



Lesson: 6

TRUTH

NOTES:

ABOUT THE POET:

Barrie Wade, a British educator, author, poet, Member National Association Teaching English (committee member since 1970, council member since 1974) was born in 1939 in Chester field, Derbyshire, England.

SUMMARY OF THE POEM:

The title 'TRUTH' suggests that truth is the greatest Virtue. Being truthful is very important but truth generally is bitter. Therefore if one has to speak the bitter truth it should not be spoken in harsh and difficult to accept words, for harsh and bitter words can deeply hurt the listener. They leave a long lasting impact. The pain caused by unpleasant words is much more unbearable and lasting than a physical injury. The poet suggests that one should speak the truth but in a mild and polite language.

Word Meanings:

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| 1. Bruises | - | cuts and marks made on the skin |
| 2. Haunt | - | trouble, disturb, worry |
| 3. Mortify | - | shame, crush and embarrass |
| 4. Pierce | - | stab or puncture |
| 5. Scare | - | wound, mark |
| 6. Slant | - | lean or slope to one side |
| 7. Word-swords | - | words which are as sharp as swords |