

When Jack returned after seeing off Aunt Jane he saw Jill in a happy mood. He enquired about the cheque Aunt Jane had given them. What would be the possible dialogue between them? 6

Jack : Jill, you are in a happy mood, aren't you?

Jill : Yes Jill. Today I'm very happy.

Jack : Why? Is it because of the cheque?

Jill : Surely. I could use that 10 pounds for something very urgent.

Jack : What? You spent it?

Jill : Yes, Jack. I sent it to Dr. Martin.

Jack : Why? Why wasted good money on the doctor?

Jill : But, don't you know?

Jack : Know what?

Jill : Why, just one instalment and the baby is really ours.

Jack : Oh sorry, Jill! I didn't think of it.

Jill : OK. Here is our little baby.

Jack : Oh, God! Thank you Jill.

Jack is a representative of modern consumer society. Prepare a character sketch of Jack as seen in the one-act-play 'The Never-Never Nest'. 6

Jack is a young man who earns only six pounds, a week. He lives a luxurious life with his wife and their new-born baby. He has bought a costly house, modern furniture, radio, refrigerator and car - all in instalments. He is least worried about paying the instalments. For this also he intends to borrow money from banks and pay back in instalments. He doesn't seem to think of the consequences if he fails to repay the instalments in time. He is a wreckless young man, who thinks only of the present, a real representative of modern consumer society.

The Oratory Club of your school has decided to organize a seminar on 'The perils of never-never'. You are asked to make a speech on the topic. Prepare the likely speech. 7

Friends

Let me share with you a few of my views about 'The perils of never-never'. There is a growing tendency among us, especially among the young couples to join instalment plans. The terms of these plans are often very attractive. Many of us do not bother much in the beginning. We are really losers. We will have to pay much more than the actual cost. Being indulged in the attractions of luxurious life we foolishly shoulder unbearable burden. We must be wise in utilizing our money. Spend only as you earn. A spendthrift will have to repent later. Always remember 'Bite off only what you can chew'. We must have good planning in our financial dealings. Earning, saving and spending must be well balanced.

It is nice to remember 'Waste not, want not'. So let us plan well how to spend our money. Instalment plans are not always dangerous. They may have merits of their own. It is our duty to see how much we can manage.

So friends, think twice before you join these plans. Be fully aware of your earnings.

Thank you.