

Words from Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*

Avocabo Wordlist #45

BEWAIL, CANDOUR, CAPRICE, CENSURE, CONTEMPT, COUNTENANCE, DEIGNED, ENGROSSED, ENTREATY, FASTIDIOUS, HAUTEUR, IMPERTINENT, IMPORTUNE, IMPRUDENT, INGENIOUS, PEDANTIC, PROPRIETY, RAPTURES, REVERIE, SOLICITUDE, STRICTURE, SUPERCILLIOUS, TACITURN, TRIFLING, VOGUE

Exercise 45-1: Fill in the Blanks *Provide the best word to complete each sentence from the novel. Definitions are provided to help you. (25 marks)*

1. Affectation of _____ is common enough—one meets with it everywhere. *n. the quality of being open and honest in expression*

2. “You have done all this! and yet you can treat the mention of his misfortune with _____ and ridicule.” *n. the feeling that a person or a thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving scorn*

3. Mr. Bingley was good-looking and gentlemanlike; he had a pleasant _____, and easy, unaffected manners. *n. a person's face or facial expression*

4. “I can guess the subject of your _____.” *n. abstracted state of absorption*

5. Both changed colour, one looked white, the other red. Mr. Wickham, after a few moments, touched his hat—a salutation which Mr. Darcy just _____ to return. *v. do something that one considers to be beneath one's dignity*

6. “I never saw a more promising inclination; he was growing quite inattentive to other people, and wholly _____ by her.” *adj. having all one's attention or interest absorbed by someone or something*



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7. If he had been wavering before as to what he should do, which had often seemed likely, the advice and _____ of so near a relation might settle every doubt, and determine him at once to be as happy as dignity unblemished could make him. *n. an earnest or urgent request*

8. He was at the same time haughty, reserved, and _____ and his manners, though well-bred, were not inviting. *adj. very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail*

9. 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, ... which now made him the slave of his designing friends, and led him to sacrifice of his own happiness to the _____ of their inclination. *n. a sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behavior*

10. The commendation bestowed on him by Mrs. Reynolds was of no _____ nature. *adj. not worth considering*

11. A deeper shade of _____ overspread his features, but he said not a word, and Elizabeth, though blaming herself for her own weakness, could not go on. *n. haughtiness of manner; disdainful pride*

12. "But I will no longer _____ my young cousin." *v. ask someone pressingly and persistently for or to do something*

13. Last Christmas you were afraid of his marrying me, because it would be _____; and now, because he is trying to get a girl with only ten thousand pounds, you want to find out that he is mercenary." *adj. not showing care for the consequences of an action*

14. "What would I give to hear your _____ on them!" *n. severe criticism*

15. 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 _____ for her. *adj. showing inventiveness and skill*

16. Mary had neither genius nor taste; and though vanity had given her application, it had given her likewise a _____ air and conceited manner, which would have injured a higher degree of excellence than she had reached. *adj. marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects*

17. "He has a very satirical eye, and if I do not begin by being _____ myself, I shall soon grow afraid of him." *adj. not showing proper respect; rude*

18. Mr. Darcy, with grave _____, requested to be allowed the honour of her hand, but in vain. *n. correct or appropriate behavior*

19. "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 _____ 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." *v. express severe disapproval of someone of something*

20. But they were entirely ignorant of what had passed; and their _____ continued, with little intermission, to the very day of Lydia's leaving home. *n. being carried away by overwhelming emotion*

21. When breakfast was over they were joined by the sisters; and Elizabeth began to like them herself, when she saw how much affection and _____ they showed for Jane. *n. feeling of excessive concern*

22. For, though elated by his rank, it did not render him _____; on the contrary, he was all attention to everybody. *adj. behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others*

23. We are each of an unsocial, _____ 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." *adj. habitually reserved and uncommunicative*

24. "Certainly, sir; and it has the advantage also of being in _____ amongst the less polished societies of the world." *n. current state of general acceptance and use*

25. "...she _____ it as exceedingly unlucky that the ladies should happen to go away just as they were all getting so intimate together." *v. express great regret, disappointment, or bitterness over something*

