresh, unworn, pristine, original

thrown: (adj) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (n) reminder.

ANTONYM: (adj) calm

thwarted: (adj) disappointed, foiled, discomfited, defeated, not victorious, baffled, balked, beaten, upset, embarrassed, saddened.

ANTONYM: (adj) satisfied

tide: (n, v) wave, flood, surge; (n) stream, flow, course, drift, time, high tide, run, piping times.

ANTONYM: (v) ebb

tidings: (n) intelligence, information, message, report, word, advice, communication, dispute, wind, statement, tidings

tires: (v) pressure release valve, safety valve

tiresome: (adj) tedious, dull, laborious, irksome, monotonous, annoying, slow, dreary, bothersome; (adj, v) wearisome, troublesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) stimulating, fun, varied, soothing, pleasant, brisk, exciting, convenient, refreshing

toilette: (n) dress, costume, attire, raiment, drapery, guise, trim, John, lavatory, privy, bathroom

token: (n) memento, souvenir, note, keepsake, sign, relic, stamp, signal, indication; (adj) nominal; (n, v) trace. ANTONYM: (adj) great

tolerable: (adj) passable, mediocre, bearable, fair, middling, reasonable, adequate, respectable, endurable, sufferable; (adj, v) satisfactory. ANTONYMS: (adj) intolerable, exceptional, unbearable,

unsatisfactory, bad, inadequate, appalling, inadmissible

tolerably: (adv) well enough, passably, acceptably, reasonably, enough, moderately, to a tolerable degree, pretty, to an adequate degree; (adj, adv) somewhat; (adj) pretty well. ANTONYMS: (adv) unbearably, intolerably, unacceptably, unreasonably, insufficiently, inadequately

tongue: (n) lingua, speech, idiom, dialect, clapper, glossa, natural language, striker, talk; (v) lick; (adj) flowing

topic: (n) theme, question, matter, affair, issue, text, point, business, subject matter, substance, area

torment: (n, v) tease, distress, harass, afflict, pain, annoy; (n) agony, anguish, suffering; (v) persecute, oppress. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight, placate, comfort, soothe; (n) contentment, happiness, pleasure, calm, content

tormenting: (v) bothering, teasing, pestering, harassing; (adj) harrowing, perturbing, plaguy, raging, upsetting, vexatious; (adj, v) worrying

tortured: (adj) anguished, suffering, agonized, excruciate, excruciated, gnarled, hagridden, miserable, woeful, hurt

touched: (adj) insane, cracked, tinged, not right, daft, crazy, nutty; (v) compassionate, sympathetic, pitiful, mucid. ANTONYMS: (adj) untouched, sane, unemotional, unmoved, well

toward: (prep) to, towards, approaching, headed for, just before, of, in the direction of; (adv, prep) on; (adv) about, around, by.

ANTONYMS: (prep) from, away

trace: (n, v) line, shadow, spot, hunt, trail; (n) dash, clue, indication, suggestion, sign; (v) pursue.

ANTONYMS: (v) ignore; (n) lot, overtone

traced: (adj) graphic

tractable: (adj, prep) docile; (adj) obedient, ductile, tame, gentle, yielding, manageable; (adj, v) pliable, flexible, pliant, plastic.

ANTONYMS: (adj) intractable, unmanageable, unruly, rebellious

tradesman: (n) shopkeeper, dealer, merchant, market keeper, cleaner, florist, hosier, retailer, tradespeople, businessman, retail dealer

trait: (n) characteristic, attribute,

quality, character, idiosyncrasy, property; (adj, n) peculiarity, trick; (n, v) lineament; (v) stroke, touch

tranquil: (adj, v) quiet, unruffled, smooth; (adj, n) peaceful; (adj) placid, still, serene, sedate, collected, composed, equable. ANTONYMS: (adj) noisy, tense, agitated, anxious, troubled, bustling, loud, perturbed, frenetic, moving, bothered

tranquillity: (adj, n, v) quiet; (n) serenity, quietness, relaxation, quietude, peacefulness, calmness; (n, v) repose, rest; (adj, n) stillness, calm. ANTONYMS: (n) noise, agitation, movement, panic, turbulence, turmoil

tranquilly: (adv) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stilly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, noisily

transactions: (n) minutes, dealings, records, traffic, business, memoir, legal proceeding, judicial proceeding, intercourse, Hansard, proceeding

transient: (adj) fleeting, temporary, passing, transitory, fugacious, ephemeral, momentary, temporal, provisional; (adj, n) fugitive, vagabond. ANTONYMS: (adj) enduring, lasting, immanent, long; (n) resident

transition: (n) passage, transit, conversion, changeover, alteration, modulation, jump, transformation, modification, shift, leap

travelled: (adj) cosmopolitan

travelling: (n) travel, peregrination, riding, commuting, aviation, driving, commutation, seafaring, junketing, circumnavigation, journey

treasure: (n) gem, fortune, riches, funds; (n, v) hoard, prize, store; (v) cherish, appreciate; (adj, n) jewel, precious stone. ANTONYMS: (v) dislike, disparage, scorn, neglect; (n) dud, poverty

treasured: (adj) precious, prized, dear, beloved, loved, valued, appreciated, favorite, etched in your mind, esteemed, invited.

ANTONYM: (adj) unremarkable

treating: (adj) remedial

tremble: (adj, n, v) shiver; (n, v) quiver, shudder, thrill, palpitate; (adj, v) totter, quake; (n) throb; (v) flutter, quail, falter. ANTONYMS: (v) steady, calm

trembling: (adj, n) shaking; (adj, n, v) tremor; (adj) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (n) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, steady

trepidation: (n) fear, tremor, alarm, apprehension, fright, terror, dread, dismay, consternation, perturbation, disquiet. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, calm, confidence, equanimity, bravery, reassurance

trespass: (adj, v) offend; (n, v) sin, breach; (n) offense, invasion, infringement, encroachment; (v) encroach, infringe, intrude, invade

tress: (n) pigtail, braid, lock, curl, ringlet, strand; (adj, n) hair; (adj) shag, mane, brush, imperial

tribute: (n) commendation, tax, honor, testimonial, duty, homage, respect, eulogy, compliment; (n, v) contribution, subsidy. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, accusation, dishonor

tricks: (n) actions, behavior, thing, clowning around, fooling, magic, plunder, possession, activities

trifle: (n, v) play; (adj, n, v) trinket; (v) dally, fiddle, flirt, fool, frivol; (n) nothing, triviality, detail; (adj, n) bagatelle

trifling: (adj) paltry, slight, petty, negligible, immaterial, worthless, trivial, minor, small; (adj, v) inconsequential; (adj, n) frivolity. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, worthwhile, major, considerable, crucial, enormous, great, mature, profound, substantial; (n) importance

trim: (adj, v) tidy, spruce; (adj, n, v) dress; (n, v) cut, clip, garnish, lop; (adj) neat, orderly; (v) shave, embellish. ANTONYMS: (adj) scruffy, unkempt, sloppy, large, chubby, disorderly, overweight; (v) lengthen, develop, expand, lose

trimming: (n) decoration, dressing, adornment, ornament, fringe, border, clipping, cutting, frill, edging, lace

triumph: (v) exult, prevail, crow, rejoice, succeed; (n, v) glory, win, joy; (n) victory, conquest, exultation. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, defeat, sorrow, unhappiness, dud, sadness, loss, flop; (v) fail, lose, forfeit

triumphant: (adj) victorious, successful, triumphal, exulting, winning, joyful, rejoicing, elated, conquering, prideful; (adj, v) exultant. ANTONYMS: (adj) disappointed, failing, losing,

defeated, miserable, sorrowful

triumphantly: (adv) exultantly, winningly, jubilantly, elatedly, proudly, successfully, triumphally, conqueringly, gleefully, delightedly, gloriously

triumphing: (n) boast, gloriation; (v) triumphal, celebrating victory, exultant

troop: (n) group, corps, gang, crowd, band, brigade, crew, herd, swarm, horde; (n, v) flock

troublesome: (adj) difficult, hard, arduous, bothersome, inconvenient, onerous, awkward, annoying, laborious, tough, heavy.

ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, helpful, useful, advantageous, convenient, uncomplicated, delightful

troubling: (adj) worrying, disquieting, distressing, distressful, disconcerting, alarming, perturbing, bad, annoying, sad, worrisome. ANTONYM: (adj) reassuring

trout: (n) sea trout, Isospondyli, lake trout, order Isospondyli, salmon trout, salmonid, smelt, sardines, anchovies, speckled trout, tarpon

trunk: (n) stem, boot, torso, bole, body, stalk, snout, proboscis, stock, tree trunk, box

trunks: (n) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume, drawers, swimming trunks

trusted: (adj) intimate, confidential, sure, bosom, beloved, cherished, familiar, trustworthy, indisputable, trusty, reliable

trusting: (adj) credulous, unsuspecting, naive, confident, confiding, simple, innocent, gullible, reliant, give, easy to fool. ANTONYMS: (adj) distrustful, suspicious, doubtful, hesitant, protective, shrewd, disingenuous, smart, jaded

tumult: (adj, n, v) hubbub, disturbance; (n) stir, commotion, bustle, din, fuss, excitement; (n, v) clamor, disorder, brawl. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, push, serenity, order, calm

twelvemonth: (n) calendar year, civil year, financial year, common year, amount of time, time period, period of time, bissextile year, class, yr, period

ugly: (adj, adv) surly; (adj) nasty, repulsive, frightful, forbidding, disagreeable, hideous, gruesome,

- evil**, offensive, shocking.
ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, flowing, ornamental, nice, lovely, pleasant, safe, kind, gentle, appealing, agreeable
- ultimately:** (adv) finally, lastly, in the end, at long last, at last, in the long run, conclusively, latterly, elementally, extremely, in the last analysis. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) never, directly
- unabashed:** (adj) shameless, brazen, barefaced, unashamed, undaunted, aweless, blatant, bold, unapprehensive, unflinching, unshrinking. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) embarrassed, remorseful, prudish, discreet, ashamed, abashed, apologetic
- unabated:** (adj) unreduced, unrestricted, unmitigated, unflagging, relentless, intense, unrelenting
- unaccountable:** (adj) incomprehensible, inexplicable, strange, unintelligible, unexplainable, mysterious, impenetrable, undiscoverable, undecipherable, unknowable, unnatural. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) accountable, explainable, responsible, explicable
- unacknowledged:** (v) unavowed; (adj) anonymous, unthanked, unrequited, unrewarded, unrecognized, unrecognised, virtual, unrewarding, undeclared, unappreciated. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) acknowledged, rewarding
- unacquainted:** (adj) unaware, unaccustomed, strange, oblivious, ignorant, unapprized, unapprised, unweeting, inexperienced, innocent, not learned. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) accustomed, knowledgeable, conscious, informed
- unaffected:** (adj) sincere, artless, natural, plain, real, genuine, unimpressed, ingenuous, naïve, untouched, honest. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unnatural, sophisticated, refined, pretentious, moved, hurt, disturbed, changed, vulnerable, dishonest, emotional
- unaffectedly:** (adv) artlessly, untouchedly, sincerely, genuinely, unsophisticatedly, impassively, naively, spontaneously, unfeignedly, plainly, simply. **ANTONYM:** (adv) pretentiously
- unallied:** (adj) heterogeneous
- unalloyed:** (adj) pure, unadulterated, genuine, unsophisticated, solid, unfortified, untinged, sheer, true; (v) painless, without alloy
- unalterable:** (adj) constant, inalterable, immutable, permanent, invariable, firm, changeless, rigid, stable, irrevocable, unchangeable. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) alterable, impermanent, temporary, fluid, flexible
- unanswerable:** (adj) irrefutable, final, incontestable, irresponsible, incontrovertible, indisputable, decisive, ultimate, undeniable, not refutable; (v) probative
- unappeasable:** (adj) implacable, relentless, insatiable, irreconcilable, stern, grim, unquenchable, inspiring horror, gruesome; (v) headstrong, unmitigable
- unasked:** (adj) unwelcome, unwanted, unbidden, unsought, uncalled, wanton, voluntary, unrequested, willing, superfluous, spontaneous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) invited, solicited
- unassailed:** (adj) unforced
- unassuming:** (adj) humble, retiring, unobtrusive, lowly, quiet, diffident, unpretentious, meek, simple, inconspicuous, unaffected. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) conspicuous, elaborate, bold, confident, presumptuous, pretentious, brash, wild
- unattended:** (adj) ignored, neglected, alone, solitary, abandoned, disregarded, not safeguarded, lonely
- unavailing:** (adj) fruitless, bootless, useless, ineffectual, inefficacious, otiose, futile, ineffective, idle, vain, pointless
- unavoidable:** (adj) necessary, inescapable,ineluctable, irresistible, obligatory, certain, indispensable, essential, sure, required, avoidless. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) escapable, unpredictable, optional, unlikely, uncertain
- unavoidably:** (adv) inescapably, necessarily, ineluctably, by necessity, of necessity, automatically, needs, inevitable, relentlessly, true to form, unsurprisingly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) surprisingly, unnecessarily
- unaware:** (adj) ignorant, incognizant, unwitting, unknowing, unconscious, oblivious, blind, unmindful, unweeting, unknowledgeable, uninformed. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) cognizant, conscious, informed, witting, knowledgeable, mindful, wary
- unbecoming:** (adj) indecorous, unseemly, inappropriate, indecent, indelicate, untoward, unworthy, unsuitable, shameful, unbefitting, incongruous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) dignified, becoming, fitting, proper, seemly, correct, decent, suitable
- unbending:** (adj) inflexible, stiff, firm, adamant, stubborn, obdurate, inexorable, severe, intractable, implacable, obstinate. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) flexible, bending, compliant, pliable, weak, soft, irresolute, floppy, lenient, liberal, accommodating
- unblemished:** (adj) clean, perfect, faultless, pure, immaculate, blameless, clear, irreproachable, unspotted, untarnished, flawless. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) blemished, flawed, marked, imperfect, used, marred, guilty, infirm
- uncertain:** (adj) changeable, dubious, questionable, indistinct, equivocal, chancy, unsure, unsafe; (adj, v) indefinite, vague; (adj, n) doubtful. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) definite, clear, decisive, sure, decided, unquestionable, inevitable, safe, unreserved, sealed, determined
- uncertainty:** (n) doubtfulness, suspicion, distrust, indecision, suspense, irresolution, hesitation, incertitude, dubiety, question, dubiousness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) certainty, decisiveness, confidence, clarity, sureness, definiteness, resolution, predictability, security, certitude, understanding
- unchanged:** (adj) regular, undeviating, unalterable, unchanging, invariable, unvarying, unvaried, unmoved; (adj, v) identical, same; (v) like. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) reformed, distorted, affected, changed, altered, varied, fluid
- uncivil:** (adj) discourteous, disrespectful, impolite, coarse, brusque, curt, blunt, barbarous, short; (adj, n) rough, harsh. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) polite, courteous, gracious
- uncomfortable:** (adj) ill at ease, embarrassing, troubled, disagreeable, inconvenient, difficult, discomfited, anxious, uneasy, cheerless; (v) untoward. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) relaxed, comfy,

happy, untroubled, painless, content, easy, straightforward

uncommon: (adj) extraordinary, peculiar, scarce, singular, strange, special, exceptional, infrequent, odd, unusual, unaccustomed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) typical, usual, normal, familiar, poor, ordinary, bad, imperfect, customary, accustomed, frequent

uncommonly: (adv) rarely, strangely, infrequently, scarcely, occasionally, exceptionally, oddly; (adj, adv) particularly, remarkably, singularly, curiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) frequently, typically

uncompanionable: (adj) withdrawn, reserved, distant, chill, standoffish

unconcern: (n) apathy, nonchalance, insouciance, coldness, detachment, impassiveness, insensibility, disregard, phlegm, carelessness, lethargy. ANTONYMS: (n) responsiveness, worry, anxiety, interest

unconcerned: (adj) apathetic, detached, insouciant, casual, careless, nonchalant, thoughtless, easygoing, listless, carefree; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (adj) caring, eager, troubled, sensitive, uptight, craving, involved, energetic, interested, annoyed, strict

unconnected: (adj) detached, disjointed, incoherent, unrelated, illogical, confused, irrelevant, incongruous; (adj, prep) separate, separated; (v) unattached.

