

15 SIKKIM

Sikkim is a state in the north-eastern part of India. The capital of Sikkim is Gangtok. It is a nice city. People in Sikkim speak Nepali, Lepcha, Bhutia, Limbu and English.

Sikkim has hilly areas and rocky slopes. People use terrace farming. They get water from the mountain streams. People grow tea, cardamom, ginger, apples and oranges.

The forest regions of Sikkim have a wide variety of plants, birds and animals. Pine and oak trees, and bamboo and banana grow in plenty. We find different kinds of orchids. Along with the red panda, which is the state animal, snow leopards and musk deer are also found.



Kangchenjunga, the world's third highest peak, is located in Sikkim.

The weather is cold in Sikkim.

To the Teacher

- Help the children read the text para by para.
- Ask them how many languages they can speak/understand.





1. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements in brackets. One has been done for you.

- (i) The weather of Sikkim is cold. (T)
- (ii) Gangtok is the capital of Sikkim. ()
- (iii) Gangtok is a dirty city. ()
- (iv) The elephant is the state animal of Sikkim ()
- (v) Almost every person in Sikkim can understand more than one language. ()

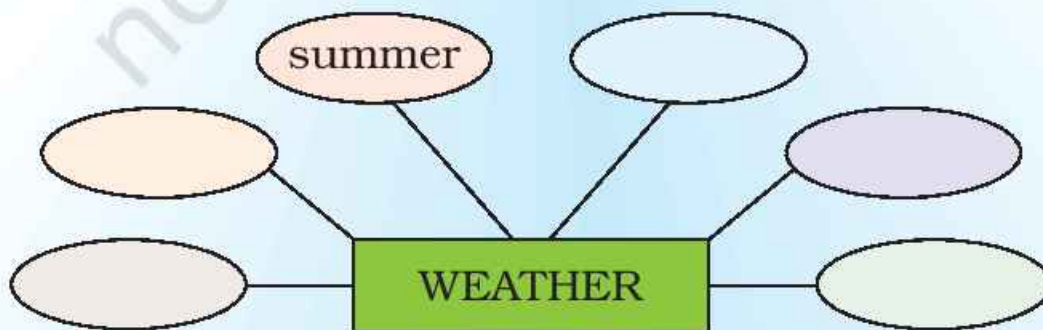
2. Locate Sikkim on the map of India.

3. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the words given in the brackets. One has been done for you.

Ibetombi lives (live) in Manipur. Her house is near the Loktak lake. She _____ (like) to _____ (read) stories. She _____ (do) not like cold weather. She _____ (want) to go to Chennai in winter.

Peter is Ibetombi's friend. Last year he _____ (visit) Gangtok in December. He _____ (do) not _____ (like) the cold weather. Now he _____ (want) to _____ (see) Goa.

4. When you hear the word 'weather' what are the things that come to your mind? Write them down in the circles. One has been done for you.



5. Listen and repeat.

tail	tell
bail	bell
fail	fell
sail	sell
wail	well

6. Fill in the blanks. Choose the opposites from the list given below. One has been done for you.

hot	dirty	ugly
low	easy	bad

- (i) This roof is not high, it is low.
- (ii) This question is not _____, it is difficult.
- (iii) That place is not clean, it is _____.
- (iv) My shirt is not _____, it is beautiful.
- (v) My school is not _____, it is good.
- (vi) Sikkim is cold, it is not _____.

7. Write a paragraph about the place you live in. You may use the following hints.

language(s) spoken
nearest city or town
special things
crops
birds and animals
any other details



Let's Practise

Milk

Rain

Come

Bird

Dance

Potter

Watch

Light



Let's Practise

Wheel

Sleep

Tiger

Today

People

Farmer

Monkey

Temple



Let's Practise

Village

Cricket

Balloon

Weather

Elephant

Mountain

Cardamom