*Pygmalion* List 2

1. Gumption =determination, fortitude

2. Genial =warm and friendly

3. Petulant (PEt chew let) =sulky, crabby, peevish

4. Malice =spiteful, wanting to see someone suffer

5. Brusque =blunt and direct

6. Genteel =refined in taste and manners

7. Zephyr =a soft, gentle breeze

8. Elocution =enunciation; speaking well with a controlled voice

9. Unassailable =unquestionable, impenetrable

10. Clad =clothed

11. Audacity =aggressive boldness, unmitigated effrontery

12. Rhetoric =effective or persuasive speaking or writing, eloquence; or bombastic, pompous, insincere

13. Complacent =smug satisfaction with oneself or one’s achievements

14. Billet-doux (BILL a DOO) =a love letter

15. Chap =a man or boy

16. Dudgeon (DUD jun) =indignant, taking umbrage, in a huff

17. Fender =a low metal guard in front of a fireplace

18. Pallor =Paleness from fear, illness or death

19. Perfunctorily =doing a routine duty, carelessly, without interest

20. Pertly =spoken or done boldly, vivaciously, or flippantly

21. Tomfoolery = silly or foolish behavior

22. Confound =to confuse or perplex

23. Demean =to lower in character, status or reputation

24. Incorrigible =incapable of being corrected, delinquent, unruly

25. Magnanimous =generously forgiving; showing a lofty and courageous spirit

26. Reproach =to rebuke or disapprove; blame, discredit or disgrace

27. Predestinate =predestined

28. Sinecure (SIGN a cure) =a position that provides financial benefit for little or no work

29. Declassee (DAY clauss AY) =having fallen in social status

30. Disclassed =removed from one’s original social class

31. Ducal (DYOO cal) =of, like or relating to a duke or dukedom

32. Abate =to become less intense or widespread

33. Puissant (PWEE sent) =having great power or influence

34. Scutcheon (SKU chun) =any rounded or shield-shaped structure

35. Incipient =in an initial stage; beginning to happen or develop

36. Disquisition =long, elaborate essay or discussion (the opposite of inquisition)

37. Swank =to display wealth, knowledge or achievements to impress others

38. Skilly of the workhouse or Char Bydis of the middle class =Alfred Doolittle (Act V) means Scylla and Charybdis, sea monsters of Greek Mythology. Scylla ate sailors and Charybdis sucked in water to create a huge whirlpool. Sailors had to choose one.

39. Jointure =an estate for the widow in lein of a dower

40. Dower =a widow’s share for life of her deceased husband’s estate

41. Dowager (e.g. the dowager duchess) =a widow with a title or property from her late husband

42. Dowry =property or money brought by a bride (mostly her father) to her husband on their marriage