ANTONYMS: (adj) attached, pertinent, relevant, together

unconsciously: (adv) instinctively, unintentionally, unthinkingly, unwittingly, ignorantly, innocently, comatosely, automatically, oblivious, unsuspectingly, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (adv) consciously, deliberately, knowingly, purposely

uncontrolled: (adj) unconstrained, unchecked, uninhibited, wild, unbound, mad, loose, out of control; (adj, n) licentious, profligate, dissolute. ANTONYMS: (adj) controlled, restrained, cautious, calm, contained, relaxed, mild, mellow, limited, voluntary

undeceive: (v) unbeguile, unbefool, disabuse, inform

undecided: (adj) uncertain, doubtful, dubious, unresolved, pending, indecisive, irresolute, hesitant, debatable, indefinite; (adj, v)

undetermined. ANTONYMS: (adj) certain, determined, sure, settled, definite, decisive

undertaking: (n) promise, attempt, project, venture, adventure, endeavor, job, effort; (n, v) task, labor, business

undervaluing: (n) contempt, neglect, mistake, misapprehension, misconception; (adj) expressing depreciation, depreciative, depreciatory

undeserved: (adj) unfair, unearned, unjust, inequitable, undue, excessive, iniquitous, wrong, unreasonable, unwarranted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) rightful, fair, just

undeserving: (adj) disgraceful,

worthless, unworthy of, degrading, immitigous, indign, mean, not worthy, unbecoming, undeserving of. ANTONYM: (adj) deserving

undetermined: (adj, v) uncertain, indefinite, vague; (adj) indeterminate, unsettled, indecisive, unresolved, irresolute, accidental, open; (v) ambiguous. ANTONYMS: (adj) determinate, definite, decided, specific

undiminished: (adj) unabated, unrestricted, unreduced, undying, not deficient, morally whole, internal, faithful, unrelieved, interior; (v) on the increase

undo: (v) loosen, open, annul, cancel, separate, disentangle, untie, unfold, reverse, disconnect, nullify.

ANTONYMS: (v) attach, close, do, wrap, tangle, validate, knot, lock, permit, unite, approve

undone: (adj) ruined, unfinished, sunk, done for, finished, behindhand, decayed; (adj, v) doomed; (v) accursed, to be pitied, devoted

undoubted: (adj) unquestionable, undisputed, indisputable, undeniable, sure, positive, true, unquestioned, indubitable, definite, unchallenged

undoubtedly: (adv) certainly, positively, definitely, indubitably, no doubt, clearly, unquestionably, unquestionedly, all right, beyond any doubt; (adj, adv) doubtless.

ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, indefinite, ambiguously, possibly

undutiful: (adj) impious, disrespectful, unfilial; (v) unduteous **uneasiness:** (n) disquiet, discomfort, inquietude, anxiety, unease, malaise, disquietude, apprehension, unrest,

impatience; (n, v) agitation.

ANTONYMS: (n) peace, calm, confidence

uneasy: (adj) anxious, fidgety, restless, concerned, nervous, apprehensive, ill at ease, unquiet, awkward, fretful, restive.

ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, untroubled, composed, relaxed, easy, unconcerned, still, comfortable, carefree, confident, serene

unembarrassed: (adj) unencumbered, impudence, impudent, not dense, lavish, light, light vapors, loose, natural, not encumbered, not burdensome. ANTONYM: (adj) abashed

unequal: (adj) different, unlike, uneven, rough, lopsided, unfair, inadequate, disparate, disproportionate, unbalanced, unsymmetrical. ANTONYMS: (adj) equal, even, fair, identical, similar, same, level, constant, balanced, like, corresponding

unequally: (adv) irregularly, disproportionately, unfairly, unlikely, roughly, lopsidedly, disparately, partially, unsymmetrically, unbalancedly, disproportionately, ANTONYMS: (adv) evenly, fairly

unexampled: (adj) new, unique, unparalleled, rare, novel, undescribed, peerless, inimitable, singular, fantastic, fresh

unexpected: (adj) sudden, abrupt, casual, unforeseen, unanticipated, accidental, strange, unsuspected; (adj, v) unlooked for, unpredicted; (n) surprise. ANTONYMS: (adj) expected, gradual, normal, commonplace, protracted, ordinary, typical, customary

unexpectedly: (adv) by chance, suddenly, abruptly, casually, unforeseenly, unawares, surprisingly, unanticipatedly, hastily, strangely, circumstantially. ANTONYMS: (adv) intentionally, gradually, normally, predictably

unfavourable: (adj) adverse, inauspicious, untoward, hostile, contrary, inappropriate, inimical, harmful, inconvenient, awkward, unsuitable. ANTONYM: (adj) favorable

unfavourably: (adv) adversely, inconveniently, awkwardly, inappropriately, showing disapproval, inopportunistically.

ANTONYM: (adv) favorably

unfeeling: (adj) harsh, impassive, cold, cruel, callous, merciless, pitiless, ruthless, numb, insensible, insensitive. ANTONYMS: (adj) caring, sympathetic, sensitive, kind, understanding, merciful, feeling, warm, tactful, concerned, compassionate

unfit: (adj) inappropriate, improper, inapt, unbecoming, incompetent, unable, incapable, unsuitable, bad; (adj, v) incapacitate; (v) indispose. ANTONYMS: (adj) appropriate, suitable, ready, healthy, able, firm, competent; (v) qualify

unfold: (v) spread, open, extend, develop, stretch, spread out, reveal, display, stretch out; (adj, v) expound, explain. ANTONYMS: (v) fold, block, stagnate, stop, hide, withhold, check, wrap, conceal

unfolded: (adj) extended, stretched, outspread, outstretched, widely spread, stretched out, explicate, evolved, displayed, expanded, detailed

unfolding: (n) development, growth, flowering, display, recitation, dawn, process, solution, disclosure; (adj) ongoing, duration

unforgiving: (adj) uncharitable, implacable, relentless, unrelenting, stern, merciless, grim, unappeasable, inexorable, cruel, intransigent. ANTONYMS: (adj) charitable, merciful, forgiving, kind, considerate, gentle, tolerant

unfortunate: (adj) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (adj) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged

unfrequently: (adv) not much, not often, unoften, rarely

ungenerous: (adj, v) illiberal; (adj) stingy, parsimonious, miserly, cheap, uncharitable, close, narrow, tightfisted, closefisted, penurious. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, kind

ungovernable: (adj) unruly, uncontrollable, irrepressible, intractable, licentious, violent, wild, indocile, uncontrolled, turbulent; (adj, v) headstrong

ungracious: (adj) discourteous, impolite, uncivil, surly, unkind, unceremonious, churlish, disrespectful, unfriendly, graceless,

unpleasing

ungraciousness: (n) incivility, rudeness

unguarded: (adj) vulnerable, incautious, defenseless, careless, unprotected, exposed, insecure, undefended; (v) thoughtless, thriftless, shiftless. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtful, careful, safe, guarded, armed, invulnerable, secure

unhappily: (adv) wretchedly, unluckily, disconsolately, badly, woefully, forlornly, sorrowfully, unfortunately, dismal, dejectedly, despondently. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, luckily, willingly, enthusiastically, fortunately

unhappiness: (n) sadness, misery, melancholy, distress, grief, regret, infelicity, woe, sorrowfulness, depression, displeasure.

