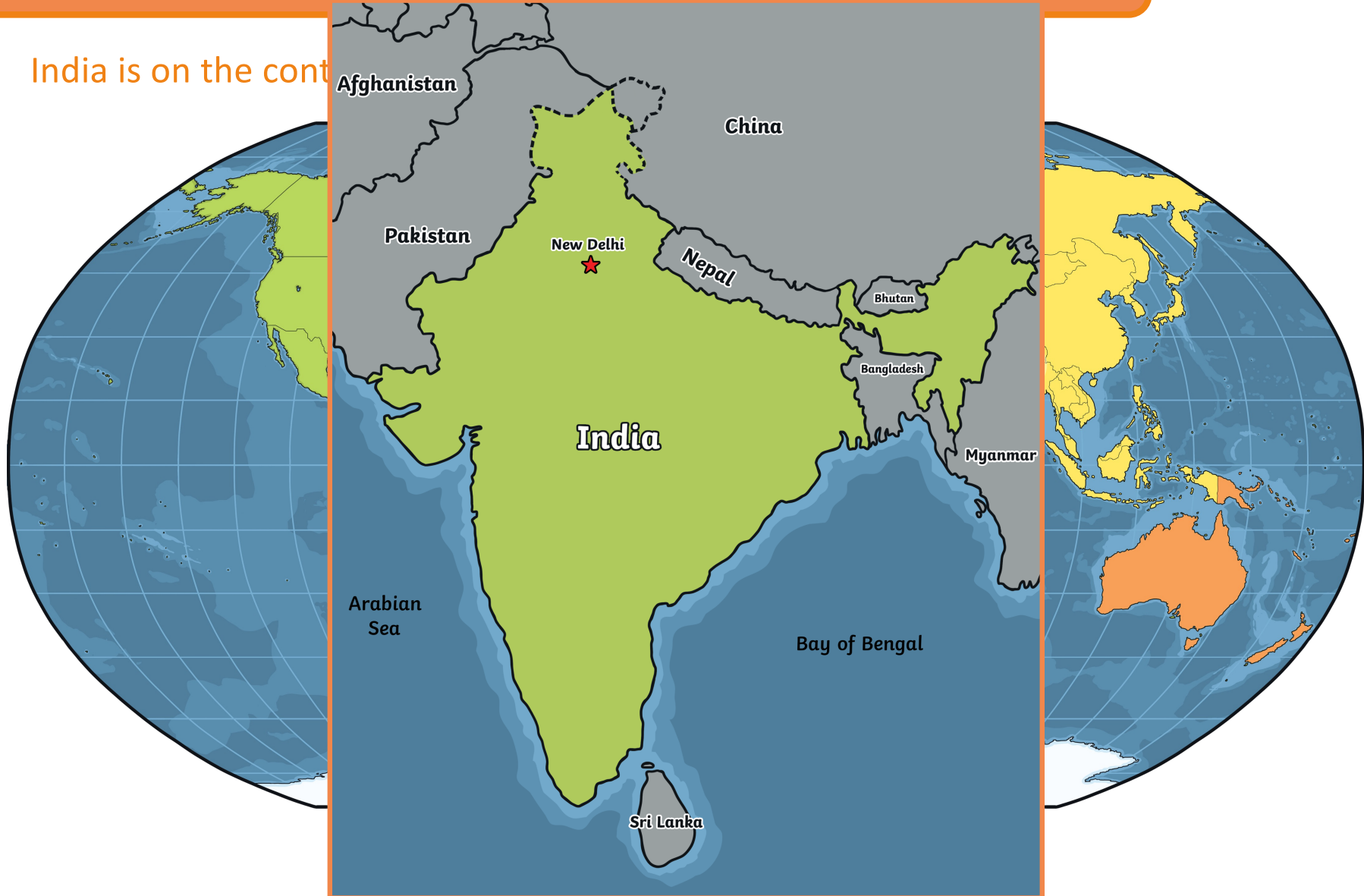


Y2: *India*



Where is India?

India is on the continent of Asia.



Where is India?



Quick Facts

Capital City: New Delhi

Population: Over 1.4 billion people (2023)

Currency: Indian rupee

Official Language(s): India has many official languages. Hindi is the most used.

“When I went to India my daddy, he gave me some rupees to buy some clothes.” – Mevlen

“India is in Asia.” – Ezra.

