

CBSE Class – 7 English
NCERT Solutions
Honeycomb Chapter – 06
Expert Detectives

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Comprehension Check

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

Solution:

Nishad gave a bar of chocolate to Mr. Nath. He thought that Mr. Nath was poor and starving.

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

Solution:

On every Sunday, Mr. Nath eats lunch with a tall, fair, stout man wearing spectacles in his room who talks a lot, unlike Mr. Nath.

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

Solution:

The monsoon broke and there was heavy rain that flooded the streets. As no traffic could move through the flooded roads, Nishad and Maya got an unexpected holiday.

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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

Solution:

Nishad finds out from Ramesh that Mr. Nath took two meals in a day every morning and evening. He was not particular about what he eats, it’s always the same food - two chapattis, some dal and a vegetable. He drank two cups of tea, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. He pays cash and tips well.

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

Solution:

Maya thought that Mr. Nath was a crook because of his strange appearance and the fact that 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 the loot to his partner.

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

Solution:

No, Nishad didn't agree with Maya about Mr. Nath. He argued with Maya that he can't be a bad man if he gave Ramesh such generous tips. He felt that he must be lonely and wanted to have friends. He thinks that he was not a criminal because he was so thin and looked poor and starving.

Working with Language

Question 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 ends of one's fingers the bucket
(iv) have something on	give a rupee to him, the tip of your tongue 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	the bat lightly touched tipped off 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

Solution:

- (i) finger tips - the ends of one's fingers
- (ii) the tip of your nose - the pointed end of your nose
- (iii) tip the water out of the bucket - empty a bucket by tilting it
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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

Solution:

- (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 stormbroke	could not speak; was too sad to speak
(ii) daybreak	this kind of weather ended
(iii) His voice is beginning	it began or burst to break into activity
(iv) Her voice broke and	the beginning of daylight she cried
(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

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(ii) daybreak	the beginning of daylight
(iii) His voice is beginning to break	changing as he grows up
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(vi) broke the bad news	gently told someone the bad news
(vii) break a strike	end it by making the workers submit

Break the silence - means to end the silence by creating a sound.

Breaking news - means the latest news that has enough importance to become a headline.

break one's heart - means to cause grief or misery to someone .