ANTONYMS: (n) cheerfulness, pleasure, joy, elation, contentment, satisfaction, cheer

unhappy: (adj) gloomy, dismal, depressed, melancholy, sad, miserable, sorrowful, distressed, disconsolate, infelicitous, low.

ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, cheerful, satisfied, pleased, glad, euphoric, fortunate, contented, joyful, timely, lucky

unheard: (adj) aspirated, atonic, deaf, indistinct, involving surds, nonvocal, radical, sharp, silent, surd, irrational

uniform: (adj, v) even; (adj, n) constant, steady; (adj) equal, consistent, same, level, invariable, homogenous, equable, unchanging. ANTONYMS: (adj) varied, assorted, inconsistent, unequal, different, multiform, multicolored, differentiated, unlike, dissimilar, intermittent

uniformity: (n) consistency, constancy, evenness, sameness, equality, monotony, regularity, similarity, order, identity, proportion. ANTONYMS: (n) variety, inconsistency, nonuniformity, variation, dissimilarity, unevenness

uniformly: (adv) equally, evenly, consistently, regularly, homogeneously, identically, steadily, unvaryingly; (adj, adv) ever, always, invariably

unimportant: (adj) insignificant, frivolous, inconsequential,

irrelevant, trifling, slight, petty, little, negligible, immaterial, minor.

ANTONYMS: (adj) important, significant, major, crucial, relevant, serious, powerful, connected, central, profound, considerable

unintelligible: (adj) opaque, inarticulate, unfathomable, impenetrable, unaccountable, ambiguous, not clear, obscure, indistinct, inconceivable, secret. ANTONYMS: (adj) understandable, clear, comprehensible, intelligible, obvious

unite: (v) associate, meet, connect, link, blend, join, coalesce, unify, tie, amalgamate; (adj, v) fuse.

ANTONYMS: (v) divide, cut, disband, disconnect, diverge, segregate, split, undo, unpick

uniting: (adj) concurrent, united, coincident; (n) unification, reunion, fusion, merger, coalescence, amalgamation, conglutination, join

universal: (adj) general, global, ecumenical, international, common, worldwide, public, ubiquitous, comprehensive, widespread, ecumenical. ANTONYMS: (adj) local, specific, idiosyncratic, confined, isolated, narrow, rare

universally: (adv) commonly, globally, ally, everywhere, totally, Catholicly, cosmically, ubiquitously, prevalently, regularly, usually. ANTONYMS: (adv) narrowly, locally

unjust: (adj) partial, injurious, wrong, inequitable, unrighteous, wicked, foul, wrongful, improper, unmerited, unjustified.

ANTONYMS: (adj) just, equitable, rightful, reasonable, good

unjustifiable: (adj) unwarranted, unwarrantable, unreasonable, inexcusable, unjustified, unfair, unfounded, unforgivable, unallowable, undue; (adj, v) unpardonable. ANTONYMS: (adj) justifiable, excusable, understandable, fair, justified, necessary

unjustly: (adv) wrongly, wrongfully, wickedly, iniquitously, inequitably, undeservedly, illegally, foully, injuriously, unrighteously, unjustifiedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) rightly, reasonably

unkindness: (n) heartlessness, callousness, thoughtlessness, inconsideration, inconsiderateness, diskindness, insensitivity,

unpleasantness, unfriendliness, unkindliness, insensitiveness.

ANTONYMS: (n) goodwill, diplomacy, gentleness, humanity, thoughtfulness

unknowingly: (adv) inadvertently, unconsciously, ignorantly, unawarely, unweetingly, naively, unawares. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) mindfully, wittingly, deliberately **unluckily:** (adv) unfortunately, inauspiciously, lucklessly, unhappily, untowardly, unsuccessfully, alas, regrettably, ill-fatedly, tragically, haplessly.

ANTONYM: (adv) luckily

unlucky: (adj) luckless, hapless, unhappy, sinister, inauspicious, unsuccessful, ominous, adverse, disastrous, unfavorable; (adj, v) untoward. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) fortunate, happy, auspicious, successful

unmarked: (adj) overlooked, unidentified, blank, unblemished, without a scratch, without a number; (adj, v) unnoticed; (v) unheeded, unthought of, unregarded, unmissed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) injured, old

unmoved: (adj) apathetic, unaffected, indifferent, unconcerned, unimpressed, uninspired, dispassionate, imperturbable, calm, undisturbed, fixed. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) affected, compliant, uptight, concerned, enthusiastic, tolerant, sensitive

unnatural: (adj) affected, artificial, grotesque, supernatural, forced, abnormal, eccentric, uncanny, stilted, mannered, anomalous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) natural, normal, real, unaffected, commonplace, genuine, sincere

unnaturally: (adv) falsely, unusually, contrivedly, affectedly, extraordinarily, monstrously, manneredly, by artificial means, abnormally, peculiarly, cruelly.

ANTONYM: (adv) normally

unnecessarily: (adv) uselessly, redundantly, superfluously, gratuitously, futilely, pointlessly, unessentially, excessively, sparingly, wantonly, supererogatorily.

ANTONYM: (adv) inescapably

unnecessary: (adj) redundant, gratuitous, needless, dispensable, surplus, pointless, excessive, excess, undue, spare, useless. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) reasonable, basic, worthwhile,

required, indispensable, helpful, justified, essential, moderate, inevitable

unpardonable: (adj) irremissible, unforgivable, indefensible, terrible, appalling, unwarranted, awful, unacceptable, shocking, not remissible; (v) inexpiable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pardonable, excusable, justified, excellent, justifiable

unpleasant: (adj, n) harsh; (adj) disagreeable, obnoxious, ugly, nasty, sour, awkward, repulsive, forbidding, bad, hard. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) delightful, agreeable, wonderful, nice, enjoyable, attractive, comfortable, charming, inoffensive, amicable, cordial

unpleasantly: (adv) distastefully, disagreeably, rudely, obnoxiously, bitterly, painfully, awfully, Troublesomely, offensively, hardly, displeasingly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) delightfully, agreeably, kindly, politely, graciously, attractively, sweetly, well, humbly

unpleasing: (adj) displeasing, graceless, ungracious, unpleasant, disagreeable, wicked, not grateful, offensive, perturbed, restless, stiff

unprepared: (adj) impromptu, extemporaneous, raw, unrehearsed, unready, extemporary, crude, improvised, unwary, surprised, weak. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) prepared, ready, attentive

unpretending: (adj) unassuming, humble, unostentatious, unobtrusive, lowly, unpretentious, restrained; (n) plain, homely, familiar, intimate

unprincipled: (adj) abandoned, unscrupulous, depraved, dishonest, unethical, profligate, dissolute, shameless, unconscionable, vicious, immoral. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) ethical, moral, honest, professional

unprofitable: (adj) profitless, fruitless, futile, inutile, disadvantageous, unfruitful, barren, idle, vain, uneconomic, unproductive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) fruitful, lucrative

unprotected: (adj) exposed, unguarded, open, naked, helpless, defenseless, unshielded, uncovered, unarmed, undefended, insecure.

ANTONYMS: (adj) armed, protected, secure, invulnerable

unqualified: (adj) incompetent, sheer, total, unconditional, absolute,

incapable, complete, utter, unmitigated, unfit, perfect.

