

UNIT 1 : Fairs - Our Culture

1. In the Bazaars of Hyderabad

What do you sell, O ye merchants ?

Richly your wares are displayed.

Turbans of crimson and silver,

Tunics of purple brocade,

Mirrors with panels of amber,

Daggers with handles of jade,

What do you weigh, O ye vendors ?

Saffron and lentil and rice.

What do you grind, O ye maidens ?

Sandalwood, henna and spice.

What do you call, O ye peddlers ?

Chessmen and ivory dice.

What do you make, O ye goldsmiths

Wristlet and anklet and ring,

Bells for the feet of blue pigeons,

Frail as a dragon-fly's wing.

Girdles of gold for the king.

What do you cry, O ye fruit men ?

Citron, pomegranate and plum.

What do you play, O musicians ?

Chitar, sarangi and drum.

What do you weave, O ye flower-girls

With tassels of azure and red ?

Crowns for the brow of a bridegroom,

Chaplets to garland his bed,

Sheets of while blossoms new-gathered

To perfume the sleep of the dead.

– Sarojini Naidu

Glossary

- henna - મહેંદી
- dragon - વાણિયો (એક જંતુ)
- girdles - કમરપટ્ટો
- chitar - સીતાર
- chaplets - ફૂલોના હારતોરાં
- Check whether you understand the real taste of the poem or not !

1. What are the colours mentioned in the first stanza ?

2. The musician plays chitar, sarangi and drum. Make a list of other musical instruments you know.

3. Make a list of words which begin with the sound 'P'. Try to find out their meaning from the dictionary.

Purple having the colour of blue and red mixed together.

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4. Can you think other words (not from this poem) to rhyme with :

Rice, spice,	<hr/>
Brocade, jade,	<hr/>
Ring, king,	<hr/>
Drum, come,	<hr/>
Bed, dead,	<hr/>

5. What do they do ?

Merchants :

Vendors :

Maidens :

Goldsmith :

Fruit man :

- Wristlet, anklet, ring are ornaments. Add some more names in this list.

- When do you use the flowers? _____

- What things does your mother buy from the vendors?

2. Go to the library, read a poem and write it below.

- Find out and write the rhyming words of the above poem.

3. નીચે આપેલા પ્રકારના ગીતો ક્યાં સ્થળે અને ક્યારે સાંભળવા મળે છે ? તે નોંધો.

ગીતનો પ્રકાર	સ્થળ	સમયગાળો
ફિલ્મના ગીતો		
લગ્ન ગીતો		
ભજન - ધૂન		
લોકગીતો		
રાષ્ટ્રીય ગીતો		

ઉપરોક્ત ગીતો અને તેના સમય - સ્થળના આધારે લોકો કેવી ઉજવણીઓ - શા માટે કરે છે તેની વર્ગમાં ચર્ચા કરો.

4. Read about the famous fairs of Gujarat.

Vautha fair

Vautha fair is held on Kartik Purnima at the town Vautha. It is 60 k.m. away from Ahmedabad. Vautha fair is famous for selling donkeys. The Banjara sell average 4000 donkeys every year in one day. At that time, you will find the large ground full of donkeys. This is the biggest animal fair of Gujarat.

Mahashivratri fair

This fair is held in Junagadh city on Mahashivratri at Bhavanath Taleti. The visitors come from all over Gujarat and enjoy the five day fair. On the last day the Naga Sadhus come out from mountain Girnar and have bath in Mrugi Kund. It is the chief attraction of the fair. Watching Naga Sadhu is novel experience.

Madhavpur fair

Madhavpur is very famous fair of Saurashtra. It is held in Madhavpur near Porbandar. Legend says that lord Krishna married Rukymini at this place. The fair gives chance to see the local life of 'Ghed Pradesh'. We can be familiar with the customs, dresses, lifestyle etc. of Maher community.

Fill in the table with the help of above information.

Name of the fair	Where is it held ?	When is it held ?	Attractions

5. તમે લીધેલ મેળાની મુલાકાતના આધારે તેનું સ્મૃતિ ચિત્ર દોરો. (Draw the picture of a fair.)

Fill in the detail.

(1) Name of the fair : _____

(2) History behind it : _____

(3) Interesting facts of the fair : _____

● **Have you ever visited any fair? Please, fill the details.**

❖ Name of the fair : _____

❖ It is held on (date) : _____

❖ I went there with my : _____

❖ I saw _____

❖ I stayed in the fair for _____

❖ I bought _____ from the fair.

❖ I liked _____ most from the fair.

● **Write paragraph with above detail.**

My name is _____ I visited the fair of _____
 _____ it is held on _____

6. What will you do?

(1) When you go to bazaar with your father.

(2) When you go to bazaar with your friends.

7. તમારા મતે મેળાઓ, રાષ્ટ્રીય તહેવારો, ઉજવણીઓ અને લગ્ન પ્રસંગોમાં શું ફેરફારો કરવા યોગ્ય છે તે જણાવો.

8. Read the paragraph. Work in groups.

Ram and Shyam are brothers. Ram likes football and Shyam likes Cricket. Ram enjoys Navaratri, where as Shyam enjoys Holi. Ram likes to read stories, Shyam likes to make toys. Ram likes ladies finger. Shyam likes all the vegetables.

- ❖ Ask any two of your friends, what they like. and write it.

Friend - 1**Friend - 2**

Name

Sports

Activity

Vegetables

Hobby

- ❖ Write a paragraph as above and present in the class.