

LYDIA BENNET: is the youngest of the five Bennet sisters. She is 15, and described as flighty, spoiled, brash and buxom. She is boy crazy and outspoken Her behavior is considered outside of proprieties guidelines and she's a tease and a flirt. She eventually runs off with the villainous Mr. Wickham.

LYDIA 1

Why would Mrs. Forster invite you, Kitty? she is *my* particular friend, and with the regiment removing to Brighton, she will be in want of *my* companionship, even if you are two years older! What balls and parties I shall attend. I will flirt and dance with all of the officers and have the most wonderful time. Oh, you wait and see! I shall be the first of my sisters to be married!

LYDIA 2

Ah, mama. I am returned a married woman. It feels like an age since I have left, but it has only been three months. When I went away, I am sure I had no more idea of being married, though I thought it would be very good fun if I was. I dare say I shall get husbands for all of my sisters before the winter is over.

La! You are so strange! I must tell you about the wedding. We were married at St. Clements. My uncle and aunt and I were to go together, and the others would meet us at the church. Such such a fuss! While I was dressing, my aunt was preaching and talking away as if she was reading a sermon. They were horrid unpleasant all the time I was with them. I was so frightened I did not know what to do, for my uncle was to give me away; and if we were beyond the hour, we could not be married all day. But the wedding need not be put off, for Mr. Darcy might have done as well.

Lydia realizes she has misspoken and puts her hand over her mouth.

Oh! Well, he was to come there with Wickham, you know. But, gracious, I quite forgot! I ought not to have said a word about it. I promised them so faithfully! What will Wickham say? It was to be such a secret.