

## RP Practice Text

### RP Sound Changes

- Elimination of R-coloring
- Linking R's
- Murmuring R's
- "Ask" list vowels
- Tight "aw" vowels
- Honest sounds
- "ou" diphthongs that become "eh-oh"
- Liquid u's
- Puffed wh sounds
- Chopped long "ee" endings
- Truncated endings
- Anomalies

### **Elyot (*Private Lives*)**

I should like to explain that if you hit me, I shall certainly hit you, probably equally hard, if not harder. I'm just as strong as you, I should imagine. Then you'd hit me again, and I'd hit you again, and we'd go on until one or the other was knocked out. Now, if you'll explain to me satisfactorily how all that can possibly improve the situation, I'll tear off my coat, and we'll go at one another hammer and tongs, immediately.

### **Lady Bracknell (*The Importance of Being Earnest*)**

Mr. Worthing, I confess I feel somewhat bewildered by what you've just told me. To be born, or at any rate bred, in a handbag, whether it had handles or not, seems to me to display a contempt for the ordinary decencies of family life that remind one of the worst excesses of that French Revolution. And I presume you know what that unfortunate

movement led to? As for the particular locality in which the handbag was found, a cloakroom at a railway station might serve to conceal a social indiscretion- has probably, indeed, been used for the purpose before now- but it could hardly be regarded as an assured basis for a recognized position in good society.

### **Sherlock Holmes (*Miss Holmes*)**

Oh, him. Inspector Chapman is notorious. He received no less than twelve mentions in the Times in just the last year. Three times, he was mentioned in connection with high-profile arrests. He was mentioned twice regarding his marriage to Mrs. Chapman; four more mentions in an exposé of police corruption, specifically regarding controversial interrogation tactics. And then there was the death of Katherine Featherstone. There were three articles that focused on this event. The first simply reported the fact that it happened and that an investigation was underway; the second that a coroner's jury had been convened. But the third... oh, the third was my favorite. The third article informed the public that Thomas Chapman had been cleared of any wrongdoing. But when the press asked the inspecting officer for a statement, he refused to comment.