

## Chapter 17 : Nandita in Mumbai

### Write

#### Question 1:

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

#### Answer 1:

Nandita was forced to bring her mother from the village to the city because cities like Mumbai had better medical facilities than the village had.

#### Question 2:

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

#### Answer 2:

The toilet where Nandita's mama lived was used by everyone in the street. It was always very 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 3:

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

1. Her house in the village had a separate cooking area which was not there in her mama's house.
2. Her house in the village had a courtyard, her mama's house didn't have one.
3. Her house had a separate bathing area while her mama's house didn't have.

#### Question 4:

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



**Answer 4:**

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

Although Nandita's village house too didn't have taps, they didn't have to stand in a queue for water. They fetched water from a pond in their village, and even if the water dried up there, they could walk to a river and get water from there.

**Question 5:**

Was there electricity at the place where Nandita's Mama lived? Guess.

**Answer 5:**

Yes, there was electricity at the place where Nandita's Mama was living.

**Let us talk**

**Question 6:**

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 6:**

Yes, my mother 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 nani was looking after her at the hospital.

**Question 7:**

Have you ever seen a tall building? Where?

**Answer 7:**

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

**Question 8:**

How many floors did the building have?

**Answer 8:**

The building had 25 floors.



**Question 9:**

How many floors did you climb?

**Answer 9:**

I climbed to the 4th floor.

**Another house****Question 10:**

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

**Answer 10:**

When Nandita first came to Mumbai, she was afraid of:

1. Going in a crowded buses
2. Getting into the lift
3. Looking down from heights of sky touching floors

**Question 11:**

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 11:**

Houses in area where Mama lived	Houses in a high-rise building
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There were Public toilets which were to be used by everyone.</li><li>2. There was no separate kitchen.</li><li>3. There were no water taps in the house.</li><li>4. There were no glass windows.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There are Personal toilets for each family.</li><li>2. There were separate kitchens in the houses.</li><li>3. There is water taps in every house.</li><li>4. There are glass windows</li></ol>



**Question 12:**

Discuss why there were differences.

**Answer 12:**

There were differences in both the houses because her mama didn't have money so that he could not buy or build or rent a house 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 could not afford.

**Learning New Things:****Question 13:**

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

**Nandita**

**Mama**

**Babloo**

**Any other kind**

**Answer 13:**

**Nandita**

**Mama**

**Babloo**

**Any other kind**

**Question 14:**

Where does the water come from in your house?

**Answer 14:**

The water comes from taps in my house.

**Question 15:**

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

**Answer 15:**

Yes, there is an electricity connection in my house. We get electricity 24 hours a day. It is very rare that light goes or there is power cut



### Question 16:

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

### Answer 16:

The nearest hospital in the area where I live is a big hospital in Janakpuri named Channan Devi.

### Question 17:

How far are these from your house?

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

### Answer 17:

	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 18:

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



**Answer 18:**



**Write in your notebook:**

**Question 19:**

Why does Mama have to change his house?

**Answer 19:**

Mama had to change his house because he had got a notice to move out from his place. The place where Mama currently was living had to be demolished and a big hotel would be constructed there.

**Question 20:**

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

**Answer 20:**

Yes, I have moved from my house to another due to my father's transferrable job.

**Question 21:**

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

**Answer 21:**

No, people in my family do not have to go far for their work. My father goes to the nearby government hospital and my mother goes to a school. My father travels 3 km for work and my mother goes 8 km for work.



## **Discuss**

### **Question 22:**

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

### **Answer 22:**

It is right that Mama and others had to move if that land was not theirs. But at the same time, the authorities should have ensured that the place where they were being moved had the basic facilities like availability of water, electricity, toilets, etc.

### **Question 23:**

Who will benefit from this?

### **Answer 23:**

The owner of the hotel and the land would be benefitted from this.

### **Question 24:**

Who will face difficulties?

### **Answer 24:**

Mama and the other people who were currently living in that area would face difficulties.

### **Question 25:**

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

### **Answer 25:**

Yes, I know of some people who are living in unapproved areas or colonies, the owners of these colonies made the people move from there. There were around 40 such families who were forced to move out of those houses.