

7 The Busy Manipuri Women



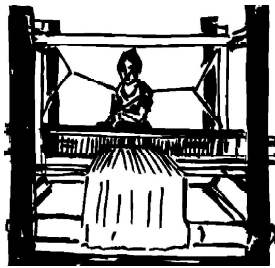
Look at the women in the picture. This is the women's market. Some are selling fishes, some are selling vegetables and some are selling clothes. These women are always busy. They are in the market to sell their goods and help their men in earning money for their families.



This is Ibechaobi from Thoubal. Her day begins at 2.30 in the morning. She takes a bus at 3 a.m. with her load of vegetables. The bus reaches the Khwairamband bazar at around 4.30 a.m. Then she sells her goods to the people. Some women buy whole-sale from her and sell those vegetables in retail later on. By 7a.m. Ibechaobi has sold all her goods are sold and she takes a bus back

to Thoubal, about twenty-five kilometres from Imphal. She will be there by 9 a.m. Her children are waiting for her at their home.

This woman here is working on a loom. She is weaving a *rani-phi*. *Rani-phi* is a special *chaddar* worn by Meitei women at special occasions like marriages and festivals. Some women weave *khudei*, bed-sheet, mosquito net, *inaphi*, etc. Manipuri women are very skilful in their work. These weavers help their families with their earnings.



Look at this woman. She is a tribal woman. The tribal women are very hard-working. This woman is weaving a tribal cloth at a special loom, called loin-loom. One end of the loom is fixed at the wall pillar and the other end is hooked round her waist with a belt. The tribal cloths are very lasting and colourful.



Here is another tribal woman. She is carrying a load of dry wood in a special kind of basket on her back. This basket is called *sham*. She collected the dry-wood yesterday. She brings it to the market to sell it.



Manipuri women feel proud because they always help their families with their work and earnings.

Read and learn the following words with their meanings:

busy : having much to do

goods : things for sale

whole sale : sale of goods as a whole to people who sell in parts or portions

retail : sale of good in small quantities to the public

income : money recieved from one's work, savings

hooked : secured with a hook

EXERCISES

1. Answer the following questions:

- (i) Where does Ibechaobi come from?
- (ii) What does Ibechaobi bring to the market?
- (iii) When do Meitei women wear rani-phi?
- (iv) Are tribal women hard-working?
- (v) Why do Manipuri women feel proud?

2. Replace the picture of each sentence with a word and rewrite the complete sentence.

- (i) The woman is selling 
- (ii) She comes to the market by 
- (iii) The tribal  is lasting and colourful.
- (iv) This is a Manipuri 
- (v) Manipuri  are very hard-working.

3. You have learnt that Manipuri women sell vegetables and weave clothes. Name some other works/jobs that Manipuri women do:

Example:-

Traffic-police.

4. The words in column A are connected with the words in column B. Find the connection and match them. One is done for you.

A	B
mother	vegetables
weave	distance
home	love
market	cloth
kilometres	money
income	safety

5. (a) Read the given sentences describing colours :

Snow is White.

Rose is Red.

Coal is Black.

Grass is Green.

Sky is Blue.

b. Rewrite the sentences as is done in the following pairs.

Choose words from the above sentences:



Roni wears a white pant.

Roni's pant is as white as snow.



Meena has a green bag.

Meena's bag is as green as grass.



Langlen has a blue shirt.

Langlen's shirt is as as



Saheeda wears a black cloak.

Saheeda's cloak is as as



Romeo has a red handkerchief.

Romeo's handkerchief is as as

c. Look at the pictures:

Complete the given sentences with the proper forms of the words in the clouds. One is done for you.



Moba



Koba

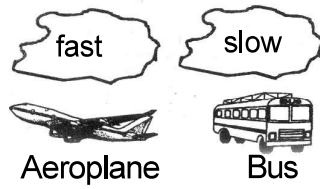
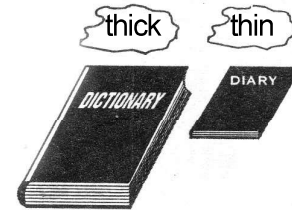
Moba is taller than Koba.