“Its really big. It’s the biggest continent.”- Abigail

“The Indian ocean surrounds India.” - Alex

“New Delhi is the capital.”- Jesupemi



Flag

National Anthem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtMF973tXIY>

Words and phrases:

hello – namaste

Goodbye – alavida

My name is _____. - Mera naam _____ hai.

1 – ek

2 – do

3 – teen

4 – chaar

5 – paanch

“They speak Hindi.” – Alex

Climate

India has lots of different types of weather. This is because of where India is and its different types of geography.

In the south of India it is very hot in summer and cool in winter.

It rains for four months during the monsoon season.

“I would be delighted to move to India because it’s hot.” - Nimaah



What is India's landscape like?

The River Ganges is the longest river in India. It is around 2525km (1560 miles long).

The Ganges is an important and holy place for Hindus.

“I just love the river, they might pray there.” - Roman



What is India's landscape like?

India is home to the Himalayas mountain range. The Himalayas spread through many countries in Asia.

The Himalayas has some of the tallest mountains in the world including Mount Everest.

“They are so bright.” - Bozhidara

“They are covered in snow!” - Alexia

“The tallest mountain is Mount Everest” – Ezra



What landmarks can be seen?

The Taj Mahal is one of India's most famous landmarks. It is covered in white marble on the outside. It was built by an Indian ruler named Shah Jahan to remember his wife.

It is listed as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

“It looks like a mosque.” - Isaac

“It reminds me of St Paul's cathedral.” - Pearl



What wildlife can be seen?

Many animals live in India like the Indian elephant, the Bengal tiger and the king cobra.

You can even find snow leopards living in the mountains!



“Snow leopard are in the mountains”- Harry.

“Only tigers and lions live in the same country in India”- Valentin and Ezra.

National Symbols

The tiger is the national symbol of India.

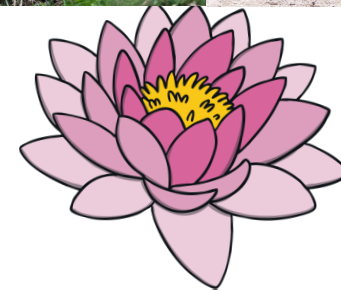
The peacock is the national bird of India. It symbolises grace, joy, beauty and love.

India's national flower is the lotus which Hindus regard as sacred.

"Peacocks represent grace, joy and beauty" - Alex.

"The peacock spreads his feathers to get attention." -

Fola



What is the food like?

India is known for flavouring food with spices like turmeric, ginger and cinnamon.

Vegetarian dishes are popular in India as a lot of Indians do not eat meat. Pakora is a popular snack made with chunks of vegetables.

Mangoes and other tropical fruit grow in India.

“Mangos are juicy, sweet and they are yellow” - Sufyan

“They eat samosa and bowls of vegetables, samosa is like a a pyramid shape that has a lot of potato.” - Awais



Religion

Most people in India are Hindu. Other religions in India include Islam, Christianity and Sikhism.

Hindu festivals are celebrated throughout the year.

Holi is when Hindus remember the story of the god, Lord Krishna. Holi is celebrated in spring. People celebrate by throwing coloured powders and lighting bonfires.

“When it’s nearly Holi they set up a bonfire.” – Nimaah

“My grandparents, my friends live in India. My religion is Muslim”- Mevlen.

“They throw powders and throw colours at each other. Called the Holi festival.” – Adibola.

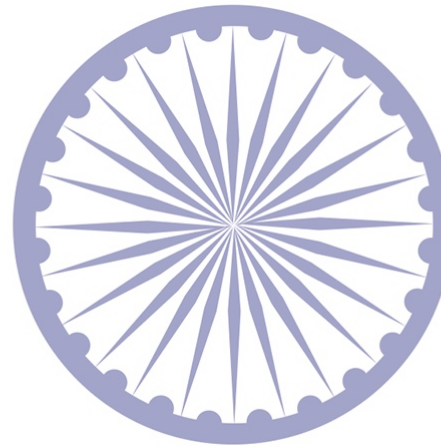




Clothes

The **Sari** is a type of traditional women's clothing in India. It is made from long drapes of fabric wrapped around the body and is usually worn with a bodice (choli) and petticoat (parkar).

Saris are often made from materials like silk and cotton. They are brightly coloured and have beautiful patterns.



'This is a sari.' - Awais

"They have lots of circles on." - Nimaah

"Some are stripy." - Lily

Did you know...?

There are more than 80 different ways to wear a sari!

