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# ACTIVITIES

#### BEFORE READING

Here are some of the people in the story Emma.



1 Mr Knightley



2 Emma Woodhouse 3 Harriet Smith





4 Mr Elton



5 Frank Churchill



6 Robert Martin



7 Jane Fairfax



8 Miss Bates

- What kind of people are they? What do you think? Match the sentences with the pictures.
  - She's poor and not very clever, and wants to marry for love.
  - She's poor, but clever, and doesn't show what she feels. b
  - She's rich and clever, and tries to help people not always in the best way. C
  - d He's rich and likes talking cleverly to women.
  - He isn't very nice and wants to marry someone rich.
  - She's not very clever and will never marry.
  - He's rich and good, sees a lot, but says little.
  - He's poor but good.
- What do you think happens between these people in the book? Who falls in love with whom?

#### CHAPTER 1

# Emma is interested in Harriet

## 第一章 爱玛对哈丽雅特产生了兴趣

 $E^{\,\mathrm{mma}}$  Woodhouse had everything. She was beautiful, clever and rich, and she lived very comfortably with her father in a fine house called Hartfield in the village of Highbury.

Emma's life as a young child **became** unhappy when her mother died, so Mr Woodhouse found a woman called Miss Taylor to teach Emma and her sister Isabella. Later, when Emma's sister married Mr John Knightley and went to live in London, Miss Taylor soon became more of a friend than a **governess** to Emma.

After Miss Taylor married and moved away, Emma **missed** her friend and her good conversation greatly. Emma and her father knew many people in Highbury, but she had no good friends of her own age. She spent many evenings alone with her father and they were long and often boring.

One evening after supper, an old friend of the family walked into the room. Mr George Knightley was a man of thirty-seven or thirty-eight years who lived near Highbury and often visited Emma and her father. His brother John was married to Emma's sister, Isabella.

'Shall I tell you about Miss Taylor's **wedding**, Mr Knightley?' said Emma, trying to sound happy.

'Poor Emma,' said her father. 'She misses Miss Taylor very much.'

'Of course Emma misses her friend,' said Mr Knightley, 'but I'm sure she is happy that Miss Taylor has married.'

'Yes, I am,' said Emma smiling. 'And don't forget that they

become (became, become) v. to begin to be 变成

#### governess

n. a woman who lives with and teaches children in their home 女家庭教师

#### miss

v. to want something that you once had, but that you don't have now 怀念,想念

#### wedding

n. the day when two people marry 婚礼



'Please don't matchmake any more, Emma.'

matchmake

v. to help two people to meet, hoping that they will fall in love and marry 做媒 married because of me. I decided it four years ago when you all said that Mr Weston didn't want to marry again.'

'Oh, dear,' said Mr Woodhouse. 'Please don't **matchmake** any more, Emma. Things always happen as you say they will.'

'But, Papa, I love matchmaking,' replied Emma, laughing.

'Mr Weston married Miss Taylor because he loves her and she loves him, not because he met her through you,' said Mr Knightley, shaking his head.

'But, Mr Knightley,' she said, 'I knew how they felt before

they knew it themselves. That is the secret of a good matchmaker!'

Emma sometimes asked a group of her father's friends to spend the evening at Hartfield. On one of these evenings Emma felt very excited. A young woman of seventeen was coming to the party. She had no friends or family but she was very beautiful. Her name was Harriet Smith.

Emma was interested in Harriet and they spent the evening talking. Harriet was not very clever, but she was friendly, kind, and had beautiful blue eyes. When Harriet and her father's friends left, Emma made a plan. She wanted to teach Harriet, to be her friend, and to **introduce** her to the important people in Highbury.

Emma started to spend a lot of time with Harriet and she soon knew all about her. Harriet told her about her friends, the Martins. She often stayed with them on their **farm**, and she liked Mr Robert Martin very much.

One day while the young women were out walking, they met Mr Martin. Emma saw at once that Harriet liked him a lot, and she was very unhappy about it. A farmer was not the right husband for beautiful Harriet! Emma decided to be Harriet's matchmaker.

Emma soon thought of the right person for Harriet. It was Mr Elton — a **handsome** young **clergyman** with a comfortable home who needed a wife. Emma started work at once. She spoke to Harriet about Mr Elton and to Mr Elton about Harriet, and planned lots of ways for them to meet.

