



# CLASS – 10

## ENGLISH

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### Footprints without Feet

#### CH-5 : Footprints without Feet

Part – 2

#### Griffin's Encounter at the Inn

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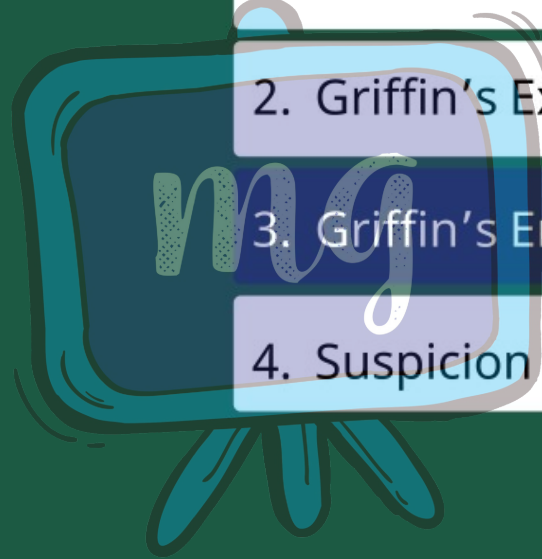
# OVERVIEW

1. The Mystery of the Footprints

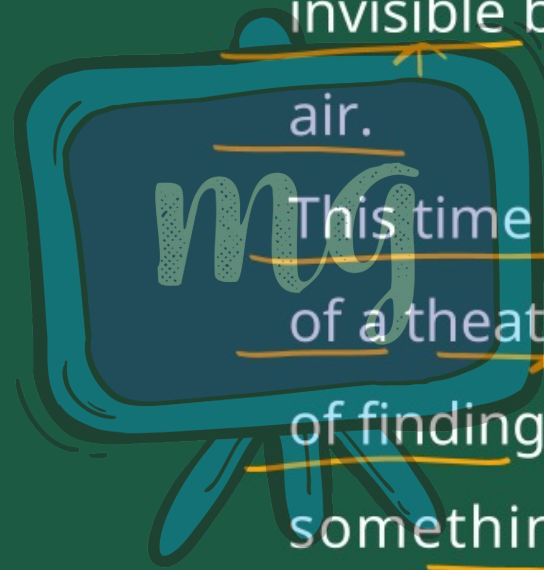
2. Griffin's Experiment

3. Griffin's Encounter at the Inn

4. Suspicion and the Escape



So once more he found himself  
invisible but naked in the chill January  
air.



This time he decided to try the **stock**  
of a theatrical company in the hope  
of finding not only clothes but also  
something that would hide the  
empty space above his shoulders.

**Stock** : सामान



Shivering with cold he hurried to Drury Lane, the centre of the theatre world.

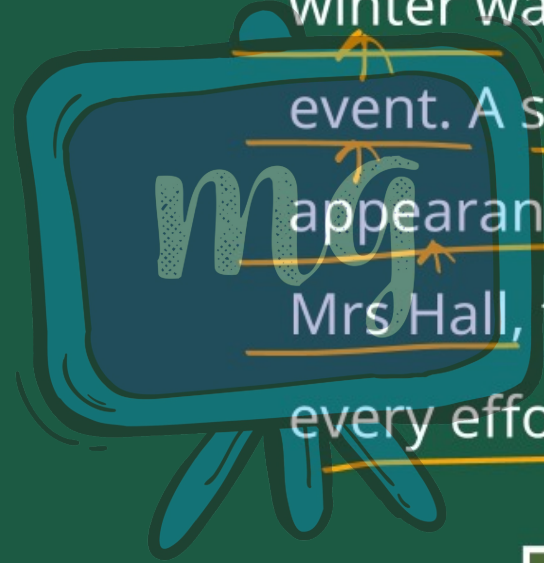
He soon found a suitable shop. He made his way, invisible, upstairs and came out a little later wearing bandages round his forehead, dark glasses, false nose, big bushy side-whiskers, and a large hat.

To escape without being seen, he callously attacked the shopkeeper from behind, after which he robbed him of all the money he could find. Eager to get away from crowded London he took a train to the village of Iping, where he booked two rooms at the local inn.

Callously : बेरहमी से

Inn : धर्मशाला

The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in any case an unusual event. A stranger of such uncommon appearance set all tongues wagging. Mrs Hall, the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly.



Wagging : हिलाना

But Griffin had no desire to talk, and

told her, "My reason for coming to

Iping is a desire for **solitude**. I do not

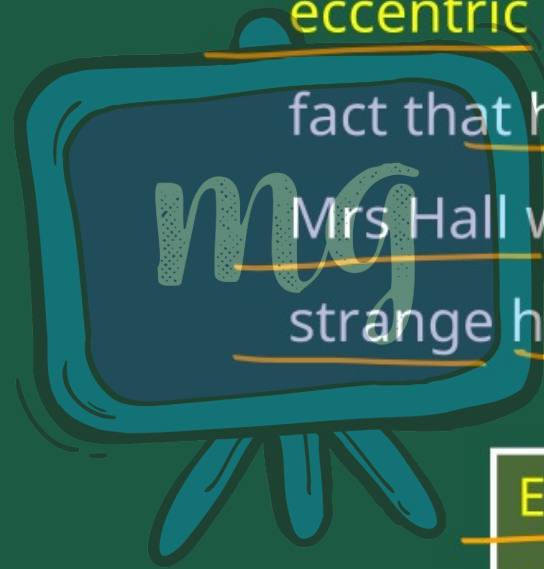
wish to be disturbed in my work.

