

6-CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY



(Tomorrow, it is the independence Day of our country. Ritesh is making a National Flag. His younger sister Shubhi enters the room.)

Shubhi : Brother, what are you busy doing?

Ritesh: Tomorrow, it is 15th August, our Independence Day, and i am making a Natinal Flag.

Shubhi: Should I help you in making it ?

Ritesh: Oh,yes, why not, Please come. We will make it together. Do you know Shubhi, what do the three colours in the flag stand for?

Shubhi : I don't know brother. Can you tell me?

Ritesh : Saffron stand for sacrifice, white for peace and green for prosperity.

Shubhi: There is a blue wheel in the white stripe. What does it stand for.

Ritesh: It is the Ashok Chakra in the centre of the white stripe having 24 spokes. This represents the 24 precious hours of the day.

Shubhi: What will you do with the flag tomorrow?

Ritesh : We are going to have a parade in the school. The National Flag will be hoisted and we will sing the National Anthem. Shubhi : What else will be done on this day?

Ritesh : On this day we salute the heroic deeds of our freedom fighters. Gandhiji, Sardar Patel, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh and many others fought for many years to make India a free country.

Shubhi : Ritesh, are you taking part in any of the programmes?

Ritesh : Yes, I will deliver a speech.

Shubhi : What are you going to say in your speech?

Ritesh : I have written not only about the importance of Independence Day but also about our duties towards our nation.

Shubhi : What are our duties towards the nation?

Ritesh : To do good for the society.

Shubhi : How can we do that?

Ritesh : By helping others, maintaining cleanliness, planting trees, respecting elders and so on.

Shubhi : It means every one must do one's bit to improve one's surroundings.

Ritesh : Yes Shubhi, if we all do a little, it will help our country.

Shubhi : Brother, tomorrow I will give my old toys and clothes to the poor children.

Ritesh : Very good Shubhi, this is also one of the ways to serve our country.

New Words / Phrases

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
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stand for -	स्टैण्ड् फॉ(र)	- प्रतीक बनना
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sacrifice -	सैक्रिफाइस्	-त्याग
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prosperity -	प्रॉस्पॅरिटि	-समृद्धि
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precious -	प्रेशस्	- बहुमूल्य
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heroic deeds -	हरोइक् डीड्(स)	- वीरतापूर्ण कार्य
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Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions :

a. Why was Ritesh making the National Flag?

- b. What do the three colours in the flag stand for?
- c. What is the significance of the Ashoka Chakra in our national flag?
- d. How can we do good for the society?
- e. Whom did Shubhi want to give her old toys and clothes to, and why?

Word Power

1. Fill in the blanks from the words given in the box :

sacrifice, society, freedom, country

- a. Each member of the _____ should work for the prosperity of the country.
- b. I love my _____.
- c. We got _____ from the British Rule on 15 August 1947.
- d. We should be ready to _____ our lives for our country.

Language Practice

1. Let's learn :

Singular Plural

child children

man men

woman women

tooth teeth

knife knives

mango mangoes

2. Change the words given in the brackets into the plural and fill in the blanks:

- a. Boil the _____. (potato)
- b. Mango _____ are green. (leaf)
- c. My mother is fond of _____. (watch)
- d. The table is four _____ long. (foot)

Activity

» Let's think and write: 'How can we serve our country?'