Koba is shorter than Moba.

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I. A dictionary is than a magazine.

A diary is than a dictionary.

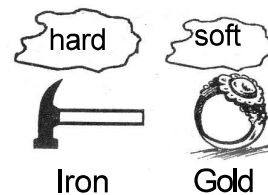


2. An aeroplane is than a bus.

A bus is than an aeroplane.

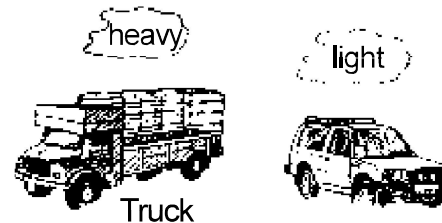
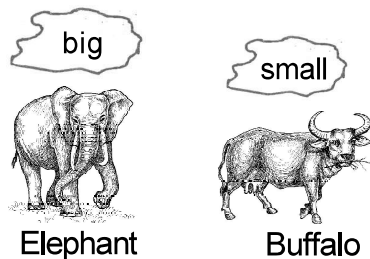
II. Iron isthan gold.

Gold isthan iron.



III. An elephant is than a buffalo.

A buffalo is than an elephant.



IV. A truck is than a jeep.

V. A jeep is than a truck.

6. Rewrite the passage using proper punctuation and capital letters. One is done for you.

Thambou was a poor fisherman
he lived at thanga early one
morning before sunrise thambou
rowed out his small boat to the
waters of loktak lake

for a long time thambou caught
nothing the sun then rose high it
was getting hot thambou was
now tired and hungry just then
he heard a fish swim into his net he pulled up his fishing net
there he saw a silvery fish it was a pengba



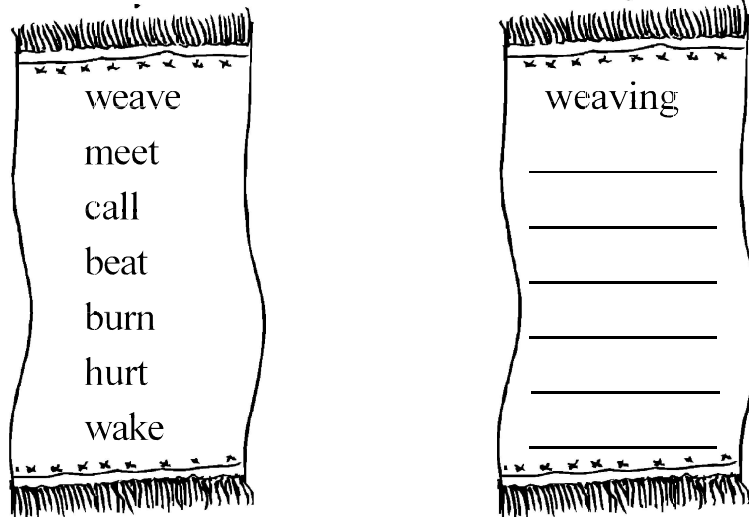
Ans. Thambou was a poor fisherman. He lived at Thanga. Early one morning, before sunrise, Thambou rowed out his small boat to the waters of Loktak lake.

For a long time Thambou caught nothing. The sun then rose high. It was getting hot. Thambou was now tired and hungry. Just then he heard a fish swim into his net. He pulled up his fishing net. There he saw a silvery fish. It was a pengba.

Johnson and micheal went on
a trekking in the jungle they
were in the middle of it just
then they heard a growling
sound they looked sideways
and saw a bear was charging
at them in a moment.



7. Read the words on the cloth on the left hand side. Add 'ing' to them and see what they become. Write them on the cloth on the right hand side. One is done for you.



8. In the following sentences the words are not in order. Write them in the proper order.
- (i) fruits sells in the market Mani.
 - (ii) from is Ukhrul coming the bus.
 - (iii) hard-working are men the tribal.
9. Look at the word *vegetables*. It has in it the word *get*. Now make two other words from it.
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10. Add 'e' where necessary.

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