



#### Comprehension Check (Page 57)

1. Why had Framton Nuttel come to the “rural retreat”?
2. Why had his sister given him letters of introduction to people living there?
3. What had happened in the Sappleton family as narrated by the niece?

Answers:

1. Framton Nuttel was suffering from some nervous disorder and worry. So he decided to spend a few days in some village and relax in peace.
2. His sister knew that Framton would meet very few people in the countryside. He would feel lonely and bored. His condition could grow worse. So she gave him letters of introduction to all people she knew there. One was addressed to Mrs. Sappleton.
3. The niece played a practical joke on Sappleton when she came to know that he was a total stranger. She said that her aunt's husband, two brothers and a dog had gone for hunting through the window three years ago. They never returned. But the aunt was still hoping to see them back through the open window.

#### Comprehension Check (Page 60)

1. What did Mrs Sappleton say about the open window?
2. The horror on the girl's face made Framton swing around in his seat. What did he see?

Answers:

1. Mrs Sappleton said that her husband and brothers would be entering the house any time. The window was kept open till it was dark. They would enter through the open window.
2. Framton swung around to know the reason for the girl's horror. Soon he saw three figures coming towards the window.

#### Comprehension Check (Page 61)

1. Why did Framton rush out wildly?
2. What was the girl's explanation for his lightning exit?

Answers

1. The niece had told Nuttel that her aunt's husband and brothers had been missing, for three years. When Framton saw them coming, he thought they were ghosts. So he rushed out wildly in fear.
2. The girl explained that Framton had a bitter experience of the dogs. So he made a sudden exit on seeing the dog.

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