ANTONYMS: (adj) qualified, trained, prepared, competent, fit, conditional, indefinite, tentative, capable, incomplete, partial

unquestionably: (adv) certainly, definitely, indubitably, decidedly, indisputably, positively, surely, of course, assuredly, no doubt; (adj) doubtless. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) doubtfully, possibly, arguably

unreasonable: (adj) immoderate, undue, absurd, extravagant, excessive, preposterous, exorbitant, illogical, inordinate, irrational, ridiculous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) logical, practical, sensible, affordable, economical, justified, realistic, fair, obliging, just, rational

unreasonably: (adv) absurdly, irrationally, immoderately, unfairly, unscientifically, unjustly, undeservedly, unsuitably, without need, pointlessly; (adj) excessively. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) sensibly, reasonably, acceptably, sane, appropriately, fairly, logically, rationally

unreserve: (adj) sincerity, truth, frankness, candor

unreserved: (adj) open, unqualified, candid, unconditional, sincere, complete, expansive, absolute, total, outgoing, familiar. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) qualified, reserved, uncertain, unenthusiastic, shy, rather, partial, inhibited, restrained

unrestrained: (adj, n, v) loose; (adj) unconstrained, wild, uncontrolled, immoderate, extravagant, unconfined, mad, uninhibited; (adj, v) dissolute, wanton. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) restrained, restricted, contained, limited, partial, biddable, frugal, hidden, inhibited, manageable, reserved

unsettled: (adj) changeable, undecided, doubtful, uneasy, outstanding, variable, unpaid, unresolved; (adj, v) unfixed, indefinite, undetermined.

ANTONYMS: (adj) confident, definite, decided, well, sure, happy, constant, conclusive, certain, calmed, calm

unshackled: (adj) unenthralled, unfettered, ungoverned, unenslaved, loose, exempt, untied, unbound, unreined, unmuzzled, unlaced

unshaken: (adj) steady, firm,

constant, undismayed, undaunted, unallayed, unworn, unwavering, unmoved, steadfast, calm
unsocial: (adj) unsociable, antisocial, shy, reserved, indifferent, lonely, incommunicative, inconversable, solitary
unstudied: (adj) natural, careless, unconstrained, unaffected, informal, unsophisticated, candid, unmindful, unexplored; (v) unexamined, unweighed. ANTONYM: (adj) affected
unsubdued: (adj) unbroken, continuous. ANTONYM: (adj) subdued
unsuccessfully: (adv) ineffectually, uselessly, badly, poorly, unfortunately, futilely, fruitlessly, ineffectively, abortively, unluckily, inadequately. ANTONYMS: (adv) fruitfully, well, happily, effectively, usefully, competently, persuasively
unsuitable: (adj) improper, inapplicable, unfit, incorrect, unbecoming, inopportune, undesirable, inapt, wrong, inconvenient, incompatible. ANTONYM: (adj) appropriate, proper, applicable, decent, befitting, fitting
unsuspicious: (adj) innocent, credulous, trustful, unwary, confiding, honest, gullible, easy, naive, not suspicious, that confides. ANTONYM: (adj) wary
untamed: (adj) unbroken, barbarous, fierce, feral, barbarian, wild, unpolished, uncivilised, uncivilized, uncombed, ferocious. ANTONYMS: (adj) cultivated, tame
untidy: (adj) unkempt, disheveled, disorderly, sloppy, messy, disordered, confused, disorganized, sluttish, frowzy, scruffy. ANTONYM: (adj) tidy, neat, elegant, orderly, smart, legible, clean
untouched: (adj) intact, unharmed, unmoved, unscathed, virgin, whole, unhurt, new, impervious, imperturbable, impassive. ANTONYM: (adj) affected, touched, refined, vulnerable, used, spoiled, partial, injured, marred, tainted, impure
unvarying: (adj) unchanging, invariable, constant, steady, uniform, invariant, changeless, consistent, unvaried, unchanged, equal. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, multifrom, varied, dynamic, erratic, unequal

unwearying: (adj) tireless, untiring, unflagging, unceasing, hardworking, energetic, industrious, unfailing
unwelcome: (adj) undesirale, objectionable, unpopular, unasked, unwished, unintroduced, unvisited, uninited, unpleasant; (adj, n) disagreeable, unsatisfactory. ANTONYMS: (adj) welcome, desirable, gratifying, wanted, fortunate
unwell: (adj) sick, ill, poorly, ailing, sickly, unhealthy, seedy, bad, diseased, frail; (adj, v) indisposed. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, well, fit
unwilling: (adj) involuntary, loath, disinclined, averse, recalcitrant, backward, indisposed, grudging, loth, adverse, forced. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, amenable, keen, prepared, ready, eager, disposed, agreeable, accepting, happy
unwillingly: (adv) grudgingly, loathly, aversely, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, resentfully, involuntarily, recalcitrantly, refractorily, lothly, hesitatingly. ANTONYM: (adv) wholeheartedly
unwillingness: (n) disinclination, indisposition, aversion, hesitation, hesitancy, resistance, antipathy, reluctance, dislike, distaste, irreconcilableness. ANTONYMS: (n) enthusiasm, disposition, keenness, inclination
unworthily: (adv) basely, unbecomingly, vilely, meanly, indignly, degenerately, improperly, worthlessly, shamefully, disgracefully, unseemly
unworthy: (adj) undeserving, base, disgraceful, ignoble, low, contemptible, despicable, ugly, unmerited, unseemly, shameful. ANTONYMS: (adj) deserving, valuable, honorable, estimable, reputable
upbraiding: (n) chewing out, bawling out, castigation, dressing down, earful; (adj) abusive, reproachful, base, expressing reproach; (v) chiding, admonish
uppermost: (adj) top, upmost, upper, highest, chief, maximum, supreme, greatest, major, outermost; (n) main. ANTONYMS: (adj) bottom, lowest, trivial, lower
uproar: (adj, n, v) hubbub, disturbance, tumult; (n) din, noise, turmoil, commotion, disorder, confusion; (adj, n) row; (n, v) brawl.

ANTONYMS: (n) calm, peace, serenity, order
upstairs: (adj) upstairs; (adv) on a higher floor, in the mind, in the head, up the stairs, over; (n) heaven, administration, authority, board, eternity. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) downstairs
upstart: (n) mushroom, nouveau riche, skipjack, climber, arriviste, social climber, unknown, smart aleck, sleep; (adj) parvenu, cockhorse
urgent: (adj, v) importunate, important, clamorous; (adj) imperative, instant, immediate, quick, earnest, critical, serious, vital. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimportant, moderate, unnecessary, halfhearted, gentle, routine
useless: (adj) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing. ANTONYMS: (adj) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile
uselessly: (adv) ineffectually, futilely, fruitlessly, needlessly, pointlessly, in vain, worthlessly, abortively, hopelessly, bootlessly, unnecessarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) helpfully, successfully, effectively
utmost: (adj, n) maximum, extreme, uttermost, furthestmost, best, highest; (adj, adv) farthest; (adj, v) supreme; (adj) last, furthest; (adj, n, v) greatest. ANTONYMS: (adj) moderate, worst
utter: (v) say, state, speak, breathe, articulate, deliver, voice, pronounce; (adj, n, v) express, declare; (adj, v) tell. ANTONYMS: (adj) qualified, incomplete, uncertain, rather, slight; (v) conceal, hide, block
uttered: (adj) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (v) spoke, quoth, said
utterly: (adv) completely, absolutely, totally, entirely, extremely, altogether, expressly, purely, dead, fully, wholly. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, uncertain, slightly, incompletely, hardly, somewhat
vacancy: (n) emptiness, blank, opening, void, incogitancy, post, blankness, inanity, absence; (adj, n) vacuity; (adj) depletion. ANTONYMS: (n) fill, tenancy, overflow
vacant: (adj) blank, hollow, unfilled,

void, free, unoccupied, bare, idle, expressionless, open; (adj, v) devoid. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, cognizant, overflowing, inhabited, aware, comprehending, animated, solid, expressive, knowing.

