

A Rake's Progress



Match the adjectives on the left with the nouns on the right from the story. Check the meanings of any new words in the dictionary.

miserly	pretensions
meagre	love
sly	parody
gainful	madness
dumpy, one-eyed	scheme
grotesque	heiress
dejected	reference
social	financier
rowdy	lesson
bawdy	wedding
generous	church attendant
moral	prison
clandestine	highwayman
overzealous	song
notorious	spirit
impending	employment
enduring, if misplaced	earnings
madcap	night

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Match the following adjective and noun phrases with their definitions.

gainful employment	mean money-lender
meagre earnings	extremely ugly but amusing copy
miserly financier	the act of trying to appear more important/of a higher class than you really are in order to impress other people
grotesque parody	a kind person
social pretensions	useful, paid work
generous spirit	reckless plan
madcap scheme	small wages

Match the following adjectives with their definitions.

sly	well known for being bad
dejected	excessively enthusiastic
rowdy	unhappy and disappointed
bawdy	making a lot of noise, causing trouble
clandestine	secret or dishonest, intending to trick
overzealous	going to happen very soon - usually unpleasant
notorious	done secretly
impending	loud, sexual and funny