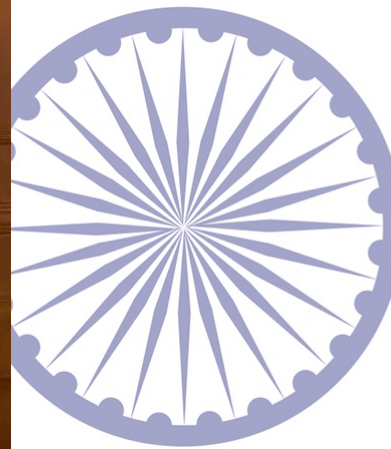
Clothes



The **Achkan** is a type of traditional men's clothing in India.

It is a knee length jacket with long sleeves and a breast pocket on the left hand side.

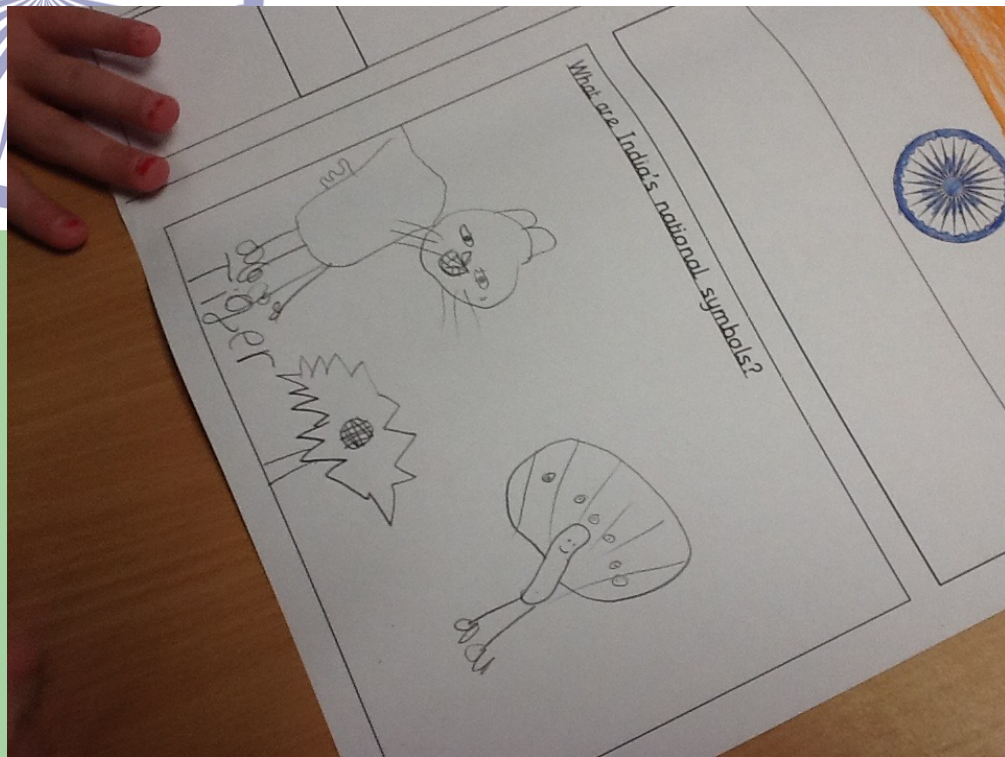
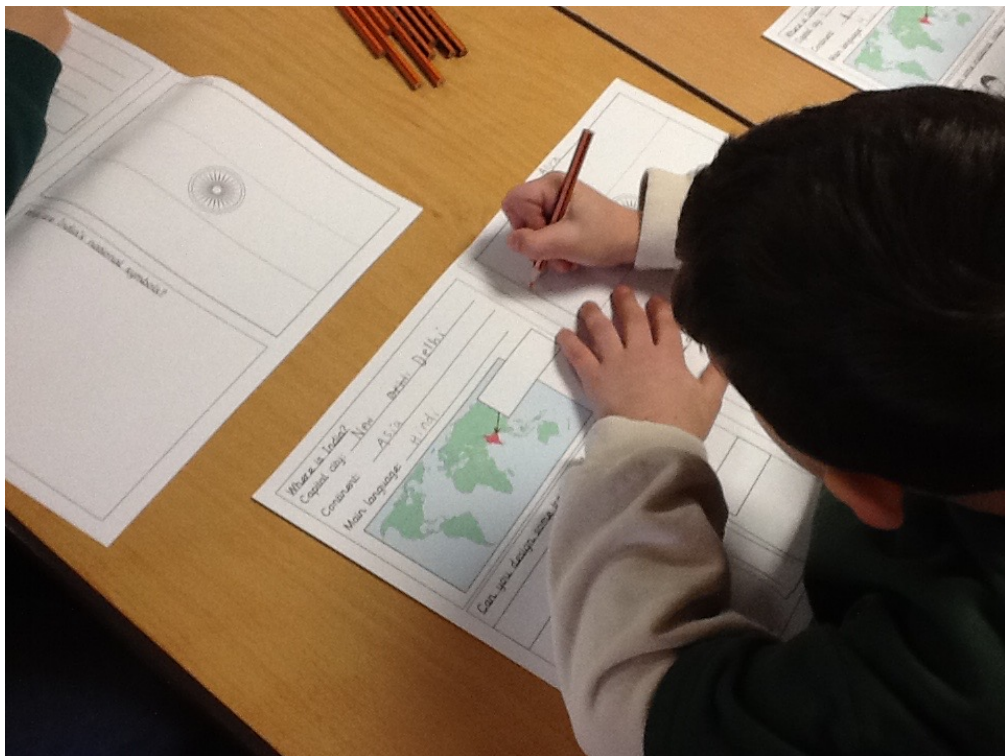
It was traditionally worn by men of royal family.



