



Exercise (Page 61)

Discuss in Small groups.

1. Is this a mystery story? Give a reason for your answer.

Answer: The open window is not truly a mystery story. It shows the fertile imagination of a young girl. She plays a practical joke on Framton and tells a cooked up story. Poor Framton falls a prey to her prank and runs out of the house hurriedly.

2. You are familiar with the 'irony' of the situation in a story.

(Remember the cop and the Anthem in Class VII Supplementary Reader!) Which situations in 'The Open Window' are good examples of the use of irony?

Answer: "Irony refers to the contrast between what is intended or expected and what actually occurs. The open window has irony of situation. Poor Framton goes to countryside for rest and relief from his nervousness. But Mrs Sappleton's niece plays such a joke that he suddenly rushes out. He mistakes Mrs Sappleton's husband and brother as their ghosts.

3. Which phrases/sentences in the text do you find difficult to understand? Select a few and guess the meaning of each. Rewrite a simple paraphrase of each.

Answer:

- Came into the nice division - The category of nice people.
- Masculine habitation. - The room seemed to suggest that there lived some male persons there.
- "Bertie, why do you bound? - Bound means 'jump'. But here it means a person whose behaviour is unpleasant to other people.

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