

# EXPERT DETECTIVES

## [Comprehension Check]

### **Question 1. What did Nishad give Mr. Nath? Why?**

**Answer:** Nishad gave a bar of chocolate to Mr. Nath. He believed that Mr. Nath was starving.

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

**Answer:** Every Sunday there was one person who used to visit Mr. Nath and both of them used to have lunch together.

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

**Answer:** There was sudden weather change. It was raining heavily and the streets of the city were flooded.

## [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:**

- 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 thinks that Mr. Nath is a crook because he does not have any friends. Also, he does not talk to anyone and does not have any visitors at his place except for the visitor who meets him on Sundays. She says that the visitor is also a criminal who visits Mr. Nath on every Sunday.

**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 and having less money for himself.

**[Working with language]**

**Question 1. The word ‘tip’ has only three letters but many meanings.**

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
- (ix) if you take my tip – the end of the bat
- (x) the bat tipped the ball – the police were told, or warned

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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  
(iii) I'm mother's little **helper**  
(iv) a faithful **companion** such as a dog  
(v) the thief's **accomplice**  
(vi) find a good **helper**  
(vii) tennis/ golf / bridge **partner**  
(viii) his **accomplice** in his criminal activities

**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