## **10. Our Little River**

Which is the river closest to your house?



Our little river twists and turns It's just knee-deep when summer burns, How easy is it then to cross, Cattle and carts just ford across, The banks slope gently, though they're high, And in the summer, always dry.

No dirt no mud : it all so clean, The sand glints with a golden gleam, And to one side, there stands a bed Of 'Kash', with white flowers overspread, Flocks of 'mynahs' gather there And with their chatter fill the air, While deep at night the jackals prowl, Piercing the silence with their howl.

Groves of palm and mango trees Upon the other bank one sees, Nestling beneath their leafy shade The village houses stand arrayed, Along the bank the children play, Splash each other, duck and spray, Or sometimes, having had their bath, Catch small fish in bits of cloth, The village women by that spot scrub with sand their pans and pots. They wash their clothes and have their bath, Then back they take the homeward path .



And then, often the rains begin The river fills upto the brim, It rushes then upon its course In muddy whirls and deafening roars, Upon the banks, among the woods A call rings out in joyful mood, And all the village wakes again To mark the festival of the rain.

#### Word Meanings

| turns          | change the direction           |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| burns          | heat                           |
| glints         | sparkling                      |
| gleam          | beam of light                  |
| prowl          | creep around, lying in waiting |
| piercing       | penetrating something          |
| groves         | trees in collective form       |
| nestling       | resting                        |
| arrayed        | lined up (built in lines)      |
| scrub          | to clear by rubbing            |
| up to the brim | completely full                |
| course         | path, way                      |

## **Reading Comprehension**

## A. Put the tick $(\sqrt{)}$ against the right one and cross (x) against the wrong one.

- 1. The river is knee deep in summer.
- 2. It is not easy to cross the river in summer.
- 3. The river is straight.
- 4. The river is dirty.
- 5. Children play in the river.
- 6. The village houses are situated far away from the river. (
- 7. The river fills it self up to the brim in summer. (
- 8. They enjoy a festival in the rainy season.

#### **B.** Answer the following questions.

- 1. How is the river ?
- 2. Why is it easy to cross the river in summer?
- 3. Can the animals also cross the river in summer?
- 4. How do the river banks look like in summer?
- 5. Why does the sand glint and gleam?
- 6. Do you like jackals/dogs howling at night? Why?
- 7. On which side of the river are the village houses situated ?
- 8. In which season does the river fill upto the brim?
- 9. How does the river water look ?
- 10. Why do the villagers have a joyful mood?

#### English-7

## Vocabulary

- A. 1. Go through the poem and make a list of describing words .
  - 2. Pick up the rhyming words from the poem for the following words and supply one word more for each.

|           | turns | cross | high  | clean  | bed   |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| EL OXACTO | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | •••••  | ••••• |
| 減限。       |       |       |       |        | ••••• |
|           | there | prowl | trees | shade  | play  |
|           |       | ••••• |       | •••••  | ••••• |
| J2AS19    | ••••• |       | ••••• | •••••  | ••••• |
|           | bath  | spots | bath  | course | again |
|           | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | •••••  | ••••• |
|           |       |       |       |        | ••••• |

#### **B.** Use the following words in your own sentences

burns, chatter, glints, catch, scrub, rings, mark

## Writing

#### Read the news extract about Advina Kant.

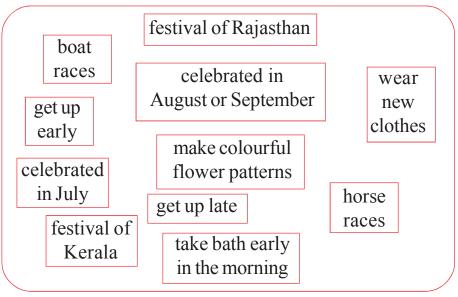
A girl from Korba, Chhattisgarh is the youngest child to have climbed one of the tallest peaks, Gourlata, in Chhattisgarh. The mountain peak is 4018 ft above sea level.

Given below are some more facts about Advina. With the help of these facts, write a small paragraph of 50-60 words on Advina.

- 1. climbed on 11 May 2015
- 2. age then was 5 year 10 months 03 days
- 3. not her first attempt
- 4. inspired by Bachendri Pal
- 5. first attempt at the age of four
- 6. her father Ram Kumar Kanth : a mountaineer.
- 7. climbed with a team of seven mountaineers.

### Activity

#### A. 1. Some phrases are given below. Read them.



# Now listen carefully to the passage. Put a tick mark in the boxes as you listen to these phrases.

See Appendix 1 Lesson 10.

#### 2. Listen to the passage carefully and complete the table.

| Festival    |       |                               |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|-------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| С           | When  |                               |  |  |  |  |
| E<br>L      | Where |                               |  |  |  |  |
| E<br>B      |       | What people do?               |  |  |  |  |
| R<br>A<br>T |       | What<br>Girls do?             |  |  |  |  |
| T<br>E<br>D | How   | What is done on the last day? |  |  |  |  |

**Project** Make your own paper boat.

