## Class – 8 Chapter – 1 English

The Best Christmas Present in the World is a heart touching story by Michael Morpurgo. The narrator buys an old desk and finds a letter inside it, written by an English Soldier Jim Macpherson to his wife, Connie. The narrator goes to hand over the letter to Mrs Macpherson.

In the story, Connie is the name of the lady. Connie is the wife of Mr Machpershon. He is very happy and describes the reasons for his happiness. He describes that everybody was ready and has been taking their positions. It was Christmas morning and the climate was very cold and frosty. He used the word 'Fritz' for German soldiers. They all were taking their positions in the trenches.

Suddenly came out of the trenches and waved the white flags. Mr Machpershon described how Fritz started this episode. They came to No Man's Land and wished them "Happy Birthday Tommy". The word Tommy commonly refers to British soldiers. No man's land is the area between the borders of two countries that do not belong to either of the countries. It can also be a disputed area between two countries.

Fritz was wishing a happy Christmas to the British soldiers. One of the fritz waved the white flag who was wearing a grey overcoat.

One of the fritz soldiers invited them to the party for which they have already made all arrangements. He said that they have drinks and sausages to celebrate the party and all of the British soldiers present there are invited to attend the party.

They invited them to celebrate Christmas with them. They offered them a joint Christmas celebration. Mr Machpershon said that he was the officer and he should stop them while doing a joint celebration with the German scientist. But at that time not a single thought to deny them for the party came to his mind.

