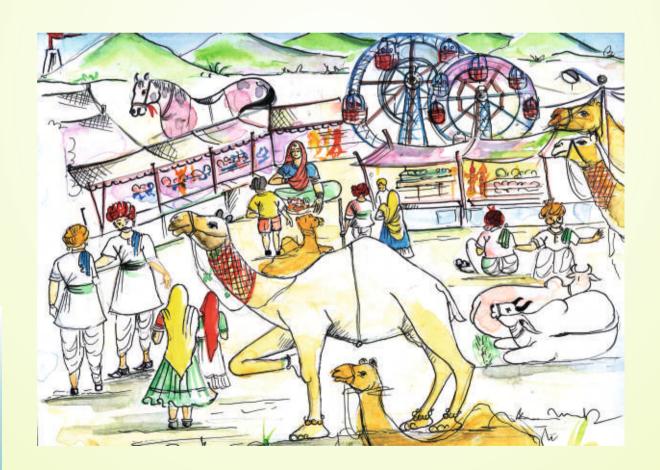
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A Visit to the Camel Fair of Pushkar

Discuss

- 1. What do you see in this picture?
- 2. What is this picture about?
- 3. Name the fairs that are held in your area?
- 4. What do you call the fair in which there are lots of camel?



Last year I went to visit my uncle in Ajmer in the month of *Kartik*(October-November). As I am very much interested in visiting fairs, I asked my uncle to tell me the names of the fairs held in our state. He told me that in our state different fairs are celebrated on different occasions throughout the year. The Beneshwar Dham fair of Dungarpur, the Gangaur fair of Jaipur, the Baba Ramdev fair of Ramdevra (Jaisalmer), the Karnimata, fair of Deshnok (Bikaner), the Jhantala Mata fair of Chittorgarh, the Dussehra fair of Kota and the Camel fair of Pushkar (Ajmer) are some of the well-known fairs of Rajasthan. The Camel fair of Pushkar is held on Kartik Purnima every year. Over 25,000 camels along with other livestock such as oxen, horses, cows, and buffaloes are traded, making this the world's largest camel fair.

Pushkar is also known as a city of temples. There are about 500 temples in this city. Among them the temple of Brahmma is famous all over the country. It is visited by lots of devotees every year. There is the famous Pushkar lake which is visited by thousands of devotees every year to take a holy dip in it. There are lots of rose gardens in which various types of roses are grown and sold.

Cultural shows and exhibition are also organized in this fair to make it lively and enjoyable. 'Matkiphod', 'Moustache' and Bridal competitions are some of the main attractions of this camel fair. Besides these the camel beauty contest is an

interesting event at this fair. The well decorated camels dance, parade and run. Thousands of native and foreign visitors watch them.

On the Kartik Purnima day, my uncle took me to the grand camel fair. Reaching the fair site, we saw lots of camels, horses, buffaloes, etc. We also saw rows of shops, selling sweets, fruits, eatables, toys, crockery, shoes, pots and pans and jewellery, etc. There were people of almost all the castes and creeds there. They were in their attractive clothes and looked cheerful. Children and adults enjoyed swinging in the merry – go – rounds, watching films, circus and puppet shows. The fair presented a wonderful scene. I bought some toys and sweets for my brother and sister. We all returned home happily.

Really a fair is a place for merry-making, increasing our knowledge about our culture and meeting various people. Everyone should visit fairs whenever they are held in your neighbourhood.

GLOSSARY:

celebrated : organized, held (आयोजन किया गया)

devotees : followers (भक्त, अनुयायी)

traded : sold and bought (व्यवसाय किया जाना)

exhibition : display of various things of art, craft, painting,

etc (प्रदर्शनी)

lively : full of life (जीवन्त)



contest : competition (प्रतियोगिता)

native : of one's own country (देश के, स्वदेश के)

foreign : belonging to other country (विदेश का)

rows : lines, queues (कतारें, पंक्ति)

event : happening (घटना)

crockery : cups, dishes, glasses, mugs, plates, etc. (क्रॉकरी)

pots and pans : utensils (बर्तन)

jewellery : ornaments of gold, silver, etc. (गहने, आभूषण)

adults : a fully grown person (प्रौढ़, वयस्क)

swinging: to move from side to side while hanging from

something, (झुलना)

neighbourhood: at the next door (पड़ोस)

merri-go-round: (डोलर, चकरी, झूला)

live stock : farm animals, cattle (पशुधन)

Activity - I

A. Say whether the following statements are True or False:

- 1. In our state fairs are held throughout the year. ()
- 2. Only local people visited the fair. ()
- 3. Only camels are traded in the fair. ()
- 4. There were shop selling different things in the fair ()
- 5. People like the camel dance and parade. ()

B. Answer the following questions:

- 1. Where is the temple of Lord Brahmma situated?
- 2. How many camels are sold and bought in the camel fair of Pushkar?





