

**HONEYCOMB**

## **Expert Detectives –Part II**

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## **Introduction- Part II.**

**The story “Expert Detectives -Part II” exposes the skills of Maya to make a systematic list of the points they collected.**

**The same debate between Maya and Nishad about Mr. Nath’s true identity continued with strong points. It ended with Nishad’s resolve to befriend with Mr. Nath.**

**Maya’s theories didn’t impress Nishad.**

## Maya's Systematic Plan

- **Maya has planned to make a list of the collected information. The title of her write up “CATCHING A CROOK” shows her immense interest in her self assigned task, her pursuit to find the truth about Nath.**
- **Maya's calling themselves as “Expert Detectives” is a matter of pride for her. This is gentle boasting and it shows emotional , playful world of children.**



**CATCHING A CROOK**  
Expert Detectives: Nishad and Maya Pandit  
By Appointment to the Whole World

# Key Characters

- **Maya – The narrator, a girl of 10 years. She is the elder sister of Nishad. She receives a shock to Nishad's Protest.**
- **Nishad – He is Maya's co-detective. He contradicts Maya's views and volunteers to make friendship with Mr Nath.**



## **Main Themes**

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- **Curiosity makes one collect difficult information from anywhere.**
- **Systematic note making/ list making skills among children for the special purpose.**
- **Nisahd and Maya are the representative of the world of children with inquisitiveness, playfulness.**
- **Humanitarian approach towards fellow human beings is a virtue.(Nishad's Case).**

# Bullets points about Mr. Nath from Maya's List (?)

Mr.Nath doesn't talk to anyone.

Mr.Nath doesn't receive letter.

Mr.Nath doesn't work.



**Mr.  
Nath**



**Mr.Nath bribes Ramesh!**



# Accomplice

**Accomplice** is one who intentionally and voluntarily participates with another in a crime by encouraging or assisting in the commission of the crime.

e.g. The eyewitness said he could see the face of thief's **accomplice**.



# Partner , Helper, Companion





## Nishad's Resolve

- **Nishad stubbornly contradicts with Maya's opinion about Mr. Nath.**
- **Nishad wanted to know why Mr. Nath lives alone in Shanker House and he also resolves to be friendly with Mr. Nath.**
- **He doesn't care for Maya's warning to be sent to jail for making friendship with a "Crook"!**



*Mr. Nath  
stays  
here!  
Room  
no-10*

## Conclusion!

- **Whether Mr. Nath was a crook or not remained inconclusive in the end of the story.**
- **But both Maya and Nishad interestingly put forward their different, praiseworthy perspective towards Mr. Nath.**
- **Maya and Nishad had unique pattern of observation, lines of thinking, potential for disagreement. Perhaps, that entitles them “Expert Detectives”!**



# Thanks.

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