

CHAPTER – 17

NANDITA IN MUMBAI

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Question 1: Why did Nandita have to bring her mother from the village to Mumbai?

Answer:

Nandita had to bring her mother from the village to Mumbai for her treatment.

Question 2: Nandita used to feel like vomiting when at first she had to use the toilet where *Mama* lived. Why?

Answer:

At first, Nandita would feel like vomiting when she had use the toilet where *Mama* lived because the toilet was very dirty and smelled very bad.

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Question 1: In what ways did Nandita find her *Mama's* house to be different from her house in the village?

Answer:

Nandita *Mama's house* had only one room in which they would sit, sleep, cook, wash and eat, while Nandita's house in the village had separate places for cooking and bathing. There was also a courtyard outside her house.

Question 2: What differences did Nandita find between getting water from the public tap and in the village?

Answer:

For getting water from the public tap, Nandita had to get up at 4 o'clock and stand in a queue. There were many fights for water at the public tap. However, in the village, there were no fights for water due to the presence of rivers and ponds from where people could take plenty of water.

Question 3: Was there electricity at the place where Nandita's *Mama* lived? Guess.

Answer:

Yes, there was electricity at the place where Nandita's *Mama* lived because he lived in Mumbai, which is a big city.

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Question 1:

✳ Do you know anyone who was admitted to a hospital?

- For how many days was he or she in the hospital?
- Did you visit the person in the hospital?
- Who was looking after the patient at the hospital?

✳ Have you ever seen a tall building? Where?

- How many floors did the building have?
- How many floors did you climb?

Answer:

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Question 1: When Nandita first came to Mumbai, what were the things that she was afraid to do?

Answer:

When Nandita first came to Mumbai, she was afraid of going out as it was a very crowded city. She was afraid of travelling in a crowded bus and travelling in a lift.

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Question 1: What were the differences between the houses where *Mama* lived and the houses in the high-rise buildings?

Houses in area where <i>Mama</i> lived	Houses in a high-rise building
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Answer:

**Houses in area
where *Mama* lived**

Only one room

Toilets were outside the house

Public water tap was used for
filling water

Lift was not required

Houses in a high-rise building

Many rooms

Toilets were inside the house itself

Separate water taps were present inside
the house

Lift was present for movement from
one floor to another

Question 2: Discuss why there were differences.

Answer:

The difference is perhaps because of the financial conditions. The houses in high-raised buildings are expensive. It can be said that the people who live in such expensive houses are very rich. On the other hand, houses in area where Nandita's *mama* lived are not expensive. It can be said that due to poor financial conditions *mama* could afford such type of houses only.

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Question 1: Why does *Mama* have to change his house?

Answer:

Mama has to change his house because a hotel is to be constructed at the place where his house is currently located.

Question 2: Have you ever moved from your house? If yes, why did you have to move?

Answer:

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Question 3: Do people in your family have to go far for their work? Where do they go? How far do they have to go?

Answer:

***Disclaimer:** The purpose of this section is to encourage the students to interact actively with their family members. Keeping this in mind, it is strongly recommended that the students perform the activity and draw conclusions on their own.*

Question 4: Is it right that *Mama* and others have to move because a hotel is going to be built there?

Answer:

No, it is not right that *Mama* and others have to move because a hotel is going to be built there as they have been residing at that place for many years. The work places of the people living there are also close to their houses. Thus, moving to a new place will disturb the lives of every member of every family in some way or the other.

Question 5: Who will benefit from this?

Answer:

The people who are making the hotel will benefit from this.

Question 6: Who will face difficulties?

Answer:

Mama and the other people who have to leave their homes will face difficulties.

Question 7: Do you know of any people who have faced problems similar to Nandita's *Mama*? Talk about it in class.

Answer:

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