

Gerald's Character Quotations

Directions: Cut up the quotations and then identify when in the play they were said and the context. Next, organise the quotations into categories that describe Gerald's behaviour under headings of your choice. For example, one category might be 'Selfish'.



STAGE DIRECTION: 'Very much the easy well-bred young man-about-town' (p. 2)

GERALD: 'I've told you - I was awfully busy at the works all that time' (p. 3)

GERALD: 'We're respectable citizens and not criminals' (p. 22)

GERALD: 'I don't come into this suicide business' (p. 26)

GERALD: 'For God's sake - don't say anything to the Inspector' (p. 26)

GERALD: 'I think Miss Birling ought to be excused' (p. 27)

GERALD: 'Why stay when you'll hate it?' (p. 28)

GERALD: 'It's a favourite haunt of women of the town' (p. 34)

SHEILA: 'You were the wonderful Fairy Prince' (p. 38)

GERALD: 'He's a notorious womaniser' (p. 35)

MR BIRLING: 'You must understand that a lot of young men—' (p. 40)

GERALD: 'I've suddenly realised – taken it in properly – that she's dead'
(p. 35)

GERALD: '[I] told the girl ... she'd better let me take her out of there' (p. 35)

GERALD: 'I didn't install her there so that I could make love to her ...
I didn't ask for anything in return' (p. 37)

SHEILA: 'Why are you saying that to him? You ought to be saying it to me'
(p. 37)

GERALD: 'I'm rather more – upset ... than I probably appear to be ...
I'd like to be alone for a while' (p. 39)

GERALD: 'I'm coming back – if I may' (p. 40)

GERALD: 'You know, it wasn't disgusting' (p. 38)

GERALD: 'I broke it off definitely' (p. 38)