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Character of Miss Kate

Miss Kate is a young and beautiful girl. She is in her marriageable age. She is the heroine in this play, *She Stoops to Conquer*. She is the daughter of Mr Hardcastle.

Her first quality that impresses us is that she is an obedient girl. She is ready to do whatever her father likes. She even wears the dress of her father's liking. She thinks of marrying Marlow because her father likes him.

She is a frank girl. When her father describes Marlow as a young, smart, generous and educated fellow, she shows her interest frankly to have him as her husband. However, when she learns that Marlow is a shy and reserve fellow, she disapproves of him. She says without any hesitation that she does not like a reserve fellow because a reserve fellow could be a suspicious husband; she takes a chance to understand Marlow well.

She is bold and confident of her beauty. Her father says that marriage does not depend on her likes or dislikes. There are chances that Marlow may not like her. Then she boldly replies that, in that case, she will not be discouraged. She will adopt some new fashion will and look for another admirer. She is a practical girl. She is not proud of her beauty. However, she is confident of it.

She is a polite and smart girl. During the first meeting between Kate and Marlow, we find how Kate talks politely confidently and encouragingly. She is intelligent enough to understand that Marlow is not shy but nervous. She notices that Marlow has many other

qualities, which are covered by his shyness. She does not disapprove him rather she takes initiatives to overcome his shyness and wins him over.

She is a good actress. Marlow mistakes her to be a barmaid .He calls her a pretty girl. He praises her handwork. Then she understands that Marlow could be a forward lover if she pretends to be a barmaid .She pretends to be a barmaid in order to win over Marlow. Marlow never suspects her. At last, he proposes to marry him.

She is a good observer of human character. When Mr Hardcastle gets annoyed with Mr Marlow for his impudence, Kate says her father that Marlow is shy; he is not an impudent fellow. Kate finds Marlow shy whereas Mr Hardcastle finds him immodest .Kate wants only some time to prove it. However, her father is impatient. He has seen Marlow catching the hand of Kate .So he thinks his daughter is telling a lie. In his opinion, Marlow may not be a shy man. In the end Mr Hardcastle learns about Marlow`s mistake about his house and the cause of his immodesty. He forgives him.

Kate is a good planner of scheme. Mr Marlow loves her in private and denies her in public. Therefore, she makes a plan to make their love public. She sets Mr Hardcastle and Sir Charles to overhear their exciting talk. When they listen to their love making talk, they announce their marriage at once.

We find Kate is a pretty, intelligent, obedient and active girl.