

## Lesson -9

# Maheshwar

1. Have you ever visited a fort?
2. How does a fort on the bank of a river look?
3. Which are the famous forts in our state?



On the way back home from school Neelesh, Raghu and Sunil went to their friend Bhola's home. There they saw a beautiful picture hanging on the wall. In the picture there was a grand fort and a river. They liked the picture very much and were curious to know more about it.

Neelesh : Which place is this in the picture? It is beautiful!

Bhola : It is Maheshwar, the capital town of Rani Ahilya Bai of Indore.

Raghu : Where is Maheshwar?

Bhola : It is in Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh. It is 95 kms. away from Indore.

Sunil : What is Maheshwar famous for?

Bhola : Maheshwar is famous for the fort built by Rani Ahilya Bai.

She was the queen of the Holkar dynasty.

Sunil : When did she build the fort?

Bhola : She built it in the 18th century.

Raghu : Where is it situated?

Bhola : It is situated on the bank of the holy river Narmada. In ancient history Maheshwar was known as 'Mahishmati'

Neelesh : How do you know all these? Have you ever visited Maheshwar?

Bhola : Yes, I went there last year.

Raghu : Then please tell us something more about your visit.

Bhola : Sure. I visited the place with my father. We went there by bus. It took us about three hours from Indore. We reached there at 11 in the morning. After bathing in the holy 'Narmada' we went to have a look around.

Neelesh : What places did you visit there?

Bhola : We started with the famous 'Maheshwar Fort'. It is a majestic fort. It is also known as the fort complex, because there are a number of temples and *ghats* near the mighty fort. It is made of red stone brought from Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Sunil : Is there any other fort like this one?

Bhola : Yes, there are some. But this is one of the most beautiful forts in central India.

Raghu : What are the other specialities of Maheshwar?

Bhola : It is also well known for the cotton and silk blended handloom sarees-woven by the local weavers. These sarees are known as 'Maheshwari sarees'.

Raghu : Thank you, Bhola for the information. I would like to go to Maheshwar during the coming summer vacations.

Neelesh : That's a wonderful idea. Now let's go home. Today we have got lots of information about Maheshwar.

(Then all the friends left for their homes happily.)

## Exercises

### Read and Learn

way	fort	central	silk
curious	dynasty	special	blend
economic	history	cotton	handloom

### Word Power

a) Match the places with their monuments.

Agra	The Charminar
Delhi	The Stupas
Hyderabad	The Taj Mahal
Mumbai	The Qutub Minar
Sanchi	The Gate way of India

(b) Rearrange the jumbled letters and make a meaningful word then use them in the sentences of your own.

Example: icne - nice Vinod is a nice boy.

mohe	-	.....
torf	-	.....
nqeeu	-	.....
eptmel	-	.....
tivis	-	.....

(c) Fill in the blanks, using the given words.

(beautiful, dip, around, visit, once)

The *ghats* of the Ganga at Benaras are ..... Everyone should ..... the place at least ..... in life. Here a holy

..... in the Ganga is considered as a divine experience. When you look ..... the city you will really be impressed by it.

## Comprehension

### (a) Answer these questions.

- (i) What was there in the picture?
- (ii) Who built the Maheshwar fort?
- (iii) What was Maheshwar known as in ancient history?
- (iv) What are the other specialities of Maheshwar?
- (v) Who took Bhola to Maheshwar?
- (vi) What is the fort made of?

### (b) Read the following statements and write true (T) or false (F).

- (i) Maheshwar is situated on the bank of the holy river Narmada. [    ]
- (ii) All the friends had already visited Maheshwar. [    ]
- (iii) The fort was built by Rani Ahilya Bai. [    ]
- (iv) The fort is made of yellow stones. [    ]
- (v) Maheshwar is also known for the 'Maheshwari sarees'. [    ]

### (c) Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- (i) Maheshwar is situated in .....district of Madhya Pradesh.
  - (a) Indore                      (c) Ujjain
  - (b) Khargone                (d) Dewas
- (ii) The fort is made of ..... stone.
  - (a) red                        (c) white
  - (b) blue                      (d) yellow

- (iii) The red stone was brought from ..... .  
(a) Bihar (c) Punjab and Haryana  
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Gujrat and Rajasthan
- (iv) Rani Ahilya Bai was the queen of ..... .  
(a) Bhopal (c) Indore  
(b) Gwalior (d) Jabalpur
- (v) The 'Maheshwari sarees' are made of .....  
(a) cotton and silk (c) silk  
(b) wool (d) fibre

### Let's Learn

- (a) Choose the most appropriate adjectives from brackets to complete the sentences.

(intelligent, famous, faithful, bad, good)

- (i) The Taj is the most \_\_\_\_\_ monument.  
(ii) It's \_\_\_\_\_ to make fun of others.  
(iii) Early rising is a \_\_\_\_\_ habit.  
(iv) Rani is an \_\_\_\_\_ girl.  
(v) The dog is a \_\_\_\_\_ animal.

- (b) Give the opposites of the following adjectives.

- (i) bright .....  
(ii) long .....  
(iii) honest .....  
(iv) fat .....  
(v) wide .....

## Let's Talk

**Talk to your friends to find out if anybody has visited any historical place recently. With the help of the following questions collect the information of their visits and discuss it in the class.**

1. Where did you go?
2. When did you go there?
3. What places did you visit there?
4. What is the place known for?

## Let's Read

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given under it.**

In the town of Burhanpur there is a unique system of water supply. This is known as the 'Khooni Bhandara'. It's unique in the sense that the water runs in the covered channels about four kilometres, without any help of electricity or any other modern invention. This whole system includes a pond, underground channels and some chambers. These four metre deep underground channels are made of marble. After each hundred metres there is a chamber known as 'Kundi'. Here the underground running water can be taken out with the help of a bucket tied to a rope. This natural water is so pure, cold, and clean that it is used as drinking water. This natural and unique system was built in the 17th century by the Mughals.

### Questions.

1. Where is the 'Khooni Bhandara' situated?
2. When and by whom was it built?
3. What are the open chambers known as?
4. What is the whole system built of?
5. How do the people take water from the 'Kundi'?

## Let's Write

- (a) After visiting a picnic spot, Charu noted the following details in her diary. Now describe Charu's visit with the help of the details given. The first one is done for you.

Date	Day	activity
12. 06. 07	Tuesday	went to see the dam
13. 06. 07	Wednesday	visited the zoo
14. 06. 07	Thursday	had lunch at 11.30 am. in a restaurant
14. 06. 07	Thursday	saw a documentary film in the noon
14. 06. 07	Thursday	came back home in the evening

### Begin like this:

Charu went to see the dam on Tuesday, the 12th of June 2007.

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(b) Write a short note on Bhola's visit to Maheshwar.

### Let's do it

Talk to your parents about any ten places they have visited. Make a list of them. Find out how many of them you haven't seen so far.

name of the place	famous for
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____