vague: (adj) obscure, indistinct, indeterminate, undefined, undetermined, indefinite, uncertain, faint, ambiguous; (adj, v) loose, equivocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct, exact, particular, precise, specific, sure, certain, defined, alert, detailed.

vain: (adj) proud, arrogant, conceited, fruitless, idle, empty, abortive, ineffectual, unproductive, narcissistic; (adj, v) useless. ANTONYMS: (adj) shy, successful, possible, persuasive, selfless, fruitful, humble, useful, responsible, worthwhile, effective.

valid: (adj) legal, right, solid, genuine, forcible, substantial, good, powerful, legitimate, strong, authentic. ANTONYMS: (adj) invalid, annulled, illogical, bogus, false, wrong, void, untenable, unreasonable, fake, indefensible.

valued: (adj) precious, appreciated, respected, dear, prized, priced, treasured, value, esteemed, loved, beloved.

valueless: (adj) useless, futile, insignificant, meaningless, null, unvalued, trifling, of no value, rubbish, priceless, refuse.

ANTONYM: (adj) valuable.

vanish: (n, v) disappear; (adj, v) fade; (v) disperse, pass, go, die, dissipate, evaporate, depart, flee, melt away. ANTONYMS: (v) come, arrive, wax, stay.

vanished: (adj, v) extinct, lost; (adj) disappeared, departed, missing, died out, absent, dead, wiped out, bygone; (v) exhausted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) found, living.

vanity: (n) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (adj, n) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (n) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness.

variation: (n) divergence, alteration, difference, mutation, change, discrepancy, deviation, fluctuation, departure, disagreement, dissimilarity. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, repetitiveness, monotony, consistency, conformity,

preservation, equality.

varied: (adj) mixed, various, diverse, assorted, different, sundry, diversified, heterogeneous, manifold, motley, many. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, homogeneous, uniform, same, unvaried, similar, like, conservative, unchanged, limited.

vary: (v) alter, change, modify, diversify, diverge, alternate, deviate, modulate, depart, disagree; (adj, v) differ. ANTONYMS: (v) conform, remain, stay, agree, concur, leave, maintain, standardize, specialize.

varying: (adj) shifting, patchy, changeable, unequal, changing, varied, variant, fickle, unreliable, untrustworthy, altering.

vastly: (adv) greatly, hugely, enormously, infinitely, extremely, exceedingly, massively, very, tremendously, highly, colossally.

vehement: (n) force, violence, fury, passion, eagerness, strength, impetuosity, enthusiasm, fierceness, heat, fervor. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, meekness, serenity.

veneration: (n) respect, awe, honor, devotion, esteem, adoration, deference, estimation, worship, admiration, thaumatalogy. ANTONYMS: (n) contempt, disapproval.

venison: (adj) turtle; (n) beef, chicken, ham, lamb, mutton, pork, red meat, animal protein, white meat.

vent: (n) exit, opening, flue, chimney, escape, blowhole; (n, v) discharge, air, release; (v) emit, ventilate. ANTONYMS: (n) door, closure; (v) block, suppress.

venting: (n) discharge, run, release, firing, sack, sacking, firing off, electric arc, spark, expelling; (adj) vocal.

venture: (n, v) hazard, chance, stake, peril, attempt, gamble, adventure; (adj, n, v) dare; (n) speculation, danger; (v) endanger.

veracity: (n) truth, accuracy, exactness, truthfulness, fact, reality, precision; (adj) probity; (adj, n) faithfulness, sincerity, candor. ANTONYMS: (n) mendacity, falsehood, falsity, dishonesty.

verdure: (adj, n) greenness; (n) greenery, foliage, verdancy, viridity, green, leafage, flora, freshness, strength, vegetable kingdom.

verify: (adj, adv) really; (adv) indeed, in reality, genuinely, quietly.

actually, selfishly, truly, identically, exactly; (adv, int) in truth.

vestibule: (n) lobby, hall, foyer, antechamber, entrance hall, hallway, entry, porch, passage, anteroom, threshold.

vexation: (adj, n) annoyance, nuisance; (n) irritation, worry, aggravation, displeasure, chagrin, chafe, anger, frustration, botheration.

vexatious: (adj) annoying, pesky, troublesome, tiresome, galling, irritating, untoward, thorny, burdensome, pestiferous, vexing. ANTONYMS: (adj) aiding, assisting, helpful, soothing.

vexed: (adj) troubled, irritated, angry, pestered, peeved, harassed, sore, harried, uneasy, cross, offended. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, uncomplicated.

vexing: (adj) irritating, infuriating, maddening, annoying, galling, troublesome, bothersome, aggravating, exasperating, irksome, pestiferous.

vice: (adj, n) imperfection, defect, blemish, failing, frailty; (n) corruption, sin, evil, immorality, iniquity, depravity. ANTONYMS: (n) asset, strength, propriety, virtue, righteousness, goodness, good, honesty; (adj) chief.

vicinity: (n) region, district, proximity, place, neighbourhood, locality, environs, vicinage, area, propinquity, nearness.

vicious: (adj) malicious, bad, depraved, wicked, brutal, malevolent, cruel, venomous, immoral, nasty, corrupt.

ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, gentle, friendly, good, right, pleasant, kindhearted, nice, cordial, constructive.

viewing: (n) showing, contemplation, preview, exhibit, display, view, sight, look, show, performance, covering.

vigorously: (adv) smartly, strongly, energetically, mightily, forcefully, heartily, actively, robustly, freshly, vehemently, ardently. ANTONYMS: (adv) lifelessly, wearily, passively, languorously, slowly, submissively, weakly, impassively, gently, lethargically.

vigour: (n) force, strength, vigor, energy, power, potency, vim, vitality, athleticism, verve, intensity.

villainous: (adj, v) base, infamous, vile, black, shameful; (adj) heinous,

atrocious, depraved, wicked, evil, vicious

vindication: (n) defense, apology, excuse, defence, plea, alibi, acquittal, assertion, reason, exoneration, protection. ANTONYM: (n) accusation

violated: (adj) profaned, seduced, dishonored; (v) strained, disunited, ruined financially, subjugated, rough, not continuous, humbled, fractured

violation: (n) infraction, breach, infringement, trespass, assault, outrage, invasion; (adj, n, v) abuse; (n, v) crime, offense; (adj, n) defilement. ANTONYMS: (n) obedience, observance, consecration, respect

violent: (adj, n) rough, furious, tempestuous, severe, turbulent, boisterous, powerful; (adj, v) vehement; (adj) raging, intense, sharp. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, calm, nonviolent, mild, passive, moderate, pleasant, slight, refined, relaxed, friendly

violently: (adj, adv) vehemently, hotly, madly, ardently; (adv) wildly, passionately, strongly, hard, furiously, turbulently; (adv, n) vigorously. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, nonviolently, feebly, impassively, peacefully, tamely

virtue: (adj, n) merit, excellence, quality, attribute; (n) honor, goodness, honesty, morality, decency, probity, efficacy.

