

NCERT Solutions for Class 7

English

Chapter 6 – Expert Detectives

Comprehension Check

1. What did Nishad give Mr. Nath? Why?

Ans: Nishad thought that Mr. Nath was poor and starving because he was very lean-looking, so he gave a chocolate bar to Mr. Nath.

2. What is “strange” about Mr. Nath’s Sundays?

Ans: Every Sunday, Mr. Nath used to eat lunch with a tall, fair, stout man who wore spectacles and talked a lot, unlike Mr. Nath himself.

3. Why did Nishad and Maya get a holiday?

Ans: As the monsoon broke down, there was heavy rainfall and the streets got flooded and no traffic could move through the roads. Thus Nishad and Maya got an unexpected holiday.

Working with the Text

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: Nishad found out that Mr. Nath ate two meals in a day, one in the morning and the other in the evening. He always ate the same food – two chapatis, dal, and a vegetable. He also drank tea two times a day, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Mr. Nath also paid in cash and tipped well.

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

Ans: Maya thinks of Mr. Nath as a crook because he looks strange to her and also he does not work. He has been living at Shankar House for more than a year but he never talks to anyone. Maya thinks that the scars on Mr. Nath's face burn scars from the time when the police had set fire to his house. Also, he does not have any visitors but just one and he doesn't even receive any letters. She says that the Sunday visitor must be his accomplice in crime and he comes to visit Mr. Nath to give him his share of the loot.

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

Ans: No, Nishad does not agree with Maya about Mr. Nath. He tells Maya that Mr. Nath cannot be a bad man because he had tipped Ramesh very generously. Nishad thinks that Mr. Nath must feel lonely and wants to make friends. He also thinks that Mr Nath looked really poor and starving because he was so thin and that's why he cannot be a criminal.

Working with Language

1. The word 'tip' has only three letters but many meanings. Match the word with its meanings below.

(i) fingertips – 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

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(v) tip the boat over – empty a bucket by tilting it

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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.

Ans :

- (i) Partner
- (ii) Companion
- (iii) Helper
- (iv) Companion
- (v) Accomplice
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- (vii) Partner
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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
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Three other ways to use the word:

(i) Break a leg – wishing good luck to someone in the theatre field

(ii) Break the ice – saying/doing something to relieve tension

(iii) Break the habit – stopping doing something that is a habit