



KITE VICTERS ONLINE CLASS SUPPORT MATERIAL

Class: 10

Subject: English

Unit: 3

Work Sheet: 16
Class : 29

Topic: The Best Investment I Ever Made

Review and Assignments based on Victers First Bell Online Class on 30/10/2020, Friday 12.00 Noon

Previous Assignments based on Victers Online Class on 22/10/2020

Dear students please check your assignments with these possible answers

Activity 1

Identify five of these values that you think are important. Say why they are important. Write a paragraph about it.

Ans: I feel the following values to be more important.

1. **Respect.** *Respecting our elders is a great virtue in life. We should give respect and take respect.*
2. **Confidence.** *If we want to be successful in life we should be very confident and think positively.*
3. **Civic Sense.** *Being a citizen of the nation and a social being we should develop a good civic sense.*
4. **Character.** *A good conduct and character is a must in one's life. Character is something acquired not hereditary.*
5. **Relationship.** *Always try to keep good relations with others. Man have no existence in isolation.*

Activity 2

Write a story highlighting any of these values. (attempt yourself)

Activity 3

Write a short profile of A. J. Cronin using the hints below

Full Name	: Archibald Joseph Cronin	
Born	: 19 July, 1896	
Profession	: Novelist, Physician	
First Novel	: Hatters Castle	
Major Works	: Citadel, The Stars Look Down, The Keys of Kingdom, The Green Years, etc.	
Awards	: National Book Award for Fiction	
Death	: 6 January, 1981	

A. J. CRONIN

Archibald Joseph Cronin, the Scottish novelist and a Physician was born on 19 July 1896. His career as a novelist started with publishing of his first novel Hatters Castle. Among his works the 'Citadel' is the most popular one and the other works are 'The Stars Look Down', 'The Keys of Kingdom', 'The Green Years', etc. As a recognition to his works, he received the National Book Award for Fiction. A.J. Cronin passed away on 6, January 1981.

Activity 3

Refer the dictionary and find the meaning of these 'Look' related words

- glance - take a brief or hurried look (ദൃശ്യാക്ഷണം)
- see - perceive with the eyes; discern visually (കാണുക)
- stare - to look fixedly at someone or something with one's eyes wide open (ഉറ്റുനോക്കുക)
- peek - a quick or furtive look (എത്തിനോക്കുക)
- peep - look quickly and furtively at something, especially through a narrow opening (എത്തിനോട്ടം)
- peer - look with difficulty or concentration at someone or something (സൂക്ഷ്മമായി നോക്കുക)
- glimpse - a momentary or partial view (ക്ഷണികദൃശ്യം)



Activity 4

Read the first two paragraphs of the anecdote 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' and answer the following questions.

1. Who are the characters mentioned in this part of the anecdote?

Ans: **A.J. Cronin and the fellow passenger.**

2. Where did they start the journey from?

Ans: **From New York.**

3. Have you come across any person with importunate behaviour? How did you feel about it? Describe your experience.

Ans: **I felt irritated. One day while I was travelling in a bus. He was a middle aged man. He began to make a call over his phone to somebody. He crossed all the limits as he was talking loudly, unmindful of other passengers in the bus. Finally I was forced to tell him to speak softly.**

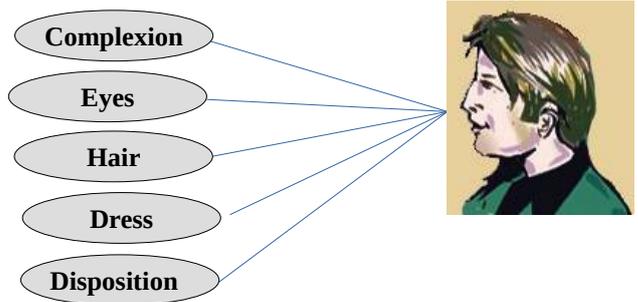
3. Why was the narrator not interested in the man who was watching him?

Ans: **He wanted to rest, and to avoid the tedium of casual and importunate ship-board contacts.**

4. The narrator observed the man and described him in vivid terms. How did he describe him?

Ans:

He was in his early 40s, rather short in build, with a fair complexion and clear blue eyes. His thin hair had begun to recede from his forehead. His dark suit, sober tie and rimless spectacles gave evidence of a serious and reserved disposition.



