



Can you tell ?

20. Our Community Life



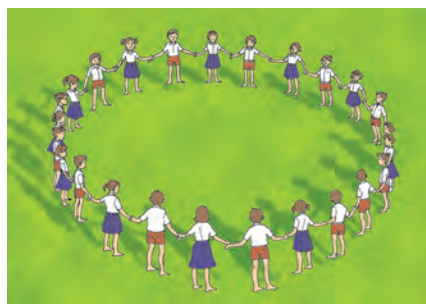
- What difference do you see in the two pictures shown above?
- Whose company do you enjoy?
- How do you decide which game to play?

We like the company of other people. At home we live with our parents. We also have neighbours. We miss our friends if we can't meet them. We miss even our pets, when they are not around.

People like to live in groups. Living in the company of our family, neighbours and other people means living in a community.



A girl talking to a group of children



Children holding hands in a circle



Helping a boy who has fallen off his bicycle

Community life is interdependent

We all need community life. If we don't have friends and other people around us, who will we speak to? Who will we share our joys and sorrows with?

In a community, we get companions. We feel secure in their company. We help them and they, too, help us. This is known as co-operation. Mutual co-operation is the greatest benefit of community life. Rules are needed to build this co-operation.



Use your brain power !

**What if there were
no farmers...**

**What if there were
no schools...**

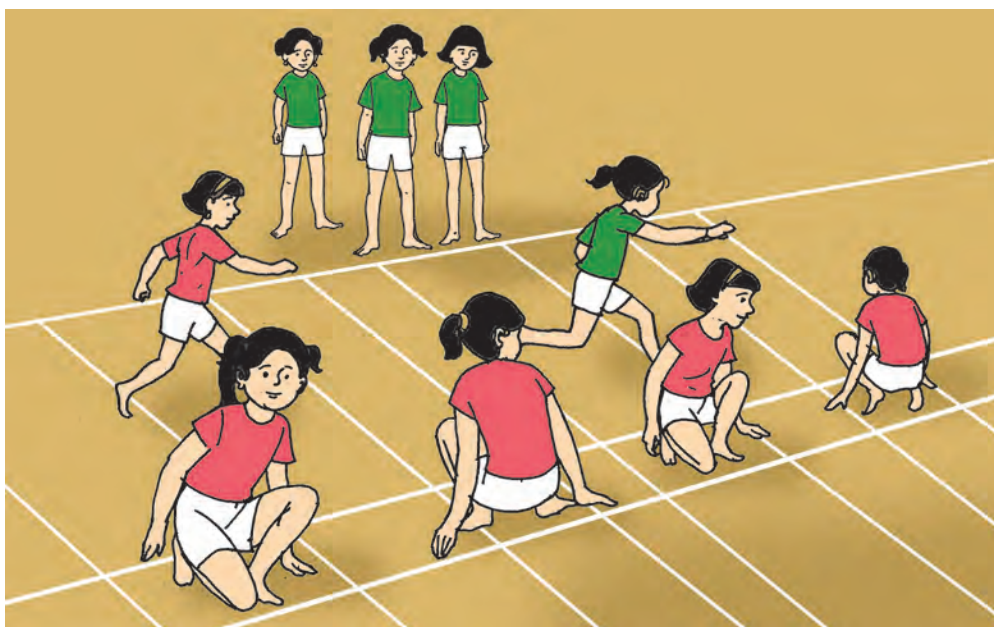
**What if there were
no hospitals...**

**What if garbage
were to pile up...**

Our daily needs are fulfilled in a community. Education and health facilities for everyone can be developed in a community. Goods have to be produced to satisfy needs. This is called production of goods. The process of reaching those goods to people is called service. Production and service are both necessary to satisfy needs. Many people contribute to this. One person cannot produce everything; neither can he give all services by himself. Community life is interdependent.

Rules for living in a community

Rules are necessary for smooth running of community life. We have to deal with other people in our community all the time. For smooth running of our day-to-day affairs, everybody has to follow certain restrictions. These are known as rules. Rules bring discipline to community life.



Girls playing kho-kho



Can you tell ?

- Why are rules necessary in games ?
- What are the advantages of playing according to the rules ?
- What is the most important thing about team sports ?

Before playing any game, we must first understand its rules. The rules of the game are the same for everybody. Every player has to follow the rules. Only then does the game go on smoothly. Similarly, in order to make sure that community life also goes on smoothly, we must follow the rules.

Games have an important place in our lives. We imbibe the qualities of co-operation and unity through games. Participation, determination and passion are more important in games than winning or losing. Sports help us to stay healthy.

Find the rules necessary for community life from those given below. Put a '✓' against the correct rules and a '×' against the wrong ones.

- Jump the queue and climb on the bus. ☐
- Cross the road on the zebra crossing. ☐
- If injured, go to a doctor or Primary Health Centre at once. ☐
- Report a leaking tap in a public place to the gram panchayat or the local government body. ☐
- Do not travel without a ticket. ☐



Discuss.

Rules help to prevent quarrels, fights and partiality. What do you think?



Always remember –

‘Let us all help each other.
Let us all follow the right path.’

– Sant Tukaram



What we have learnt –

- * People like to live in a community.
- * Mutual co-operation is the greatest benefit of community life.
- * Our daily needs are fulfilled in community life.
- * Rules are needed for smooth running of community life.
- * Games teach us co-operation and unity.
- * Sports keep us healthy.



Exercises

A. Answer in one sentence.

- (1) With whom do we live at home?
- (2) When do we feel secure?
- (3) Why should we follow rules?

B. Fill in the blanks.

- (1) People like to live in
- (2) In a community, we get
- (3) Community life is

C. Match the following.

A

- (a) Helping each other
- (b) For a community to run smoothly
- (c) Rules are the same

B

- (1) rules are necessary.
- (2) is called co-operation.
- (3) are called rules.
- (4) for everybody.

Activities

- (1) Make a list of rules followed in the game of cricket.
- (2) Make a list of traffic rules.
- (3) Write five lines about the rules you follow at school and at home.

