

- Do you enjoy going to a fair/mela?
- Which festivals are celebrated with melas in our place?
- Share with your friends the mela you liked the most. Tell them all that is there in the mela.

[The fair described in the poem here is the one held in Udaipur, Rajasthan. The fair stretches from the *paal*(shore) of *FatehSagar* to *Saheliyon Ki Badi*. Large crowds of men and women from the entire town and surrounding are as are seen celebrating together all day. The fair lasts for two days, and the last day is for women only.] **Let's read and enjoy this poem.**

The roads are **blocked**
The people **flocked**
From villages far and near
To the monsoon fair here.

Decorated dolls
With skirts of **foil**
A dog that **crawls**
And snakes that **coil**
Are some of the **wares**
At the monsoon fairs.

Gur, Ghewar and Jalebi
Petha and Gulab halwa
Chat, Corn and Paani Puri
Namkeen and Maalpua
Are some of the treats
On the monsoon streets.

Tumbling boxes and merry-go-rounds
Dragon swings and driving cars
Tooting **horns** with great big sounds
Shooting arrows into the stars
Are some of the games
In the monsoon **lanes**.



Glossary

blocked	:	closed to stop vehicles
flocked	:	came together in crowds
foil	:	thin colourful sheets of metal used for decorative purposes.
crawls	:	moves forward very slowly
coil	:	move in circles
wares	:	goods sold at markets
horns	:	musical instruments made of a tube with a wide end
lanes	:	narrow roads

Activity I

- A. Have a look at the poem again and answer the following questions-
- From where do the people come for the monsoon fair?
 - Name three toys sold at the monsoon fair.
 - Name five food items we can eat at the monsoon fair.
 - What rides can we enjoy at the fair?
 - Why are the roads blocked when there is a fair?



Activity II

- A. The poem has many rhyming words. Here are some of them. Match the rhyming words.

blocked
here
foil
fairs
halwa
rounds
cars
streets

coil
near
flocked
treats
stars
sounds
wares
pua



Activity III

- A. Your teacher will read out a poem for you. Listen to it and find some rhyming words.
- B. Tell your friends what you like best in a fair and why.
- C. Read the poem 'The Monsoon Fair' aloud with your friends. Later take turns and read it out to the whole class.

Activity IV

Write a paragraph (8 sentences) about 'My Visit to a Mela'. Remember to write when (in which month) the Mela is held; for how many days it lasts; what kinds of stalls it has; what games it has; what eatables you can get; and how much you enjoy the Mela and why.

You may also draw a picture of the Mela. Don't forget to draw yourself with your friends.

