

FINDING AND FIXING COMMA SPLICES AND RUN-ONS ANSWER KEY

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Pride and Prejudice is one of the most popular novels ever written in English, it was written by Jane Austen and published in 1813, it is called a “novel of manners” because it describes how the wealthy people who own land, the source of their wealth, behave in society. The Bennet family has five daughters, all of whom will need to find rich husbands to support them, because their estate is entailed, “entailed” means that the estate must be inherited by the closest living male relative, so it can’t be inherited by daughters. The mother, Mrs. Bennet, can’t think of anything except how to get her daughters married before her husband, who is very healthy, may happen to die, the oldest daughter, Jane, is both beautiful and well-mannered, with a sunny, even disposition who sees evil in no one the second daughter, Elizabeth, is almost as beautiful as Jane, but she has a lively intelligence and a sharp wit she likes to laugh at people who she thinks are silly and stupid. The three younger daughters are not as well-mannered, and the youngest is, in fact, wild and almost out-of-control.

One day a wealthy, handsome young gentleman, Mr. Bingley, rents a vacant estate in the village where the Bennett family lives, he is considered the most eligible bachelor in the village, and every young lady would love to be noticed by him. Bingley brings with him his friend, Fitzwilliam Darcy, to live with him while he is in town, Darcy is a strikingly handsome young gentleman of great wealth, but he seems very proud and conceited.

During the first dance of the season, Mr. Bingley seems particularly impressed with Jane, the oldest Bennet daughter, and dances with her twice at the ball. Meanwhile, Darcy refuses to dance with any ladies of the town because they are below his level of society, the entire town

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starts to feel that he is too proud and they dislike him. Jane, however, has fallen in love with **Bingley when** Bingley and Darcy leave unexpectedly without explanation, she is upset because everyone was convinced that Bingley would ask Jane to marry him.

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There is an army officer in the town, named Wickham, who has charmed all the **ladies,** **he** tells everyone that Darcy has cheated him out of his inheritance, which was a job as the pastor of a village church. Therefore he is poor and must marry for money. This makes Darcy even more disliked by everyone in **town, about** a month later, Elizabeth receives an invitation to stay with her friend Charlotte, who has married and moved to another town. Charlotte lives near a great lady with a grand estate who employs Charlotte's husband as her clergyman. One day Darcy comes to visit the great lady, who is his aunt, and finds that Elizabeth is nearby. He inexplicably visits her **regularly, no** one can believe that such a proud man would be interested in to a girl with no money or social connections. However, he is interested, and he proposes to Jane when they are **alone, Jane,** shocked, rejects him because he was the cause of breaking apart Bingley and Jane, and because he disinherited Wickham. Darcy is shocked to be **rejected** **however,** before he leaves town, he writes Jane a long letter explaining how Wickham was unfit to be a clergyman because he had tried to make Darcy's sister, a 15-year-old heiress, elope with him. Darcy also explains Wickham's many other sins and faults, which he did not disclose before because he wanted no one to be talking about his sister with disrespect. Darcy also explains why he separated Bingley from **Jane, he** did not feel that Jane exhibited any signs of love for Bingham. Elizabeth is brought to tears because her prejudice against Darcy was based on false **assumptions if** you want to know the rest of the story you will just have to read the book.

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