

Lesson - 8

MADHUBANI ART

A. WARMER

Bihar is famous for many things. Can you name some of them? Have you ever seen Madhubani Paintings? If so, discuss them with your friends.

One of the things Bihar is famous for is its Madhubani paintings. These paintings are generally seen on walls, papers, clothes, decorative pots and wood. Till about 50-60 years ago, it was used for decorating the house walls in the villages. In the last fifty years, village artists have started painting on paper and



clothes. They now paint on sarees, dupattas, rumals (head-wears), table clothes, wood, pots and other bases.

The raw materials used by artists for these paintings are coloured from natural colours made by flowers and other natural materials. But on walls and cloth, they use fabric colours.

The themes of these paintings are natural scenes of the villages, flora and fauna or from religion. Many of the Madhubani people depend on this art for their living. There have been many great artists who have participated both in the national and international programmes. Many of the artists are women. Some of the artists are household names in their regions and considered to be exceptional at the national forums as well.

At present many centres conduct training programmes on Madhubani paintings. Many people other than village artist are also take keen interest in this traditional art. However, in the villages children as young as five year old learn this art with their mothers.

GLOSSARY AND NOTES

decorating	: (डेकोरेटिंग), सजाना	make more attractive by adding ornamentation.
raw	: (रॉ), कच्चा	in its natural state
flora and fauna	: (फ्लोरा एण्ड फाउना), पेड़-पौधे एवं जन्तु	plants and animals of a particular region.
household	: (हाउसहोल्ड), घर एवं परिवार	home and family
exceptional	: (एक्सेपशनल), जन सभा	remarkable

B. COMPREHENSION

B.1 Think and Tell

B.1.1 Answer the following:

1. Where are Madhubani paintings seen?
2. What are the raw materials used for this painting?

B.2 Think and Write

B.2.1 True or False

1. Based on the story write 'true' or 'false' next to each sentence given below. Also, correct the false sentences :

- (a) Bihar is famous only for Madhubani paintings.
- (b) Around 50-60 years ago, Madhubani paintings were used for decorating the house walls in the villages.
- (c) The raw materials used by artists for their paintings are both natural and fabric colours.
- (d) A few of the Madhubani people depend on their art for living.
- (e) All Madhubani artists are women.

B.2.2 Tick (✓) the correct option for each of the following:

1. 'Many of the Madhubani people depend on this art for their living' means

- (a) The Madhubani people cannot live without painting.
- (b) The Madhubani people paint only because they love doing it.
- (c) The Madhubani people sale their paintings to earn money.

2. 'Some of the artists are household names in their regions and considered to be exceptional at the national forums as well' means

- (a) Some of the artists are famous only in their regions.
- (b) Some of the artists are famous in their regions and also at the national level.
- (c) Some of the artists are famous in their own houses.

B.2.3 Answer each of the following questions in not more than 50 words.

- (a) What was the use of the Madhubani paintings around 50-60 years age?

- (b) What are the bases on which artists now paint Madhubani?
- (c) What is the theme of Madhubani paintings?
- (d) How can one say that people are interested in the Madhubani paintings?

C. WORD POWER

C.1 Making new words

Match occupations on the left with their descriptions on the right:

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| 1. architect | (a) is concerned with politics, especially as an elected member of parliament |
| 2. politician | (b) composes music, especially classical music |
| 3. engineer | (c) designs buildings. |
| 4. teacher | (d) completes in outdoor sports and games. |
| 5. athlete | (e) designs and builds engines, machines, roads, bridges etc. |
| 6. composer | (f) paints and draws pictures. |
| 7. artist | (g) teaches students. |

C.2 Make as many words as possible from the word INTERNATIONAL.

- 1. Nation
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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D. GRAMMAR

Read the following sentences carefully :

- (a) These paintings are generally seen on walls.
- (b) It was used for decorating the house walls in the village.
These sentences are in the passive voice.

Mark how auxiliary verbs (are/was) in these sentences are followed by verbs in the past participle (seen/used). These sentences can be written as :

- (i) People generally see these paintings on walls.
- (ii) People in the village use it for decorating the house walls.

These sentences are in the active voice.

D.1 Change the voice of the following sentences :

- (a) Sonu is taught English.
- (b) Pragya is reading a book.
- (c) Ankita called her mother.
- (d) Rimjhim told everything.
- (e) Aman was given a prize.

E. LET'S TALK AND WRITE

E.1 Class Activity

Does anyone in your class do the activities listed in the box on the next page? :

How often and how well do they do them? Go around the

class and find one person for each activity. Then fill in the blanks :

You may ask and answer as shown below :

Model question answer :

- A. Do you dance?
B. Yes, I do.
A. How often do you go dancing?
B. Every weekend.
A. And how well do you dance?
B. Very well.

	Name	How often?	How well?
dance	-----	-----	-----
use computer	-----	-----	-----
swim	-----	-----	-----
paint	-----	-----	-----
football	-----	-----	-----
cricket	-----	-----	-----

E.2 Group Work

Tell your group what you found out.

F. Translate the following into English :

- (a) बिहार में प्रतिभा की कमी नहीं ।
(b) यहाँ के लोग मिहनती भी हैं ।
(c) लगन और समर्पण से काम करना कोई बिहारियों से सीखे ।
(d) जरूरत है सिर्फ उचित माहौल बनाने की ।
(e) जरूरत अपनी विरासत को बढ़ाने की भी है ।

