

## LESSON 17



### I love my india

India is our motherland. It is well known for its social and religious integrity all over the world. Our country is a rich and beautiful country. It has many cultures and religions.

Our country extends from the colourful Rajasthan and Gujarat in the west to the vast green tea gardens of Assam in the east, the mighty Himalayas crowning Kashmir in the north to the beautiful Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the south.

Our country is a centre of attraction for tourists because it has many beautiful places. The Taj Mahal, The Fatehpur Sikri, The Red Fort and The Qutub Minar are a few wonders which attract many people all over the world.

India is known for its unity in diversity. We speak many languages, worship many gods and



yet we have the same spirit, the spirit of India. This spirit of oneness runs through all parts of our country binding us together. We celebrate different festivals like Holi, Diwali, Baisakhi, Eid, Christmas, Pongal etc. with great joy and happiness. We all live here happily. I love my country and I am proud to be an Indian.

*Ours is a land of sages, known for bravery for ages  
None can with it compete, its culture none can beat*

#### New Words

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
social	- सोशल	- सामाजिक
religious	- रिलिजिअस	- धार्मिक
integrity	- इन्टेग्रिटी	- अखंडता
attraction	- अट्रैक्शन	- आकर्षण
tourist	- टुरिस्ट	- पर्यटक
unity in diversity	- यूनिटी इन डायवर्सिटी	- अनेकता में एकता
binding	- बाइन्डिंग	- जोड़ना

#### Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions:

- What is the name of our motherland?
- Name the two colourful states situated in the west.
- Why is our country a centre of attraction for the tourists?
- Name three languages spoken in India.
- What is India specially known for?
- Name a few festivals celebrated in India.

## Word Power

1. Fill in the blanks with the following words given in the box:

attract unity motherland proud diversity

- I love my \_\_\_\_\_ .
- There is a big \_\_\_\_\_ in Indian culture.
- Colourful flowers \_\_\_\_\_ bees.
- The strength lies in your \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I am \_\_\_\_\_ to be an Indian.

## Language Practice

1. Use the words given in the table and make complete sentences.

I	is am are	singing	a	letter	.
You		flying		novel	
She		drawing		kite	
He		eating		picture	
We		writing		song	
They		reading		mango	

## Let's Know More

- » India is the world's largest democracy.
- » 'The Vishnu Temple' of Tirupathi is the world's largest religious pilgrimage.
- » 'Kumbh Mela' has the largest gathering of people. The huge gathering was visible from space.
- » India invented the 'number system'. 'Zero' was invented by Aryabhata.
- » Chess, snakes and ladders, the martial arts of Judo & Karate, had originated in India.
- » India taught 'Yoga' to the world.
- » India gave the world its first university - "Takshashila University".
- » Indians were the first to use and invent buttons.
- » Ayurveda - An ancient system of medicine was originated in India.
- » Bhaskaracharya rightly calculated the time taken by the Earth to orbit the Sun.
- » India taught the world to cultivate jute.
- » Indians discovered how to crystallize sugar.

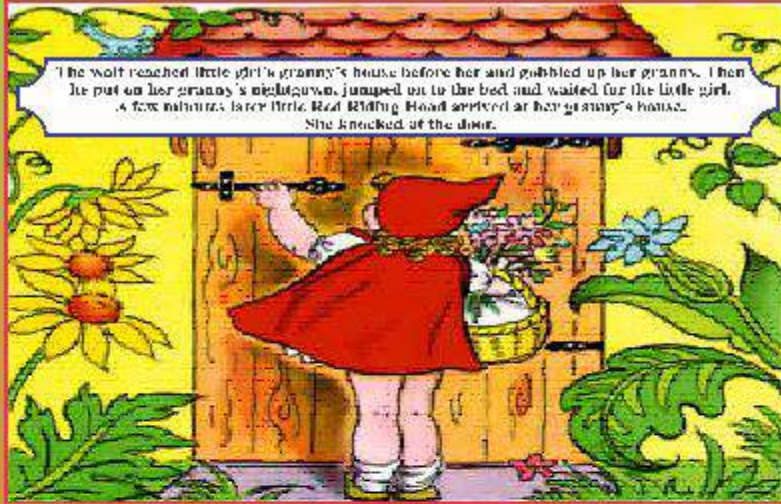
## Activity

» Collect the pictures of some famous monuments of India. Paste them in your notebook and write their names.





