Far from the Madding Crowd
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Vocab: meanings of words from the story

1 shepherd  2 flute  3 stove  4 countryside  5 hire  6 county  7 celebrate  8 harvest  9 character
10 tollgate  11 pregnant  12 load  13 embarrass  14 bark  15 propose  16 independent  17 ruin
18 insure  19 debt  20 regiment  21 barracks  22 notice  23 annoy  24 respect  25 disturb  26 trust
27 blame  28 workhouse

Writing: rewrite sentences

1 Gabriel Oak was single.
2 He was a shepherd.
3 ‘She’s a pretty woman,’ said the gatekeeper.
4 ‘I heard your dog barking.’
5 ‘Think about my proposal.’
6 They put the cloth into a pond to make it wet.
7 ‘I do want to hire a shepherd.’
8 ‘Does anyone have a room that I can rent?’
9 ‘I’m going to manage the farm myself.’
10 She was annoyed because Boldwood did not notice her.
11 She was sorry that she had disturbed this quiet man’s life.
12 Frank Troy lied to Fanny.
13 He is clever, but you can’t trust him.
14 You mustn’t gamble on any more horse races.
15 Bathsheba was unhappy.
16 He went into the sea and drowned.
17 Bathsheba returned at the time when the hay is harvested.
18 ‘Your husband disappeared a year ago.’
19 This conversation was embarrassing her.
20 Gabriel Oak stared at Bathsheba.
Pre-intermediate level

Vocab: anagrams

1 ARGUMENTS  2 GUILTY  3 CEREAL  4 HEDGE  5 WAGON  6 FLUTE
7 STOVE  8 SHEEPDOG  9 COWSHEEDED  10 CLOAK  11 CHASE  12 CROOK
13 COURTING  14 ATTRACTIVE  15 VALENTINE  16 HONOUR  17 CREST
18 ADMIRE  19 OPINION  20 CLOVER  21 SWOLLEN  22 DESERT
23 WAISTCOAT  24 SCYTHE  25 SWORD  26 GASP  27 PRETEND
28 GRAVESTONE  29 CIRCUS

Grammar: syntax

1 Oak learnt that the young woman’s name was Bathsheba.
2 The young dog had become excited and had chased the sheep.
3 I have nothing but the clothes that I’m wearing.
4 He climbed into the wagon and covered himself with hay.
5 Suddenly he heard a noise behind him and turned around.
6 So Troy had become an actor in the travelling circus.
7 Suddenly there was a loud noise and the room was filled with smoke.
8 Now that they had spoken about their love for one another, nothing could destroy that hope.

Vocab choice: words which are related in meaning

1 personality  2 cart  3 charge  4 protection  5 light  6 confuse  7 hurt  8 simple
9 offer  10 employ  11 cup  12 building  13 servant  14 control  15 anger