

Sense and Sensibility

Book key

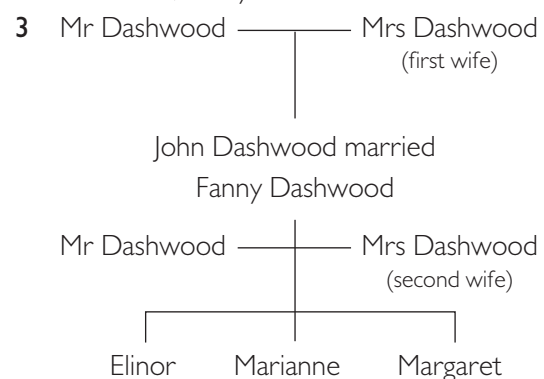
- 1 a Colonel, gentleman, priest, servant
 b 'advice' is telling somebody what you think they should do, but 'encouragement' is helping them to feel able to do it.
 c their wedding
- 2 It is about two girls. One has good sense, and the other believes that sensibility (being open to strong feelings) is more important.
- 3 a Marianne b husband c two d love
- 4 a m b j c o d k e p f i g n h l
- 5 a Elinor is more sensible than her mother / has more sense than her mother.
 b Mrs Jennings talks and laughs more than her daughter.
 c Marianne is younger than Colonel Brandon but they both like music.
- 6 a She has to live in her own home as a guest until a relative offers her a different home. She has to sell her horses and carriage and take only three servants to her new home.
 b Her husband's son wants to be kind to her but he listens to his selfish wife and gives nothing to Mrs Dashwood.
- 7 Open answers
- 8 True: a, c, d, e, f
- 9 Tick: a, c, d, e
- 10–13 Open answers
- 14 a Colonel Brandon
 b Willoughby
 c Miss Grey
 d Mrs Dashwood
 e John Dashwood
 f Mrs Ferrars
 g Robert
- 15 a letter
 b engaged
 c money
 d Mrs Jennings
 e Miss Morton
- 16–19 Open answers
- 20 a 5 b 3 c 1 d 6 e 2 f 4 g 7
- 21 EF: b, d, f
 W: a, c, e
- 22 a Colonel Brandon says this to Elinor because he is offering to give Edward a job and a small house at Delaford.

- b Mrs Jennings says this about Marianne after the doctor says Marianne's fever is dangerous.
 c Willoughby says this to Elinor because he wants to tell her his story about his life.
 d Mrs Dashwood says this about Colonel Brandon to Elinor because she wants Marianne to marry him.
 e Edward says this to Elinor because Elinor thinks that Lucy has married Edward Ferrars.

23–34 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 Possible answers:
- *There are two women in the picture, one standing up and the other sitting down.*
 - *These women are wearing old-fashioned clothes.*
 - *I think the title is talking about these two women.*
 - *The story is probably about these two women.*
- 2 Suggested answers:
- *John Dashwood is the son of Mr Dashwood's first wife; he had plenty of money from his mother. He is not a bad man, but he listens to his selfish wife too much.*
 - *Fanny Dashwood is John's wife. She is quite rich and selfish.*
 - *Elinor Dashwood is the oldest daughter of Mr Dashwood's second wife. She is nineteen, and very sensible. She thinks carefully about everything. She likes Edward, Fanny's brother.*



- 4 Possible answers:
- *I think the house is going to be very small.*
 - *I think the house is smaller than Norland Park but still big enough for the four Dashwood ladies and three servants.*
 - *Maybe Sir John Middleton is a very old man.*
 - *Perhaps Sir John Middleton is young and handsome.*
 - *I think he is a very kind person.*
 - *I'm sure they will make new friends there.*
 - *I don't think they will make a lot of friends.*
 - *I think they will be happier than living with John and Fanny.*

