



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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STUDY NOTES	TOPIC: The Face on the Wall (Prose)	Note: For Reference

About the Author:



The versatile and prolific British author E.V. Lucas wrote more than 30 collections of essays on a wide range of subjects. Noted for his satiric humor, Lucas also wrote travel books, art criticism, novels, and an important biography of writer Charles Lamb.

Edward Verrall Lucas was born on June 11, 1868, in Eltham, Kent, England. He worked as a reporter for a Sussex newspaper, studied at University College, London. He also began writing essays on various topics for the humor magazine *Punch*, where he later became assistant editor. Among the best-known collections of his essays are *Old Lamps for New* (1911) and *Only the Other Day* (1936).

Some of his essays about cricket are still considered among the best instructional material. He is remembered for his writings about London. Lucas died in London on June 26, 1938. His daughter, Audrey Lucas, wrote the memoir *E.V. Lucas: A Portrait* (1939).

Setting of the story:

The Face on the Wall is mostly set in an old house in Great Ormond Street in London. Lucas spent most of his life in London which is the commercial hub of England. Many non-Londoners live in rented apartments in London. The youth in the story too takes a rented room where most of the events of the story take place.

WORD WORLD:

HOMONYMS AND HOMOPHONES:

Homonyms: Words which have the same spelling and same pronunciation, but different meanings.

Example: I hope you are not lying to me. (telling a lie)

My books are lying on the table. (being in a horizontal position)

Homophones: Words that have the same pronunciation, but different spelling and different meanings.

Example: Will he be able to beat the champion of all times?

He loves to eat beet because it is healthy.

Complete each set of sentences using the words given in brackets:

1. (peek/peak)
 - a. She took a _____ into the room to see if her cat was inside.
 - b. Just as he was reaching the _____ of his performance someone coughed.
2. (ball/ bawl)
 - a. She chased the _____ across the basketball court.
 - b. We saw the child _____ for the parent's attention.
3. (sale/ sail)
 - a. They set _____ for the French islands early this morning.
 - b. I saw some books on _____ last week.
4. (deer/ dear)
 - a. We saw many _____ and wild buffaloes at the zoo.
 - b. You have got to protect the ones that are near and _____ to you.

Answers:

- 1 a. peek; b. peak
 2. a. ball; b. bawl
 3. a. sail; b. sale
 4. a. deer; b. dear
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