*Pygmalion* List 1

1. To be dashed =an expression of surprise or annoyance, like “I’ll be damned.”

2. Bly me (blimey or gorblimey) =short for (God) blind me; an expression of surprise or annoyance

3. Garn =an expression of disbelief or ridicule; slang for *Go on!*

4. To have *truck* with =comes from old French, meaning to trade or barter

5. Toff =a rich, upper class person

6. Draught =a British spelling of draft

7. Balmy =crazy

8. Plinth =the lower square slab at the base of a column; a heavy base supporting a statue or vase.

9. Staid =sedate, respectable, quiet, serious, steady, conventional, traditional, priggish, stiff

10. Titterings =giggling snickering chuckling

11. Proximity =nearness in space, time or relationship

12. Chivvy (soft i – CHi vee) =tell someone repeatedly to do something

13. Pharisaic =relating to the Pharisees, practicing or advocating strict observance of external forms and ceremonies of religion or conduct without regard to the spirit; self-righteous; hypocritical.

14. Coal-scuttle =a type of bucket for a small supply of coal

15. Blackguard (BLA gerd) =a person, usually a man, who behaves dishonorably or contemptibly

16. Brogue =a marked accent, especially Irish or Scottish accent in speaking English

17. Croon =hum, sing or speak in a soft, low voice

18. Mendacity =dishonesty, untruthfulness

19. Bellicose =aggressive, willingness/eagerness to fight

20. Stupent =confused, bewildered, dumbfounded

21. Peremptorily =ending or precluding a right of action or any argument against proceeding

22. Declaiming =speaking dramatically

23. Ginger =to stimulate or enliven

24. Pauper =a very poor person

25. Prudent =caring or thinking about the future

26. Navvy (NA vee) =a laborer in the excavation and construction of roads, railroads or canals.

27. Settee =a long, upholstered seat for more than one person, with a back and arms

28. Divan =a couch, davenport, settee

29. Pedestrian =a person walking or something quite ordinary

30. Impertinent =irrelevant, disrespectful

31. Repudiate =refuse to accept or be associated with; to reject, disown

32. Gumption =determination, fortitude

33. Dialect =vocabulary belonging to a select group, often regional

34. Phonetic =using symbols to represent the sounds of the spoken language (like shorthand)

35. Plight =a dilemma, quandary, something difficult to extricate from

36. Deprecate =express disapproval of something

37. Bilious =nauseous

38. Frock =a dress

39. Impetuous =undue haste and lack of thought

40. Genial =warm and friendly