

ENGLISH



A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE

~Summary~

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The lesson '**A Visit to Cambridge**' narrates the real-life experience of the author **Firdaus Kanga**, where he meets the greatest **Astrophysicist** and cosmologist of all time **Stephen Hawking**. The author is on a visit to Cambridge, where he walks across the campus and the guide reminds him of Hawking. He makes a call and schedules an appointment for **half an hour**. When he meets Hawking, he is amazed by his charisma. There is a connection between the two men that they were both **disabled**. The author is guilty of stressing Hawking out, as he had to search for the buttons in his **speech generating machine** every time he wants to convey something. He asks what Hawking feels about people thinking that disabled people are always **unhappy**, to which he replies that he finds it amusing when people **patronise** him. Hawking has the best smile when he **sarcastically** comments that the author is annoying him. Kanga understands that people tend to glorify the sufferings of disabled people. He also learns that one's **intellectual** is more important than one's body. When he is about to leave, Hawking offers him tea and shows him around the **garden**. Kanga feels that this is one of the important days in his life and that he would strive to be like Hawking.

~Conclusion~

The chapter – A Visit to Cambridge highlights to students that physical disability should not be considered a hindrance in someone's path towards achieving greater heights in life. One should learn to conquer the disability of the mind, rather than focusing on the physical disability. Presenting the CBSE Class 8 English Honeydew Prose Summary of A Visit to Cambridge that must have helped 8th Standard students to have a detailed understanding of the chapter.