

Class 9th

COMMUNICATIVE

ENGLISH

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

(ALEXANDER BARON)

The Man who knew too much

The writer narrates the story of his initial days at the army.

Private Quelch was a soldier, a companion of the writer- his aim was to earn the army ranks- he tried to impress the officers and seniors.

One day when the Sergeant was lecturing them on the use of a rifle, quelch interrupted and corrected him. This was irritating and annoying as it implied disrespect for his senior.

Quelch often displayed his vast knowledge and called it a matter of “intelligent reading”. Although he was hard – working and dedicated, his boastful nature earned him dislike and his companions feared his arrival and irritating lectures.

Still, Quelch was unaffected as he took up this duty also whole – heartedly. He was sincere as a cook also and unaware of the implications of his nature that had been bestowed upon him by his seniors.

Thus, the Corporal taught Quelch a lesson by appointing him as a cook -putting an end to his career as an officer in the army.

Turnbull said that he had to select a responsible soldier for permanent cook – house duty. He said that Quelch was the right person for the job.

Mind Mapping

The Corporal said that as Quelch was so well versed, it would be better if he himself gave the lecture. Quelch performed excellently.

One day Corporal Turnbull was lecturing the soldiers about a grenade and as usual, Quelch interrupted him.

As the Corporal was a short – tempered man and decided to teach him a lesson.

Character sketch

Quelch

He was tall, thin, stooped
frown on his face.

wore spectacles

nickname of “professor”.

very capable

intelligent.

Hard working

helpful,

physical stamina



Theme

Be down to earth

Do not show off much

Negative effects of showing off



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