





1. Our District



Mala was excited as her uncle and aunt from abroad were visiting her family for the first time. She was busy in

helping her parents at home and re-arranging her room.

To find Mala's house they should know

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State,

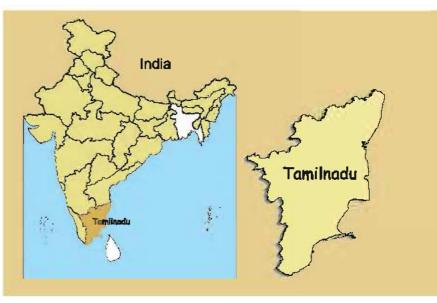
District,

City,

Place,

Street and

House number.



Now let us know about our district.

Put a tick (\checkmark) on your district in the district map of Tamilnadu.

Find out how many districts are there.

Number the district on the map.

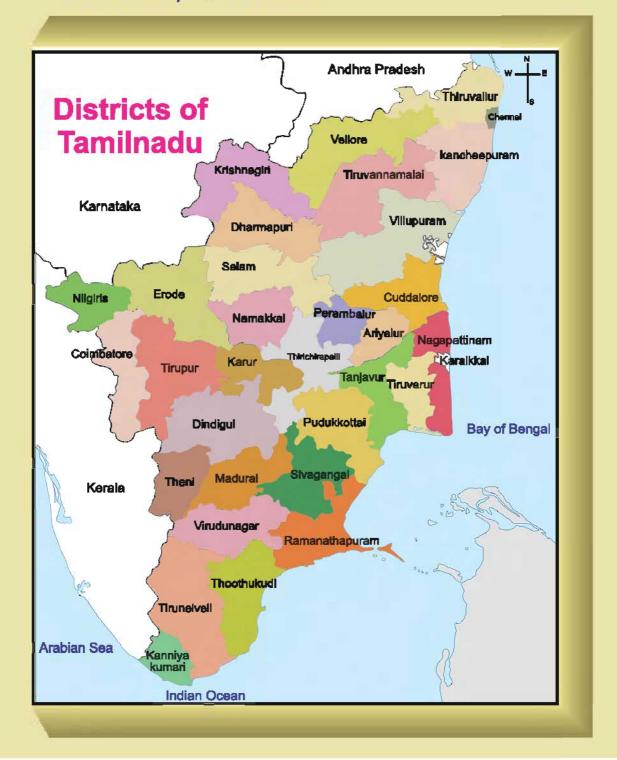
Name your district._____

Is there any reason to call your district by this name?



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District map of Tamilnadu



Write the names of the seas to the East and the South of your state.



My district is
Name your neighbouring districts
Is your district near the coastal region
If yes, write the name of the sea
Put (√) or (X)
My district has hills mountains
plateau plains coastal regions
My district gets water supply from lakes rivers tanks
The climate in my district is warm cool and dry wet
Team work

Take a calendar of the year . Record the weather everyday in your scrap book.

Here are symbols to record hot weather

windv



and cloudy

day. At the end

of the year find out the months which

have more number of hot, windy and cloudy marking. With the help of this weather record, we can learn about the seasonal changes.

