



UNIQUE STUDY POINT

Class 7 English Chapter 6 Expert Detectives

Comprehension Check

Question 1: What did Nishad give Mr Nath? Why?

Answer: Nishad gave a bar of chocolate to Mr. Nath because he thought that Mr. Nath was poor and starving.

Question 2: What is "strange" about Mr Nath's Sundays?

Answer: On every Sunday, Mr. Nath was with a tall, fair, stout man wearing spectacles in his room who used to talk a lot unlike Mr. Nath.

Question 3: Why did Nishad and Maya get a holiday?

Answer: Nishad and Maya got a holiday because of the bad weather. It was raining heavily and the streets of the city were flooded with the downpour.

Working with the Text

Question 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

Answer: Nishad finds out the following about Mr. Nath from Ramesh:

- He is not very particular about what he eats. He eats two chapattis, dal and a vegetable.
- He eats in the morning and evening.

- He drinks two cups of tea, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- He pays in cash and also gives tip to Ramesh

Question 2: Why does Maya think Mr Nath is a crook? Who does she say the Sunday visitor is?

Answer: Maya thought that Mr. Nath was a crook because of his strange appearance and he did not work. He never talked to anyone at Shankar House though he had been living there for more than a year. He had scars on his face which according to Maya, must have been the burn scars which would have got when police had set his house on fire. Moreover, he didn't receive any letters and had only one visitor to visit him. She said that the Sunday visitor must be his accomplice in crime and he came every now and then to give part of it to his partner.

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

Answer: No, Nishad does not agree with Maya about Mr. Nath. He thinks that Mr. Nath is lonely and poor person who is starving. He thinks that Mr. Nath is a kind person who despite having less money for himself, gives tips to Ramesh.

Working with Language

Question 1: Match the word with its meanings below.

- (i) finger tips – be about to say something
- (ii) the tip of your nose – make the boat overturn
- (iii) tip the water out of the bucket – the ends of one's fingers
- (iv) have something on the tip of your tongue – give a rupee to him, to thank him
- (v) tip the boat over – empty a bucket by tilting it
- (vi) tip him a rupee – the pointed end of your nose
- (vii) the tip of the bat – if you take this advice
- (viii) the police were tipped off – the bat lightly touched the ball
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Question 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.

- (i) business _____
- (ii) my _____ on the journey
- (iii) I'm mother's little _____.
- (iv) a faithful _____ such as a dog
- (v) the thief's _____
- (vi) find a good _____
- (vii) tennis/ golf / bridge _____
- (viii) his _____ in his criminal activities

Answer: (i) business **partner**

(ii) my **companion** on the journey

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(iv) a faithful **companion** such as a dog

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

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

(ii) daybreak – this kind of weather ended

(iii) His voice is beginning to break – it began or burst into activity

(iv) Her voice broke and she cried – the beginning of daylight

(v) The heat wave broke – changing as he grows up

(vi) broke the bad news – end it by making the workers submit

(vii) break a strike – gently told someone the bad news

(viii) (Find your own expression. Give its meaning here.)

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- (viii) the machine broke down – the machine underwent a sudden physical damage

Speaking

Question 1. Play detectives with each other. Find a person in your class (or some other acquaintance) to speak to. Find out the answers to the questions given below. Be careful to ask your questions in a polite and inoffensive way. Do not force the person to answer you. Then allow the person to ask you the same questions.

- (i) Name?
- (ii) What newspapers or magazines does the person read?
- (iii) How long has the person lived at the current address?
- (iv) What does she/he do during the day, i.e. the daily routine?
- (v) What do neighbors and friends say about the person?
- (vi) Who are his/her visitors and what are his/her eating habits? (You can ask a few others about this.)
- (vii) What do you think about the person?

Answer: Do it yourself.

Writing

Question 1. Who do you think Mr. Nath is? Write a paragraph or two about him.

Answer: It seems that Mr Nath is undergoing treatment of the scars. These scars on the face were caused by burning. Perhaps, he has to undergo some plastic surgery to get rid of the scars.

The scars have made him appear ugly. Perhaps, he looks a little frightening too. So people are not attracted towards him. They do not want to be his friend. Mr Nath understands his problem and so keeps aloof. He likes to meet only his doctor. However, he has a brother who comes to see him every Sunday.

Question 2. What else do you think Nishad and Maya will find out about him? How? Will they ever be friends? Think about these questions and write a paragraph or two to continue the story.

Answer: I think Nishad and Maya will find out that Mr. Nath is a good person but an introvert. They might even get to know that Mr. Nath is working from home because he does not keep well. That is the reason he prefers being at home and not having visitors.

They might become friends later, especially Nishad can be a good friend to him because he was anyway in his favor from the beginning. Maya would have regretted to have doubted him to be a criminal.

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