

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. The shapes are primarily triangles and polygons, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The central area is white, providing a clean space for the text.

Bores

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- ▶ One requires a sense of superiority, assurance and self-confidence to write about Bores.
- ▶ Nobody is ready to consider oneself a bore.
- ▶ A true bore is one who is always unconscious of his borishness.
- ▶ Even the greatest bore thinks of himself as the most companionable of men.

CAUSES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Likes to discuss about his house, his wife, his car, his garden, his strength, his victory...thus creates boredom.
- ▶ They are generally very happy, because they have so much to talk about.
- ▶ Bores come out successful in life because they find a number of ready listeners.
- ▶ People listen to them out of courtesy. (**ineradicable kindness of human nature**)
- ▶ No one is courageous enough to tell the bores that their company is tedious.

TYPES OF BORES

- ▶ Of all the bores, the most repellant specimen is the buttonholing bore.
- ▶ Buttonholing bore is ‘the man who spreads birdlime all over you’. (Those who have Quality to detain others in conversation against their will.)
- ▶ 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.

- ▶ 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.

- ▶ 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.

REMEDIES

i) Cultivate the habit of thinking truthfully aloud.

ii) Becoming totally offensive and telling them they are offensive.

- ▶ 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.