

Emma

Jane Austen

- 1 1 (a) Emma Woodhouse. She is the daughter of Mr Woodhouse. She is in charge of Hartfield and she is the leader of polite society in Highbury. She is very pretty, clever and rich. She is also charming and she has many friends. She thinks she is always right. (b) Mr Woodhouse. He is Emma Woodhouse's father. He does not often leave his home and does not worry other people. He worries about his health – he thinks he is always ill – and does not like change in his life. (c) Isabella Knightley. She is the elder sister of Emma, the eldest daughter of Mr Woodhouse and wife of John Knightley. She lives in a large house in London with her husband and children. (d) George Knightley. He is the brother of John Knightley. He owns most of the land in Highbury and he lives in the village's largest house, Donwell Abbey. He works hard for the people of Highbury and everyone likes and respects him. He is tall and handsome. (e) John Knightley. He is Isabella's husband. He is a lawyer in London. He is clever and he lives in a large house in London with his wife and children. (f) Miss Taylor. She was Emma's governess for 16 years. However, she has left Hartfield and is now married to Mr Weston. They live in a big house called Randalls, near Highbury. (g) Mr Weston. He is married to Miss Taylor (Mrs Weston), his second wife, and he is the father of Frank Churchill. He was a captain in the army then, when he left the army, a merchant, who became rich. His first wife, Miss Churchill, died. (h) Frank Churchill. He is the son of Mr Weston. His mother died and as a child he went to live with Mr and Mrs Churchill, his rich uncle and aunt. He lives in London.
- 2 (a) This is the social class in which people live in big houses. They visit other people's homes, have dinner parties and dances in their homes, play music and read books. They have conversations about art, music, poetry and politics and the men go out hunting on their land with dogs and guns. The women ride horses on their land. Members of polite society usually spend the winter months in London. (b) Good manners are the correct way the people behave and speak. People with good manners speak quietly and intelligently. They think about other people's feelings and make sure not to upset them. Members of polite society with good manners talk about each other in a formal way.
- 2 Mr Knightley quarrels with Emma because she told Harriet Smith to refuse Mr Robert Martin's proposal of marriage.
- 3 1 In this chapter he first teases Emma by saying that Mr Elton is in love with her. He then teases everyone at the dinner party at Randalls by saying that a lot of snow fell while they were eating dinner.
- 2 Everyone leaves the party because they want to return home safely before more snow falls.
- 3 While Emma is travelling home in the carriage with Mr Elton, he proposes marriage to her. She refuses and tells him that he should propose to Harriet Smith. He does not want to marry Harriet Smith.
- 4 1 Mr Knightley does not like Frank Churchill. He says that he cannot understand Frank Churchill and believes that he must be selfish. He thinks he should spend less time with Mrs Churchill and more time with his father and stepmother, Mr and Mrs Weston, in Highbury.
- 2 Mrs Bates and her daughter, Miss Hetty Bates, live in the very small house in the centre of Highbury. Emma feels that these people are dull because Mrs Bates is old and deaf and Miss Bates is always talking about her niece, Jane Fairfax.

