



Pre Activity: Write a summary of any detective story you read in the library.

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

Solution: Nishad gave Mr Nath a bar of chocolate because he concluded from Mr Nath's lean thin appearance that he was starving.

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

Solution: Every Sunday Mr Nath used to have the same visitor at this home and the two used to have lunch together.

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

Solution: It was raining heavily and the streets were flooded with the downpour. The traffic was blocked and the children got a holiday because of all this.

Question 4: 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:

- Mr Nath used to eat two chapattis, some dal and a vegetable.
- He used to eat in the morning and evening.
- He used to drink tea in morning and afternoon.
- He used to pay in cash and also used to give tips to Ramesh.

Question 5: Why does Maya think Mr Nath is a crook? Who does she say the Sunday visitor is?

Solution: Maya thinks that Mr Nath is a crook because he doesn't talk to anyone and has no friends. She believes that his scars are result of shoot-out with police.

He doesn't work anywhere and sits at home all the day and there are no visitors at his place except the Sunday morning guest.

He is not bothered about his meals and pays the money in cash. She thinks that the

Sunday visitor is his partner in the crime. He keeps the money from the loot and comes to give Mr Nath his share.

Question 6: Does Nishad agree with Maya about Mr Nath? How does he feel about him?

Solution: No, Nishad doesn't agree with Maya about Mr Nath. He feels bad for Mr Nath because he thinks that he is a poor and lonely man.

He also feels that he is a generous man because he gives tips to Ramesh regularly. He is determined to find why he is so thin and lonely.

Question 7: Who do you think Mr Nath is? Write a paragraph or two about him.

Solution: Mr Nath is a lean and thin person. He might have met with some serious accident with fire which has resulted in many scars on his face. People are scared about him for those scars which give his face an ugly impression.

He realises the same and that is why he prefers living alone and avoids going out. He talks less, but is a well-mannered person and is polite towards everyone.

He is regularly consulting Maya and Nishad's mother, who is a doctor. Maybe, he is not keeping well and that could be the reason behind his gaunt appearance.

He has a brother who visits him every Sunday to find out about his health. Mr Nishad is not much interested about nitty-gritties of life and prefer eating same simple food daily