

Mr Birling:

- “Community and all nonsense”
- “The titanic... unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable.”
- “A man has to make his own way to look after himself”.
- “I’d give thousands away”
- “One of the happiest nights of my life”

Mrs Birling:

- “As if a girl of that sort would refuse money”; “that class”
- “my husband was Lord Mayor only two years ago”
- “I don’t believe it, I won’t believe it”
- “(Triumphantly) Didn’t I tell you? Didn’t I say I couldn’t imagine a real inspector talking to us like that?”

Gerald Croft:

- “I think Miss Birling ought to be excused from any more questioning”.
- “Everything’s all right now, Sheila. What about this ring?”
- “My God! ... I’ve suddenly realised... - taken it in properly – she’s dead!”
- “We’re respectable citizens, not dangerous criminals”.

Inspector:

- “We are responsible for each other”
- “We are all members of one body”.
- “(Harshly)”, “(cutting through, with authority)”, “(sternly)”
- “Don’t start moral and yammering me about a man”
- “If we don’t change, we will be taught in blood, fire and anguish.”
- “He’s giving us the rope, so we’ll hang ourselves” (said by Sheila)
- Before he arrives, the lighting was “pink and intimate”, but he enters and it becomes “brighter and harder”.

Eric:

- “Why shouldn’t they try for higher wages?”
- “(Nearly at breaking point). You killed her – you turned her away – yes, you killed her – and the child she’d have had too”.
- “I don’t know, really. Suddenly, I felt as though I just had to laugh”
- “(suddenly bursting out)” [repetition of hyphens afterwards] {drunken}

Sheila:

- “Oh – it’s wonderful! Look Mummy, isn’t it a beauty?”
- “You mustn’t build a wall between us and that girl”.
- “I am not a child. I have a right to know”.
- “(Flaring up) It’s you two who are being childish – trying not to face the facts.”