



The Importance of Being Earnest

by Oscar Wilde · Best for B2–C1 (Upper intermediate–Advanced)

Read-along audiobook · B2–C1

Wilde's comedy turns on two young men who both claim to be called Ernest, and on the sharp, witty women who see through their lies. The pleasure here is in the wordplay — sentences that sound polite on the surface but hide a cutting edge underneath. You will need a solid grasp of English irony to catch the jokes, but every scene rewards the effort.

What you'll practise

- Formal and polite registers used ironically in upper-class dialogue
- Conditional sentences and hypotheticals in witty repartee
- Vocabulary of Victorian social life (engagements, calling cards, propriety)
- Read along as each character's lines are highlighted to follow quick exchanges

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