ANTONYMS: (n) wickedness, guilt, vice, peccadillo, sin, dishonor, immorality, evil, demerit, inadequacy, disadvantage

visible: (adj) obvious, conspicuous, apparent, open, evident, clear, plain, manifest, discernible; (adj, adv) noticeable, observable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) invisible, imperceptible, unclear, obscured, concealed, hidden, obscure, undetectable, inconspicuous; (adv) absent

visiting: (adj) guest, impermanent, temporary, visitant

visitor: (n) visitant, tourist, company, traveler, caller, inspector, stranger, foreigner, alien, sightseer, surveyor

vivacity: (adj, n) life, liveliness; (n) energy, vitality, enthusiasm, dash, spirit, vigor, happiness, sparkle, effervescence. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, dullness, sluggishness

vogue: (n) fashion, style, mode, rage,

trend, popularity, currency, fad, craze, custom, bandwagon.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unfashionable, unpopular, unstylish

void: (adj, n) hollow, null, blank; (n) emptiness, vacancy; (adj, v) vacant; (v) nullify, quash, rescind; (adj) invalid, vacuous. ANTONYMS: (v) validate, sanction, permit, keep, allow; (adj) full, occupied, filled, meaningful, solid; (n) fullness

volatility: (n) fickleness, flightiness, capriciousness, frivolity, unpredictability, levity, changeableness, changeability; (adj, n) buoyancy, fugacity; (adj) uncertainty. ANTONYMS: (n) stability, predictability, dependability, reliability

volubility: (adj, n) fluency; (n) eloquence, articulateness, gab, gift of gab, smoothness, communicativeness, readiness; (adj) flippancy

voluntarily: (adv) spontaneously, willingly, intentionally, willfully, volunteerly, deliberately, gratuitously, readily, optionally, independently, unforcedly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) obligatory, reluctantly, forced, grudgingly, unwillingly

vouch: (v) guarantee, secure, promise, certify, attest, pledge, swear, testify, protest, confirm, affirm. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, disavow, refute

vulgar: (adj) rude, coarse, plebeian, nasty, common, foul, indecent, gross, unrefined; (adj, n) low, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) refined, sophisticated, tasteful, polite, aesthetic, muted, fashionable, decent, artistic, pleasant, clean

vulgarity: (n) indecency, vulgicism, grossness, inelegance, crudeness, commonness, obscenity, rudeness, crudity, boorishness, indelicacy. ANTONYMS: (n) politeness, purity, classiness, civility, taste, decency

waifer: (n) lackey, valet, waitress, attendant, salver, lurcher, counterman, lurker, servant, tray, steward

waking: (adj) wakeful; (n) awakening, wakefulness, consciousness

walker: (n) footer, hiker, rambler, stroller, wayfarer, shuffler, saunterer, perambulator, marcher, backpacker, swaggerer

wander: (n, v) stroll, saunter, tramp,

drift; (v) stray, digress, err, travel, roam, deviate; (adj, v) rave.

ANTONYMS: (v) settle, stay, think, converge

wandering: (adj) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (adj, v) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (n) peregrination.

ANTONYM: (adj) resident

wanting: (adj, v) missing; (adj) deficient, lacking, absent, defective, short, failing, insufficient, devoid, poor, incomplete. ANTONYMS: (adj) sufficient, satisfactory, adequate, full, present

wantonly: (adv) licentiously, loosely, lasciviously, recklessly, lightly, wildly, dissolutely, dissipately, easily, sportively, waywardly

warmly: (adv) cordially, ardently, hotly, genially, affectionately, vigorously, fervently, zealously, eagerly, strongly, pleasantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) coolly, inhospitably, sourly, disagreeably, indifferently, frostily, roughly, rudely, apathetically

warmth: (adj, n) glow, fire; (n) temperature, warmth, passion, fervor, geniality, affection, tenderness, fondness, sympathy. ANTONYMS: (n) aloofness, chill, chilliness, coldness, coolness, unfriendliness, hostility, sourness, abruptness, plainness, frostiness

warn: (v) counsel, caution, admonish, advise, inform, alert, threaten, exhort, forewarn, tell, notify. ANTONYM: (v) protect

warrant: (n, v) permit, vouch, license, assure, sanction, empower; (n) authority, authorization, security; (v) justify, ensure. ANTONYMS: (n) break; (v) debar

warwick: (n) English statesman, Richard Neville, the kingmaker, earl of Warwick

wasting: (n) homicide, atrophy, slaughter, slaying, cachexia, assassination, cachexy, amyotrophy, carnage; (adj) consuming, consumptive

watchful: (adj) alert, observant, careful, cautious, wary, attentive, wakeful, mindful, circumspect, sleepless, awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) inattentive, negligent, oblivious, forgetful, careless, asleep, trusting, unprepared, reckless

watchfulness: (n) care, caution, alertness, heed, wariness, jealousy, attentiveness, attention, solicitude,

concern, anxiety. ANTONYMS: (n) recklessness, inattentiveness

wavering: (adj, v) vacillating; (n) fluctuation, hesitation, vacillation; (adj) irresolute, indecisive, undecided, hesitant, uncertain, variable, changeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) decided, constant, resolute, stable, decisive; (n) resolution, stability

weakened: (adj) lessened, faded, hurt, vitiated, damaged, cut, diluted, thinned, attenuated, attenuate, disabled

weakest: (adj) ridiculous, suggestion, supposes, notions, plainly, irrational, incongruous, project, foolish, fatuity, inconsistent

weakness: (adj, n) failing, fault, debility, defect, infirmity, fragility, feebleness, deficiency, imperfection, foible; (n) flaw. ANTONYMS: (n) power, dislike, intensity, supremacy, determination, advantage, brightness, superiority, resistance, robustness, energy

wearied: (adj) jaded, tired, spent, fatigued, weary, prostrate, limp, haggard, shattered, worn, fatigate

wearisome: (adj, v) tiresome, irksome, troublesome; (adj) tedious, dull, monotonous, boring, laborious, trying, slow, annoying.

ANTONYMS: (adj) satisfying, soothing, exciting, refreshing, easy

weary: (adj, n, v) fatigue; (v) exhaust, tire out; (adj) tired, exhausted, fatigued, awear, beat, languid; (n, v) jade, bore. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, fresh, lively, untiring, hopeful, refreshed; (v) refresh, enliven, energize, activate, rally

weep: (v) wail, bawl, lament, sob, blubber, moan, howl, drip, greet, whimper; (n) tear

weighed: (adj) determined, deliberate, tared

weighty: (adj) heavy, ponderous, grievous, powerful, profound; (adj, v) grave, serious, momentous, significant, solemn, influential.

ANTONYMS: (adj) superficial, light, unimportant, trivial, weightless, unsubstantial, thin, solvable, small, facile, easy

welcoming: (n) welcome, salutation; (adj) cordial, friendly, inviting, restful, attractive, pleasing, warm, affable, alluring. ANTONYMS: (adj) inhospitable, reserved, unwelcoming, unappealing, unapproachable, uncomfortable

well-bred: (adj) courteous, mannerly, urbane, civil, genteel, gentlemanly, refined, nice, sophisticated, thoughtful, debonair

well-informed: (adj) educated, conversant, knowing, wise, intelligent, studious, versed

well-known: (adj) noted, prominent, renowned, celebrated, distinguished, known, familiar, eminent, notorious, reputable, outstanding

well-wisher: (n) friend, patron, support, benefactor

whence: (adv) wherefrom, hence, because, for, why, wherefore, how, then, then thence so, how comes it, how happens it

wherever: (adv) anywhere, wheresoever, everywhere, where'er; (n) anyplace

whichever: (adv) any; (adj) a few, one, several, some

whims: (n) vagaries, freaks, humor, ill humor, mood, facetiousness, caprices, disposition, temper

whimsical: (adj, n) fanciful, eccentric; (adj) capricious, freakish, humorous, changeable, fickle, erratic, wayward, odd, arbitrary. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, behaving, normal, serious, predictable

whisper: (n, v) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (v) breathe, hiss; (n) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (n) information

whispered: (adj) low, voiceless, unvoiced, nonvocal, weak, unheard, surd, supposed, sharp, thought, quiet

whispering: (n) whisper, murmur, susurration, rustle, report, stage whisper; (adj, n) rustling; (adj) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, surrusorous

whist: (adj) quiet, noiseless; (n) long whist, short whist, whisk, tut, tush, dummy whist, cards, card game; (v) shut up

whither: (adv) hither, thither, whereunto, whereto, for

wholly: (adj, adv) totally, entirely, altogether, quite, exclusively, perfectly, solely; (adv, pref) all;

(adv) fully, utterly, absolutely. ANTONYMS: (adv) partially, inclusively, hardly, incompletely, slightly

wickedness: (n) depravity, sin, sinfulness, iniquity, harm, ill, vice, evilness, corruption, immorality, crime. ANTONYMS: (n) goodness,

kindness, piety, righteousness, benevolence, religiousness, obedience, good

widow: (n) woman, relict, widower, adult female, widow woman, war widow, nobbled line; (adj) widowed, additional; (v) leave behind

wilderness: (adj, n, v) desert; (adj, n) wild; (n) wasteland, solitude, badlands, wildness, frontier, boondocks, backwoods; (adj) Sahara; (v) squandering.

