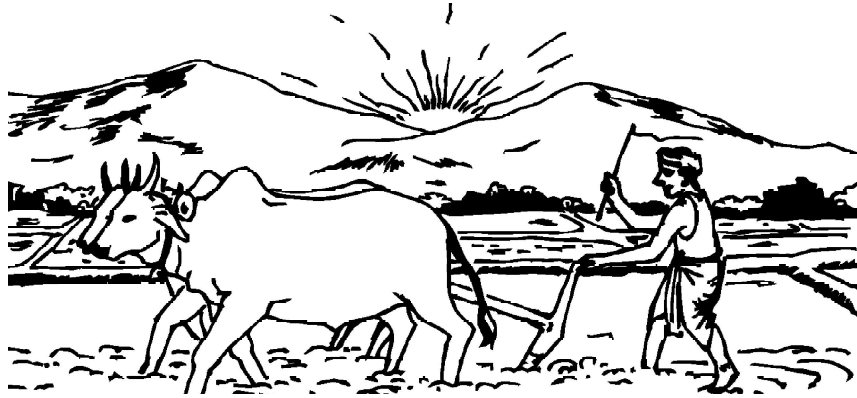


5 The Farmers of Manipur



India is a very big country. There are many people in India. Most of them live in the villages. They are farmers. The Indian farmers are very hard working people. They produce food for the whole country and they must work hard.

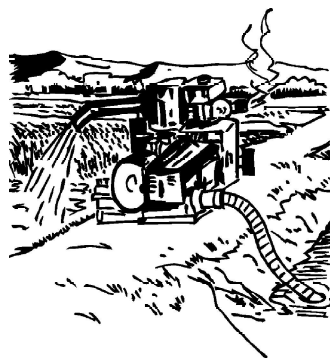


Farmers in Manipur are also very hard working. The rainy season is the busiest period for them. During the rainy season they are always in the field. Look, here is a farmer working in the field. He has been working in the field since dawn. It is almost noon now. He is still working. He has been working for eight hours. But he has no time to go home. He eats his meal at the field. His wife brings him



his meal at about noon. After meal, he rests for some time. Then he works again till sunset.

The farmer is now ploughing his field. When the field is ready, he will plant paddy. Even after he has planted the paddy, his work does not end. He always looks after the plants. Sometimes, there is not enough water in the field. Then he has to work harder. He must try to get water into his field. He uses pumps to get water into his field.

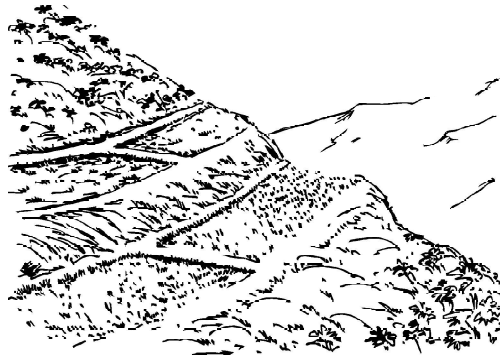


During the month of October the paddy is ripe. It is time to harvest. Then the farmers again become very busy. They cut the paddy. Then they separate the paddy from the stalks. This is all very hard work.



By the end of December, all the paddy in the field has been harvested. Then the farmers take a few days' rest.

Many farmers plant vegetables like cabbages, cauliflowers, mustards and potatoes during the winter. Then from April and May, the farmers become busy for planting paddy again. In this way the farmers in Manipur are always busy and hard-working.



In the hills of Manipur there are no plain fields. So the tribals cut small fields one above the other on the side of the hills and plant paddy there. This is called terrace cultivation. This is a very tiresome work. They cannot use bullocks on the hills to help them in their work. Everything is done with their hands.

Our farmers are very important persons. Without them we shall have no food to eat. But, unfortunately the farmers are very poor. Only a few of them are rich.

We must respect and love the farmers because they are very hard working, honest and simple persons. We must understand that they are the true sons of Manipur.

EXERCISES

1. Answer the following questions:

- (i) Where do most of the Indian people live?
- (ii) When does the farmer's wife bring him his food?
- (iii) When is the paddy ripe in the fields of Manipur?
- (iv) What do many farmers plant in winter in Manipur?
- (v) How do the people plant paddy in the hills of Manipur?

2(a). Read and learn the following words with their meanings:

Produce : things that have been produced by farming

Harvest : act of cutting and gathering grain and other food crops.

