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Chapter-06 Expert Detectives

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Comprehension Check

- Ans1:** Nishad gave a bar of chocolate to Mr. Naphtha because he thought that Mr. Nath was poor and starving.
- Ans2:** On every Sunday, Mr. Nath was with a tall, fair, stout man wearing spectacles in his room who used to talk a lot unlike Mr. Nath.
- Ans3:** The monsoon broke and flooded the streets with a heavy downpour. Therefore, no traffic could move through the flooded roads so Nishad and Maya got an unexpected holiday.

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Working with the Text

- Ans1:** 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.

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- Ans2:** Maya thought that Mr. Nath was a crook because of his strange appearance and 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 it to his partner.
- Ans3:** No, Nishad didn't agree with Maya about Mr. Nath. He felt that he must be so lonely and wanted to have friends. He said that he was not a criminal because he was so thin and looked poor and starving. He argued with Maya that he can't be a bad man if he gave Ramesh such generous tips.

Working with Language

Ans1:

- (i) finger tips - the end 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 tilting
 - (iv) have something on the tip of your tongue - be about to say something
 - (v) tip the boat over - make the boat overturn
 - (vi) tip him a rupee - give a rupee to him, to thank him
 - (vii) the tip of the bat - the end of the bat
 - (viii) the police were tipped off - the police were told, or warned
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- (ix) if you take my tip - if you take this advice
- (x) the bat tipped the ball - the bat lightly touched the ball

Ans2:

- (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

Ans3:

- (i) The storm broke- it began or burst into activity
 - (ii) daybreak- the beginning of daylight
 - (iii) His voice is beginning to break- changing as he grows up
 - (iv) Her voice broke and she cried- could not speak; was too sad to speak
 - (v) The heat wave broke- this kind of weather ended
 - (vi) broke the bad news- gently told someone the bad news
 - (vii) break a strike- end it by making the workers submit
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