

9 A Letter from Imphal



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Dear Sadasiv,

I've received your letter dated 1.10.03. You've written that you do not know anything about Manipur. Well, I'll try here to give you some idea about Manipur.

I'll call Manipur a beautiful garden in a corner of the earth. There is a valley in the middle of this garden surrounded by ranges of blue hills. There is a beautiful lake, called Loktak in this valley.



Like the varieties of flowers in a garden, different people live in the garden of Manipur. Like flowers, these people look so colourful and so different. Yet, they're the flowers of the same garden.

Towards the north-east, in the district of Ukhrul, the Tangkhuls live.

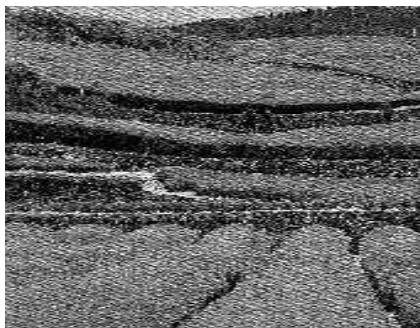
You must have heard of Sirui lily. The Sirui hill in Ukhrul is the place where the beautiful Sirui lily grows and blooms. Like the Sirui lily, the Tangkhuls are colourful people in their traditional dresses.

Then towards the north, in the Senapati district, there are many other colourful tribes like the Maos, the Paomei, the Maram, etc.

The beautiful Dzuko valley is in this district. It is in this valley that Dzuko lily grows. There are tea gardens in the Senapati district. The Kuki tribe also lives in some places in the hills of Senapati. The tribes in the district of Senapati too are colourful in traditional dresses.



Tamenglong is another district where the Zeme, the Liangmai, the Rongmei and the Puimei tribes live. They are also known as the Zeliangrong tribe. Tamenglong produces a lot of juicy oranges. Tea also grows here.



Chandel district is the home of many tribes – the Anal, the Maring, the Moyon, the Monsang, etc. The well-known border town of Moreh is in this district.

Down south in the Churachandpur district the Kukis, the Hmars and the Mizos live. Then the Meiteis are widespread but the majority of them live in

the valley of the state along with other communities. Manipur is also home of thousands of Marwaris, Sikhs, Bengalis, Assamese, South Indians, Nepalis, Biharis and other people from the rest of the country. All these people have always been living together as different flowers of a single garden. They live together in harmony. They know that they cannot break this relationship that binds them together. Manipur indeed is a paradise on earth.

Well, Sada, you must have learnt something about Manipur and her people. Next time, I'll write more about Manipur.

Wishing you all the best,

With love,

Barun

Let us read and learn the following words with their meanings:

range : lines or rows of mountains, hills, etc.

colourful : full of colour

border : frontier, dividing line between two countries
or the area near that line

harmony : agreement

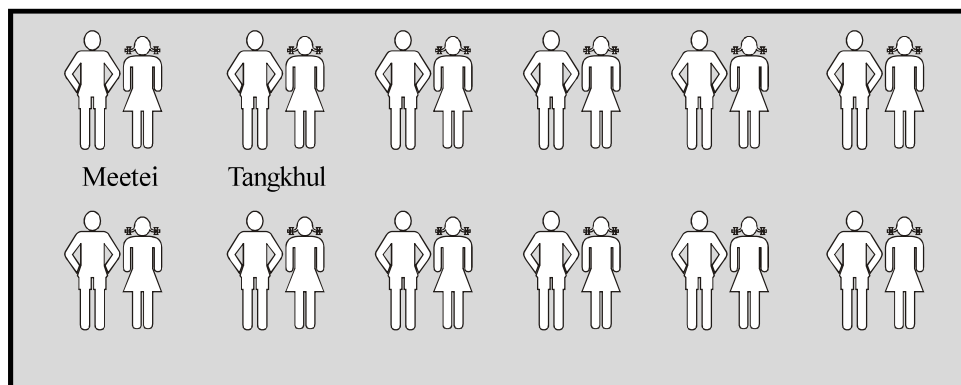
paradise : heaven, state of full happiness.

EXERCISES

1.(a) Answer the following questions:

1. Who live in the district of Ukhrul?
2. Which tribes form the Zeliangrong tribe?
3. In which district do the Maos and the Paomeis live?
4. Where do the Anals and the Marings live?
5. In which district do the Mizos live?

2.(b) Look at the following. Every pair of a man and a woman represents the different people who live in Manipur. Give as many names of the people as you can to each pair. Two have been done for you. Draw more pictures if you need.



