

## Text 1: All About India

① Let's ask Rupa some questions about her country.

### Where is India?

India is in the continent of Asia. It is a huge country, with the Himalayan Mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. The capital city of India is New Delhi.



### 2 What is the weather like in India?

You will find all kinds of weather in India. Most of the country is warm all year, and it can be very hot in the south. But it is cold in the Himalayas, and there is always snow on the mountain peaks.

India has a very rainy season from June to September. This is called the 'monsoon season'. Monsoon flooding can cause as much damage as drought.

### 3 What does the Indian flag look like?

orange —————→  
white (with blue wheel) ———→  
green —————→



### What is the food like in India?

India is a big country, and there are lots of different types of food in the different regions. Meat, fish or vegetable dishes with spicy sauces are popular in many places. They are often served with rice, bread or potatoes.

Many people in India are vegetarians.

### 4 How many people live in India?

One billion people live in India. The only country with more people is China.

### What language do they speak?

The main language is Hindi, but many other languages are spoken.

### What is the money called?

The main unit of currency is the rupee.

1 rupee = 100 paise

### 5 What crops are grown in India?

There are many different types of foods grown in India. Some of the main ones are:

- rice
- sugar cane
- tea
- coffee
- spices
- oranges and lemons



tea



coffee





## What about the wildlife?

There are more than 350 species of mammal and 1200 species of bird in India. Some live in national parks where they can be looked after.

The Bengal tiger and the Indian elephant can be found in most parts of the country, but there are fewer and fewer every year.

Some of the other mammals are:

- rhinos
- leopards
- panthers
- deer
- wolves



Some of the birds are:

- cranes
- storks
- herons
- flamingos





## 7 What do Indian workers produce?

India makes many different things to sell.

Some of the main products are:

- iron and steel
- jewellery
- clothing
- leather items



## Are there any famous buildings in India?

The most famous one is the Taj Mahal, in Agra.

It was built over 350 years ago by the Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his wife.

## 8 Glossary

**currency** = the money used in a particular country

**drought** = a time of too little rain, when people are short of water

**mammal** = an animal which has hair and which feeds its babies on its own milk

**monsoon** = the wind which blows across India from the Arabian Sea, bringing heavy rain