

The Open Window
(H.H. Munro – Saki)
Reading Check Test

1. What is Vera's relationship to Mrs. Sappleton?
 - A. She is her daughter.
 - B. She is her niece.
 - C. She is her maid.
 - D. She is her sister.

2. What was the reason for Framton Nuttel's visit to the countryside?
 - A. To visit distant relations
 - B. To sell some valuable property
 - C. To cure his nervous condition
 - D. To counsel the grieving widow

3. Why was he visiting Mrs. Sappleton's home?
 - A. His sister sent him there with a letter of introduction.
 - B. The real estate agent sent him there with an appraisal of the house.
 - C. His mother sent him there with some family heirlooms.
 - D. The priest sent him there to offer some words of comfort.

4. What does Vera say is the great family tragedy?
 - A. The death of Mrs. Sappleton's husband and brothers.
 - B. The death of Mrs. Sappleton's son and father.
 - C. The death of Mrs. Sappleton's daughter and nieces.
 - D. The death of Mrs. Sappleton's parents and servants.

5. How does Mrs. Sappleton behave when she comes downstairs?
 - A. Angrily, as if she resents the visit
 - B. Anxiously, as if she is nearing a breakdown
 - C. Normally, as if nothing is wrong
 - D. Sadly, as if she is undergoing tragedy

6. Why does Mr. Nuttel flee the house?

- A. He thinks that the family will ask him for money.
- B. He thinks that the family intends to murder him.
- C. He thinks that the returning hunters are policemen.
- D. He thinks that the returning hunters are ghosts.

7. What does Vera tell the family to explain Mr. Nuttel's erratic behavior?

- A. She tells them that he has a violent hatred of strangers.
- B. She tells them that he has an unexplainable fear of guns.
- C. She tells them that he has a horrid fear of dogs.
- D. She tells them that he has an unbreakable appointment.

8. In the following sentence, what is the most likely meaning of the word, "romance"?

Romance at short notice was her speciality."

- A. Fiction
- B. Honesty
- C. Love
- D. Tragedy