“They are not bright.” - Alexia

“They are like clothes for a king.”
Isaac

“They are very smart and
handsome.” - Pearl



We learnt some Indian dance moves!



The Hindu story of Diwali:

The story of Rama and Sita

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zdtmnrdr>



What Is Rangoli?

Rangoli is a type of art that started in India.

A rangoli design is made up of beautiful coloured patterns.

The designs are often very detailed.

"They make rangoli patterns when it's a festival"

- Toby

"Rangoli are very colourful and all unique"- Jesupemi



Celebrating with Rangoli

Rangoli designs are usually made during festivals and celebrations.

“The festival of light is Diwali”- Alex.

Lots of rangoli patterns are created during Diwali. They can also be seen at other Hindu festivals and special occasions, such as weddings.



Celebrating with Rangoli

Rangoli designs are thought to bring good luck.

“They put the rangoli pattern and lights in front of the door”- Jesupemi.

During Diwali, rangoli patterns are created at the entrance to people’s homes to welcome Goddess Lakshmi. Diva lamps are often added.



How Are Rangoli Designs Made?

Each rangoli design is different. The designs are passed down from generation to generation. The different designs include different shapes or images.

Rangoli patterns are always made on the floor. The outline is often created before being filled in with colour.



How Are Rangoli Designs Made?

Sometimes, coloured powders are used.



They can be made using different colourful materials. The materials used are things that most people can get easily, without spending lots of money. This means that everyone has the chance to make them.



Coloured rice can also be used in the designs.

How Are Rangoli Designs Made?

Some rangoli artists use flowers and petals to add the colours.

“They are symmetrical” – Iremide



Marigold flowers are a popular choice.

Symmetrical Rangoli

Many rangoli designs are symmetrical. They often include geometric shapes, as well as lots of curved and straight lines.

“There are lots of different 2D shapes.” - Pasha



Drawing the Gods

Some rangoli artists include pictures of gods in their designs. This artist has included an image of the Hindu God, Ganesha.



Ganesha is an elephant-headed Hindu god. He is the lord of arts and sciences, as well as the god of beginnings.



Beautiful Birds

Beautiful birds can often be seen in rangoli designs, such as parrots or peacocks.

Artists often choose very colourful birds because it is very important that the rangoli design has lots of colour.

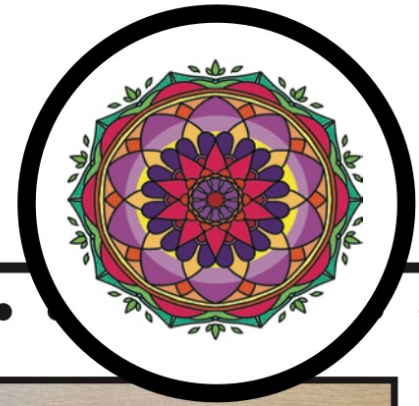


Flower Designs

Rangoli artworks are sometimes made in the shape of flowers.



Paper Plate Rangoli Patterns



You will need:

- Paper plate
- Coloured card or paper: variety of colours
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick







