

First Bell 2.0 Help

Std. 10 Episode 8

Activity 1

Read the first part of the story, *The Snake and the Mirror* and answer the questions.

1. Who narrates the story ?
2. Why did the listeners fall silent ?
3. Where did the doctor have his dinner?
4. What did the doctor hear when he opened the door?
5. Why were his earnings meagre even though he was a doctor?
6. What were the doctor's only possessions?
7. Why did the doctor open the windows?
8. Why couldn't the doctor sleep?
9. Which book did the doctor take out to read ?
10. What were the other things on the table ?

Activity 2

Imagine that the doctor writes a letter to his friend explaining his life in the rented room. What may be the likely letter?

Answer Key

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1. A homeopath
2. They fell silent because the doctor asked a frightening question.
3. He had his dinner at a nearby restaurant.
4. He heard a familiar sound and it was the sound of rats.
5. He had just started his practice as a doctor.
6. He had only 60 rupees in his suitcase, some shirts and dhotis and one black coat.
7. He opened the windows for fresh air to get in.
8. He could not sleep because the room was too hot.
9. He took out the book 'The Materia Medica'.
10. The table had a large mirror, a lamp and a small comb beside the mirror.

Activity 2

Bepur,
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Dear friend,

Hope you are fine. How is your family ?.

I started my practice here. I live in a small rented room. I have a kerosene lamp in my room because my room is not electrified. My room has two windows which open into a yard through which fresh air comes in. This small room of mine has a tiled roof with long supporting gables resting on beams over the walls. The room is devoid of ceiling and I see a regular traffic of rats moving to and from the beam. I have the book "The Materia Medica" in my room for some quick reference in times of need. I have furnished my room with a chair and a table on which stands the kerosene lamp, a large mirror and a small comb.

Hope you will come here when you are free. Convey my regards to your family.

Lovingly,
Dr. Deepu.