ANTONYM: (n) metropolis

wilful: (adj) headstrong, deliberate, intentional, knowing, designed, wayward, obstinate, willful, stubborn, studied, persistent

wilfully: (adv) willfully, designedly, deliberately, knowingly, frowardly, headstrongly, consciously, stubbornly, purposefully, persistently, on purpose

willfully: (adv) intentionally, waywardly, designedly, wilfully, obstinately, stubbornly, disobediently, knowingly, perversely, doggedly, purposefully. ANTONYM: (adv) obediently

willingly: (adv) readily, voluntarily, cheerfully, spontaneously, helpfully, disposedly, actively, openly, obligingly, eagerly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) grudgingly, reluctantly, uncooperatively, unenthusiastically

willingness: (n) alacrity, obedience, promptness, receptiveness, receptivity, openness, desire, appetite, happy, volition, aptitude. ANTONYM: (n) reluctance

winding: (n) twist, wind, turn; (adj) indirect, crooked, circuitous, meandering, twisty, wandering; (adj, n) twisting, twisted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, unbent

wink: (n, v) twinkle, blink, flash; (n) instant, twinkling, trice; (v) sparkle, nictitate, flicker, nictate, leer

winking: (n) twinkling, wink, blink, New York minute, jiffy, instant, nictation, nictitation, trice, blink of an eye; (adj) pink ribbons

wisdom: (n) judiciousness, knowledge, sapience, sagacity, sense, prudence, discernment, insight, learning, depth, reasonableness. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, folly, inexperience, ignorance, flippancy, banality

wise: (adj) reasonable, sensible, sound, rational, sagacious,

intelligent, prudent, shrewd, discreet; (adj, n) knowing; (n) method. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwise, stupid, ignorant, mistaken, illogical, reckless, naive, irrational, dense

wisely: (adv) judiciously, prudently, sagaciously, cleverly, discreetly, shrewdly, smartly, learnedly, astutely, sharply, perspicaciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) stupidly, recklessly, imprudently, immaturity, illogically

wished-for: (adj) favorite

wishes: (n) desires, requirements, requests, needs, will

wishing: (n) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (adj) desirous

withdrawing: (adj) receding, outgoing, retiring, moving back, modest, lowly; (n) departure, privacy, seclusion, cancellation

withdrawn: (adj) reserved, retiring, solitary, indrawn, cloistered, reclusive, uncommunicative, taciturn, unsociable, lonely, shy. ANTONYMS: (adj) visible, forthcoming, forward, friendly, known, sociable, uninhibited, extroverted, seen, approachable, extrovert

withheld: (adj) hidden, uncommitted. ANTONYM: (adj) ongoing

withstood: (v) resist

witness: (n, v) testimony, attest, evidence; (n) bystander, eyewitness, onlooker, observer; (v) observe, notice, see, view. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, participate, refute

witticisms: (n) facetiae

wives: (n) woman

womanly: (adj, v) effeminate; (adj) ladylike, womanish, female, womanlike, wifely, weak, maidenly, matronly; (v) soft, feminine. ANTONYM: (adj) unwomanly

wonderfully: (adv) superbly, astonishingly, terrifically, magnificently, fantastically, marvellously, wondrously, amazingly, excellently; (adj, adv) strangely, famously. ANTONYMS: (adv) awfully, unpleasantly, poorly, abysmally, unremarkably, mildly, horribly, badly, incompetently

wondering: (adj) inquisitive, speculative, suspicious

woods: (n) forest, woodland, grove, timber, jungle, sir Henry wood, vegetation, timberland, Natalie

wood, virgin forest; (adj) wooden

woody: (adj) arboreous, ligneous, wooden, forested, woodsy, arboraceous, arboreal, harder, hard, lignified, nemorous

worldly: (adj, adv) earthly; (adj) mundane, secular, terrestrial, temporal, carnal, sophisticated, lay, profane; (adv) mundanely, temporally. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, naive, cloistered, religious, unsophisticated, unworldly, unrefined, otherworldly, low, heavenly, immaterial

worn: (adj) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original

worthless: (adj, v) futile, vain; (adj) vile, idle, empty, trifling, void, trivial, cheap, miserable, null. ANTONYMS: (adj) precious, useful, worthwhile, priceless, meaningful, helpful, invaluable, deserving, valid, worthy, substantial

worthlessness: (n) emptiness, uselessness, paltriness, trashiness, insignificance, nothingness, negativity, purposelessness, pride, pointlessness; (adj) inanity. ANTONYMS: (n) importance, worth, helpfulness, appropriateness

worthy: (adj) noble, good, meritorious, valuable, estimable, respectable, deserving, worthwhile, virtuous, honorable; (adj, n) celebrity. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, unrespected, disreputable, mediocre, petty, poor, unimpressive, insignificant, dishonorable, despicable; (n) nobody

wound: (n, v) bruise, cut, harm, pain, damage, scratch, stab, sting; (n) injury; (v) offend, injure. ANTONYMS: (v) heal, appease, aid, cure, repair

wounded: (adj, v) hurt; (n) casualty, maimed; (adj) bruised, injured, bloody, aggrieved, saddened; (v) stricken, wound, struck. ANTONYM: (adj) unaffected

wounding: (n) wound, injury; (adj) hurtful, spiteful, traumatic, grievous, offensive, stabbing, inflicting wounds, impertinent, harmful. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, complimentary, kind, polite, sympathetic

wretched: (adj) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (adj, v) poor,

unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable

wretchedly: (adv) pathetically, unhappily, desperately, calamitously, sadly, meanly, forlornly, piteously, disastrously, gloomily; (adj, adv) miserably. ANTONYM: (adv) hopefully

wretchedness: (n) unhappiness, grief, distress, desolation, woe, sorrow, anguish, infelicity, tribulation, affliction, misfortune

yawn: (v) open, ope, yaw, look stupidly, breathe; (n) yawning, nod, get sleep, tedium, bore, boredom

yawning: (adj, v) gaping, oscitant; (n) yawn, hiaton, pandiculation, oscitancy; (adj) cavernous, open, drowsy, profound, sleepy. ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, narrow

yield: (n, v) produce, return, allow, give; (v) surrender, concede, submit, give up, grant, cede; (n) output. ANTONYMS: (v) persevere, survive, stand, withstand, repel, reject, prevent, withhold, acquire, oppose, veto

yielded: (v) yold, yolden

yielding: (adj, v) flexible, pliable, supple, tractable, pliant; (adj) compliant, submissive, soft, obedient, docile; (n) submission. ANTONYMS: (adj) hard, firm, inflexible, solid, rigid, obstinate, stiff, stubborn, unyielding, rebellious

yourselfes: (pron) themselves, myself, herself