5. Which sentence tells you that the author is not interested in unfamiliar contacts?

Ans: **'I wanted to rest, to avoid the tedium of casual and importunate ship-board contacts'.**

6. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'asking for things many times in a way that is annoying'

Ans: **Importunate.**

7. Pick out a phrase which expresses that the stranger was always watching the author.

Ans: **'Following me with his gaze'.**

Activity 5 (Refer Activity 3 on page no 82, 83)

a) How does Cronin describe the general appearance of Mr John?

Ans: **Cronin describes about his age, physical appearance, his complexion, his eyes, hair, dress, spectacles and his disposition.**

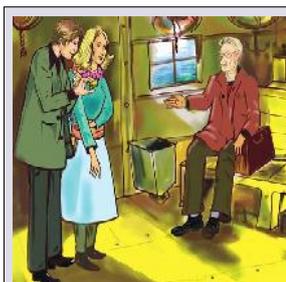
b) Now, prepare a brief description about your friend/ a film star.

Ans: **Arunima is my best friend in the class. She is in her teens, always cheerful and smiling. She has a mid height but very active and lively in the class. She is a slim beauty with a round face and big round eyes. She is pretty and funny cracking jokes always but light hearted and begins to cry if anyone insults her.**

Review and Assignments based on Victers Online Class on 30/10/2020

Dear students,

Did you watch the English class today? (30/10/2020). If not, **Click on the image** to watch the video. After watching the video try the following assignments. Hope the following explanation will help you to have a feedback of today's class. The class dealt with paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the anecdote 'The Best Investment I Ever Made by A. J. Cronin.



The Best Investment I Ever Made

'The Best Investment I Ever Made' by A.J Cronin is an anecdote which tells us how the author's act of kindness transformed a man's life. An act of kindness can change one's life. It blesses both the giver and the recipient. It can throw out roots of love and virtues in all directions. The roots may spring up and new trees may grow. We become human beings only when we help others without expectation. The seeds of kindness can grow into many folds later.

Summary

A. J. Cronin was travelling from New York in a ship. On the second day, while he was making a walk round the deck, he noticed that one of the passengers was watching him closely. He wanted rest and avoid unfamiliar contacts. So he didn't gave any importance to it.

To Cronin the stranger seemed affected by a troubled by something. He was in his early 40s, a short man, with a fair complexion and clear blue eyes. His had a bald forehead. His dark suit, sober tie and rimless spectacles gave evidence of a serious and reserved disposition.

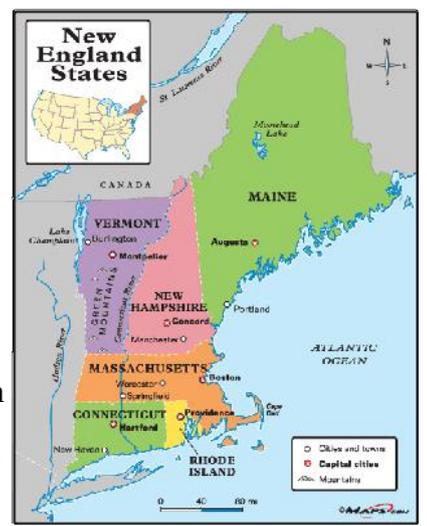
The next morning he saw the stranger with a lady looking at him from his deck chair. Cronin became curious to know about the man. He asked the steward and identified that the strangers were Mr. And Mrs. John residing in a suburb of London. Mrs John urged her husband to talk to Cronin.

Mr. John came to Cronin and introduced himself and offered his visiting card. But Cronin could not identify him. Mr. John requested Cronin to spare his time as they wanted to talk to him. Mr. John spoke out that, it was their first visit to America. It was not 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.

