Bores
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• A true bore is one who is always unconscious of his borishness.
• Who thinks of himself as the most companionable of men.
• Everyone is a bore at some time or the other in his life.
• Everyone has some fixed idea to impart.
• Such fixed ideas of the few are boredom of many.
• Bores are generally self-centred.
• Egotism is a bore’s foundation stone.
• He thinks that all those affairs in which he is the central figure are of interest to others.
• Bores come out successful in life because they find a number of ready listeners.
• People listen to them out of courtesy.
• No one is courageous enough to tell the bores that their company is tedious.
• Because bore is generally a frank, and simple –minded person whom no one wants to offend.
• Some bores are so hateful that they would not leave you alone.
• Such a bore hovers close around you to join conversation.
• There are some bores who do not stop even though you tell them that you have heard a particular story.
• They pretend to have a sense of humour.
• But they only tire out and bore others.
• Of all the bores, the most repellant specimen is the buttonholing bore.
• Buttonholing bore is ‘the man who spreads birdlime all over you’.
• Some bores do not stop even though you tell them that you have heard a particular story.
• They repeat the principle of “live and let live.”
• But they wouldn’t let you have your own way.
• Bores are often thick skinned.
• They can not be shaken off just by gestures or indirect hints.
• The only way to get rid of a bore is to tell him frankly that he is a nuisance.
• Certain humorous weeklies publish bore – topics.
• These topics serve as inspiration to the bores.
• Unless these weekly papers stop publication, bores are bound to flourish.

• **Questionnaire:**

Q1) Why is everyone a bore, at some time, in his life?
Q2) What is meant by egotism?
Q3) Why are bores mostly happy?
Q4) Why are bores always sure of an audience?
Q5) What is a bore’s greatest asset?
Q6) What is meant by spreading birdelime all over you?
Q7) Where do bores get their topics from?
Q8) Describe the buttonholing bores?
Q9) What are the remedies to save oneself from bores?
Q10) Write in about 150 words on a friend who accompanied you to a sports match and bored you with details about it while you wanted to enjoy the match.