

English Notes

Class- VII

Based on Literature

Chapter- 1

Topic – The New Teacher

Identify the speaker, guess the tone (the quality of the voice that expresses the speaker's feeling or mood) and reveal the character trait that is exhibited.

1. *I hope her plane crash.*
 - **Speaker-** Roger Clark
 - **Tone-** worried
 - **Character trait-** caring
2. *St. Geoff's is fun.*
 - **Speaker-** Roger Clark
 - **Tone-** happy
 - **Character trait-** fun-loving
3. *School isn't supposed to be a fun fest.*
 - **Speaker-** Roger's sister
 - **Tone-** all-knowing
 - **Character trait-** no-nonsense attitude
4. *You are not cattle milling in a pen. Come, come, form into lines.*
 - **Speaker-** Miss Orville
 - **Tone-** authoritative
 - **Character trait-** disciplinarian
5. *Plants and children belong in classrooms. Both grow with proper care. Not by giving in to whims!*
 - **Speaker-** Miss Orville
 - **Tone-** open
 - **Character trait-** strict
6. *Before my retirement, I taught boys and girls for forty-six years. I am beyond trickery, so I advise you to try none.*
 - **Speaker-** Miss Orville
 - **Tone-** warning
 - **Character trait-** informed

7. *I have no knowledge of your individual abilities, perhaps a look at the weekend homework will shed some light.*

- **Speaker-** Miss Orville
- **Tone-** matter-of-fact
- **Character trait-** honest and fair

8. *We have come to play, have we?*

- **Speaker-** Miss Orville
- **Tone-** sarcastic
- **Character trait-** bossy

9. *Miss Awful is her name! She steals our toys. Children are plants to her.*

- **Speaker-** Roger Clark
- **Tone-** complaining
- **Character trait-** grumpy

10. *If I have helped one of you to grow a fraction of an inch, if just one of you...*

- **Speaker-** Miss Orville
- **Tone-** emotional
- **Character trait-** devoted

B. Answer the questions briefly.

1. **What does the odd assortment of toys that Roger smuggled to school tell us about him? How does his attitude to the toys change by the end of the final class?**

Ans- The odd assortment of toys that Roger smuggled to school tells us that Roger Clark, a eight years old boy was an exuberant, frolicsome, fun-loving and noisy as well.

His attitude to the toys changed by the end of the final class as the final words of Miss Orville reminded him that education has been called a gift. He supposed to be understood about the importance of schooling and learning.

2. **Which three interesting similes have been used in the story to describe the new teacher when the class meets her for the first time?**

Ans- When the class meets her for the first time the three interesting similes have been used in the story to describe the new teacher are as follows:-

- She was tall and straight as a ruler.*
- Her hair was gray, like a witch's as were her eyes.*

c. Her clapping was as loud and menacing as thunder.