



UNIT 1

GLIMPSES OF GREEN
THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

Let's take a recap:

- The homeopath lived in a small rented house which was not even electrified.
- He thought himself as a handsome young bachelor.
- He wished to marry a woman doctor who had plenty of money and a good medical practice.
- A fat snake had fallen over the chair and landed on his shoulder.
- He was frightened and sat like a stone image in flesh.
- The snake looked into the mirror and it seemed to admire its own beauty.

Let's read paragraphs 17 to 20:

Let's understand the meaning of some words:

| WORDS | MEANINGS |
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| unwound | to take off something that is coiled around |
| closer quarters | very near |
| reedy | thin, like a reed |
| sprinter | someone who runs very fast |
| smear | to spread oil or cream |



Let's answer the questions given below:

- 1) 'I was suddenly a man of flesh and blood'. What did the doctor mean by this statement?
- 2) Did the snake harm the doctor? Why?
- 3) What did the doctor do as soon as he reached his friend's house?
- 4) Why was the room empty?
- 5) What was the final insult for the doctor?

Let's do this activity:

The doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' reaches his friend's house at night and narrates his horrible experience. Write the likely **narrative**.

Points to remember:

- ◆ Give a suitable title
- ◆ Recall the events in order
- ◆ Begin with an effective opening
- ◆ Describe the setting clearly
- ◆ Portray the characters well
- ◆ Narrate the events appropriately
- ◆ Use variety of sentences
- ◆ Conclude properly

