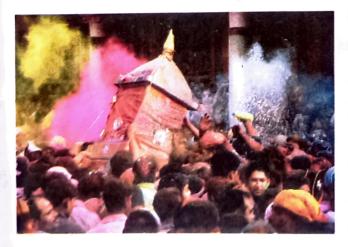


Holi, the Festival of Colour

Riddhi, Beli and Arki are talking about their coming holidays for Holi. "I am going to Shillong," Riddhi says. "How nice! But I will stay here at home. I like the Holi festival very much. I like to enjoy this festival of colour with my friends. In our neighbourhood we celebrate Holi together. It's really great fun!" Arki tells about her plan. "What about you Beli?" Riddhi asks.



Beli's face brightens up, "You know, Holi is my favourite festival. Every year we go to Barpeta to celebrate Holi". "Barpeta? But why do you go to Barpeta only? Holi is celebrated everywhere in India, isn't it?" Arki is curious to know. "Yes, Arki. You are right. But it is a special festival for the people of Barpeta. It is called *Doul Utsav*," Beli says. Riddhi, who is listening to their conversation, is eager to know more about the festival. "Please tell me about *Doul Utsav*, Beli," she says. Beli turns to Riddhi and says joyfully, "*Doul* is celebrated for three to five days in Barpeta. It is different from the Holi celebrated in other parts of India. *Doul Utsav* of Barpeta is closely related to *Kirtan Ghar*. During this festival *Mahaprabhu Doul Govinda* and *Kalia Thakur* are brought out from the *Manikut* of the *Kirtan Ghar* and some



rituals are performed. Then thousands of people take them in a procession with *Gayan Bayan*." "Oh, really! Do you join the procession?" Riddhi asks. Beli replies, "Yes, I always do. During this *Doul Utsav* the air of Barpeta is filled with *Holi Geet. Bhaona* is also performed at night." "I have never seen a *Bhaona*," Arki says

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sadly. Riddhi asks again, "But Beli, don't you play with *Phaku* during Holi?" do Riddhi. The last day of *Doul* is called *Suweri*. It is the day of colour. Every showers *Phaku* with joy and sings *Holi Geet*," Beli replies.

"Oh, I would love to go to Barpeta in this *Doul Utsav*. I will tell my pare today to take me there," Riddhi says. Beli is very excited. She says, "Oh! It will very nice. We can enjoy together, Riddhi."

>/word note:

Kirtan Ghar : a place of worship.

Mahaprabhu Doul Govinda: another name of Lord Krishna

Kalia Thakur : another name of Lord Krishna

Manikut : the inner part of the Kirtan Ghar

Gayan-Bayan : a group of people traditionally singing devotional

songs accompanied by Taal and Khol.

Bhaona : a kind of drama based on the stories from Hindu

mythology.

Phaku : dry coloured powder.

Holi Geet : songs specially sung on the occasion of Holi.

New Words

curious neighbourhood fun brighten up celebrate conversation rituals performed excited joyfully procession showers

For the teacher only

The students are expected to learn the different types of noun.

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Comprehension:

- 1. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.
 - a) Who are talking about their holidays?
 - b) Who has planned to go to Shillong during the holidays for Holi?
 - c) With whom does Arki like to enjoy Holi?
 - d) For how many days is Doul celebrated in Barpeta?
 - e) What kinds of songs are sung in Barpeta during Holi?
 - f) What is performed at night during Holi?
 - g) What is Suweri?
- 2. Write whether the following statements are true or falses
 - a) Arki is planning to go to Shillong during her holidays for Holix
 - b) Doul is celebrated for three to five days in Barpeta,
 - c) Kirtan Ghar is in Barpeta.
 - d) People of Barpeta play with Phaku during all the days of Holi. X

Grammar and usage:

Activity 1

Some naming words are given in the box. Fill in the blanks using these words.

butcher novelist plumber journalist fishmonger postman greengrocer confectioner poet tailor barber florist

- a) A sells fish.
- b) A stitches clothes.
- c) A writes novels.
- d) A mends taps and pipes.
- e) A writes for the newspaper.
- f) A sells sweet and pastries.
- g) A sells vegetables.
- h) A cuts hair.
- i) A writes poem.
- j) A sells flowers.

- k) A sells meat.
- 1) A delivers letters.

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Activity 2

Find out the proper nouns and common nouns from the box given below and write them in two separate columns. One is done for you.

Proper Noun

Nepal

Common Noun

boy

Nilachal hill January Sahara the Himalayas temple mountain Guwahati Kamakhya month Pranab city Mrinalini desert Brahmaputra river school India library teacher

A. Countable and Uncountable Nouns

There are some nouns which we can count.

Example: one *boy*; five *pens*; two *hours*; ten *seconds* three *trees*; four *flowers*; eight *cows* etc.

These italicised nouns are called Countable Nouns.

There are some nouns which we cannot count.

Example: water; air; tea; gold; sugar; music etc.

These nouns are called Uncountable Nouns.

Countable Nouns have both singular and plural forms. But Uncountable Nouns have only singular form.

Activity 3

Find out the countable and uncountable nouns and write them separately.

book, girl, oil, hair, ring, pencil, lion, coffee, salt, silver

B. Abstract Noun

An Abstract Noun is usually the name of a quality, state or an action which we normally cannot see or touch. Example: kindness; poverty; birth etc.

Activity 4

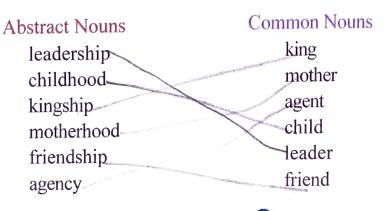
I. Match the abstract nouns with the adjectives given below.

Abstract Nouns	Adjectives
courage	confident
anger	beautiful
goodness	angry
kindness	good
strength	kind
honesty	strong
beauty	eourageous
confidence	honest

II. Match the abstract nouns with the verbs given below.

Abstract nouns	Verbs
thought	behave
knowledge	think
death	know
education	succeed
behaviour	die
success	fail
failure	educate

III. Match the abstract nouns with the common nouns given below.



C. Material Noun

Material Noun names a thing (non-living) like material, substance or ingredient for making things.

Examples

wood cotton silver sand sugar stone rice paper

Activity 5

Find out the material nouns from the following box and write them.

country	anger	nylon	salt	honesty	moi	untain
water	children	book	. hap	piness	steel	wool
		brick	gold	milk		

Writing Activity:

Look at the following picture and read the description given below it.

Example:



thorn colours beautiful sweet smell queen of flowers

This is a red rose. It is my favourite flower. There are different colours of roses like white, pink, red, yellow, orange etc. The rose plant has thorns. The rose is called the queen of flowers because it is very beautiful. It has a very sweet smell.

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Now, describe the following pictures with the help of the words given in the box.

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beautiful tiffin box rectangular in shape blue in colour bring tiffin to school made of plastic

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long big mango tree leaves roots branches twigs ripe mangoes

This is a Its	are narrow and
in shape. It has many	Its are used in
'puja'. Its are stron	ng. People love



Build up your vocabulary

Match the words in column A with those given in column B



A	В		
sewing	wood		
ploughing	pan		
knitting	mountain		
frying	wool		
climbing	paddy field		
sawing	car		
driving	needle		
playing	bus		
cooking	pool		
swimming	fish		
fishing	football		
living	rice		
boiling	kite		
flying	house		
travelling	movie		
cutting	water		
wearing	frock		
washing	knife		
drawing	scenery		
watching	dishes		