

# Character vocabulary

- Russell presents the character of Mrs Lyons as...

- 1. Fixated – obsessed with something.
- 2. Privileged – having a high and/or special status. Wealthy middle class.
- 3. Conniving – calculating and manipulative.
- 4. Exploitative – willing to take advantage of someone else's weaknesses.
- 5. Deceitful – deceptive; a liar.
- 6. Immoral – someone without morals.
- 7. Neurotic – unstable and hysterical.
- 8. Paranoid – anxious and suspicious.
- 9. Possessive – demanding total attention/love.
- 10. Reprehensible – someone who is unforgivable.

- Russell presents the character of Mrs Johnstone as...

- 1. Impulsive – quick to act, without thinking of the consequences.
- 2. Irresponsible – someone who is not responsible.
- 3. Sympathetic – someone we feel sorry for.
- 4. Downtrodden – someone who is oppressed by people in power.
- 5. Gullible – easily convinced of something.
- 6. Maternal – motherly.
- 7. Blithe – overly cheerful and light-hearted when they shouldn't be.
- 8. Lackadaisical – laid back: a daydreamer.
- 9. Remorseful – filled with sadness and guilt.
- 10. Impoverished – very poor working class.

# Character Vocabulary

- Russell presents the character Eddie as...

- 1. Naïve – innocent and gullible.
- 2. Isolated – lonely; cut off from the world.
- 3. Unworldly – unaware of the ways of the world; not streetwise.
- 4. Ingratiating – someone who is friendly and welcoming in order to fit in.
- 5. Affable – sociable, friendly and jolly.
- 6. Refined – good-mannered, upper-class, gentlemanly.
- 7. Eloquent – well-spoken and articulate.
- 8. Magnanimous – generous and charitable. Big-hearted.
- 9. Condescending – talks down to others. Patronising.
- 10. Oblivious – totally unaware of something or someone's feelings.

- Russell presents the character of Mickey as...

- 1. Inarticulate – unable to express yourself in words.
- 2. (feeling) inferior – if you feel inferior, you feel like you are 'less than' somebody else.
- 3. Guarded – someone who 'has a wall up'. Protective of themselves.
- 4. Disadvantaged – not having the advantages in life of others.
- 5. Oppressed – forced down by others.
- 6. Boastful – trying to impress, bragging about yourself.
- 7. (having) bravado – if you show or have bravado, you are putting on a show of courage to cover up the fact that you are scared or worried underneath.
- 8. Devoted – loyal.
- 9. Volatile – emotional and changeable. Angry.
- 10. Frenzied – desperate and frantic