Mr Elton started to visit Hartfield often, and Emma was sure that her plan was working well.

'I see that you have taught Miss Smith a lot and have helped her to become a much better person,' Mr Elton told Emma one day.

#### introduce

v. to bring people together for the first time by saying their names and something about them 介绍

#### farm

n. a house with land in the country 农庄

#### handsome

adj. good-looking 英俊的

#### clergyman

n. a man who works for the church 牧师 'Oh no,' said Emma smiling. 'Harriet has always been kind and beautiful. I have done very little.'

'You are always right, Emma,' replied Mr Elton warmly. Emma was sure that he spoke with love in his eyes, and at once, she thought of a new plan.

'Would you like me to **paint** your picture, Harriet?' Emma asked one day, in front of Mr Elton.

Harriet was unsure, but Mr Elton thought that it was a wonderful plan. Emma began at once. She was a good painter and soon finished a fine picture.

'Do you think that it is a nice picture, Mr Elton?' asked Emma, smiling.

'It is the best picture I have ever seen. It is quite beautiful. You are a very clever painter Emma,' said Mr Elton. 'I shall take it to London for a **frame** at once.'

'He is very handsome and just right for Harriet,' Emma thought to herself, 'but I find him boring.'

While Mr Elton was in London, Harriet arrived at Hartfield one morning with a big surprise.

'Emma, you will never **believe** it,' she said excitedly. 'Mr Martin has asked me to marry him!'

Emma was not happy when she saw that Harriet wanted to say yes to Mr Martin.

'You cannot marry him, Harriet,' she said coldly. 'He is only a farmer. If you marry him, we could not be friends. I could not visit a farmer's wife!'

Poor Harriet! She did what Emma told her and wrote to Mr Martin to say no, but she was very unhappy.

Another person was also unhappy when he heard the news. Mr Knightley knew Mr Martin well and liked him a lot. He was very angry when Emma told him Harriet's answer.

'Did you tell Harriet not to marry him, Emma?' he asked.

'Yes, I did,' replied Emma, smiling sweetly.

'But Mr Martin is a kind, intelligent man. He has a fine home

#### paint

v. to put different colours on paper to make a picture 画画

#### frame

n. the piece of wood around the outside of a door or a picture (门或画的)框

#### believe

v. to think that something is true 相信



and farm, and Harriet was lucky that he liked her. Harriet has no family and she couldn't find a better husband! You have been no friend to Harriet, Emma,' he said crossly.

'It is the best picture I have ever seen.'

Emma did not like Mr Knightley to be angry with her, but she was sure that she was right.

'You are wrong, Mr Knightley,' she said. 'Harriet can marry someone much better than Mr Martin.'

Mr Knightley got up quickly and walked to the door.

'Good morning to you,' he said coldly, and left.

# ACTIVITIES

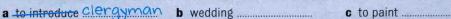
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### **WORD WORK**

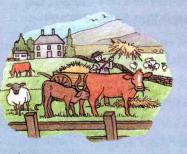
These words don't match the pictures. Correct them.











d clergyman .....





f frame .....

# ACTIVITIES NIN

2	Complete the words to make sentences about the story. All of the words come
	from Chapter 1.

- a Emma likes to matchmake.
- **b** Mr Elton isn't ugly, he's a very h \_ \_ d \_ \_ m \_ man.
- c Emma b \_ I \_ \_ v \_ \_ that she is always right.
- d Miss Taylor came to Hartfield as Emma's g v \_ n \_ s but she left as Emma's friend.
- e Emma m \_ \_ \_ s her old friend now she has left Hartfield.
- **f** Mr Knightley b \_ c \_ \_ s angry with Emma when she stops Harriet saying yes to marrying Robert Martin.

#### **GUESS WHAT**

### What happens in the next chapter? Tick three boxes.

- a Emma says she doesn't need a husband.
- **b** Mr Elton tells Harriet that he wants to marry her.
- c Mr Knightley tells Harriet that he wants to marry her.
- d Mr Elton tells Emma that he wants to marry her.
- e Mr Knightley tells Emma that he wants to marry her.
- f Emma is cold with Mr Knightley.

