



UNIT – 1
GLIMPSES OF GREEN
LESSON – 2
THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

About the lesson:

- ◆ The story is written by Vaikom Muhammed Basheer.
- ◆ It evokes humour and sarcasm on the follies of man.
- ◆ A Homeopath narrates his dreadful experience.
- ◆ The story reflects author's love for nature.

Let's read paragraphs 1 to 4.

Let's familiarise some words:

Words	Contextual meanings
homeopath	a person who treats illness using homeopathic medicines
meagre	lacking in quantity or quality
solitary	lonely/only one
gable	the vertical triangular wall between the sloping ends of ridged roof
time off	a time period when you are not required to work

Let's answer some questions:

- 1) What does the expression 'a full-blooded cobra' suggest?
- 2) 'The sound was a familiar one'. What was the sound?
- 3) Why did the doctor live in a small rented room?
- 4) What were the possessions of the doctor?
- 5) The doctor could not sleep in his room. Why?
- 6) The doctor took the book 'The Materia Medica', but couldn't read. What distracted his attention?



Let's write a letter:

The Homeopath is not leading a luxurious life. He has just started his medical practice and his earnings are meagre. He is writing a letter to his friend mentioning about his living style, room condition etc. Draft the likely letter.

[Hints:- small rented room – not electrified – things in his suitcase – sharing room with rats.....]

Format of a friendly letter	
Address, Date.	
Dear _____,	
Introduction	_____
Content	_____
Conclusion	_____
Yours lovingly, Name	

Features of a friendly letter	
1.	Address of the sender at the left side top.
2.	Date of writing the letter just below the address.
3.	Below the date, left side near to the margin comes the salutation (like “dear___”)
4.	Content (must be in 3 paragraphs) paragraph 1 – Intoduction to the letter paragraph 2 – Body of the letter(what you are asked to write) paragraph 3 – Conclusion
5.	Subscription - Leave taking (like “yours lovingly, with love etc.”) at the left side.
6.	Name of the sender.

Let's scan here for the first bell 2.0 class.

