

# English

**Class: 12th**

**Subject: English**

**Lesson 6: THE MAN WHO WAS A HOSPITAL**

**Author: Jerome K. Jerome**

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## ❖ Exercise Short Questions:

**1. How did Jerome K. Jerome come to suspect his liver was out of order? What diseases did he think he had?**

Jerome K. Jerome suspected his liver was out of order when he read a medical book in the British Museum and matched its symptoms with his own condition. He thought he was suffering from almost all diseases

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mentioned in the book, such as cholera, typhoid, and other serious illnesses, except housemaid's knee.

## **2. What disease did he discover he didn't have?**

**Ans:** The only disease Jerome discovered he did not have was housemaid's knee.

## **3. Was he pleased to find he didn't have it?**

**Ans:** Initially, he felt hurt as if he was being treated unfairly.

- **Later**, he accepted calmly, realizing he had all other known diseases, so missing only housemaid's knee was not significant.

## **4. What was his first reaction?**

**Ans:** His first reaction was shock and horror.

- He was frozen with fear and felt despair while going through the symptoms of various diseases.

## **5. Why should he be an acquisition to the medical class?**

**Ans:** He considered himself a "hospital in himself" because he supposedly had almost all known diseases.

- Medical students would not need to visit hospitals, as they could study him directly for practical experience.

## **6. Describe his visit to the medical man.**

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**Ans:** Jerome visited his doctor, an old friend, who felt his pulse, looked at his tongue, and talked casually about the weather.

- The doctor then examined him physically, including holding his wrist and tapping his chest, and wrote a prescription for him.

**7. He thought he was doing the doctor a good turn by going to him.**

**Why?**

**Ans:** Jerome believed that by visiting the doctor, he was providing ample practice, more than what the doctor would get from thousands of ordinary patients who had only one or two diseases.

**8. What was the prescription given to him by the doctor?**

**Ans:**

- 1 lb. beefsteak every 6 hours
- Ten-mile walk every morning
- Bed at 11 sharp every night

**Advice:** "Don't stuff your head with things you don't understand."

**9. Describe his visit to the chemist.**

**Ans:** Jerome handed the prescription to the nearest chemist.

- The chemist read it and returned it, explaining he didn't keep such items because he was only a chemist, not a cooperative store or hotel.

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## 10. What is the significance of the doctor's advice: "don't stuff your head with things you don't understand"?

**Ans:** The advice warns against self-diagnosis or unnecessary worry.

- Jerome should not read medical books or advertisements and assume he has every disease without proper knowledge.
- It emphasizes common sense and simplicity for maintaining health.

### Note:

This chapter is designed to provide a solid foundation of knowledge, with the goal of deepening understanding and encouraging further exploration of the subject. The content has been carefully selected to support effective learning and inspire students to engage with the topic more deeply.

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