

8.06: *Pygmalion*



Subject-Specific Vocabulary

1	Standard English	(n) the most widely understood and accepted form of English; the form of English used when writing and when speaking formally
2	accent	(n) the way in which the people of a particular area, country or group pronounce the words of their language
3	dialect	(n) the way in which the people of a particular area or group use specific words and grammar
4	Received Pronunciation	(n) an accent of English that is associated with people from the upper and upper-middle classes; the 'Queen's English' or 'BBC English'
5	foil	(n) a character who contrasts with the protagonist to highlight their qualities
6	satire	(n) a literary genre that uses humour to expose, ridicule and criticise human flaws and social problems
7	dramatic irony	(n) when the audience is aware of the importance of a character's words or actions, but the character is not
8	register	(n) the level of formality in language
9	sociolect	(n) the words and grammar spoken by a specific social group
10	code-switching	(n) shifting between two or more styles of speech to fit the social situation
11	anti-climax	(n) a disappointing end to an exciting or impressive series of events

Character and Tone Vocabulary

12	inferior	(adj) lower in rank, status or quality
13	metamorphosis	(n) a complete change in form or nature; a transformation

Thematic Vocabulary

14	social class	(n) a system of ordering society whereby people are divided into sets based on their perceived social or economic status
15	social hierarchy	(n) the order in which society categorises its people into rankings of socio-economic tiers based on factors like wealth, income, race, class, education and power
16	injustice	(n) an event or situation which is unfair and undeserved
17	exploitation	(n) the action or fact of treating someone unfairly to benefit from their work
18	hypocrisy	(n) the practice of engaging in the same behaviour or activity for which one criticises or condemns another
19	patriarchal	(adj) a society, family or system in which men have all or most of the power and importance
20	gender equality	(n) the idea that everyone should be treated fairly and have the same chances, regardless of gender
21	sexism	(n) the unfair treatment of someone because of their sex
22	misogyny	(n) the hatred of, or strong prejudice against, women
23	objectification	(n) the act of treating a person as an object or thing, rather than as a person with feelings

Academic Vocabulary

24	stereotype	(n) a fixed and oversimplified belief about a group of people that ignores individual differences and can lead to unfair treatment or assumptions
25	subvert	(v) to overturn or undermine something that is established