Exercise 45-2: Synonyms: *Circle the letter of the word closest in meaning to the bold word (9 marks)*

1. She **bewailed** her sudden decline in marks.
a. lamented b. applauded c. rejoiced

2. He is a man of refreshing **candour**.
a. honesty b. deception c. mendaciousness

3. They lived in a country where men were ruled by law and not by **caprice**.
a. force b. whim c. dictatorships

4. Angry delegates offered a resolution of **censure** against the offenders.
a. approval b. condemnation c. violence

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5. He showed his **contempt** for his job by showing up late.
a. scorn b. exuberance c. careless disregard
6. His impenetrable eyes and inscutable **countenance** gave little away.
a. grooming habits b. face c. wallet
7. She did not **deign** answer the man's ignorant question.
a. condescend to b. attempt c. forget to
8. He was completely **engrossed** in his collection.
a. engaged b. mired c. disturbed by
9. Maddie ignored his **entreaty**.
a. peace agreement b. plea c. curse
10. She chose her words with **fastidious** care.
a. prestigious b. prodigious c. scrupulous
11. The king acted with **hauteur**.
a. grace b. arrogance c. trepidation
12. She asked an **impertinent** question.
a. insolent b. courteous c. delicate
13. I **importuned** him with my demands.
a. tired b. terrified c. begged
14. She had a series of **imprudent** marriages.
a. injudicious b. unconventional c. insignificant
15. He was **ingenious** enough to overcome the limited budget.
a. innovative b. lethargic c. torpid
16. The essay was too **pedantic**.
a. dogmatic b. frigid c. confusing
17. He always behaved with the utmost **propriety**.
a. decorum b. integrity c. flair
18. Lea listened with **rapture**.
a. anguish b. misery c. euphoria
19. A knock on the door broke her **reverie**.
a. flagon b. daydream c. doorknob
20. I was touched by his **solicitude**.
a. ignorance b. neglect c. concern

21. The Church placed many **strictures** on everyday life.
a. restrictions b. embellishments c. buildings
22. She acted in a very **supercilious** manner.
a. conceited b. humble c. keen
23. Her **taciturn** daughter kept to herself.
a. expeditious b. cordial c. reticent
24. He spoke of **trifling** information.
a. crucial b. custard dessert c. insignificant
25. It is now **vogue** is to make realistic films.
a. trendy b. a fashion magazine for women c. verboten

Exercise 45-3: Anagrams *Unscramble these mixed up words to restore a modicum of propriety to this page! (24 Marks)*

- _____ 1. Ecu Ens
_____ 2. Me En Tin Trip
_____ 3. Awe Lib
_____ 4. Dona Cur
_____ 5. Edged In
_____ 6. Tarty Nee
_____ 7. Oat Suds If I
_____ 8. At Rue Uh
_____ 9. Arc Epic
_____ 10. Rime No Put
_____ 11. Rid Met Pun
_____ 12. Ego I Sin Nu
_____ 13. Ad Cent Pi
_____ 14. A Re Spurt
_____ 15. Rends Egos
_____ 16. Veer Ire
_____ 17. Comp Nett
_____ 18. Lucid Toise
_____ 19. Rep It Ropy
_____ 20. Cur Erst It
_____ 21. Ice Oil Spur Us
_____ 22. Cart Unit
_____ 23. Lift Grin
_____ 24. Nae Con Cut En

Exercise 45-4: Appropriate vs Inappropriate Usage

Indicate whether the bold list word has been used appropriately or inappropriately . (25 Marks)

- 1. Mr. Darcy behaved in a **supercilious** manner at first glance.
- 2. Mr. Bingley was a man of refreshing **candour**.
- 3. After buying a new pair of shoes, she was **censure** her mother would like them as well.
- 4. His inscrutable **countenance** was confounding.
- 5. It would be **imprudent** to forget her homework at home.
- 6. We went to the pet store and bought a great **deign**.
- 7. They all seemed to be fully **engrossed** in conversation.
- 8. The king turned a deaf ear to his **entreaties**.
- 9. Mr. Darcy chose his words with **fastidious** care.
- 10. The ladder was placed at an unreachable **hauteur**.
- 11. He was **impertinent** to the fact that Mrs. Darcy had just posed the same question.
- 12. If he were alive, I would **importune** him with all of my questions.
- 13. Her poor marks led her to **bewail** to her parents.
- 14. Mrs. Darcy is **ingenious** and always tells the truth.
- 15. Elizabeth's mother has an extremely **pedantic** view of the world.
- 16. She bought a new fashionable pair of **caprice** today.
- 17. Mr. Bingle signed the realtor's document, confirming the purchase of his new **propriety**.
- 18. Lydia married Mr. Wickham with utter **rapture**.

