

Real English Supplementary Reader

Lesson-9 The Open Window

Q: Write glossary from your text book.

Q-1 Why did Mr. Framton come down to this 'rural retreat'?

Ans- Mr Framton came down to the rural retreat because he was undergoing a nerve cure.

Q-2. What tells you that Mr. Framton was not a very sociable man?

Ans- When Mr Framton was preparing to come to the rural retreat, his sister said that he would bury himself down there and not speak to a living soul. The initial conversation between Mr Framton and Vera also suggested that he was an introvert.

Q-3. What was the tragedy that Vera spoke of?

Ans- Vera spoke of a tragedy in which Mrs Sappleton's husband and her two young brothers had been engulfed in a treacherous piece of bog while they were out shooting and thus never returned.

Q-4. Do you think that Mrs. Sappleton was interested in Mr. Framton's illness? What makes you think so?

Ans- No, Mrs Sappleton did not seem interested in Mr Framton's illness at all. After he explained his illness to her, she replied in a voice which only replaced a yawn.

Q-5. In what way did Mr. Framton's visit to this house go against what the doctors had advised?

Ans- The doctors had advised Mr Framton to take complete rest, to ensure the absence of mental excitement and to avoid anything in the nature of violent physical exercise. But his visit to the house caused him restlessness and mental excitement.

Q-6. Can you tell why Vera asked Mr. Framton if he knew anything about her aunt?

Ans- Vera asked Mr. Framton if he knew anything about her aunt so that she could play her trick on Mr. Framton to make him feel uncomfortable.

Q-7. Do you think that the story Vera told about her uncle and cousins was true? Why do you think she narrated it?

Ans- No, the story was not true because it was clear from her way of speaking that she was narrating all the incident just to get herself entertained.

Q-8 Why did Mrs. Sappleton keep looking out of the window?

Ans- Mrs Sappleton kept looking out of the window because she was waiting for the return of her husband and her two young brothers who were out shooting ducks.

Q-9. What reason did Mrs. Sappleton give for Mr. Framton's hasty escape? Was it the same reason that he had told her?

Ans- The reason Mrs Sappleton gave for Mr Framton's rushing away was that he might have seen a ghost. No, this was not what Mr Framton told her.

Q-10. What impression do you get of Vera from the story?

Ans- Vera has been described as very self-possessed girl in the story. She is an observant, clever, and above all imaginative young woman who handily fools the adults around her with "romance on short notice."

Q-11 Not to be done.

Q-12 Put the phrases in the correct sequence.

Ans- (a) takes his stick and hat (b) goes out of the door
(c) runs down the drive (d) rushes out of the gate
(e) almost collides with a cyclist