

Expert Detectives

Chapter 6

Ques 1:

What does Nishad find out about Mr Nath from Ramesh?

Arrange the information as suggested below.

- What he eats
- When he eats
- What he drinks and when
- How he pays

Ans:

- Mr Nath used to eat two chapattis, some dal and a vegetable.
- He used to eat in the morning and evening.
- He used to drink tea in morning and afternoon.
- He used to pay in cash and also used to give tips to Ramesh.

Ques 2:

Why does Maya think Mr Nath is a crook? Who does she say the Sunday visitor is?

Ans:

Maya thinks that Mr Nath is a crook because he doesn't talk to anyone and has no friends. She believes that his scars are result of shoot-out with police.

He doesn't work anywhere and sits at home all the day and there are no visitors at his place except the Sunday morning guest.

He is not bothered about his meals and pays the money in cash. She thinks that the Sunday visitor is his partner in the crime. He keeps the money from the loot and comes to give Mr Nath his share.

Ques 3: Does Nishad agree with Maya about Mr Nath? How does he feel about him?

Ans:

No, Nishad doesn't agree with Maya about Mr Nath. He feels bad for Mr Nath because he thinks that he is a poor and lonely man.

He also feels that he is a generous man because he gives tips to Ramesh regularly. He is determined to find why he is so thin and lonely.

Working with Language

Ques 1:

The word 'tip' has only three letters but many meanings.

Match the word with its meanings below.

1. finger tips – be about to say something
2. the tip of your nose – make the boat overturn
3. tip the water out of the bucket – the ends of one's fingers
4. have something on the tip of your tongue – give a rupee to him, to thank him
5. tip the boat over-empty a bucket by tilting it
6. tip him a rupee-the pointed end of your nose
7. the tip of the bat – if you take this advice
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Ques 2:

The words helper, companion, partner and accomplice have very similar meanings, but each word is typically used in certain phrases. Can you fill in the blanks below with the most commonly used words? A dictionary may help you.

1. **business**
2. **my** **on the journey.**
3. **I'm mother's little**
4. **a faithful** **such as dog.**
5. **the thief's**
6. **find a good**
7. **tennis / golf / bridge**
8. **his** **in his criminal activities.**

Ans:

1. partner
2. companion
3. helper
4. companion
5. accomplice
6. helper
7. partner
8. accomplice

Ques 3: Now let us look at the uses of the word break. Match the word with its meanings below. Try to find out at least three other ways in which to use the word.

The storm broke – could not speak; was too sad to speak

1. **Daybreak** – this kind of weather ended
2. **His voice is beginning to break** – it began or burst into activity
3. **Her voice broke and she cried** – the beginning of daylight
4. **The heat wave broke** – changing as he grows up
5. **Broke the bad news** – end it by making the workers submit
6. **Break a strike** – gently told someone the bad news
7. **(Find your own expression. Give its meaning here)**

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7. Break a strike – end it by making the workers submit
8. Breakdown – a machine failure

Writing**Ques 1:**

Who do you think Mr Nath is? Write a paragraph or two about him.

Ans:

Mr Nath is a lean and thin person. He might have met with some serious accident with fire which has resulted in many scars on his face. People are scared about him for those scars which give his face an ugly impression.

He realises the same and that is why he prefers living alone and avoids going out. He talks less, but is a well-mannered person and is polite towards everyone.

He is regularly consulting Maya and Nishad's mother, who is a doctor. Maybe he is not keeping well and that could be the reason behind his gaunt appearance.

He has a brother who visits him every Sunday to find out about his health. Mr Nishad is not much interested about nitty-gritty's of life and prefer eating same simple food daily.

Ques 2:

What else do you think Nishad and Maya will find out about him? How? Will they ever be friends? Think about these Ques and write a paragraph or two to continue the story.

Ans:

Nishad and Maya would have found out that the Sunday visitor is Mr Nath's brother.

Mr Nath used to work for a big private company and has left the job for while because he was not keeping well.

He is suffering from some liver ailment and will be undergoing a surgery soon.

Nishad succeeds in befriending him and goes to his house every evening to play with him. He finds Mr Nath a caring and loving person. He becomes a frequent visitor to his place. Maya regrets about her earlier thoughts about Mr Nath.

She feels sorry about it. Nishad takes her along one day and the they all become friends.

Comprehension Check

Ques 1:

What did Nishad gave Mr Nath? Why?

