

Retold Program

- Selections are adapted, not abridged
 - Carefully simplified vocabulary
 - Long sentences divided into manageable units
 - Challenging words defined
 - Allusions and references explained in footnotes

The Open Window by Saki

Original text:

My aunt will be down **presently**, Mr. Nuttel,” said a very self-possessed young lady of fifteen; **“in** the meantime you must try and put up with me.”

Framton Nuttel endeavored to say the correct something which **should duly** flatter the niece **of the moment without unduly discounting the aunt that was to come**. **Privately** he doubted more than ever **whether** these formal visits **on** a succession of total strangers would **do much toward helping** the nerve cure which he was supposed to be undergoing.

Retold text:

My aunt will be down **soon**, Mr. Nuttel,” said a very **self-possessed** young lady of fifteen. **“In** the meantime, you must try and put up with me.”

Framton Nuttel **endeavored** to say the correct something which **would** flatter the niece, **his present company**. **At the same time he wanted to avoid discounting the aunt soon to appear**.

Privately he doubted more than ever **if** these formal visits **to** a succession of total strangers **would help** the nerve cure which he was supposed to be undergoing.