

Mystery of the Talking Fan

Working with the Poem

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 produced by the fan's motor with less oil sounds like the fan's chatter.

Question 2: Complete the following sentences.

(i) The chatter is electrical because _____.

(ii) It is mysterious because _____.

Answer: (i) The chatter is electrical because the noise is being produced by the electrical motor of the fan.

(ii) It is mysterious because we cannot understand what the fan is speaking.

Question 3: What do you think the talking fan was demanding?

Answer: The talking fan was demanding some oil. It was seeking the attention of the people at home to put oil into the motors. Once it got oiling, it became silent.

Question 4: How does an electric fan manage to throw so much air when it is switched on?

Answer: An electric fan manages to throw so much air when it is switched on as it has an electric motor which rotates and makes the three blades of the fan move round and round at a specified speed.

Question 5: Is there a 'talking fan' in your house? Create a dialogue between the fan and a mechanic.

Answer: Mechanic: Hey! I just realized that you are a talking fan.

Fan: Oh thank God! Yes, I do talk. It's just that people don't listen.

Mechanic: Alright, so tell me. What is the matter?

Fan: I need some oiling. My motor is struggling to rotate.

Mechanic: Oh. I will put oil in the motor now.

Fan: Thank you so much!