



Department of Education, Sabaragamuwa - Weekly School

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Grade :- 11

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### Two's Company (Raymond Wilson)

1. “The poem satirizes people who are 100 percent sure that there are no such things as ghosts. The persona in the poem is such a person” Discuss
2. “The humor comes from the contrast between what ‘he’ says at the beginning and what he does later”. Defend your choice.
3. “The way he tries to convince himself that there are no ghosts, while at the same time taking care to protect himself is very funny” Support this statement.
4. There are many instances of this which show that as night falls he gets more and more frightened, what are these instances?
5. What humor is brought through the phrase “To seek the safest place to hide the cupboard’s strong – he creeps inside”
6. “The person tells himself that there is nothing to fear. But to his great shock, the ghost who was also ‘living’ inside the cupboard, speaks politely in his ear, introducing itself. The ghost’s polite tone evokes humor” do you agree?
7. The poet creates a frightening atmosphere that increases the tension and the fear in the mind of the persona in the poem, what are these phrases?
8. “The comedy of the situation arises from the rising fear of the self-assured protagonist” Discuss.
9. Write notes on the following
  - Imagery
  - Irony
  - Humor
  - Contrast
10. How does the writer add to the humor to the poem using the above?