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Climate and se	ason in your district.							
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The coldest month	The coldest month is							
Name the hills or mounta district								
Name the rivers that flow	w in your district							
•	Does your district have forests? Yes/No List the grains, vegetables and fruits grown in your district							
Name of the Industry Products Place								
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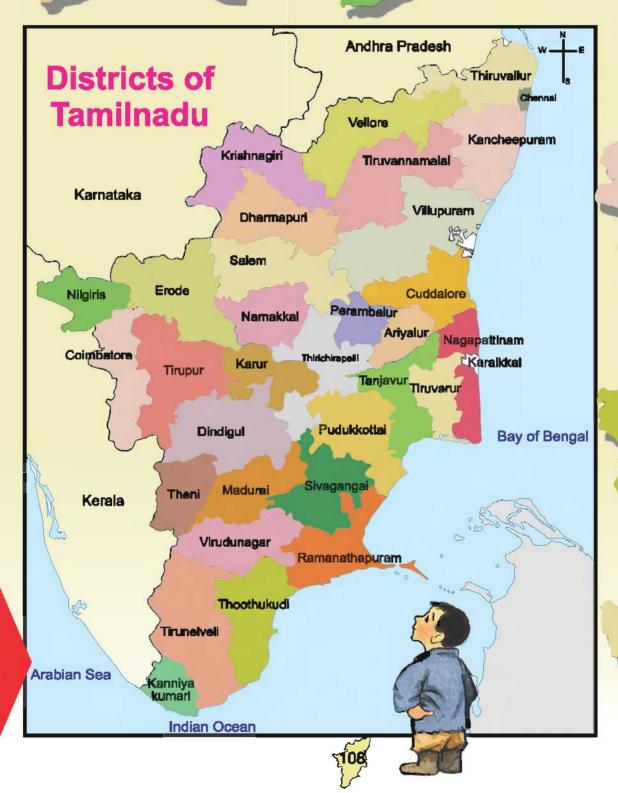
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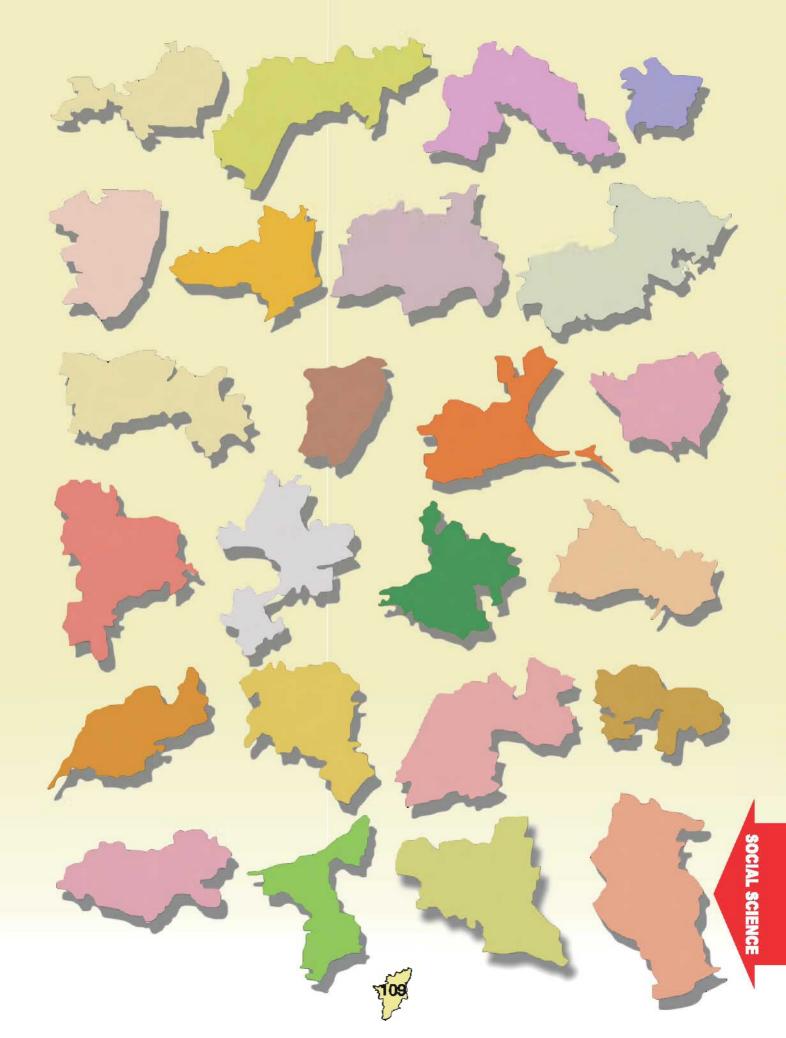
Transport facilities available in your district:

Bus	Ship	
Train	Aeroplane	



Identify the districts with the help of the shape and colour. Write down the names of all the districts.







With the help of your record, 'Name the important places in your district.

Historical places	Hill resorts	Pilgrim centres Sanctua	

List the related	ist the related items of the following in your District.								
languages spo	ken								
festivals celel	orated								
local festivals									
cultural activi	ties		 ·						

about the Taluks in your district.	
Number of Taluks in your district	
Name of the place in which you live	
Name of the Taluk where you live	
Each district is famous for what it produces for ea:	

Salem - Mangoes

Dindigul - Lock

Tanjore - Paddy

What is your district famous for? ______.



Photo Album....



Gingee Fort



Courtallam water falls





Marina Beach



The Nilgiris Botanical Garden



Velankanni Church





Pamban Bridge



Thoothukudi Harbour

Here are some pictures of places of importance to visit in our state.

Put a tick () on the places that you recognise. With the help of your teacher get to know more about these places.



Thiruvalluvar statue, Kanyakumari



Kallanai Dam



Thanjai Periya Kovil (Brahadeeshwara Temple)



A visit to Mahabalipuram





Kannagi and her classmates were excited

when their teacher announced that they are going to visit

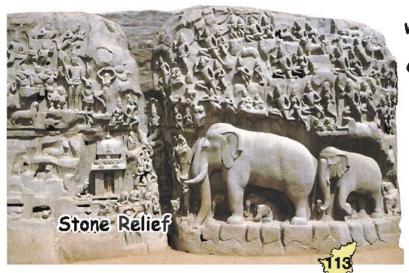
Mahabalipuram. She is studying in Class III in a school in North Chennai.