Besides, an accident has affected my

face."

**Solitude** : एकान्त

Satisfied that her guest was an  
**eccentric** scientist, and in view of the  
fact that he had paid her in advance,  
Mrs Hall was prepared to excuse his  
strange habits and irritable **temper**.



**Eccentric** : अजीब/सनकी

**Temper** : स्वभाव

But the stolen money did not last

long, and presently Griffin had to

admit that he had no more ready

cash. He **pretended**, however, that he

was expecting a cheque to arrive at

any moment.

**Pretended** : नाटक करना

Shortly afterwards a curious episode occurred. Very early in the morning a clergyman and his wife were awakened by noises in the study. Creeping downstairs, they heard the chink of money being taken from the clergyman's desk.

<u>Curious</u>	:	अजीब
<u>Clergyman</u>	:	पादरी
<u>Creeping</u>	:	रेंगना
<u>Chink of money</u>	:	पैसों की खनखन



Without making any noise and with a poker grasped firmly in his hand, the clergyman flung open the door.

“Surrender!”

Then to his amazement he realised that the room appeared to be empty. He and his wife looked under the desk, and behind the curtains, and

Amazement : आश्चर्य

even up the chimney. There wasn't a sign of anybody. Yet the desk had been opened and the housekeeping money was missing.

"Extraordinary affair!" the clergyman kept saying for the rest of the day.

But it was not as extraordinary as the behaviour of Mrs Hall's furniture a little later that morning.

Extraordinary affair : असाधारण मामला

The landlord and his wife were up very early, and were surprised to see the scientist's door wide open.

Usually it was shut and locked, and he was furious if anyone entered his room. The opportunity seemed too good to be missed.

Furious : क्रोधित

Opportunity : अवसर

They **peeped** round the door, saw nobody, and decided to **investigate**.

The bedclothes were cold, showing that the scientist must have been up for some time; and stranger still, the clothes and bandages that he always wore were lying about the room.

**Peeped** : झांकना

**Investigate** : जाँच



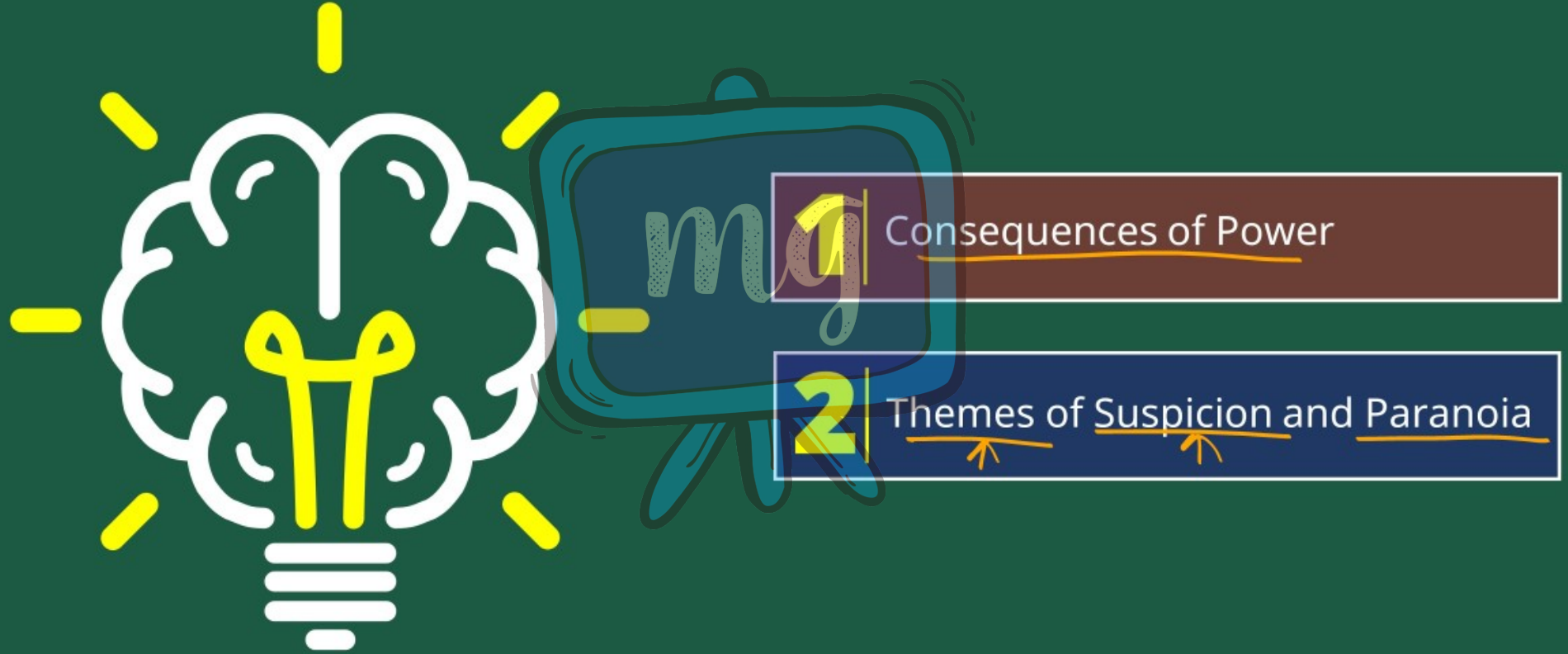
All of a sudden Mrs Hall heard a **sniff** close to her ear. A moment later the hat on the bedpost **leapt** up and **dashed** itself into her face. Then the bedroom chair **became** alive.