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- *I think the Dashwoods will be invited by Sir John Middleton.*
- 5** Open answers
- 6** Possible answers:
- *Marianne is not very sensible because she goes off alone with Willoughby. This makes people think that they are engaged.*
 - *Elinor is sensible and says, 'If something is nice, it can still be wrong.'*
- 7** Open answers
- 8** Possible answers:
- *He doesn't want to marry Marianne, so he goes to London. Out of sight, out of mind.*
 - *Perhaps he has another girlfriend in London.*
 - *I don't think he is serious about Marianne. If he is serious, he will announce the engagement.*
 - *I think they will never see each other again.*
 - *I think Marianne has been dumped.*
- 9** Open answers
- 10** Possible answers:
- *I don't agree. He at least told Marianne that he is engaged to someone else. Some men don't even explain what's going on.*
 - *I think Willoughby is a sad person who loves money too much, but I understand his action.*
 - *If he thinks he needs money, he shouldn't see Marianne. He shouldn't make her think that he loves her.*
 - *I think it will take a long time for Marianne to forget Willoughby. She loved him so much.*
 - *I think she's been stupid. She couldn't judge if Willoughby was serious about her or not. She was blind in love, I guess.*
- 11** Open answers
- 12** Possible answers:
- Lucy Steele*
dishonest: *Lucy Steele was not so free with her words as the older Miss Steele, but her face was not very honest. (p. 13)*
- Mrs Ferrars*
difficult: *Mrs Ferrars was a little, thin woman with a serious and quite unpleasant face. (p. 25)*
- Fanny Dashwood*
selfish: *Lady Middleton and Mrs John Dashwood were soon the best of friends. They were both selfish women. (p. 25)*
- 13** Open answers
- 14** Example answer about Willoughby:
Perhaps some people don't agree that everything ends well for Willoughby as he married for money and his wife doesn't love him, but I think it was good for Willoughby as well because he could at least tell Elinor his side of the story.
- 15** Open answers
- 16** Possible answers:
- *Marianne goes alone with Willoughby to visit his aunt's house when she is not there.*
 - *She lets people think that she is engaged to Willoughby when he hasn't asked her to marry him.*
 - *She walks for a long way through wet grass and gets ill because of this.*
- Possible advice:
- *You should not go off alone with Willoughby.*
 - *You should tell people that Willoughby hasn't asked you to marry him.*
 - *You should be careful not to catch a terrible cold.*
 - *I know you are sad thinking of Willoughby, but you should get over him.*
- 17** Example writing:
John and Fanny Dashwood
Money is very important in the lives of John and Fanny Dashwood. They care more about money than they do about their relatives and this is why they do not give any money to Mrs Dashwood and her three daughters.

Activity worksheets key

- 1**
- a Mr Dashwood has died, and he has left his large house, Norland Park, to John Dashwood.
 - b John is the son of Mr Dashwood's first wife.
 - c Mr Dashwood asked John to help Elinor, Marianne and Margaret.
 - d John does not give any money to Mrs Dashwood.
 - e Mrs Dashwood wanted to move to another large house.
 - f Sir John Middleton has a house for Mrs Dashwood in the west of England.
- 2** Suggested answers:
- a Mrs Dashwood does not like Fanny because she is rude to her.
 - b Fanny doesn't like Elinor because she is poor. She doesn't like seeing Elinor with her brother Edward. She wants a rich wife for Edward, not a poor one like Elinor.
 - c Elinor likes Edward very much.

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- d Marianne thinks Edward is boring because he is quiet and serious. She likes people who feel strongly about books or music or pictures, and Edward doesn't do so.
- 3 a Lady Middleton is Sir John Middleton's wife.
b Mrs Dashwood is a relative of Sir John Middleton.
c Mrs Jennings is Lady Middleton's mother.
d Colonel Brandon is a friend of Sir John Middleton.
- 4 a Mrs Jennings
b Sir John Middleton, Mrs Dashwood
c Colonel Brandon
- 5 Suggested answers:
a Who? Marianne
When? When she runs fast down the hill and falls
b Who? Willoughby
When? When he sees Marianne cannot get up
c Who? Sir John Middleton
When? When Elinor asks him about Willoughby
d Who? Mrs Dashwood
When? When Sir John Middleton says that Marianne mustn't catch all the men
e Who? Colonel Brandon
When? On the day people have planned to visit Whitwell.
f Who? Mrs Jennings
When? At the dinner after Marianne has gone off alone with Willoughby
- 6 a Edward Ferrars.
b He is cold.
c She is engaged to Edward Ferrars.
d She is surprised, but she tries to speak calmly.
e She feels sorry for him. She is thinking if he really loves Lucy.
- 7 1 b 2 c 3 a 4 a 5 c
- 8 a Edward's mother has found a rich young lady for him.
b Because he thinks that the money is so useful and that they need more money for Norland.
c Because Marianne speaks her mind to them and is rather rude.
d Because she has heard about the secret engagement and is very angry.
e Edward's younger brother, Robert.
- 9 a (Marianne thinks) that your heart is hard if you don't show how sad you are. (Elinor does not) show her feelings, but in fact she has strong feelings.
b (Marianne has) 'sensitivity'. She feels a lot and shows her feelings. (Elinor has) 'sense'. She thinks about things carefully and tries to stay calm.
- 10 a 6 b 8 c 3 d 9 e 1 f 5 g 2
h 7 i 4
- 11 1 c 2 e 3 b 4 a 5 d

Progress test key

- 1 a John Dashwood
b Fanny Dashwood
c Edward
d Elinor
e Edward
f Mrs Dashwood
g Sir John Middleton
- 2 a ✓ b ✗ c ✗ d ✗ e ✓ f ✗
- 3 a out b in c up d with e in f about
- 4 a 3 b 2 c 4 d 7 e 1 f 6 g 5
- 5 a London b Willoughby c cry d kind
e Colonel Brandon f her mother g Lucy
- 6 1 d 2 a 3 g 4 f 5 b 6 c 7 e
- 7 a priest b fever c carriage d story e unselfish
f servants g engagement h finally