The Raygor Readability Estimate
_The Importance of Being Earnest_ by Oscar Wilde (Signet Classics, 2004)

Passage One: Page 1

Algernon: Did you hear what I was _playing_, Lane?
Lane: I didn’t think it _polite_ to _listen_, sir.
Algernon: I’m sorry for that, for your sake. I don’t play accurately – _anyone_ can play accurately – but I play with _wonderful_ _expression_. As far as the _piano_ is concerned, _sentiment_ is my forte. I keep _science_ for Life.
Lane: Yes, sir.
Algernon: And, speaking of the _science_ of Life, have you got the _cucumber_ _sandwiches_ cut for Lady Bracknell?
Lane: Yes, sir.
Algernon: Oh! By the way, Lane. I see from your book that on _Thursday_ night, when Lord Shoreman and Mr. _Worthing_ were _dining_ with me, eight / _bottles_ of champagne are entered as having been consumed.

Passage Two: Page 21

Gwendolyn Algy, you _always_ adopt a _strictly_ _immoral_ attitude _towards_ life. You are not quite _old_ _enough_ to do that.
Jack _My_ _darling_!
Gwendolyn _Ernest_, we may never be _married_. From the _expression_ on _mamma’s_ face I fear we never shall. Few parents _nowadays_ _pay_ any _regard_ to what their _children_ _say_ to them. The _old-fashioned_ _respect_ for the young is fast _dying_ out. _Whatever_ _influence_ I ever had over _mamma_, I lost at the age of three. But _although_ she may _prevent_ us from _becoming_ _man_ and _wife_, and I may marry _someone_ else, and marry _often_, _nothing_ that she can _possibly_ / _do_ can alter my _eternal_ _devotion_ to you.

Passage Three: Page

Jack: _I_ wish to _goodness_ you would go.
Algernon _You_ _can’t_ _possibly_ __ask me to go _without_ _having_ _some_ _dinner_. _It’s_ _absurd_. _I_ never _go_ _without_ _any_ _dinner_. _No_ _one_ _ever_ _does_, _except_ _vegetarians_ _and_ _people_ _like_ _that_. _Besides_ I have just _made_ _arrangements_ with _Dr. Chausable_ to _be_ _christened_ _at_ a _quarter_ _to_ _six_ under the name of _Ernest_.
Jack _My_ _dear_ _fellow_, the _sooner_ you _give_ up that _nonsense_ the _better_. I _made_ _arrangements_ _this_ _morning_ with _Chausable_ to _be_ _christened_ _myself_ at 5:30, and _I_ _naturally_ _will_ _take_ the _name_ of _Ernest_. _Gwendolyn_ would _wish_ it. _We_ _can’t_ _both_ _be_ _christened_ / _Ernest_; _it’s_ _absurd._

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