**HANDOUT**

SUBJECT-ENGLISH, CLASS-8TH

LESSON -7- THE OPEN WINDOW (SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

**MODULE-2/2**

**RECAP OF MODULE-1**

1. Framton Nuttel has bad nerves.

2. He retires to the country for cure, and calls on a family friend.

3. The lady being busy upstairs, her young niece refers to a family mishap with an especial focus on the open window.

**OVERVIEW OF MODULE-2**

1. Mrs.Sappleton comes down at last and inadvertently confirms her niece’s story.

2. Framton tries to acquaint his host with the nature of his ailment.

3. Through the open window, he can see ‘figures’ that worsen his nerves.

4. Terrified, he grabbed his stick and hat and rushed out of the room wildly.

5. Vera immediately invented a new story to explain the reason for Framton’s panic attack.

**WORD MEANINGS**

Inadvertently- unknowingly

Shudder- tremble

Bustled- entered noisily

Whirl of apologies- many apologies (in quick succession)

Amusing- entertaining

Briskly- quickly

Snipe- Water bird that lives in marshes

Rattled on- went on

Scarcity- shortage

Prospects- hopes

Desperate- hopeless

Ghastly – horrible

Delusion- False belief or opinion

Acquaintances- people you know

Ailments and infirmities- (relating to health) complaints of sickness/ weakness

Collision- violent striking together

Bolted- rushed

Dashed off- ran away

Cemetery- Graveyard

Snarling- growling

Pack-group

**IRONY IN THE STORY**

Irony is a situation in which there is a contrast between expectations and reality.

1. Framton Nuttel retreats to the countryside in order to recover from a bout of nerves. Ironically, the countryside only adds to his anxiety and Framton is thrown into another nervous fit when he believes he has seen ghosts.

2. The irony in the story is the open window itself. The open window is a symbol of honesty, yet it is used cleverly by Vera to deceive Mr. Framton Nuttel with the story of Mrs. Sappleton’s ‘lost’ husband and brothers who supposedly left through the window and never returned.