



## KNOW THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF YOUR MIND

### Philosopher: Immanuel Kant

On a sunny day, the two friends choose a nearby park to enjoy the sun and admire the beautiful colours of the plants and trees in the daylight. Arriving separately, they unexpectedly meet by chance.

**Fenia:** Ari, is that you? Hello!

**Aris:** Uh-oh, Fenia! Hi, you're here too!

**Fenia:** Yeah, I thought I would go out now that it's daytime. But I didn't expect to find you here. I thought I was the only one who had discovered this hidden bench.

**Aris:** Uh-huh! No, not really. And I probably come to the park more often than you do because I've found other hidden benches.

**Fenia:** There are more hidden spots in this park? So tell me, why do you like to sit here?

**Aris:** Most probably my answer to this question is the same as the one you would give; for some quiet time and concentration.

**Fenia:** You're right, Ari! When I come here and sit on this bench, I need to be alone to think, or not to think and just watch the reflections of the sun on the trees.

**Aris:** I really like reading here! After closing my book, I think about what I just read and explore the mental images I've created. Sometimes, I like to just sit, contemplate nature and wonder.

**Fenia:** You like to wonder? Wonder about what? To live or not to live, as written by *William Shakespeare in "Hamlet"*?

Fenia started laughing at her own thoughts.

**Aris:** I think so, yes. I like to ask questions and look for answers.

**Fenia:** Like philosophers do?

**Aris:** Exactly! A philosopher can be a person who tries to find answers to philosophical questions or a professional expert in the field. I currently belong to the first category.



**Fenia:** But didn't Immanuel Kant make this distinction?

**Aris:** Yes, exactly! I didn't know you were into philosophy.

**Fenia:** I might even know about other hidden spots elsewhere.

And she started laughing again.

**Aris:** Immanuel Kant paid a lot of attention to the mind, which is why he is one of my favourite philosophers.

**Fenia:** He also explored morality, didn't he?

**Aris:** Yes, Kant wrote about morality too. What really fascinated me though is his theory about the mind and the role it plays in understanding the world around us!

**Fenia:** I agree with him. I believe that knowledge is divided between intellect and the mind, regardless of personal experience.

**Aris:** That's a bit confusing! I think Kant meant that each individual's observation of the world is crucial to truly understanding it as a whole.

**Fenia:** Yes, that's exactly what I mean! Let us observe the world together and maybe we will get a better understanding of its essence.

**Aris:** Well, it's just you and me for now. We are still among the few trying to grasp the meaning of our world.

Fenia: Well, let's discuss this with our friends. Maybe they would like to join us in this journey of exploration.

Aris: You are right! It was great seeing you here, maybe we should work on our philosophy assignment together and focus on Kant.

Fenia: Deal. See you in class tomorrow.

As the sun began to set, the two friends make their way home.