

UNIT-1A

Introduction:

About the author:

Kamala Das: *Kamala Surayya* was born on 31st march 1934 and died on 31st May 2009. Kamala Das is the daughter of the famous Malayalam poet, Balamani Amma and V.M. Nair. She is popularly known by her one-time pen name *Madhavikutty* and married name *Kamala Das*. She was an Indian poet in English as well as an author in Malayalam from Kerala. She is internationally poet, short story writes and novelist who writes effortlessly both in English and Malayalam.

About the lesson:

In this lesson, we would see a conversation between Amma, Kamala and Gopi. We see, Amma is quite old near about eighty-three years old and has become forgetful. She stays with her daughter Kamala. And perhaps, she misses her son Gopi.

Gopi visits her after five long years. He drops down to her place to sell his part of property as he was having financial crunch. When he confronted his Amma, he found that Amma couldn't even recognise him but enquired of Gopi to him. She asked him to tell Gopi for giving her a new blanket as the previous has become tattered. Whereas, throughout the lesson we can see Kamala was irritated seeing Gopi as he returned back after five years that too not for seeing her but to sale property.