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8. Topic :
Explanatory Question
from the novel
"Wuthering Heights"
by Emily Bronte.

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3. I found him very intelligent on the topic we touched; and before I went home, I was encouraged so far as to volunteer another visit tomorrow. He evidently wished no repetition of my intrusion.

These lines have been extracted from the opening chapter of Wuthering Heights, only one novel written by Emily Bronte which made her immortal in the field of fiction writing.

Here Mr. Lockwood one of the two narrators of the novel recollects his first ~~to~~ ~~be~~ landlord Mr. Heathcliff. Lockwood was so much impressed with having discussion with Heathcliff that he expressed his desire to revisit Heathcliff to be very

very intelligent on the subject of the talks. Later on he finalised not to visit Heathcliff any more because his frequent intrusions would disturb him.

This explanation has become important from the point of view of the narrative technique applied by the novelist. Normally the story follows constantly a forward movement in time. But the novelist has upset the time sequence so that the story instead of moving constantly onward in time begins to move backward - revealing incidents that occurred in the past. For instance, the opening chapter in a novel may present the hero as a young man living comfortably with his wife. But the subsequent chapters reveal his boyhood, education and love for a girl. For the artistic purpose Emily Bronte has applied this flash back technique which was not common in Victorian novels.