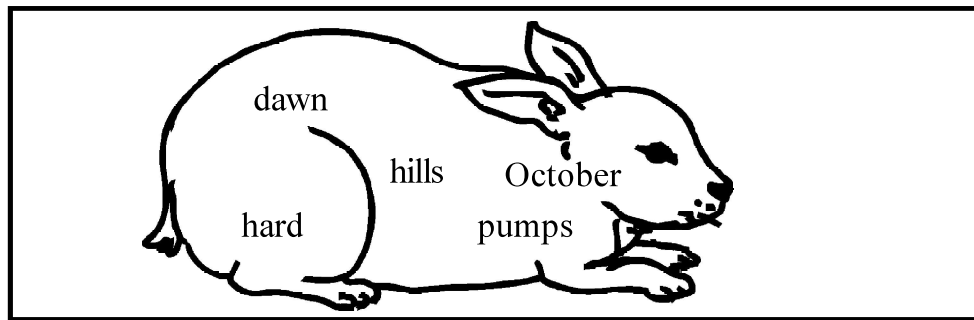
terraced : flat area formed on a slope and used for cultivation.

respect : honour

(b). Farmers grew crops on summer and winter. List crops grown

Summer	Winter
1. Paddy	Potato
2.	
3.	
4.	

2. **Here is a rabbit that has swallowed several words. Take these words out to fill in the blanks in the sentences given below.**



- (i) The farmers of Manipur work _____ .
(ii) The farmer has been working since _____ .
(iii) Sometimes, farmers use _____ to get water into their fields.
(iv) The paddy is ripe in _____ .
(v) Terraced cultivation is done in the _____ .
3. **A person who plants paddy and takes care of the field is called 'a farmer'. Now find out what the following persons are called.**

A person who makes dresses like shirts.

A person who makes tables, chairs, etc.

A person who serves in the armed forces.

A person who flies an aeroplane.

A person who looks after a garden.

4. (a) Add 'ed' to the following words. Write them on the space on the right side. One is done for you

call called

reach _____

lift _____

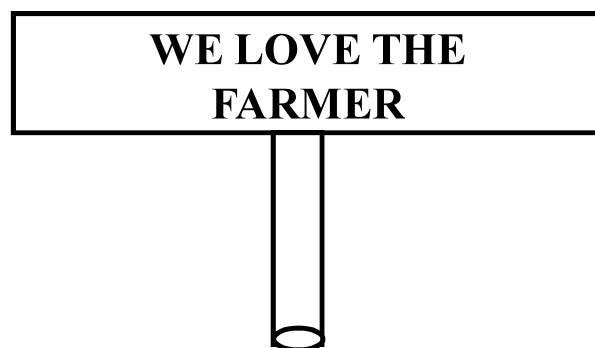
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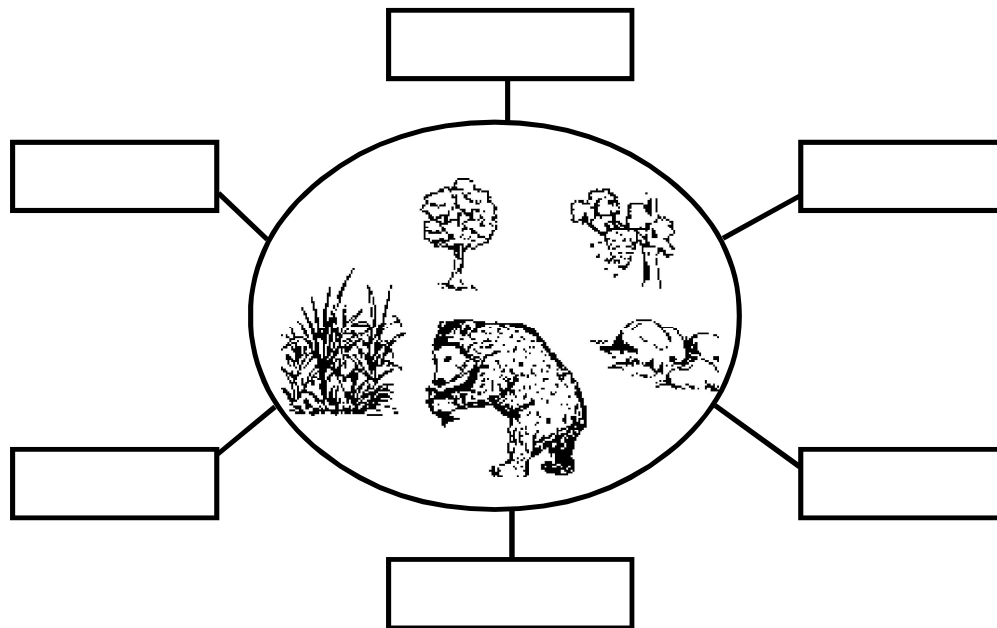
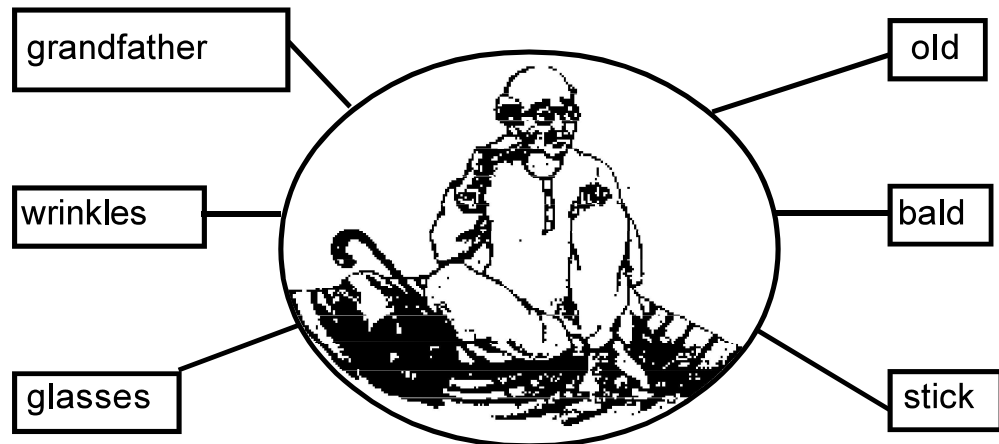
Note: Learn that when we add 'ed' to an action word, it means that the action took place in the past.

