**Class Schedule**

1. Vocab Bingo (15 mins)
2. Opening Activity (10 mins)
3. Read extract (10 mins)
4. Comprehension questions (15 mins)
5. Read through new vocab (10 mins)

**Vocabulary Bingo!**

* Spot check on definitions, antonyms and synonyms of last week’s words (use the words in sentences)

**Opening Activity**

*Match the word to the definition!*

*Write a story about a burglary using the ten words underneath. The Night Burglar.*

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| 1. Absurd
2. Affectionate
3. Conceited
4. Divine
5. Cunning
6. Destitute
7. Arena
8. Dilute
9. Assemble
10. Attempt
 | 1. Having or showing skill in achieving your goal through lying or deceit
2. A place where a debate, game, fight or contest takes place
3. To try something (a try)
4. Very unreasonable or inappropriate; ridiculous
5. To weaken something by thinning it
6. Extremely poor and lacking the means to provide for yourself
7. Put together
8. Excessively proud of yourself; vain
9. Of or like a god
10. Feeling or showing fondness or tenderness towards someone
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Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

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 as the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.

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

Mr Bennet replied that he had not.

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

Mr Bennet made no answer.

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

‘You want to tell me, and I have no **objection** to hearing it.’

This was invitation enough.

‘Why, my dear, you must know, Mrs Long says that Netherfield is taken by a young man of large fortune from the north of England; that he came down on Monday in a **chaise** and four to see the place, and was so much delighted with it that he agreed with Mr Morris immediately; that he is to take possession before **Michelmas**, 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 you are as handsome as any of them, Mr Bingley might 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 new comers. Indeed you must go, for it will be impossible for us to visit him if you do not.’

‘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 which ever he chooses of the girls; though I must throw in a good word for my little Lizzy.’

‘I desire you to 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 on my poor nerves.’

‘You may 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 twenty years at least.’

‘Ah! You do not know what I suffer.’

‘But I hope you will get over it, and live to see many young men of four thousand a year come into the neighbourhood.’

‘It will be of no use to us, if twenty should come, since you will not visit them.’

‘Depend upon it, my dear, that went there are twenty, I will visit them all.’

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.

**Comprehension Questions**

1. Summarise the extract in a few sentences.
2. Describe the marriage between Mr and Mrs Bennet – how do they feel about one another?
3. In your own words, describe Mrs Bennet’s character.
4. Who is Mr Bennet’s favourite daughter and why?
5. Why does Mrs Bennet want her family to meet the newcomer?
6. Who is the newcomer and why does he generate excitement?

**Vocabulary**

* *Define each word, put it into one of four categories (noun, adjective, verb or adverb) and, where applicable, note down a synonym or antonym.*
1. Universal – applicable to all cases
2. Acknowledge – accept or admit something
3. Let – allow someone to live somewhere for money
4. Impatient
5. Objection
6. Chaise – a horse-drawn carriage for two people
7. Michaelmas – the period from the end of September to Christmas
8. Tiresome
9. Design – a plan or purpose
10. Flatter
11. Establishment – (archaic) a marriage
12. Merely – just; only
13. Scrupulous – careful and thorough
14. Assure – tell someone something to convince them and ease any doubts
15. Hearty
16. Preference – a greater liking for one thing over another
17. Ignorant
18. Vex – make someone feel annoyed or worried, especially over something small
19. Sarcastic
20. Reserve – a lack of warmth or openness in manner
21. Caprice – a sudden and shocking change of mood
22. Insufficient
23. Solace – comfort or consolation in a time of distress or sadness

**Homework**

* Revise the vocabulary we have learned today and fill in the blanks.
* Imagine you are either Mr or Mrs Bennet. Write a diary entry describing the first time you meet the mysterious newcomer, Mr Bingley. Use ten words from the vocab list above.