- 3. Where is the Gangaur fair organized?
- 4. Why do people visit the Pushkar Lake?
- 5. Write down what Pushkar is famous for.
- 6. Which is the world's largest fair?

Activity - II

A. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

A	В
native	well known
came back	celebrated
followers	charming
famous	devotees
organized	returned
attractive	of one's own country

B. Complete the blanks by filling in the missing letters:

- 1. f_ir
- 2. p ople
- 3.c rc s

- 4. g rd n 5. m ust che
- 6.p r de

C. Choose the words from the box and fill in the blank in each sentence:

traded, foreign, famous, city, competitions

- 1. Pushkar is known as a.....of temples.
- Lots of camel are..... in the Pushkar fair.

3. Jodhpur is a	historical	city.
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- 4. Many are held during the tournaments.
- 5. Lots ofas well as native visitors visit the Pushkar fair every year.

D. Arrange the letters in correct order to form meaningful words:

ceaml	:	
wmoen	:	
viist	:	
dnaec	:	
tepmel	:	

Activity - III

A. Study the following sentence.

- The camel fair of Pushkar is held on Kartik Purnima every year.
- 2. Cultural shows, and exhibitions are also organized in this

In these above sentences the objects are the focus of our attention rather than the subjects (doer) .The sentence in which the object comes at the place of the subject is in the passive voice. The above sentences are in the present simple passive voice.

The pattern of the passive sentence is?

Sub (obj.) + is/am / are + mv III +(by+ agent (doer/subject)

B. Write sentences with the help of the given words. road / repaired/ every year.





Example-	 Roads are 	repaired	every	vear
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- 1. vegetables/ sold/ in the market everyday.
- 2. streets/ cleaned every day morning.
- 3. English / spoken / in the world.
- 4. trees/watered/inthegarden.
- 5. houses/ decorated/ on the Deepawali day.
- 6. clothes/ sewn/ by the tailors.
- 7. tea/ prepared/ by my servant.
- 8. a book/written by an author.
- 9. the library/ opened daily.

C. Write the correct form of each verb given in bracket.

- 1. Food.....(cook) by my mother.
- 2. Houses..... (whitewash) at Deepawali.
- 3. Many things..... (sell) in the market.
- 4. Houses..... (build) with bricks and cement.
- 5. Rubbish..... (throw) into a dustbin.
- 6. Thieves..... (catch) by the police.

Activity - IV

A. Speak out one word for the group of words spoken by the teacher, the first letter of the word is given.

- 1. A big town : c.....
- 2. The city of temples: p.....
- 3. Twelve months make a: y.....
- 4. Camels, horses, oxen, cows: I.....



- 5. Boys, girls, babies, etc: c.....
- 6. Belonging to our country:n.....

B. Speak the words aloud after your teacher

- 1. let late
- 2. sell sail/sale
- 3. fell fail
- 4. hell hail/hale
- 5. tell tail/tale
- 6. men main
- 7. get gait
- 8. pen pain
- 9. bell bail/bale
- 10. wet wait/weight

Activity - V

You live in Sundargram village, Every year a fair is held near your village. Write sentences in a paragraph. You may take help of the hints given below.

- 1. Name of your village.....
- 2. The place where the fair was held.....
- 3. How you reached the fair ? (by bus/by train)
- 4. With whom did you go to visit the fair?
- 5. What did you see there at the fair?
- 6. How were the people dressed? (colourful clothes)
- 7. What did the shops sell? (many things)
- 8. What were the people doing? (buying, toys, sweets,

- clothes, pots and pans, fruits, many other things,)
- 9. Name the things of entertainment there in the fair (circus, merry go rounds, puppet shows, dances)
- 10. What did you buy? (toys, sweets)
- 11. When and how did you return home ? (in the evening, by bus)

Paragraph	

