**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!*

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| 1. Disposition
2. Vex
3. Indulgent
4. Nominal
5. Esteem
6. Alloy
7. Valetudinarian
8. Amiable
9. Mutual
10. Matrimony
 | 1. Existing in name only
2. To make someone feel annoyed, irritated or unhappy, usually with trivial matters
3. The state of being married; marriage
4. Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner
5. A person’s inherent qualities of mind and character
6. Ready or over-ready to be generous or lenient with someone
7. Experienced or done by two people or parties towards the other
8. A person who is unduly anxious about their health
9. Respect and admiration
10. Debase something by adding something inferior
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Emma by Jane Austen

Emma Woodhouse, handsome, clever, and rich, with a comfortable home and happy **disposition**, seemed to unite some of the best **blessings** of existence; and had lived nearly twenty-one years in the world with very little to distress or **vex** her.

She was the youngest of the two daughters of a most affectionate, **indulgent** father; and had, in consequence of her sister's marriage, been mistress of his house from a very early period. Her mother had died too long ago for her to have more than an **indistinct** remembrance of her **caresses**; and her place had been supplied by an excellent woman as governess, who had fallen little short of a mother in affection.

Sixteen years had Miss Taylor been in Mr. Woodhouse's family, less as a governess than a friend, very fond of both daughters, but particularly of Emma. Between *them* it was more the **intimacy** of sisters. Even before Miss Taylor had ceased to hold the **nominal** office of governess, the mildness of her **temper** had hardly allowed her to **impose** any restraint; and the shadow of authority being now long passed away, they had been living together as friend and friend very **mutually** attached, and Emma doing just what she liked; highly **esteeming** Miss Taylor's judgment, but directed chiefly by her own.

The real evils, indeed, of Emma's situation were the power of having rather too much her own way, and a disposition to think a little too well of herself; these were the disadvantages which threatened **alloy** to her many enjoyments. The danger, however, was at present so **unperceived**, that they did not by any means **rank** as misfortunes with her.

Sorrow came—a gentle sorrow—but not at all in the shape of any disagreeable **consciousness**.—Miss Taylor married. It was Miss Taylor's loss which first brought grief. It was on the wedding-day of this beloved friend that Emma first sat in **mournful** thought of any **continuance**. The wedding over, and the bride-people gone, her father and herself were left to dine together, with no **prospect** of a third to cheer a long evening. Her father composed himself to sleep after dinner, as usual, and she had then only to sit and think of what she had lost.

The event had every promise of happiness for her friend. Mr. Weston was a man of unexceptionable character, easy fortune, suitable age, and pleasant manners; and there was some satisfaction in considering with what self-denying, generous friendship she had always wished and **promoted** the match; but it was a black morning's work for her. The want of Miss Taylor would be felt every hour of every day. She recalled her past kindness—the kindness, the affection of sixteen years—how she had taught and how she had played with her from five years old—how she had devoted all her powers to attach and amuse her in health—and how nursed her through the various illnesses of childhood. A large debt of gratitude was owing here; but the intercourse of the last seven years, the equal footing and perfect unreserve which had soon followed Isabella's marriage, on their being left to each other, was yet a dearer, tenderer recollection. She had been a friend and companion such as few possessed: intelligent, well-informed, useful, gentle, knowing all the ways of the family, interested in all its concerns, and **peculiarly** interested in herself, in every pleasure, every scheme of hers—one to whom she could speak every thought as it arose, and who had such an affection for her as could never find fault.

How was she to bear the change?—It was true that her friend was going only half a mile from them; but Emma was aware that great must be the difference between a Mrs. Weston, only half a mile from them, and a Miss Taylor in the house; and with all her advantages, natural and **domestic**, she was now in great danger of suffering from intellectual **solitude**. She dearly loved her father, but he was no companion for her. He could not meet her in conversation, **rational** or playful.

The evil of the actual **disparity** in their ages (and Mr. Woodhouse had not married early) was much increased by his **constitution** and habits; for having been a **valetudinarian** all his life, without activity of mind or body, he was a much older man in ways than in years; and though everywhere beloved for the friendliness of his heart and his **amiable** temper, his talents could not have recommended him at any time.

Her sister, though comparatively but little removed by **matrimony**, being settled in London, only sixteen miles off, was much beyond her daily reach; and many a long October and November evening must be struggled through at Hartfield, before Christmas brought the next visit from Isabella and her husband, and their little children, to fill the house, and give her pleasant society again.

**Comprehension Questions**

1. Summarise the extract in a few sentences.
2. What is the relationship between Emma and Miss Taylor?
3. What are Emma’s primary character flaws?
4. Why doesn’t Emma get along with her father?
5. What sort of book do we think this will be?

**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. Disposition
2. Blessing
3. Vex
4. Indulgent
5. Indistinct
6. Carrels
7. Intimacy
8. Nominal
9. Temper
10. Impose
11. Mutual
12. Esteem
13. Alloy
14. Unperceived
15. Rank
16. Consciousness
17. Mournful
18. Continuance
19. Prospect
20. Unexceptionable
21. Promote
22. Peculiar
23. Domestic
24. Solitude
25. Rational
26. Disparity
27. Constitution
28. Valetudinarian
29. Amiable
30. Matrimony

**Homework**

* Revise the vocabulary we have learned today.
* Write a letter from Emma to her governess, Miss Taylor, describing her situation and how much she misses her. Use ten words from the vocab list above.