

26. As we Go from the Third to the Fourth Standard



Can you tell ?

- When you are grown up, what do you want to be?

In a previous lesson, you drew a picture of how you would look after 20 years. That was imaginary, because no one knows how you will look after 20 years. However, what do you wish to be when you grow up? What do you want to achieve? That is something you can decide for yourself. But, to achieve it, you must learn a lot. You will have to work very hard.

Learning does not mean only going to school. We learn at school, of course. But we also learn from our elders at home. We can learn from the environment, too. That is why we study the environment.

• Caring for the environment

Our environment does not belong to us alone. It belongs to others, too. It takes care of all our needs. That is why taking care of the environment is our duty. We must take care of ourselves, our home and our school to begin with. Then all our surroundings will become beautiful.

We must use the things we receive from the environment carefully. That is why we must never waste food or water.



Use your brain power !

- What will happen if we pluck flowers in a public garden?
- What will happen if we throw garbage from our homes on to the road?
- Why must we not carve our names on the walls of historical monuments?
- Why must we not throw plastic carry bags and bottles here and there?



Can you tell ?

- What do you like about your environment and why?

• Our house and home

Have you ever watched birds building their nests? They work very hard for their little ones, don't they? Members of your family also work hard for you.

You should be affectionate towards them. You should learn to respect elderly persons. We must contribute to the work that our parents and other members of our family have to do.

We must treat all women with respect, whether they belong to our family or not.



Use your brain power !

- Why do your parents tell you to behave yourself ?
- Do you ask if your parents have eaten well ?
- What can you do to help the adults in the house ?
- How do you help when someone at home is not feeling well ?

• Think and tell.

What does it mean to depend on one another ?

• Components of the environment

Plants and animals are all components of the environment. We are also a part of the environment. Everybody should be able to live a happy and contented life. Everyone must feel safe and secure. What we do and how we behave affects our environment.



Try this.

Apply ink on your fingertips. Get their impressions on a piece of paper. Do your fingerprints and those of your friends look different?

Look at two leaves on the same twig. Do you see any differences?

• How to behave with one another

All the leaves of one tree are not identical. Some of them are big, while some are small. Some have slightly different colours. All flowers are not exactly similar. It is the same with people. Our appearance is different from that of all others. In fact, our fingerprints do not match those of anyone else in the world. There is something unique about each person. We should not consider anyone inferior to ourselves.

You must have seen that some trees are big and strong. Some climbers have a weak stem. Big trees support the climbers. We must support each other in the same way.



Do you know ?

India won Independence on the 15th of August 1947.

● Independence

We celebrate our Independence Day on the 15th of August every year. We must be proud of the fact that our country is independent. We have freedom of thought in our country. We have a right to choose what to study when we grow up. We can choose our occupation. All the citizens of our country have equal rights.

However, independence does not mean that we can behave as we wish. Look at Nature. Everything in Nature follows rules. Ants walk in a queue. Bees are constantly working.

We must be good citizens of independent India. For this, we must have honesty, punctuality, perseverance and discipline. Good habits that are cultivated in childhood are of great use when we grow up.



Use your brain power !

What are the advantages of a queue over a crowd ?

We can learn a lot by studying the environment. You will continue to learn more about it in higher classes.





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