- 3 Answers include: Jane Fairfax is in Bath; everyone in Bath admires her; she dances beautifully; she is clever; she has beautiful handwriting; she speaks clearly; she has not visited Highbury for more than two years; she is visiting Highbury the following week; she will stay for three months; she visited Weymouth with the Dixons; Mr Dixon saved Jane before she fell into the sea; she is not going to Ireland to visit the Dixons; she has been ill since November when she caught a cold; she is always happy at Highbury; she became an orphan when she was three; the Campbells looked after Jane from that age and they became her guardians when she was nine; she has a good education; she is the same age as Emma.
- 5 Mr Knightley thinks that Jane Fairfax is a very beautiful and clever young woman. He also thinks that she is better educated than Emma. Emma thinks that Jane is difficult to talk to – she does not talk enough – and that she is not good company. She does think that she is very beautiful and charming, but she also thinks that she is reserved. Emma thinks that Jane has a secret.
- 6 1 Because Mr and Mrs Coles buy a screen especially for Mr Woodhouse so that he does not feel any draughts in their house.
- 2 Frank Churchill pays a lot of attention to both Emma and Jane Fairfax.
- 3 Mrs Weston thinks that Mr Knightley is in love with Jane Fairfax. She has a new piano and Mrs Weston thinks that Mr Knightley bought it for her as a present.
- 7 1 The tune Jane Fairfax plays on her new piano.
- 2 Emma believes that Mr Dixon is in love with Jane.
- 3 (a) To have a ball at Randalls. (b) Because he thinks there will be a draught with the two doors open. He thinks people will catch a cold. (c) Mr Weston has a better idea. He says the ball should be at the Crown Inn. (c) The ball does not happen because Frank Churchill receives a letter saying that Mrs Churchill is ill. He has to return to Enscombe in Yorkshire.
- 4 Because she receives news that Mr Elton has married. She is in love with Mr Elton.
- 8 1 She thinks that Mrs Elton is vulgar. She thinks this because Mrs Elton is not polite, she talks too much and because she only thinks about money and polite society.
- 2 (a) Emma teases Mr Knightley about Jane Fairfax. (b) He reminds her not to start matchmaking. He also reminds her about Harriet Smith, who Emma tried to matchmake with Mr Elton.
- 9 1 Because she wants to collect letters from the post office.
- 2 (a) Because Mr Woodhouse thinks that Jane will be ill after walking in the rain. (b) Because Mrs Elton thinks that Jane will not get a governess position with a good family.

- 10** 1 Because he was waiting for someone – Jane Fairfax – to arrive.
- 2 Mr Elton is rude to Harriet Smith, but Mr Knightley shows her kindness by asking her to dance with him.
- 3 Emma feels happy that evening because Mr Knightley was kind to Harriet Smith.
- 11** Because at the end of the chapter after Emma has invited all of her guests to Hartfield, Frank Churchill suggests that they play a game with the wooden letters that are in the wooden box. A player chooses several letters and another player has to guess the word.
- 12** Examples of good manners in this chapter are: Mr Knightley offering to have a picnic at his house after the first trip to Box Hill is cancelled (page 84); Mr Knightley thinking of Mr Woodhouse (page 84); Mr Knightley helping Emma into the carriage (page 91). Examples of bad manners in this chapter are: Mrs Elton not using 'Mr' when talking to Mr Knightley (page 84); Mrs Elton talking loudly (page 85); Jane Fairfax travelling alone (page 86); Mr and Mrs Elton not talking to anyone at the picnic on Box Hill (page 87); Emma being rude to Miss Bates (page 88); Mr and Mrs Elton being rude to Emma (page 90); Mr Knightley allowing Emma to travel alone (page 91).
- 13** 1 She has become ill either because she does not want to speak to Emma or because she is upset that she has accepted a position to become Mrs Smallridge's governess.
- (a) She accepts a job in Bristol and we learn that she is to become Frank Churchill's wife. (b) Mrs Churchill dies and he is to become Jane Fairfax's husband. They have been engaged for eight months. (c) She declares her love for Mr Knightley to Emma. (d) She learns that Frank Churchill and Jane Fairfax are to be married. She then realizes that she is in love with Mr Knightley.
- 14** 1 In this chapter, Emma's future happiness depends on Mr Knightley. Also, Jane Fairfax's future happiness depends on Frank Churchill. Frank Churchill's future happiness did depend on Mrs Churchill, but she is now dead. Now, his future happiness depends on Jane Fairfax.
- 15** (a) Miss Bates feels worried and nervous because she is still trying to keep the engagement of her niece, Jane Fairfax, and Frank Churchill a secret. (b) The Westons are happy after the birth of their daughter, Anna. (c) Robert Martin feels very happy after Harriet Smith accepts his proposal of marriage. (d) Mrs Elton is disappointed with her husband's description of the Emma's wedding dress and the ceremony.