

PYGMALION

(Upstream B1+ SB p.49)

1. How could Eliza express herself in a formal, polite style? Complete the second column with the phrases below.

POOR GIRL (Slang)	LADY (Formal language)
Don't you be so saucy.	
I ain't come here to ask for any compliment. If my money's not good enough I can go elsewhere.	
I'm come to have lessons, I am.	
Well, if you was a gentleman, you might ask me to sit down.	
Don't I tell you I'm bringing you business?	
I won't be called a baggage if I offered to pay like any lady.	
I want to be a lady in a flower shop instead of selling at the corner of Tottenham Court Road. But they won't take me unless I can talk more gentle.	
He treats me as if I was dirt.	
I know what lessons cost as well as you do; and I'm ready to pay.	

I'm treated as if I were a beggar.

Don't talk to me like that.

I'm interested in having lessons with the professor.

Haven't I made the reason of my visit clear to you?

I am not here to ask for any compliment; and if you think I can't afford it I can ask elsewhere.

I wouldn't welcome such rudeness, especially since I'm willing to pay any fee.

Well, if you were a gentleman, you would offer me a seat.

I'm aware of the fees and I'm willing to pay any price.

I want to work in a flower shop rather than being a poor flower girl. But I would never be accepted if I can't behave like a lady.

Vocabulary Notes

1. **ain't** - short form of **am not, is not, are not, has not, or have not**:

He ain't going.

"Can I have a cigarette?" "I ain't got none left."

2. **beggar** - a poor person who lives by asking others for money or food

3. **I'm willing to...** = I'm happy to...

4. **I'm aware of...** = I know

5. **fee** - an amount of money paid for a particular piece of work or for a particular right or service:

legal fees

university fees

an entrance/registration fee

We couldn't pay the lawyer's fee.

2. Watch the episode from a 1964 musical "My Fair Lady". Answer the questions:

- What kind of teacher is Professor Higgins? Choose the adjectives from the list: *creative, strict, tactful, thoughtful, caring, honest, qualified, rude, polite*.

Why do you think so?

- What do you think of his teaching methods?