

## NANDITA IN MUMBAI

### Water, Water

Write

**Question 1:**

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

**Answer:**

Cities like Mumbai have better medical facilities than the village has. Nandita had to bring her mother from the village to Mumbai for treatment.

**Question 2:**

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

**Answer:**

The toilet was used by everyone in the street. It was always extremely dirty and smelled very bad. That's why Nandita used to feel like vomiting when at first she had to use the toilet where Mama lived.

**Question 3:**

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

**Answer:**

The ways in which Nandita found her Mama's house to be different from her house in the village are:

1. Nandita's house in the village had separate cooking area. But in Mama's house it wasn't so.
2. Nandita's house in the village had a courtyard, Mama's house didn't have one.
3. Nandita's house had a separate bathing area while Mama's house didn't.

**Question 4:**

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

**Answer:**

There is no tap in Nandita's Mama's house for water. They have to stand in a queue for water from a public tap, where there is a lot of rush and if they get late for the queue, they are not able to fill water for that day.

Although Nandita's village house too doesn't have taps, they don't have to stand in a queue for water. They fetch water from a pond in their village, and even if the water dries up there, they can walk to a river and get water from there.

**Question 5:**

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.

## Learning New Things

Let us talk

### Question 1:

Do you know anyone who was admitted to a hospital?

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

### Answer:

Yes, my aunt was admitted to a hospital.

- (i) She was admitted for 4 days in the hospital.
- (ii) Yes, I visited her in the hospital.
- (iii) The nurses and my uncle was looking after her at the hospital.

### Question 2:

Have you ever seen a tall building? Where?

### Answer:

Yes, I have seen a very tall building in Bangalore.

### Question 3:

How many floors did the building have?

### Answer:

The building had 25 floors.

### Question 4:

How many floors did you climb?

### Answer:

I climbed to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

## Another House

### 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:

1. getting into crowded buses
2. getting into the lift
3. looking down from heights of higher floors

**Question 2:**

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

Houses in area where Mama lived	Houses in a high-rise building

**Answer:**

Houses in area where Mama lived	Houses in a high-rise building
Public toilets	Personal toilets for each family
No separate kitchen	Separate kitchens
No water taps in the house	Water taps in every house
No glass windows	Glass windows

**Question 3:**

Discuss why there were differences.

**Answer:**

There were differences because Mama didn't have money so that he could buy or build or rent a house in one of the houses in the high-rise buildings. These houses in the high-rise buildings are very costly and are equipped with all kinds of amenities, which poor people cannot afford.

Tell about yourself

**Question 1:**

Draw a circle around the kind of house you live in. Is it like the house of –

Nandita      Mama      Babloo      Any other kind

**Answer:**

Nandita      Mama      Babloo      Any other kind

**Question 2:**

Where does the water come from in your house?

**Answer:**

The water comes from taps in my house.

**Question 3:**

Is there an electricity connection in your house? How many hours in a day do you get electricity?

**Answer:**

Yes, there is an electricity connection in my house. We get electricity for 20-22 hours a day.

**Question 4:**

Which is the nearest hospital in the area where you live?

**Answer:**

The nearest hospital in the area where I live is a big government hospital.

**Question 5:**

How far are these from your house?

	Minutes to walk to	In Kilometres
Bus stop		
School		
Market		
Post Office		
Hospital		

**Answer:**

	Minutes to walk to	In Kilometres
Bus stop	7	1/2
School	60	4
Market	15	1
Post Office	30	2
Hospital	30	2

**Question 6:**

Draw pictures in your notebook of the different kind of houses in your area.

**Answer:**



### A New Worry

Write in your notebook

**Question 1:**

Why does Mama have to change his house?

**Answer:**

Mama has to change his house because he was given a notice to move out from his place. The place where Mama currently lives will be demolished and a big hotel will be constructed there.

**Question 2:**

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

**Answer:**

No, I have never moved from my house.

**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:**

No, people in my family do not have to go far from their work. My father goes to the nearby government hospital and my mother goes to a school. My father travels 2 km for work and my mother goes 6 km for work.

### Discuss

**Question 1:**

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

**Answer:**

It is right that Mama and others have to move if that land is not theirs. But at the same time, the authorities should ensure that the place where they are moved has the basic amenities like availability of water, electricity, toilets, etc.

**Question 2:**

Who will benefit from this?

**Answer:**

The owner of the hotel and the land will benefit from this.

**Question 3:**

Who will face difficulties?

**Answer:**

Mama and others who are currently living in that area will face difficulties.

**Question 4:**

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

**Answer:**

Yes, I know of some unapproved houses, the owners of which had to move from there. There were around 40 such families who were forced to move out of those houses.