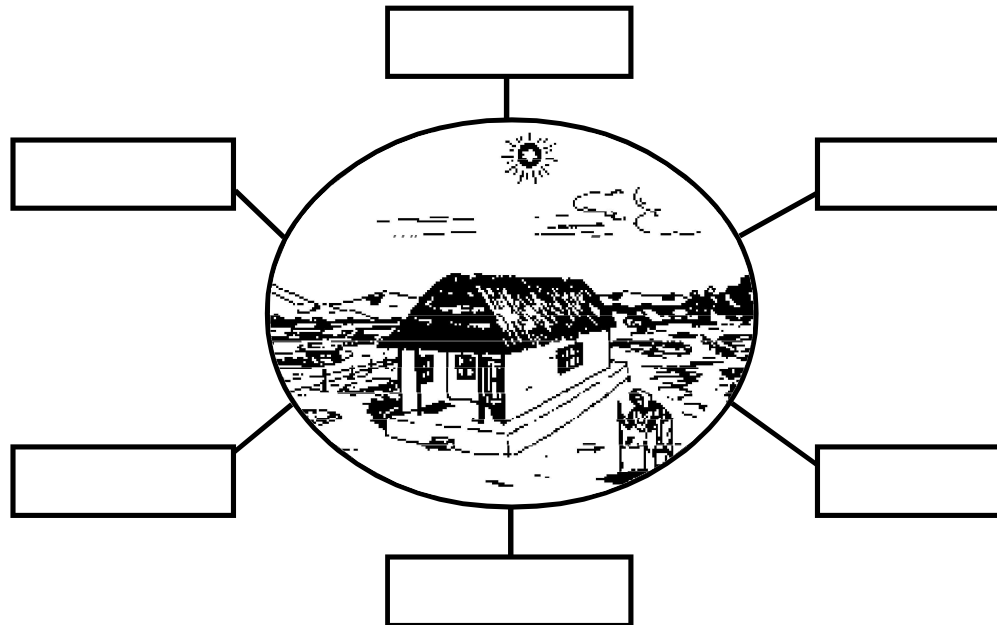
- 6.(a) Here is a poster.



Can you make another? You may use the word RESPECT.

(b) There are some pictures within circles with boxes around. Write words related to the pictures in the boxes. You may add more boxes, if you need. One is done for you :





To the Teacher

You can use this exercise as an interesting class activity to increase the vocabulary of the children through association. Present the central theme given in the circle and ask the children to speak out/write words associated with it. You can design more word webs of this kind and use them in the class for introducing new vocabulary items.

