



# Silent Bells




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## THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE



### Activity -1

Read the following paragraphs (4-5) in the textbook given below and answer the questions that follow.

4 'Excuse me, Doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself.' He spoke almost breathlessly, offering me the visiting card he held in his hand and studying my face to see if the name meant anything to me. Then, as it plainly did not, he went on with the same awkwardness. 'If you could spare a few minutes... my wife and I would like to have a word with you.'

5 A moment later I was occupying the vacant chair beside them. Haltingly he told me that this had been their first visit to America. It was not entirely a holiday trip. They had been making a tour of the New England states, inspecting many of the summer recreational camps for young people there. Afterwards, they had visited settlement houses in New York and other cities to study the methods employed in dealing with cases of backward, maladjusted and delinquent youth.

a) Who was the lady along with Mr. John during the voyage?

b) How did the man try to introduce himself to A J Cronin?

c) What was the purpose of their visit to America?

d) Find out a word that means 'showing a tendency to commit crimes.'



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## Activity 2

Look how the words in the first paragraph of the story are categorised into two word classes in the following table.

On the second day, out from New York, while making the round of the promenade deck, I suddenly became aware that one of the passengers was watching me closely, following me with his gaze every time I passed. I wanted to rest, to avoid the tedium of casual and importunate ship-board contacts. I gave no sign of having noticed the man.

You have already learnt that the words you use in your speech and writing belong to different categories.

A few examples for each word class are given in the table below. Pick out more examples from the story and fill the table.

The word categories or classes like determiners, pronouns, prepositions and conjunctions are **closed word classes**. They are so called because no new word is added to such classes in the course of time. But in word classes like nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs, new words are being added. Such classes of words are termed as **open word classes**.

### Closed word classes

Determiner	Pronoun	Preposition	Conjunction
<i>the</i>	<i>I, me,</i>	<i>on, out</i>	<i>that</i>

### Open word classes

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
• <i>New York</i>	• <i>make</i>	• <i>round</i>	• <i>suddenly</i>
• <i>passenger</i>	• <i>watch</i>	• <i>casual</i>	• <i>closely</i>
• <i>ship-board</i>	• <i>give</i>	•	•
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## Activity - 3

Complete the following conversation suitably.

Mr. John : Excuse me, Doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself.

Doctor : .....

Mr. John : Here is my visiting card.

Doctor : .....

Mr. John : If you could spare a few minutes, my wife and I would like to have a word with you.

Doctor : Sure. .... ?

Mr. John : No, it is not entirely a holiday trip. ....

Doctor : Very nice. Why did you visit the settlement houses?

Mr. John : .....

Doctor : Oh, that's great.

Mr. John : Thank you Doctor.