**Springing** into the air it charged straight at her, **legs** foremost.



<b>Sniff</b>	:	सांस की आवाज
<b>Leapt</b>	:	कूदना/छलांग
<b>Dash</b>	:	टकराना
<b>Springing</b>	:	उछलना

# LEARNING OUTCOMES



# ASSESSMENT



1

Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric?

A

Because of his strange appearance and behavior.

B

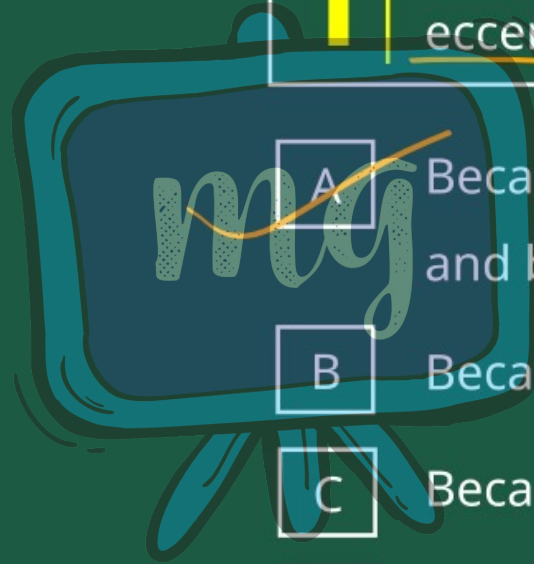
Because of his clock.

C

Because of his desire to talk to everyone.

D

Because of his kindness.



# ASSESSMENT



2

What curious event happens in the  
clergyman's study?

A

A thief is caught in the act.

B

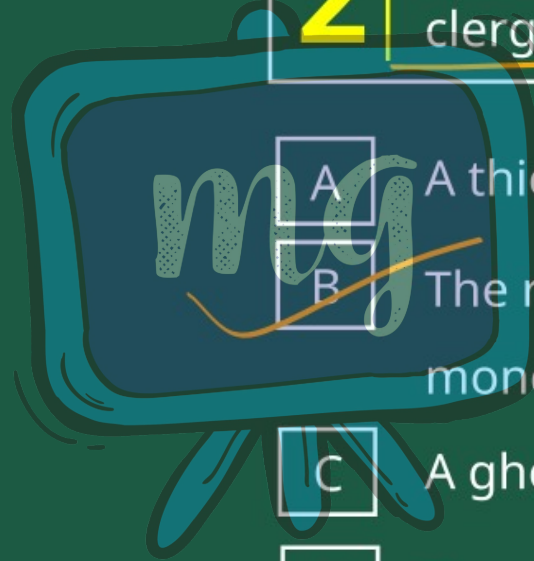
The room is found empty, though  
money has been stolen.

C

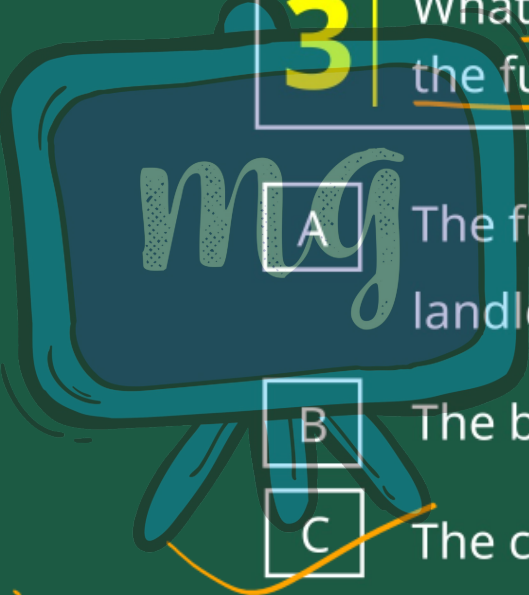
A ghost is sighted in the study.

D

The clergyman's desk is damaged.



# ASSESSMENT



**3** | What unusual event happened with the furniture at the inn?

- A The furniture was rearranged by the landlord.
- B The bed collapsed.
- C The chair and hat seemed to move on their own.
- D The furniture disappeared.