Chapter 3: Celebrating Festivals

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3.1 Festival of Flowers — Discussion

Q1 Have you ever travelled in a bus? If yes, share the experience with your classmates.

Sample answer: Yes, I have travelled in a bus. I enjoyed looking at the trees and fields outside the window. The journey was fun because I sat near the window and felt the cool breeze.

Q2 What types of trees and flowers did you see during your trip?

Sample answer: During a trip, I saw mango trees, coconut trees and neem trees. I also saw marigold and rose flowers blooming near homes and fields.

Q3 What safety measures should you take while travelling?

Always wear a seatbelt in a car or hold the handrail in a bus. Do not lean out of windows or doors, and keep your belongings close to you.

Q4 What safety measures should you take while riding a bicycle and while walking on the road?

While riding a bicycle, wear a helmet and use hand signals before turning. While walking, use the footpath, cross only at a zebra crossing, and look both ways before crossing.

3.2 Road Signboards — Match and Draw

Q1 Match the Column A signboards with their meanings in Column B: No Parking, No Horn Please, Speed Breaker, No U-Turn, Men at Work, School Ahead.

Speed Breaker — slow down, there is a bump ahead; School Ahead — a school is nearby, drive slowly; No Parking — vehicles cannot be parked here; Men at Work — road repair work is going on; No Horn Please — honking is not allowed; No U-Turn — you cannot turn the vehicle around.

Q2 Draw and label any three road signboards that are not listed above.

Sample answer: Draw (1) One Way — traffic must move in one direction only; (2) No Entry — vehicles are not allowed to enter; (3) Stop Sign — all vehicles must stop before proceeding.

3.3 Seasons, Festivals and Food

Q1 Ask your elders about the names of festivals celebrated in your locality for each of the seasons — Spring, Summer, Monsoon, Winter — and make a list of the special food prepared during these festivals.

Sample answer: Spring — Holi (gujiya, thandai); Summer — Eid-ul-Fitr (seviyan, sheer khurma); Monsoon — Teej (ghewar, kheer); Winter — Lohri/Makar Sankranti (til laddoo, revdi, sarson ka saag).

Q2 What special dresses do you wear during festivals?

Sample answer: During festivals I wear new and colourful clothes. On Diwali I wear a kurta-pyjama and on Eid I wear a sherwani. Girls often wear salwar kameez or lehenga.

3.4 Match Food with Festival

Q1 Match the name of the food with the festival: Thekua, Pitha, Plum Cake, Gujiya, Sadya, Holige, Seviyan.

Thekua — Chhath Puja; Pitha — Bihu; Plum Cake — Christmas; Gujiya — Holi; Sadya — Onam; Holige — Ugadi; Seviyan — Eid-ul-Fitr.

Q2 Do you think everyone celebrates festivals with a variety of special food and new clothes?

Sample answer: Not everyone can afford special food and new clothes during festivals. We should be kind and share food and joy with those who have less, so everyone can celebrate happily.

Q3 Are there any mountains, rivers or streams close to where you live? Have you ever visited relatives in a far away place? How does it feel there?

Sample answer: There is a river near my town. I once visited my grandparents in a village far away. It felt peaceful and different — the air was fresh, there were open fields and everyone knew each other.

3.5 Let us reflect — A. Discuss

Q1 What are the different modes of transport used during travel?

People travel by bus, car, train, aeroplane, boat and bicycle. In hilly areas, people also travel on foot or by jeep.

Q2 How can one be safe during travels?

Follow traffic rules, wear a seatbelt or helmet, do not lean out of moving vehicles, and always stay with a known adult while travelling.

Q3 What special foods are prepared during festivals?

Different festivals have their own special foods. For example, gujiya is made on Holi, seviyan on Eid, plum cake on Christmas, and thekua on Chhath Puja.

Q4 How do festivals and celebrations bring us together?

Festivals bring people together through shared food, music, dances and prayers. They help us meet relatives and neighbours, celebrate our culture and feel happy as a community.

Q5 Do you feel happy spending time in nature?

Sample answer: Yes, spending time in nature feels refreshing and peaceful. Seeing colourful flowers, tall trees and flowing streams makes me feel joyful and calm.

3.6 Let us reflect — B. Write

Q1 Name any two relatives you have visited recently.

Sample answer: I recently visited my grandparents and my aunt (mausi).

Q2 How do you spend time with your cousins and relatives?

Sample answer: I play outdoor games, tell stories and watch movies with my cousins. We also help in the kitchen and go for walks together.

3.7 Fill in the Blanks

Q1 Chiya and Nonikaa live in a small village near the _____.

mountains (Himalayas)

Q2 The bus went along the _____ roads where the hills were covered with colourful flowers.

hairpin turn

Q3 Rishi and his family walked to his Mama's house through a narrow _____ road.

mud

Q4 The red flowers that bloom in spring are called _____.

buransh (Rhododendron)

Q5 _____ is a kind of leafy vegetable eaten with hot rice.

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