Pride and Prejudice

The slight at the assembly



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At the Meryton assembly

Bingley tries to find Darcy a dance partner. Elizabeth is close enough to hear what Darcy thinks of her.

Look closely

Who seems to have the upper hand? Look at where each person stands or sits. What do you notice about the space between them?

When Elizabeth repeats Darcy's remark, is she laughing it off or getting even?

Check the reading you would defend. You can change your mind during the discussion.

☐ Laughing it off ☐ Getting even ☐ Another reading

Which word, gesture or detail tipped the balance for you?

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