

## Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory PART 1 - 8TH ENGLISH

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### 1. Why did the man stare at Bepin Babu in disbelief?

**Ans:** As per the man, he had met Bepin Babu at Ranchi. The man stared at Bepin Babu in disbelief because Bepin Babu did not recognise him even though he was sure that he knew him and had met him in Ranchi.

### 2. Where did Bepin Babu say he went in October' 58?

**Ans:** Bepin Babu said that he spent the Puja holidays in October' 58 with a friend in Kanpur.

### 3. Mention any three (or more) things that Parimal Ghose knew about Bepin Babu.

**Ans:** Parimal Ghose knew following things about Bepin Babu:

- (i) That Bepin Babu slipped near Hudroo falls and hurt his leg.
  - (ii) That Bepin Babu stayed in a Bungalow because he preferred food by bawarchi.
  - (iii) That Bepin Babu's wife died 10 years ago.
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### 1. Why did Bepin Babu worry about what Parimal Ghose had said?

**Ans:** Bepin Babu continuously worried about what Parimal Ghose had said because he had shown that he knew many intimate facts about him. He knew about the bag of books, his wife's death and his brother's insanity. Considering that Parimal Ghose knew so much about him, Bepin Babu couldn't say with conviction that he was making a mistake about the Ranchi trip.

### 2. How did he try to decide who was right - his memory or Parimal Ghose?

**Ans:** He tried to decide whether his memory was right or Parimal Ghose by looking at his right knee where Parimal had claimed that there would be a cut. There was certainly a mark of an old cut. However, he could not decide if the cut was the result of his fall in Ranchi or due to some incident in his childhood. Then, he decided to ask Dinesh Mukherjee, who according to Parimal Ghose was with him in Ranchi. He felt that asking him would put an end to his confusion.

**3. Why did Bepin Babu hesitate to visit Mr Mukerji? Why did he finally decide to phone him?**

**Ans:** Bepin Babu hesitated to visit Mr Dinesh Mukerji because he was afraid of the ruthless sarcasm he would have to face. He felt that if the whole story about Ranchi was false, then Mr Mukerji would think that he had gone insane.

Being constantly troubled by the incident at the bookshop and having no other means for verifying the claims of Primal Ghose, Bepin Babu finally decided to ask Mr Mukerji. However, he decided to phone him because that way his embarrassment wouldn't be visible to the latter.

**4. What did Mr Mukerji say? Did it comfort Bepin Babu, or add to his worries?**

**Ans:** Mr. Mukerji, after checking his diary, said that they had visited Ranchi in October'58. This added to Bepin Babu's worries as he could not figure out how he could possibly have forgotten about the trip.