

1a Match the words from the title of the book with the definitions.

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| 1 sense | a the ability to do the right thing and behave well |
| 2 sensibility | b the ability to feel things very strongly |

1b Put the words and expressions from the box in the correct column.

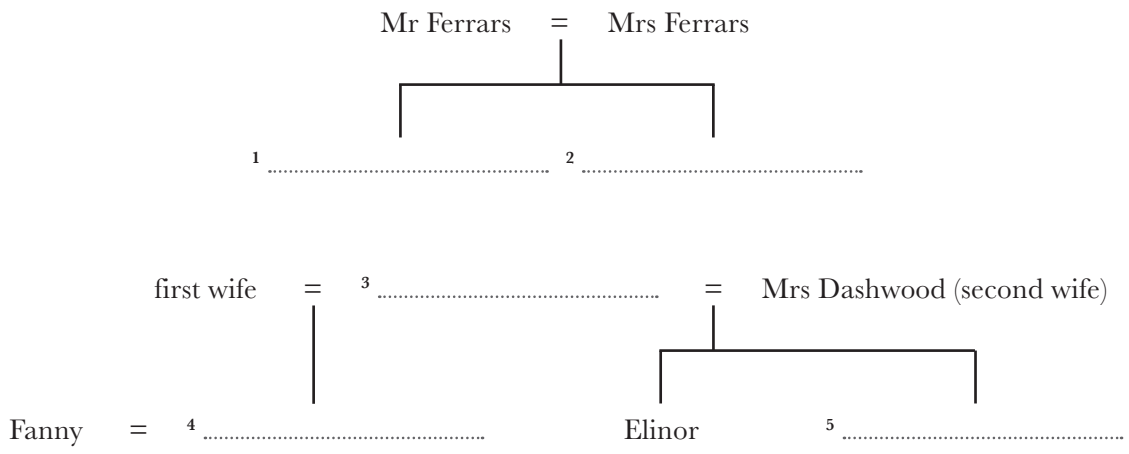
understand things well be calm only speak the truth
 not able to keep feelings secret control feelings not stay calm

Sense	Sensibility

1c When do you think these things were more important? Write *N* for now or *P* for in the past.

being a lady or a gentleman <input type="checkbox"/>	duty to your family <input type="checkbox"/>	having a profession <input type="checkbox"/>
inheriting money or property <input type="checkbox"/>	love <input type="checkbox"/>	marriage <input type="checkbox"/>
reputation <input type="checkbox"/>	servants <input type="checkbox"/>	the city <input type="checkbox"/>
the countryside <input type="checkbox"/>		

2a Complete the family trees for the Ferrars family and Dashwood family.





2b Complete these sentences about these and other members of the families in the book. One of the words can be used twice.

half-brother sister brother wife cousins child husband

- 1 John Dashwood is Elinor and Marianne's
- 2 Fanny is Edward and Robert's and John's
- 3 Mrs Dashwood and Sir John Middleton are
- 4 Mrs Jennings and the Steeles are
- 5 Robert Ferrars becomes Lucy Steele's
- 6 Colonel Brandon's married Eliza Williams, who had a with John Willoughby.

2c Read the descriptions and write the name of the character.

- 1 was not handsome and he was shy, but he had a good character. He only wanted a quiet, comfortable and private home life.
- 2 Mrs Dashwood and her daughters were full of admiration for how behaved and looked. Marianne thought that everything about him was interesting. He was like someone from one of her favourite stories.
- 3 was a fat and friendly woman who loved to joke. Her husband had died, and she was a wealthy woman with two married daughters. Her biggest interest now was to make sure that other women got married.
- 4 was a single gentleman of around thirty-five years old, quiet but nice-looking. He had a large estate.
- 5, who was from a wealthy family, was even more selfish than her husband and had an unpleasant character.
- 6 was twenty-two and very pretty. She was clever, although she had not read many books and had not had much education.

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4a Read the two letters from the book and answer the questions:

- Where do we find them in the story?
- Why are they important?

My dear Marianne

I have just received your letter. I am sorry that you are unhappy about the way I behaved last night. Please forgive me. I enjoyed my time in Devon with your family very much. I did not want to make you unhappy. I am sorry but I am going to be engaged to another lady very soon. As you asked, I am returning your letters and the piece of your hair that you gave me.

John Willoughby

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Dear Edward,

I hope that we can be friends, but I now love your brother. We cannot live without each other and have just got married. I have burned your letters. Please do the same with mine, but you may keep the ring with my hair.

Lucy Ferrars

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4b Imagine you are either Marianne or Edward and write a reply to the letter you receive.

5 Write an article about Willoughby for a newspaper of the time. You should write about everything he has done, but not in a direct way. Use the words in the box to help you.

gentleman countryside income duty hurt marriage reputation engaged