

Characterization

Review the following pieces of dialogue, and determine what the dialogue says about its speaker.

American: Do you want it with water?

Jig: I don't know. Is it good with water?

American: It's all right.

Jig: Yes, with water.

American: Well, let's try and have a fine time.

Jig: All right. I was trying. I said the mountains looked like white elephants. Wasn't that bright?

American: That was bright.

Jig: I wanted to try this new drink. That's all we do, isn't it – look at things and try new drinks?

American: It's really an awfully simple operation, Jig. It's not really an operation at all.

The girl looked at the ground the table legs rested on.

American: I know you wouldn't mind it, Jig. It's just to let the air in.

The girl did not say anything.

American: you've got to realize that I don't want you to do it if you don't want to. I'm perfectly willing to go through with it if it means anything to you.

Jig: Doesn't it mean anything to you? We could get along.

American: Of course it does. But I don't want anybody but you. I don't want anyone else. And I know it's perfectly simple.

Jig: Yes, you know it's perfectly simple.

What does the American want?

How would you describe the American's personality?

What does Jig want?

How would you describe Jig's personality?

Iceberg Technique

Eventually, the reader pieces together that the topic of the conversation is abortion. Comb through the text and find at least five pieces of evidence that show this to be true. Note the examples in proper MLA format. Afterwards, explain how the evidence indicates abortion.

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