#### CHAPTER 2

# Emma feels uncomfortable

### 第一章 爱玛感到不安了

#### poem

n. a short piece of careful writing: it is often about what you feel 诗

#### clear

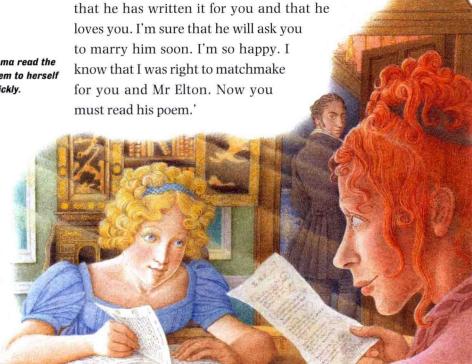
adj. easy to understand 清楚的,明白的

hen Mr Elton came back from London with the picture in its frame, he put it in the sitting room at Hartfield and looked at it lovingly. Emma watched him and thought of a new plan.

She and Harriet were making a book of love **poems**, so she asked Mr Elton to write something for it. He happily agreed, and when he finished, he gave his poem to Emma and left the room. It was called To Miss \_\_\_\_? Emma read the poem to herself quickly.

'Oh Harriet,' she said excitedly. 'It is clear

Emma read the poem to herself quickly.



At first, Harriet could not believe that Mr Elton loved her, but Emma soon **persuaded** her that it was true. Harriet was very happy, and she even stopped thinking about Mr Martin. The next day, she and Emma went for a walk past Mr Elton's house.

'Just think, Harriet, one day you will live there as Mrs Elton, a clergyman's wife!' said Emma.

Harriet smiled, and then she looked thoughtful. 'But Emma, what about you? I can't understand why you don't want a husband too,' she said.

'Harriet, I don't *need* a husband!' replied Emma with a **confident** smile.

Emma's sister Isabella and her family came to stay at Hartfield for Christmas. During their visit, Mr and Mrs Weston **invited** them all to their house for dinner. Knowing that Mr Elton was also a **guest**, Emma asked Mrs Weston to invite Harriet too, but in the end Harriet had a cold and could not go.

While they were waiting to leave for the Westons' house, Isabella's husband, Mr John Knightley, turned to Emma. 'I have watched Mr Elton, Emma, and he likes you very, very much,' he said, with a knowing look. 'Do you like him, too?'

Emma laughed. 'We are good friends, that's all. Surely you don't really think that he loves me?' she replied.

At dinner, Mr Elton came and sat next to Emma. He smiled a lot and was very **attentive** to her all evening. Emma remembered John Knightley's words and she felt uncomfortable.

'Mr Elton hasn't spoken about Harriet once this evening,' thought Emma. 'And he is spending all his time with me. If he loves Harriet, that isn't right!'

While she was thinking, Mr Weston spoke to her.

'Emma, we have some news. We have had a letter from my son Frank, and he is coming to visit us,' he said excitedly.

#### persuade

v. to make somebody change their way of thinking 劝说.

#### confident

adj. sure of yourself 有信心的

#### invite

v. to ask someone to come to your home, or to a party 邀请

#### guest

n. a person that you invite to your home 客人

#### attentive

adj. watching and listening carefully and with interest 殷勤的,体贴的

#### carriage

n. an old kind of car that horses pull 四轮马车 'That's wonderful, Mr Weston,' said Emma, smiling.

Emma thought that Frank Churchill sounded very interesting and she wanted to meet him. Mr Weston's first wife died when his son Frank was a young child, and the young man now lived with his rich aunt and uncle — Mr and Mrs Churchill. They had no children themselves and Frank was like a son to them. He even changed his name to Churchill to please them.

When it was time to go home, Emma said goodbye, and waited for her **carriage**. To her surprise Mr Elton climbed into it with her. Before she could say anything, he took her hand, looked into her eyes, and told her that he loved her! Emma was so surprised that she did not know what to say.

'But . . . but . . . Mr Elton,' she cried. 'You can't love me, you love Harriet!'

'Harriet!' cried Mr Elton. 'What are you saying? I've never loved Harriet in my life!' And he thought to himself, 'It's true that Harriet is beautiful, but she isn't rich!'

'No, Emma, my dearest,' he went on, 'it is you that I love and I thought that you felt the same about me. Say that you will marry me!' he said, looking deeply into her eyes.

Neither Emma nor Mr Elton said a word.