Glossary (Refer to the glossary while reading the text. It will help you comprehend the passage well)

- forenoon - the morning (രാവിലെ സമയം)
- fellow voyager- fellow traveller in a ship (കപ്പലിലെ സഹയാത്രികൻ)
- earnestly - with sincere and intense conviction (ആത്മാർത്ഥതയോടെ)
- obviously - clearly (വ്യക്തമായി)
- intrigue - to make a person very interested to know about something (ജിജ്ഞാസ, അറിയാനുള്ള ആഗ്രഹം)
- steward - a person employed to look after the passengers on a ship (മേൽനോട്ടക്കാരൻ, കാര്യസ്ഥൻ)
- suburb - an outlying district of a city (നഗരത്തിന്റെ പ്രാന്തപ്രദേശം)
- carry out - perform a task (ചെയ്യുക, പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കുക)
- whispered - speak very softly (ശബ്ദം താഴ്ന്നി സംസാരിക്കുക)
- urged - to persuade (someone) to do something. (പ്രേരിപ്പിക്കുക, നിർബന്ധിക്കുക)
- breathlessly - in a way that is characterized by great excitement (ആവേശത്തോടെ)
- offer - present (something) for (someone) to accept or reject as desired (വച്ചുനീട്ടുക)
- went on - continued (തുടരുക)
- awkwardness - the quality of being awkward (ഭോഷതപരമായി)
- to have a word with - wish to talk to somebody (സംസാരിക്കാനാഗ്രഹിക്കുക)
- occupy - take up a space (ഇടംപിടിക്കുക)
- vacant chair - not occupied; empty (ഒഴിഞ്ഞ ഇരിപ്പിടം)
- haltingly - stopping and starting often, because you are not certain or not very confident (ആത്മലിശ്യാസമില്ലാത്തതിനാൽ വിട്ടു വിട്ടു സംസാരിക്കുക)
- recreational - relating to or denoting activity done for enjoyment (വിനോദത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയുള്ള)

New England States
 New England is a region comprising six states in the north-eastern United States. They are:
 Maine
 Vermont
 New Hampshire,
 Massachusetts
 Rhode Island
 Connecticut.
 [അമേരിക്കൻ ഐക്യനാടിന്റെ വടക്കുകിഴക്കായി സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്ന ആറ് സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളെ ചേർത്തു വിളിക്കുന്ന പേരാണ് New England States.]



- settlement houses - an institution in an inner-city area, typically sponsored by a church or college, providing educational, recreational, and other social services to the community (പുനരധിവാസ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങൾ)
- deal with - treat (someone) in a particular way (കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുക)
- backward - reverting to an inferior state (പിന്നാക്കം നിൽക്കുന്നു)
- maladjusted - having mental and emotional problems that lead to unacceptable behaviour (സ്വഭാവ വൈകല്യമുള്ള)
- delinquent - showing a tendency to commit crimes (ക്രിമിനൽ പ്രവണതയുള്ള, അക്രമ വാസനയുള്ള)

ACTIVITY 1

Read the paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the anecdote and the summary above. Now try to answer the following questions.

[On the following forenoon maladjusted and delinquent youth.

1. What was the purpose of their journey?
2. Why was the man gazing at the doctor?
2. Why did they visit the settlement houses?
3. What information did the doctor gain about him from the steward?
4. When did they finally come to the doctor?
5. What made the narrator notice the fellow voyager the next day?

ACTIVITY 2

Look at the conversation below and identify how different expression are used in different context.

1

What are you upto?

2

I can't face him.

3

You should talk to him.

4

Why?

5

Let's go together.

6

I think you should introduce me.

7

Ok, let's go.

During a conversation we can be formal and informal in our talks depending on the context. If we are talking to a friend, or relative, we can be informal. Read the conversation 1 to 7. (ഒരാളുമായുള്ള ആശയവിനിമയം ഉപചാരപൂർവ്വമോ, അനുപചാരികമോ ആവാം. സന്ദർഭവും, ഇടപെടുന്ന ആളുകളുമനുസരിച്ച് ഔപചാരികമോ അനുപചാരികമോ ആവാം. രണ്ടു സുഹൃത്തുക്കൾ നമ്മിൽ അനുപചാരികയാണ് സംഭാഷിക്കുന്നത്)

Now look at the this conversation between Mr. And Mrs. John had with A J. Cronin. See the expressions used.

1

Excuse me, Doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself.

2

That is fine.

3

Here is my visiting card.



