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Analyzing Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* Act 1

The **exposition**, usually found in the first act of a play, establishes the **setting**—the background against which the action takes place. Elements of the setting include:

- the geographical location (its topography, scenery, and physical arrangements),
- the occupations and daily manner of living of the characters,
- the time period in which the action takes place (epoch in history or season of the year), and
- the general environment of the characters (social, religious, cultural, moral, and emotional conditions).

Explain what you discover about each element of the setting during Act One.

1. the geographical location
2. the occupations and daily manner of living of the characters
3. the time period in which the action takes place
4. the general environment of the characters