



## MYSTERY OF THE TALKING FAN

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### NCERT EXERCISE SOLUTIONS

#### WORKING WITH THE POEM (NCERT PAGE 98-99)

**Question 1:**

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

**Answer:**

The noise created by the fan's motor due to lack of oiling sounds like the fan's chatter.

**Question 2:**

Complete the following sentences.

(i) The chatter is electrical because .....

**Answer:**

The fan functions on electricity and the noise was being produced by its motor due to the lack of oiling.

(ii) It is mysterious because .....

**Answer:**

The poet was unable to understand what the fan was saying.

**Question 3:**

What do you think the talking fan was demanding?

**Answer:**

The talking fan was demanding oiling. The moment it was oiled, it fell silent.

#### Question 4:

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

#### Answer:

An electrical fan comprises of three blades and a whirling motor. The moment it is switched on, the motor starts and begins to rotate, forcing the blades to move in circular movement. This generates a lot of pressure which forces the air to move in all directions.

#### Question 5:

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

#### Answer:

- Yes** : There is a talking fan in my house, which perhaps requires some oiling.
- A** : Hi I just realised that you are a talking fan.
- Talking fan** : Oh great! Finally! I had been waiting for someone to pay attention to my chatter.
- A** : Why so? I never knew you were trying to seek attention.
- Talking fan** : Of course, I was. What else am I expected to do when nobody worries about my maintenance? My parts are in a bad state. They need some oiling to function smoothly. Alas, nobody is bothered!
- A** : Is that what's troubling you? I'll ask mom to call a mechanic for you. The mechanic would take care of your problem and offer a solution.
- Talking fan** : Thank you so much. That would indeed be kind.