The wolf reached little girl's granny's house before her and gobbled up her granny. Then he put on her granny's nightgown, jumped on to the bed and waited for the little girl. A few minutes later little Red Riding Hood arrived at her granny's house. She knocked at the door.



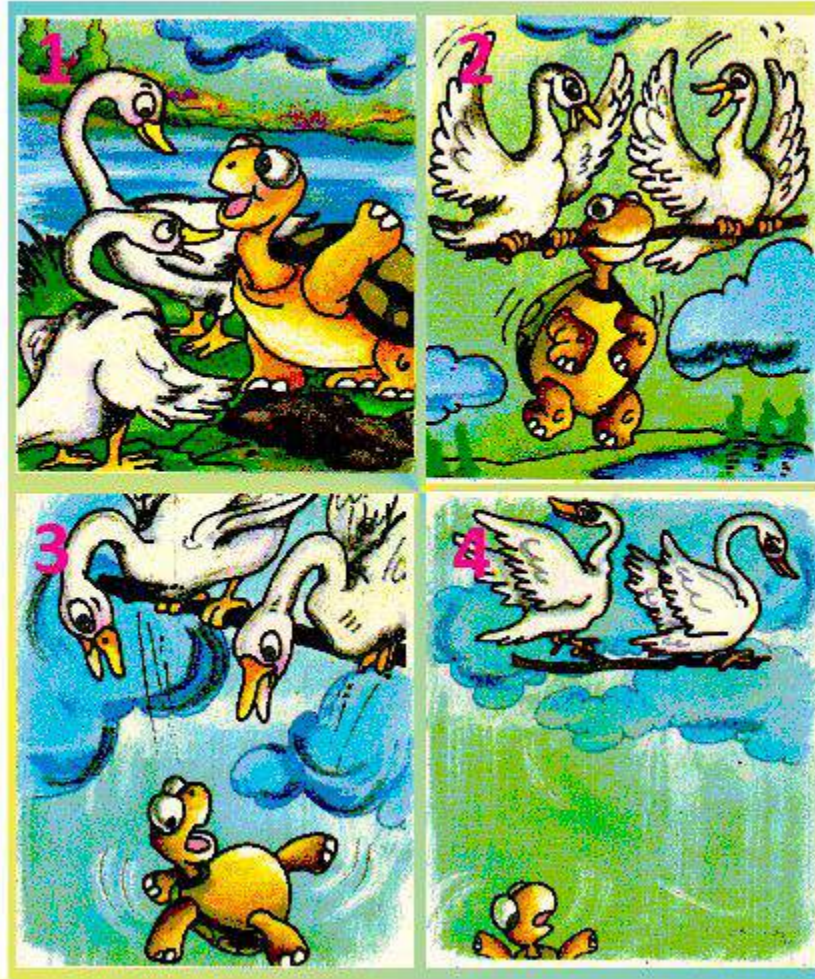
Who's there?

It's me your granddaughter, little Red Riding Hood. I have brought a basket with some bread and honey for you.





## THE TALKATIVE TORTOISE



Look at the pictures and fill in the missing words in the story given below :

1. Once there was a tortoise who lived in a \_\_\_\_\_. Two swans used to visit him everyday. The \_\_\_\_\_ was very talkative. It used to talk to \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time. The tortoise and the swans became good \_\_\_\_\_. All of them were very \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Once there was a drought. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the pond had dried up. The three friends decided to move out to some other \_\_\_\_\_. The swans suggested a plan, according to which the tortoise would have to hold a piece of \_\_\_\_\_ by its mouth and the swans would \_\_\_\_\_ the two ends with their claws.

They told the tortoise not to \_\_\_\_\_ otherwise it would fall and die. The tortoise understood and \_\_\_\_\_ them not to open its mouth during the journey.

3. While \_\_\_\_\_ of them were crossing a village, many people saw them and got surprised. They shouted at the tortoise and made \_\_\_\_\_ of him. The tortoise got angry and \_\_\_\_\_ its mouth to speak.

4. As soon as the tortoise \_\_\_\_\_ its mouth to speak, he loosened its hold on the stick and fell down on the ground and \_\_\_\_\_. The swans were very \_\_\_\_\_ to see their friend's end. The tortoise died because of his impatience and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Moral of the Story :**  
*Always listen to friendly advice*