

- Have you ever gone for a trip to visit historical places?
- Share your experiences with your friends and the places you visited.
- Tell your friend who is not staying in your town about the places you enjoyed visiting.

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Dear Mohini

Hope this letter finds you in the best of spirits. Anjali visited me last week. I went around with her to all the historical places in Hadoti region. So I was reminded of your promise to pay a visit to Kota after the examinations.

I'm writing this letter to share with you the thrill that we had while visiting all the places in and around Kota. Here are some facts about Hadoti region. Hadoti is comprised of four districts of Rajasthan—namely Baran, Bundi, Jhalawar and Kota. It is said that Hadi Rani, a legendary character was married to Chundawat chieftain of Salumber. The chieftain loved her so much that he felt reluctant to go to the battle field. The Hadi Rani persuaded him to comply with his duty towards his motherland. But for her love he would not agree. Somehow he agreed. Before leaving the house, he sent a man to his beloved to give him a



memento. Out of sheer disgust the Rani Hadi cut her head off the neck and sent it to him.

Such great was her love for the motherland.

Mohini! if you are interested in wild life and bird watching then you'll really have fun here. Hadoti is blessed with water, flora and fauna. There is Darra Sanctuary, National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary and Shergarh Sanctuary. It is also recognized as a paradise for migratory birds from China and Europe. There are the Mathuradhish temple, Padmanabh Sun temple, Adhinath jain temple, Buddhisth Monastries and many temples from 9–11th century having fine carvings and depicting various mythological characters and stories. Not only are the cities, forts, palaces, gardens and temples spectacular each prove a rewarding experience in itself but also they keep you absorbed for long hours at a stretch. The Gagron fort, the Shergarh fort, the Garh palaces of Kota and Bundi are the magnificent palaces of Hadoti. It is a treasure of art and sculpture. The

Chitrashala with its superb paintings decorates the palace walls.

Hadoti is a popular name for fairs too. The Saharias tribal fair of Sitabari in Baran





district keeps a good position in the state. It is held in the summer season. The place has a number of *kunds* where taking a holy dip is auspicious. The tribals bedecked with jewellery and attired in colourful dresses flock in the fair. It's a real picture of tribal life style.

We have the biggest fair of Rajasthan, held during Dushhera in Kota – a representation of the culture and tradition. The industrial fair of Kota provides opportunities to the development and industrial growth of Rajasthan. I'll send you photos which will give you a real view of the scenario.

Your actual visit will not only give you pleasure but also enrich your knowledge about this area.

Looking forward to your visit.

Your true friend

Malini

Glossary:

legendary	:	very famous and talk about a lot by people
reluctant	:	unwilling
persuade	:	to cause (someone) to accept a point of view or to undertake a course of action
memento	:	something that reminds one of past events; souvenir
migratory	:	that move from one place to another (birds)
spectacular	:	very impressive to see
magnificent	:	grand or noble in thought; excellent
bedecked	:	decorated in a showy fashion (decorated with flowers, flags, jewellery, precious stones, etc.)

Activity I

1. Complete the following pattern about Hadoti region:

Sanctuaries	-----	-----	-----
Temples	-----	-----	-----

Forts -----

Fairs -----

2. Answer these questions in 5-10 words each:

- What districts comprise Hadoti region?
- Who is writing this letter and to whom?
- What sacrifice was made by the Hadi Rani?
- How can we say that Hadoti region is an area of wild life?
- What fairs is Hadoti popular for?

Activity II

1. Match the given words under 'A' with their meanings given under 'B':

A

reluctant
migratory
spectacular
magnificent
bedecked

B

that move from one place to another
decorated in a showy fashion
unwilling
grand
very impressive to see

2. Write the words associated to the given field:

JEWELLERY

GARH

FAIR

WILD LIFE

3. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word from the box:

[thrill, promised, paradise, decorated, auspicious]

- Sunil's mamahim a new watch on his winning the quiz.
- The shopkeeper waited for an..... *muhurt* to open his new shop.
- He his room with pictures of all his favourite sports stars.
- Newly developed gardens in Jaipur give an appearance of a.....

- v. The first ride on a camel back was a realwhich I can never forget.

Activity III

Read the given sentences:

- i. Hadoti is rich in culture.
Hadoti is rich in minerals too.
Hadoti is rich not only in culture but also in minerals.
- ii. I ordered a cup of tea.
I ordered a samosa.
I ordered not only a cup of tea but also a samosa.
- iii. Rajesh went to *kavisammelan*.
Rajni went to *kavisammelan*.
Not only Rajesh but also Rajni went to *kavisammelan*.

1. Now combine the sentences given below using 'not only-----but also'.

- i. Rani punished the thief.
Raja punished the thief.
.....
- ii. She called her son Appu.
She called her son Arpit.
.....
- iii. Juhi posted her letter yesterday.
Jasmine posted her letter yesterday.
.....
- iv. Kalika mata mandir is a famous temple.
Mira Bai mandir is a famous temple.
.....
- v. The farmer ploughed the field.
The farmer sowed the seeds
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Activity IV**Read the given passage:**

It was in those days when I was posted in a rural area. I was lately transferred to this place after a period of 14 years of continuous teaching. I had to face all new environment with an acute change in the dialect. It was very difficult for me to understand their language fully and to respond was far more challenging. The first language that they used was their local dialect. I tried my level best to understand them and respect their feelings with help of their gestures. Teaching of English to such a stuff was a difficult task. Moreover, our work was assessed on the board results. It took me almost a week's time to make them understand Hindi which I used as a bridge language. It was quite awkward for them to hear Hindi all the time. When it came to the teaching of textbook their faces and gesture made me roll over laughing. They looked sideways as if some strange action was being performed from the other side.

Instead of making fun of those innocent children I decided to work with them. I inquired of them how their earlier teacher taught them. The method was such which would never have been taught in the history of teacher training. I told them to go patiently as I guided. But to my bafflement a group of the students went straight away to the principal to complain against my teaching methods. They even told him to arrange for a new teacher. When I shared the fact with the principal I explained him the case. He agreed upon my strategy. Thereafter, the students were taken into confidence and the things were settled to one end. When the board results were declared the whole school rang with joy and all the grievances were cast away.

[The teacher should ask the short textual questions for comprehension.]

Activity V

1. An itinerary is a detailed plan for a journey. It includes dates, stops, duration of the stay and a list of places to visit. Look at the following

ITINERARY



Day 1

- 9:00 am reach Jaipur railway station
- 10:00 am check into Hotel Rambagh; have breakfast
- 11:00am leave for sightseeing at Hawa Mahal, City palace, Janter-Manter
- 2-3 pm lunch
- 3-7 pm visit Ramniwas garden, zoo, Albert Hall and Birla Mandir
- 8:00 pm dinner



Day 2

- 9-12 pm travel by road to Bharatpur
- 12:00 pm check into the RTDC hotel
- 1-2 pm lunch
- 2-4 pm visit Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary
- 4-7 pm Fatehpur Sikari and Deegh Palaces
- 8:00 pm dinner

Your class is going to Udaipur for an educational tour/excursion. Plan a two day itinerary for the trip. Use the example provided above.

*All our dreams can come true
if have the courage to pursue them.*