

Let's Visit: India

Intermediate (B1-B2)



WARM-UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever visited India?
2. What do you already know about Indian culture, food, or landmarks?
3. Would you like to travel there, and why?

Part 2. How much do you know about India? Test your knowledge!

1. What is the capital city of India?
2. What is India sometimes called because of its cultural diversity?
3. Which animal is considered sacred in India?
4. Which festival in India is known as the Festival of Lights?
5. Which city is home to the Taj Mahal?



VIDEO ACTIVITY & PICTURE MATCHING

Part 1. Watch a short video showing different places and things in India. After watching, answer the questions.

1. What did you notice?
2. Which images stood out to you?
3. Did anything surprise you?

Part 2. Look at some of India's famous places and landmarks below. Match the name to the picture.

Taj Mahal

Amber Fort

Kerala Backwaters

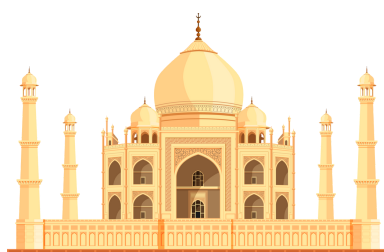
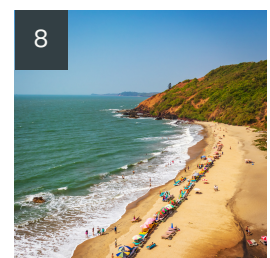
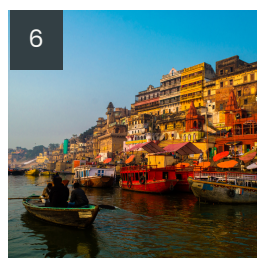
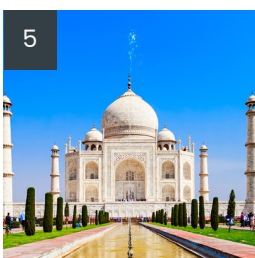
Varanasi Ghats

Golden Temple

Goa Beaches

Hampi Ruins

Himalayas



Part 3. Match each place or landmark to the correct description.

Taj Mahal	Amber Fort	Kerala Backwaters	Varanasi Ghats
Golden Temple	Goa Beaches	Hampi Ruins	Himalayas

1. _____ A grand fort with courtyards, palaces and views of the “Pink City.”
2. _____ Famous white marble mausoleum, symbol of love and one of the Seven Wonders of the World.
3. _____ Snow-capped mountains and monasteries, perfect for adventure.
4. _____ Sacred steps leading down to the River Ganges, known for rituals and spirituality.
5. _____ A network of rivers, canals and lakes, best explored by houseboat.
6. _____ Stunning Sikh temple with golden domes, symbol of peace and equality.
7. _____ Relaxed sandy beaches, palm trees, and lively nightlife.
8. _____ Ancient city filled with temples and stone carvings.

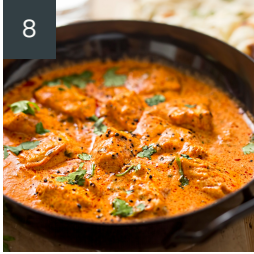
Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which place would you most like to visit?
2. What would you do there?



Part 5. Look at some of India's famous food below. Match the name to the picture.

Masala Dosa	Biryani	Chaat	Butter Chicken
Chai	Gulab Jamun	Samosa	Paneer Tikka

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Part 6. Match each dish to the correct description.

1. _____ Crispy rice and lentil pancake filled with spiced potato.
2. _____ Creamy tomato-based curry loved worldwide.
3. _____ Sweet spiced tea with milk.
4. _____ Tangy, crunchy street snack with chutneys and spices.
5. _____ Grilled cubes of paneer cheese with spices.
6. _____ Fragrant rice cooked with spices, vegetables or meat.
7. _____ Soft milk-based dessert balls soaked in syrup.
8. _____ Crispy pastry filled with spiced potatoes or meat.

Part 7. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which would you like to try?
2. Does it differ from food in your country?
3. Have you tried Indian food before?

Part 8. Look at the pictures of India's culture. Match each cultural aspect to the correct picture.

Holi & Diwali

Thali

Namaste

Train Journeys



Part 9. Match each cultural aspect to its correct description.

1. _____ Long-distance train travel.
2. _____ Many small dishes on one plate.
3. _____ Colour and light festivals.
4. _____ Greeting with joined palms.

Part 10. Discuss the following questions.

1. What do you think is important for staying safe during festival celebrations?
2. Do you prefer a variety of small dishes, like a thali, or one main dish for a meal?
3. Would you feel comfortable using "namaste" as a greeting when you are abroad?
4. Would you like to try an overnight train journey, or would you prefer to avoid it?

READING ACTIVITY

Part 1. Read this dialogue between two travellers who recently visited India.

Sam: India honestly left a lasting impression on me. Every day felt like a new adventure.

Mia: I know! The Taj Mahal especially – it was bursting with colour and detail, even though it's white marble.

Sam: And exploring Varanasi... the hustle and bustle there was like nothing I've ever seen before.

Mia: Same here. I did feel out of my comfort zone at times, but in a good way.

Sam: Exactly. Riding the houseboat through the Kerala Backwaters was such a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Mia: And the food! That biryani was so full of flavour – I could happily eat it every day.

Sam: The chai too. Sitting and sipping that sweet spiced tea while watching life go by was something special.

Mia: India really has a way of pulling you in – I'd go back in a second.

Part 2. Answer the questions below based on the dialogue.

1. What phrase does Sam use to describe how India affected him?
2. How did Mia describe the Taj Mahal?
3. What did Sam say about Varanasi?
4. Which experience did they say felt "once-in-a-lifetime"?
5. Which foods and drinks did they enjoy?



Part 3. Match the expression to its meaning.

Left a lasting impression

Bursting with colour

The hustle and bustle

Out of my comfort zone

Once-in-a-lifetime

1. _____ Very rare and special.
2. _____ Busy and noisy activity.
3. _____ Very colourful and lively.
4. _____ Unforgettable experience.
5. _____ New and challenging experience.

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Has a place ever **left a lasting impression** on you?
2. Where have you been that was **bursting with colour**?
3. Have you ever enjoyed the **hustle and bustle** of a busy place?
4. When have you felt **out of your comfort zone** while travelling?
5. What's a **once-in-a-lifetime** experience you'd like to have?

FINAL THOUGHTS....

Discuss the questions below to reflect on what you've learnt during this lesson.

1. What makes India unique as a travel destination?
2. Which part of its culture, food, or places would you most like to experience?
3. Would you consider India a once-in-a-lifetime trip? Why or why not?

