



# Silent Bells



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Lesson & LO :Read,comprehend and analyse short story.



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## THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE

### Activity 1

Read the following passage and complete the table that follow.

There was a pause. The three of us, the sergeant, the landlady and me, as the sole witnesses of the near tragedy, had the same unspoken thought in our minds. We decided to give the young man a fresh start.

The sergeant, at considerable risk to his job, resolved to make no report upon the case, so that no court proceedings would result. The landlady offered a month's free board until he should get upon his feet again. While I, making perhaps the least contribution, came forward with seven pounds ten shillings for him to put back in the office safe.

**The sergeant, the landlady and the narrator helped the young man. Complete the following table:**



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Persons who helped	How they helped	The risks involved
Mr John		
Sergeant		
Landlady		
The Narrator		Loss of seven pounds and ten shillings

## Activity-2

Do you think the title ‘ The Best Investment I Ever Made’ is appropriate to the story?

Why?

Consider the following questions.

- What does the word ‘investment’ mean with special reference to the story?
- What are the other meanings of the word ‘investment’?
- Why does the narrator describe his investment ‘the best’?

You may write a paragraph on the appropriateness of the title.

( Hints: bad habits - mental and physical problems – leads to crime -bad friends -anti social activities – good friends help – good lessons – real wealth – good character )



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## Activity-3

Go through the following diary entry.

Saturday,

23 August 2020

*What a terrible experience.....!*

*In that moment of despair, I tried to embrace death. Hope came in the form of the sergeant and the doctor .They saved my life. The landlady also helped me. I will never again follow that dark and evil life of mine. Definitely I will change. Just like the doctor, the sergeant and the lady, I will also try to change the lives of many , thus bringing light to others.*

*Now I see that the light never fades out!*

**Can you guess, whose diary entry this could be...? And when he could have made this diary entry?**

**What are the things that we should consider when we make a diary entry... Let's revise.**

- \* *Date and day should be there on top.*
- \* *Should be in the First Person narrative ( I, my, mine, we, our, ours )*
- \* *Proper beginning .....What a memorable day!*

*What a terrible experience!*

*Today was the happiest day in my life.*

- \* *Use simple past tense to narrate events.*
- \* *Use Simple Present Tense to express feelings and emotions .( I feel very much excited )*
- \* *Proper use of exclamatory sentences.*
- \* *Use simple and emotive language.*



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**Suppose the doctor makes a diary entry on the day he saved the life of Mr John.**

**What may be the diary entry like?**

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