In this conversation the choice of phrases makes it very formal. When we are conversing with a person for the first time or to an unfamiliar person or to an officer we converse formally. (മേൽപറഞ്ഞ സംഭാഷണത്തിൽ വാക്കുകളുടെ പ്രയോഗം ആ സംഭാഷണത്തിന് ഔദ്യോഗിക ഭാവം നൽകുന്നു. നാം ആദ്യമായി പരിചയപ്പെടുന്ന ആളിനോടോ, അപരിചിതരോടോ, ഔദ്യോഗിക സ്ഥാനം വഹിക്കുന്ന ഒരു വ്യക്തിയോടോ സംഭാഷണത്തിലേർപ്പെടുമ്പോൾ ഔദ്യോഗികമായി വേണം സംഭാഷിക്കുവാൻ)

Match the expression in column B with those in column B

Formal Expressions	Informal Expressions	Formal Expression	Informal Expressions
How do you do?	Thank you.	How do you do?	
It is my opinion that...	Nice to meet you.	It is my opinion that...	
Please accept my apologies.	I think...	Please accept my apologies.	
I have that ability.	Sorry.	I have that ability.	
It is a pleasure to meet you.	What's up?	It is a pleasure to meet you.	
We would like to....	I can.	We would like to....	
Give my regards to....	We want to.	Give my regards to....	
I appreciate your assistance.	Say hello to.	I appreciate your assistance.	

Refer Activity 1 on Page No. 100

Consider the following sentence from the story The Best Investment I Ever Made:
 “Excuse me, doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself.”

This is a very formal way of introducing oneself.

Can you complete the following table with formal and informal expressions wherever necessary?

Language Function	Formal	Informal
Making a request	I would like to have a word with you.	
Offering help	May I help you?	I'll help you.
Giving advice	You'd better consult a doctor.	Consult a doctor today
Asking for permission		Can I have a pen.
Asking for direction		
Giving options		
Agreeing		
Disagreeing		

Now, complete the following conversation between Mr and Mrs. John and Dr Cronin using formal expressions.

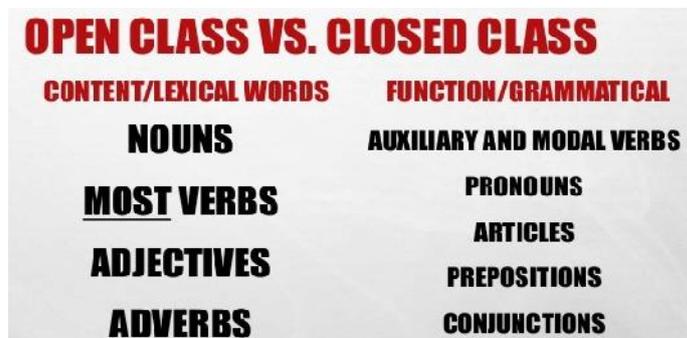
- Mr John : Excuse me, doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself.
- Dr. Cronin : Of course. _____.
- Mr. John : _____ . I am afraid you may not remember me.

Dr. Cronin : _____
 Mr John : By the way, may I take the privilege of introducing my wife?
 Dr. Cronin : _____ Mrs. John.
 Mrs. John : Good morning doctor _____
 Dr. Cronin : _____
 Mr. John : _____

ACTIVITY 3 (Refer Activity 2 on Page No. 86)

Open Class Words
 Word classes like nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs, new words are being added. Such classes of words are termed as open word classes.

Closed Class Words
 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.



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

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

Open Word Class			
Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York • passenger • ship-board • • • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make • watch • give • • • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • round • casual • • • • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suddenly • closely • • • • • •

ACTIVITY 4

Look at the picture given. You find Mr. And Mrs. John talking to Mr Cronin. Their conversation is also given but some parts of the conversation is missing. Fill the conversation suitably.



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

Doctor :

John : Here is my visiting card.

Doctor :

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

Doctor : Sure.?

John : No, it is not entirely a holiday trip

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

John :

ACTIVITY 5

Fill in the blanks using the appropriate words in the context choosing the words given in brackets.

Mr. John looked He was a man of reserved The Doctor was to know why the man was gazing at him. Later he came to know that he was doing great charitable work of dealing with the cases of children. He had been to New York to visit the houses.

[intrigued, settlement, disposition, diffident, delinquent]

*(The journey does not end here, it continue. There are a lot more to read and understand.....)
Will continue in the next episode.....*

Dear students, do these Assignments and send it to my Whatsapp No. 9846082087

Thank You & Stay Home, Stay Safe