- 19. After the agreement, both men seemed **contempt** with their decision.
- 20. Mr. Darcy's property cost much of his **reverie**.
- 21. Mary Bennet prefers to be in **solicitude** than with her sisters.
- 22. Her **trifling** comments were not acknowledged by her family.
- 23. Mr. Darcy had many **strictures** on the Bennet family.
- 24. Lydia's **taciturn** and chatty behaviour has led her to gossip.
- 25. Mr. Bingley's charm led him to be in **vogue** with the rest of the community.

Exercise 45-5: Antonyms Circle the best antonym for each list word (shown in bold). (13 Marks)

1. Her marks caused her to **bewail**.
a. applaud b. mourn c. weep
2. He spoke with utter **candour**.
a. honesty b. deceit c. bluntness
3. One of the film's best assets is its sense of **caprice** and possibility.
a. predictability b. whim c. eccentricity
4. Do not risk the **censure** of your supervisor.
a. condemnation b. praise c. astonishment
5. His intelligence often got confused with **contempt**.
a. hatred b. happiness c. respect
6. He was **fastidious** about facts and dates.
a. lax b. fussy c. finicky
7. His **hauteur** offered a new and witty dimension.
a. condescension b. humility c. pride
8. He acted in an extremely **impertinent** manner.
a. insolent b. polite c. uncivil

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9. His decision was **imprudent**.

- a. rash b. reckless c. sensible

10. Acquired notions of **propriety** are stronger than natural instincts.

- a. indecorum b. decorum c. decency

11. He had many **strictures** on their lack of adventure.

- a. censure b. praise c. condemnation

12. The **taciturn** author was able to observe the community.

- a. talkative b. secretive c. reticent

13. These are **trifling** considerations.

- a. petty b. important c. silly

Exercise Answers:

Exercise 45-1: Fill in the Blank

1. candour 2. contempt 3. countenance 4. reverie 5. deigned
6. engrossed 7. entreaty 8. fastidious 9. caprice 10. trifling
11. hauteur 12. importune 13. imprudent 14. strictures 15.
ingenious 16. pedantic 17. impertinent 18. propriety 19. cen-
sure 20. raptures 21. solicitude 22. supercilious 23. taciturn
24. vogue 25. bewailed

Exercise 45-2: Synonyms

1. lament 2. honesty 3. whim 4. condemnation 5. scorn 6.
appearance 7. condescend 8. engaged 9. plea 10. scrupulous
11. arrogance 12. insolent 13. beg 14. injudicious 15. innova-
tive 16. dogmatic 17. decorum 18. euphoria 19. daydream
20. concern 21. condemnations 22. conceited 23. reticent
24. crucial 25. trend

Exercise 45-3: Anagrams

1. Censure 2. Impertinent 3. Bewail 4. Candour 5. Deigned
6. Entreaty 7. Fastidious 8. Hauteur 9. Caprice 10. Impor-
tune 11. Imprudent 12. Ingenious 13. Pedantic 14. Raptures
15. Engrossed 16. Reverie 17. Contempt 18. Solicitude 19.
Propriety 20. Stricture 21. Supercilious 22. Taciturn 23. Tri-
fling 24. Countenance

Exercise 45-4: Appropriate vs Inappropriate Usage

The words are used correctly with the following exceptions:
3, 6, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24

Exercise 45-5: Antonyms

1. Applaud 2. Deceit 3. Constant 4. Praise 5. Respect 6. Lax
7. Humility 8. Polite 9. Sensible 10. Indecorum 11. Praises
12. Talkative 13. Important

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