

Persuasion

Jane Austen

The story step by step

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Character	Role	More information
Sir Walter Elliot	Baronet and father	Vain, <u>good-looking</u> and silly.
Lady Elliot	Baronet's dead <u>wife</u> and mother	<u>Kind and sensible.</u> Good <u>wife</u> and <u>mother.</u>
<u>Elizabeth</u>	Baronet's eldest daughter	Very <u>good-looking</u> and like her father in <u>character.</u>
Anne	Baronet's middle <u>daughter</u>	<u>Clever and lovely</u> but lost her <u>beauty when still young.</u>
<u>Mary</u>	Baronet's youngest daughter	Married to <u>Mr Charles Musgrove</u> , a man from a good country family.
<u>Lady Russell</u>	Good friend of Lady Elliot	<u>Helped</u> Lady Elliot with <u>her daughters.</u> Loved the three <u>girls very much.</u>

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- 1 'Admiral Croft is the son of a gentleman,' Mr Shepherd told Sir Walter.
 - 2 'Now, what was his name?'
 - 3 'You mean Mr Wentworth, I expect,' said Anne.
 - 4 'You remember him, I am sure.'
 - 5 'But you called him a gentleman. He was not a gentleman.'

3 Mr Wentworth, who Sir Walter and Mr Shepherd had talked about, was nothing to Anne. But, ¹ eight years before, she had been in love with his ² brother, Captain Frederick Wentworth. Captain Wentworth, like Admiral Croft, was in the ³ navy, and in ⁴ summer 1806 he had come to live in Somerset with his ⁵ brother. He was a very ⁶ good-looking and ⁷ clever young man, and Anne was a very ⁸ kind, ⁹ sensible girl. As they began to know each other, they fell deeply in love. And for a ¹⁰ short time, they were very happy together.

However, when they asked Sir Walter if they could get engaged, he ¹¹ was very cold. He ¹² did not think that Captain Wentworth ¹³ was good enough for his family. Although Lady Russell was ¹⁴ kinder than Sir Walter, she too believed the engagement ¹⁵ was not a good idea. Anne was only ¹⁶ nineteen at the time. She ¹⁷ was beautiful and clever, and from a good family, and Lady Russell thought that she was throwing herself away.

Captain Wentworth had ¹⁸ no money, but he said he ¹⁹ was sure that he would soon have a ship and be rich. He had ²⁰ always been lucky, and he knew that he ²¹ always would be.

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- 1 It was decided that Sir Walter and Elizabeth would move to Bath in August,
 - 2 ... and the Crofts would come to live at Kellynch Hall in September.
 - 3 So the family agreed that Anne would go to Bath after Christmas with Lady Russell.
 - 4 Until then, she would stay at Uppercross Cottage with Mary.
 - 5 Lady Russell had hoped that when Sir Walter and Elizabeth moved to Bath, Elizabeth's friendship with Mrs Clay would end.
 - 6 If he decided to marry her, it would be a terrible thing for the Elliot family.

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<i>/z/</i>	<i>/s/</i>
Char <u>l</u> es	<u>st</u> ill
M <u>u</u> sgroves	Miss
<u>w</u> as	<u>b</u> est
Lou <u>is</u> a	up <u>s</u> et
day <u>s</u>	o <u>n</u> ce
<u>a</u> s	li <u>s</u> ten

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- 1 *seventeen miles*
 - 2 Charles, Mary, Anne, Henrietta, Louisa and Captain Wentworth
 - 3 one night
 - 4 at lunchtime
 - 5 They found an inn then went for a walk to the sea.
 - 6 Because it was November.
 - 7 He was an excellent young man.
 - 8 Because his fiancée Fanny had died.
 - 9 He was tall and dark, with a sensible face.
 - 10 to the Harville's house

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- a 7
 - b 4
 - c 6
 - d 3
 - e 8
 - f 2
 - g 5
 - h 9
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agreeable	///
careful	II
difficult	II
good	III
ill	III
interesting	II
kind	II
poor	IIII
rich	II

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My dear Anne,

I am writing with news about ~~Henrietta~~ **Louisa**, who is now much ~~worse~~ **better**. She and the Harvilles arrived at the Great House on ~~Thursday~~ **Tuesday**. You will not believe her news. Captain ~~Wentworth~~ **Benwick** is in love with her, and they want to get married! He wrote to ~~Mrs~~ **Mr** Musgrove to ask ~~her~~ **him**. Can you believe it? We are all so ~~shocked~~ **surprised**, and **but** we are very ~~unhappy~~ **pleased** too. ~~Mrs~~ **Mr** Musgrove has written back to Captain ~~Wentworth~~ **Benwick** to say ~~no~~ **yes**. We are expecting Captain ~~Wentworth~~ **Benwick** today. Charles wants to know what Captain ~~Benwick~~ **Wentworth** will think. But if you remember, I never thought he planned to marry ~~Henrietta~~ **Louisa**. Charles sends his love.

Yours

Mary M.

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- 1 ✓
 - 2 ✗
 - 3 ✗
 - 4 ✗
 - 5 ✗
 - 6 ✓
 - 7 ✓

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I cannot listen in silence anymore. You break my heart. I am half full of terrible pain, half full of hope. Tell me that I am not too late, that those special feelings are not gone forever. I offer myself to you again with a heart that is all yours. It is yours now even more than when you broke it eight and a half years ago. Do not say that a man forgets sooner than a woman. I have loved no one but you. I have been unkind, weak and angry, but I have never forgotten you. I came to Bath only for you. Everything I have done is for you. Have you not seen this? I almost cannot write. Every moment I hear something which makes me feel weak. You try to talk quietly, but I could understand that voice anywhere. You are too good, too perfect. You know that men can love forever. Please believe that my love could never end.

I must go, but I will come back as soon as possible. Please give me a word or a look so I can decide to come to your father's house tonight, or never.

F.W.