(c) Look at the following slogan:

WE ARE THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS
OF THE SAME MOTHER

and attempt to write a similar slogan showing the
oneness of the people of Manipur:

2. Match the words in column A with their meanings in
column B:

A	B
received	put on
varieties	really
traditional	got
wear	encircle
indeed	different kinds
surround	customary

Now replace the underlined words in the following
sentences with their meanings:

- I. I received your letter.
- II. There are varieties of fruits in Manipur.
- III. The people wear colourful dresses.
- IV Indeed Manipur is a paradise on earth.

V. This is our traditional dress.

VI. Hills surround the valley.

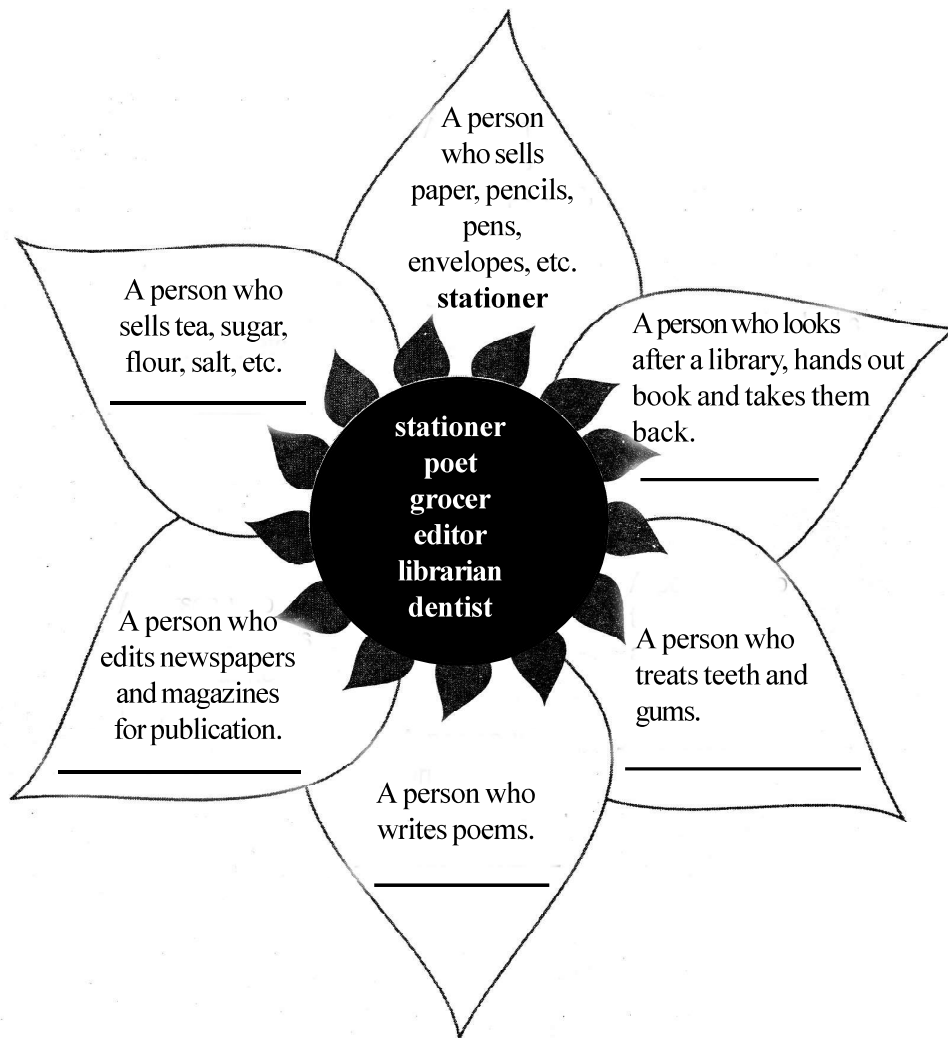
- 3. Some letters are missing in the following words. Fill them in:**

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tri _ _ e	di _ tr _ ct	br _ _ k	
s _ _ ngl _			

- 4. Add 'y' to the following words and see what happens. Two are done for you.**

juice	juicy
sun	sunny
fun	_____
milk	_____
bag	_____
spice	_____

5. (a) The jobs of workmen are listed in the middle of the flower. They have been defined in the petals. Pick up the correct word from the circle. Then write it in the blanks given in the petals. One is done for you :



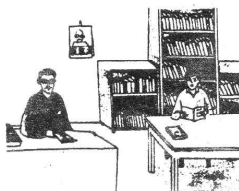
b. Now describe in complete sentences. One is done for you :

I. A person who edits newspapers and magazines for publication is called an **editor**.



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