Ans:

Nishad gave Mr Nath a bar of chocolate because he concluded from Mr Nath's lean thin appearance that he was starving.

Ques 2:

What is 'strange' about Mr Nath's Sundays?

Ans:

Every Sunday Mr Nath used to have the same visitor at this home and the two used to have lunch together.

Ques 3:

Why did Nishad and Maya get a holiday?

Ans:

It was raining heavily and the streets were flooded with the downpour. The traffic was blocked and the children got a holiday because of all this.

Very Short Answer Type Quess

Ques 1:

Why Maya called Nishad Seven?

Ans:

Nishad's name meant the seventh note on the musical scale, so Maya called him Seven.

Ques 2:

Name the narrator in the lesson 'Expert Detectives'.

Ans:

Maya is the narrator in the lesson 'Expert Detectives.'

Ques 3:

According to Maya what was the cause behind Mr Nath's scars?

Ans:

According to Maya, Mr Nath would have got his scars in a shoot-out with the police.

Ques 4:

What did Mr Nath thought Nishad had come to his place the second time for?

Ans:

Mr Nath thought Nishad had again come to his place in search of his marbles.

Ques 5:

How was Nishad spending his unexpected holiday?

Ans:

Nishad was lying on his bed and reading a comic book on his unexpected holiday.

Ques 6:

What was the condition on which Nishad said he will cooperate with Maya?

Ans:

Nishad said he will cooperate with Maya only if she will stop calling Mr Nath an escaped crook.

Short Answer Type Quess

Ques 1:

What made Nishad turn sympathetic towards Mr Nath?

Ans:

Nishad turned sympathetic towards Mr Nath seeing his gaunt appearance. His attitude changed further when he came to know that he used to give regular tips to Ramesh for bringing his food. Then he also remembered his mother's words that Mr Nath was a polite man.

Ques 2:

Give a brief description about Mr Nath's visitor.

Ans:

Mr Nath used to have a visitor on every Sunday. He was a spectacled tall, fair and stout man. Ramesh found him talking a lot. He used to give company to Mr Nath for lunch during his visits.

Ques 3:

What was Maya doing on her unexpected holiday?

Ans:

On her unexpected holiday, Maya assigned herself the task of solving the mystery of Mr Nath. She was busy noting down all the available facts about Mr Nath. She then shared with his brother and asked for his opinion.

Ques 4:

What did Maya think about Mr Nath's visitor?

Ans:

Maya thought that Mr Nath's visitor was his accomplice in his crimes. She believed that he kept all the loot with him and used to come now and then to give his partner his share so that he could manage his expenses.

Long Answer Type Quess

Ques 1:

Describe Nishad as a child.

Ans:

Nishad as a child was kind and considerate. He kept in mind all the good things his mother and Ramesh told him about Mr Nath and formed his opinion based on them. He was upset with Mr Nath being so lean and thin. He thought that the man might be starving so he went to his place and gave him a bar of chocolate.

He refused calling him a crook even after being insisted several times by his sister and decided to befriend him because he liked him.

Ques 2:

What all facts Maya collected about Mr Nath?

Ans:

Maya collected the following facts

His name was Mr Nath and they must find out his first name. Other tenants at Shankar House called him mad, strange and unfriendly.

He didn't speak with anyone and lacked manners. He never received any letters and has been living as tenant in Room No 10 in Shankar House. He didn't use to work anywhere and was at his room the whole day. All the kids and some of the grown up people in Shankar House were scared of him.

He had no visitors except the same man on every Sunday. Ramesh used to get his food from the restaurant downstairs and Mr Nath was not much bothered about it. He used to pay him immediately and also used to give tips.

Value Based Quess

Ques 1:

Nishad decides to trust Mr Nath. Do you think we should trust others, why so?

Ans:

We should trust others. We should not doubt people around us unless there is a strong reason for it. People might be behaving in a way which might appear strange to us, but they might be trying to hide their pains and grief though that.

We should not make judgement about people without properly knowing about them. Trust is the first step towards making any relation. We should have trust on our friends and family members.

Ques 2:

We should be friendly towards our neighbours. Why so?

Ans:

Our neighbours live near our homes. We meet them daily. They come to our help during bad times and in good times. We share our joys with them. We become friends with our neighbours who are of our age. We play with them and share our things with them. We should be friendly with them and cooperative towards them.

It is the responsibility of every human being to be good towards society. We should be good towards our neighbours and must help them in time of their needs.