

## A Rake's Progress **Answers**



**Match the following nouns with their definitions.**

|                     |                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| protagonist         | the main character in a story                                                  |
| inventory           | a list of all the objects in a building                                        |
| estate              | all the property and money that someone leaves when they die                   |
| aristocrat          | people born in the highest social class, who have special titles               |
| hangers-on          | people who try to be friendly with a rich or famous person to get some benefit |
| pursuit of pleasure | looking for happiness                                                          |
| undoing             | the reason someone is unsuccessful in life                                     |
| downfall            | the loss of someone's money, power, social position                            |
| chamber             | private room (old use)                                                         |
| bailiff             | a law officer who removes the possessions of people who cannot pay their debts |
| intervention        | involvement in a situation in order to improve it                              |
| commotion           | sudden noisy confusion or excitement                                           |
| rake                | a rich and fashionable man who has low moral standards (old-fashioned)         |
| venue               | a place for an organised event                                                 |
| spinster            | an old woman who is not married (old-fashioned)                                |
| nobleman            | a person from a family of high social rank                                     |
| asylum              | hospital for people who were mentally ill (old use)                            |
| delusions           | a false belief about yourself or your situation                                |
| lunatic             | a person who is severely mentally ill (old-fashioned and now offensive)        |