

## Chapter 6

### Riya's Journey



Riya and her friend Jiya were very excited. They were going for a trip on a train to Vapi. Riya was going to her uncle's house and Jiya was going to Daman with her family for a holiday.

As both the families decided to go together, Riya's father had-booked train tickets for both the families before 15 days.

Just two days before their journey, Jiya fell ill. Doctor told her to take rest. Jiya's family had to cancel their tickets. Both friends were very sad, as they had made many plans for the trip. Due to Jiya's cancellation Riya felt very sad.

Jiya said "I had an idea." She told Riya. "Don't be upset. You write everything about your trip in a diary and take photos and videos in your mobile. When you will come back I will read your diary and will see photos and videos too."

Riya went to her home. She found one notebook and a pen and put in her bag.



#### Think and Write :

- In which vehicle have you travelled ?

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- What would happen, if Jiya had travelled despite her illness ?

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● **Riya's Diary**

**28 May**



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Today is a full moon day. After taking our dinner, we took an auto to reach Gandhidham railway station. After sometime the train arrived at the station. We saw some passengers were sitting in the train. Train had departed at 7:50 pm from Bhuj, main station of Kutch. The name of our train was "The Kutch Express."

When we went near the coach, there was so much commotion from a single door. People were getting off and others were pushing and trying to put their luggage inside. Father felt some one pushing. So he said, "Train will stop here for 15-20 minutes, so don't be in a hurry."

We somehow managed to get in, found our seats and kept our luggage at a proper place. By the time the train started. Most people had found their seats. Mother and I got window seats. Father and Himaksh got the middle seats. There was another family with us. They seem to board the train from the previous station. They had two children of our age with them. They got two upper seats and two lower seats.



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After some time the ticket collector came and checked our tickets to see if we were in our proper seats.



- Why did Riya's father has said to get in the train quietly ?  
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- How will you recognise the ticket-checker at the time of journey ?  
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- Which details ticket-checker checked in the ticket. Ask your teacher.

22:15



After one hour the train stopped at one station. I saw it from the window. Samkhiyadi Junction was written on the station. I asked my father



Why is the 'Junction' was written after the station's name ? Father explained to me that, "The station at which two or more railway tracks are separating is called "Junction". From this station two railway tracks are separating. On the track on which our train is running is the way to Ahmedabad and the other goes to Palanpur.

Train departed after two-three minutes. The two tracks separated from one another. Father showed it to me from the window.

Our train left that station. I was observing the view outside the window. It was looking like white bedsheet spread across an open plain upto far away in a full moon light. Father said that, "It is a small desert of Kutchh and it is looking like white bedsheet because of white



layer of salt on it. In this area Agariyas are harvesting salt by making saltern. There, we can also see very big heaps of salt.



The train was moving fast. Something like a bridge was seen in a faint light of moon. There was light of vehicles seen on it. While we were crossing the bridge, I asked my father, "which is this bridge ?" This is 'Surajbari bridge.' he replied. It is known as the entrance of Kutchh.



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He said that when this bridge was not there all the trains of Ahmedabad used to go via Palanpur, that used to take much time.

Immediately I asked my father, "We had seen two separate railway tracks. Before that was the way to Palanpur right !" Father said, "Yes, from that route only train was going."

It was eleven at night, so father told us to sleep. Mother spread out bedsheet on our seat. All passengers were also going to sleep. There was toilet facility in the train. I went to toilet with my mother and then slept.

- Have you ever travelled by train ? If yes, then from where and up to which place ?

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- Which facilities are provided in a train ? Write in detail.

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I tried to sleep but I was not able to sleep due to train's noise. There was another family near our seat. The girl in the family seems to be of my age. She was also not feeling sleepy. We both talked. Her name was Fiyona. She had some story books. I also took one book from her



**For the teacher :** Give information about the use of the facilities given in the train.



## Looking Around

and started reading it. while reading the book, I slept.



Suddenly I woke up. I saw that light was coming from the window. I sat and peeped out of the window, it seems a big city had came. The train was passing. The city was looking very

beautiful all around because of lighting. I have never seen such kind of beautiful scene in Gandhidham. The train was passing under the birdge or somewhere from railway crossing where all around tall building and the atmosphere was quiet. I took my mother's mobile to take photos and videos of those beautiful scene which we will enjoy watching later.



02:30

Our train reached at one big station. Father also woke up. He told that Ahmedabad came. The atmosphere filled up by the noise of different hawkers. Some of the words were,

*'Chai Garam Chai', 'Garama Garam Bhajiya', 'Puri-shak', 'Cold water bottle', 'bananas', 'Vadapav... Vadapav', chickoo, apple.* Father said, 'the train will be at the station for 20-25 minutes. Father got down from the train to fill water bottle. I also went with him.



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The platform was crowded. Passengers were buying from the hawkers. There were many other trains at the platform. There were people with red uniform carrying load and running around. There was an important announcement on the mike. Some passengers were waiting for

their train. I was enjoying the scene. We took bananas and chikoo from hawkers and got in to the train.



03:45

By the time, the train started, we ate bananas and chikoo and I went to the toilet. Now I was not feeling sleepy. I was having board of snakes and ladders game. Himaksh, Fiyona and I played snakes and ladders. In the meantime the train arrived at Nadiad where Fiyona had to get down. Fiyona said bye to us then I and Himaksh went to sleep.

- Have you ever travelled by roadway or railway at night ? What did you see on the way ? Write in detail.

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- What did Riya see in Ahmedabad from the train ? Write.

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**For the teacher :** Give special information about the facilities provided at the railway station, facilities to go from one platform to another and necessary care and announcement on mike.

## Looking Around

Did you buy anything from the hawkers at the railway station during your travel ? If, yes then make a list of it.


- What did Riya see at Ahmedabad railway station ?

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- Which type of voices Riya heard at Ahmedabad railway station ?

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