

The Seven Deadly Sins and the Birling Family plus Gerald Croft

Refer to the characters' confessions and always give references from the text e.g.
Mr Birling (p. 11/ll. 22-24)

1. **luxuria** (lechery/lust) is an intense desire. Lust could involve the intense desire of money, food, fame, power or sex.

2. **gula** (gluttony) is the over-indulgence and over-consumption of anything to the point of waste. Basically, it is selfishness, placing concern with one's own interests above the well-being or interests of others.

3. **avaritia** (avarice/_/ greed) is an excessive desire of material possessions. It means hoarding of materials or objects, theft and robbery, especially by means of violence, trickery, or manipulation of authority.

4. **acedia** (sloth/discouragement) is sometimes defined as physical laziness and spiritual laziness is emphasized. Failing to develop spiritually is key to becoming guilty of sloth.

5. **ira** (wrath) means inordinate and uncontrolled feelings of hatred and anger. It can be expressed as impatience, revenge, violence and self-destructive behaviour, such as drug abuse or suicide.

6. **invidia** (envy) is an insatiable desire and similar to jealousy in that they both feel discontent towards someone's traits, status, abilities, or rewards.

7. **superbia** (pride) is considered the most serious and the source of the other deadly sins. It means excessive admiration of oneself and believing that one is essentially better than others, failing to acknowledge the accomplishments of others.