



CLASS: VII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

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P-6 : MYSTERY OF THE TALKING FAN

PRE ACTIVITY:

WRITE 5 SENTENCES ABOUT THE FAN YOU HAVE IN YOUR ROOM.

Q1. Fans don't talk, but it is possible to imagine that they do. What is it, then, that sounds like the fan's chatter?

Ans. Yes, fans certainly don't talk nor it is not possible to imagine that they do. The reason why it may sound like the fan is chattering is that the machine is not working smoothly. There must be something in the motor that is hindering the fan to work noiselessly. That is why when someone oiled the machine, the fan started working smoothly and noiselessly.

Q2. Complete the following sentences.

(i) The chatter is electrical because _____

(ii) It is mysterious because _____

Ans. (i) **The chatter is electrical because** the fan is electrical and runs on electricity, which is why the noises produced by it are electrical.

(ii) **It is mysterious because** no one can understand what the chatter means.

Q3. What do you think the talking fan was demanding?

Ans. Since the chatter was made by something stuck in the motor, it is possible that the talking fan was demanding the poet to oil its motor.

Q4. How does an electric fan manage to throw so much air when it is switched on?

Ans. There are two major components of an electrical fan – the blades (which are three in number) and the whirling motor. When we switch it on, the motor starts whirling i.e. moving in a circular motion. When this happens, it forces its blades to whirl. This forceful movement produces a lot of pressure, which ultimately leads to air being generated in a downwards direction.

POST ACTIVITY:

Is there a 'talking fan' in your house? Create a dialogue between the fan and a mechanic.