

# An Inspector Calls

## Act-by-Act Questions

'Look here, Inspector, I consider this uncalled-for and officious.'



1. In which year is the play set?

<b>Answer:</b> 1912	<b>Extension:</b> Society in Edwardian England was characterised by inequality
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2. How should the stage be lit prior to the arrival of the Inspector?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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3. How is Gerald described in the stage directions?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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4. What have the Birling family and Gerald had to drink, and what are they about to drink?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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5. Which character says, 'Arthur, you're not supposed to say such things'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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6. Why are Lord and Lady Croft absent from the celebration?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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7. Which character says, 'You can drink to me'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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8. Birling says, 'We've passed the worst of it' – what is he alluding to?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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9. In which year did Birling serve as Lord Mayor?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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10. Is it Lord Croft or Lady Croft who feels that Gerald 'might have done better' for himself 'socially'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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11. How should the lighting change when the Inspector enters?

<b>Answer:</b> 'Brighter and harder'	<b>Extension:</b> Light is symbolic of truth; the brighter light suggests scrutiny and discomfort
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12. How should the Inspector be dressed?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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13. How does the Inspector say that Eva died?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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14. In which year did Birling fire Eva Smith from his factory?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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15. Which character says, 'Look – there's nothing mysterious – or scandalous – about this business'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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16. How much did Eva and the workforce want to earn?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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17. What is the name of the Chief Constable who Birling plays golf with?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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18. Which character says, 'They'd all be broke – if I know them'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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19. How old was Eva Smith before she died?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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20. What is the name of the shop that Eva found work in after she was fired by Birling?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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21. How long was it before Eva Smith was taken on?

<b>Answer:</b> Two months	<b>Extension:</b> Eva's existence is wholly precarious
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22. Why was she considered to be 'lucky'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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23. Which character claims to have a headache and says, 'I think I'd better turn in'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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24. What did Eva Smith change her name to?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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25. How does Gerald react when he hears the name announced by the Inspector?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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1. Which character speaks first at the start of act two?

<b>Answer:</b> Inspector Goole	<b>Extension:</b> Gerald's earlier attempt to hide the truth will soon prove to be futile
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2. Which character says, 'He means I'm getting hysterical now'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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3. How does Priestley describe Mrs Birling's movement as she enters the scene?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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4. How is her tone of voice initially described?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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5. Which character says, 'You're looking tired, dear'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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6. Which word, used by Mrs Birling, does Sheila believe is 'silly'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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7. Which character is 'still a magistrate'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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8. Which character has Mr Birling been persuading to go to bed?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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9. Sheila says that she doesn't 'want to get poor Eric into trouble' – what does she reveal?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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10. In which month did Eva leave Milwards?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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11. What is the name of the theatre where Gerald meets Daisy Renton?

<b>Answer:</b> Palace Variety Theatre	<b>Extension:</b> A 'favourite haunt of women of the town'
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12. How does Gerald describe the appearance of the 'women of the town'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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13. By contrast, how does he describe the appearance of Daisy?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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14. Which character says, 'You were the wonderful Fairy Prince'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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15. What is the name of the alderman who had 'wedged' Daisy 'into a corner'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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16. What is the name of Gerald's friend who gives him the key to 'a nice little set of rooms'?

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17. Which character says, 'Were you in love with her?'

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18. Sheila says to Gerald, 'You must have adored it, Gerald' – what is she referring to?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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19. In which month did Gerald end the affair?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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20. Which character says, 'I don't understand you, Inspector'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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21. What is the name of Mrs Birling's charity organisation?

<b>Answer:</b> BWCO	<b>Extension:</b> The purpose of the organisation is to provide support for vulnerable women
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22. What name did Eva use when she appealed to the charity for help?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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23. On what grounds was Eva turned down by Mrs Birling?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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24. Which character says, 'Mother – stop – stop!'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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25. Which character is implicated in the suicide just before the act ends?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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1. Which character speaks first at the start of act three?

<b>Answer:</b> Eric	<b>Extension:</b> Eric understands the inevitability of his role in the suicide being revealed
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2. Which character says, 'Besides, you're not that type – you don't get drunk'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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3. What does Eric drink before engaging with the Inspector's questions?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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4. In which month did Eric meet Eva?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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5. How much money did Eric give Eva?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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6. Which character says, 'Your trouble is – you've been spoilt'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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7. Which character speaks with 'calm authority'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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8. Which character is 'nearly at breaking point'?

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9. How much money does Birling say he would give to Eva if he had the chance?

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10. How many 'Eva Smiths and John Smiths' does the Inspector say there are?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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11. Which character says, 'there'll be a public scandal'?

<b>Answer:</b> Birling	<b>Extension:</b> Birling is concerned only about his own reputation and social standing
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12. Which character is the first to suspect that the Inspector might not be entirely 'ordinary'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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13. Which character says, 'Probably a Socialist or some sort of crank'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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14. Edna has a single line in act three – what is it?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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15. Which character declares that Inspector Goole 'wasn't a police officer'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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16. Who does Birling call to verify that the Inspector is a 'fake'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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17. Which character says, 'I suppose we're all nice people now'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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18. On what page does Sheila say her parents 'don't seem to understand'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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19. On what page does Sheila say 'won't bring Eva Smith back to life'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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20. What evidence does Gerald have for suggesting that Eva Smith might actually be 'four or five different girls'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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21. Why doesn't Eric think it matters if this is the case or not?

<b>Answer:</b> He is remorseful	<b>Extension:</b> Eric accepts full responsibility for his actions
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22. Who does Gerald call to check if 'there's a dead girl'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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23. Which character says, 'The whole story's just a lot of moonshine'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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24. Which character recalls the Inspector's reference to 'Fire and blood and anguish'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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25. Which character says, 'And a police inspector is on his way here – to ask some – questions'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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