Her mother packed chapattis and lemon rice for her to eat at

Mahabalipuram. It was a cloudy day and a pleasant breeze was blowing.

A Tamil Nadu Tourism and Development Corporation bus was arranged for the trip. A guide was also there in the bus. The bus started at 8 a.m. The Children were very happy to occupy their seats in the bus. There was a guide in the bus. The guide introduced himself as Mr. Vasanth and welcomed the children and wished them a pleasant journey.

The bus went along the East Coast Road from Chennai. The guide told them that they were travelling along the Coast of the Bay of Bengal. Kannagi looked at the sea on her left. It was beautiful on that cloudy day. The guide showed them the picturesque backwaters of Muttukadu when they were crossing the bridge. Children

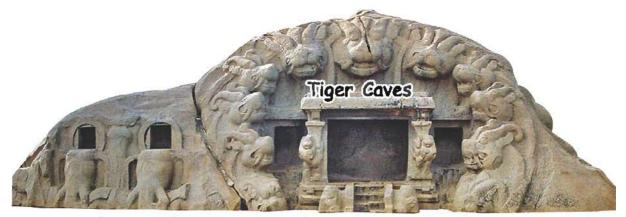


were singing all the way and enjoying the journey.

They reached

Mahabalipuram at 9.30 am.



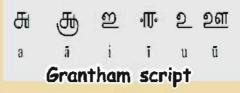


Now the guide started describing the historical place. 'Mamallapuram, was once a port city of the Pallavas. The rock cut temples were built by Mahendravarman I. His son Mamallan alias Narasimha Varman continued to build more rock cut temples and structured shrines at Mahabalipuram. The shore temples and rock carvings were built during the reign of Narasimha Varman.

Mahabalipuram was once a flourishing port town of the Pallava rulers. Now it is a famous tourist spot. It is around 57 kms South of Chennai.

The guide took them to see the Shore Temple, the Five Rathas, the Old and New Light Houses, Trimurthi Caves, Varaha and Tiger Caves, Beach and the Sculpture Training Centre. "The temple carved out of a single large rock makes Mahabalipuram very special. There are also beautiful hill-side stone reliefs," said the guide. They found some letters on the rock. "What are these scripts?" asked Kannagi. "They are some of the oldest known Devnagari and Tamil Grantham scripts," said the guide.







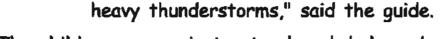


"Does it mean that there were people here before the Pallavas?" asked Tanu. "Of course," said the guide.

Every part of our land has an ancient history.

"Look at this panel, you can find a

pious cat praying to fool the mice to come closer," said the guide. People in those days had a sense of humour too. "Another relief inside a hall with pillarsall carved out of single rock - showed Krishna holding up a hillock to protect his fellow villagers from



The children saw a giant natural rock balanced on the slope of a hillside! "It is quite amazing!" said Kannagi's classmate Vetrivel, in excitement.

Krishna Holding

a Hillock

Then, they went to see the Pancha Rathas

i.e., the Five Chariots. "These are five monolithic (Single rock cut) temples in the shape of chariots and are made in a different style. They are named after a character from the Mahabharata," said the guide.





Butter Ball

"I have read the story of the Mahabharata in comics."

"How creative ancient people were!" said Kannagi.

"Now it is time for lunch. Let us have lunch," said the teacher.

The children sat down forming a circle. They exchanged their food and had their lunch happily.

The guide then took the children to the Lighthouse and the museum.

The children climbed the old light house.

"It is breath-taking," said Kannagi, as they had a view of the entire place from the light house.

light house

"I do not mind being the caretaker of a lighthouse," said her friend Alisha, expressing her own feelings. The museum had many sculptures.

Finally, they visited the Shore Temple. Many people had come to see this beautiful place - foreigners, students, parents and children.

The teacher and the children spent sometime on the silvery sandy beaches. There were also shops selling beautiful shells some small and some big. Kannagi and her friends bought one each for their mothers. The teacher and the children thanked the guide, Mr. Vasanth.

They all returned home in the evening.

Is there any tourist spot in your district? Arrange a trip to visit and enjoy.

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2. The five physiographical divisions of Ancient Tamil Nadu



Animals, plants, birds and insects co-exist with us on this beautiful Earth. Some animals live in water. Some animals live both on land and in water and some live only on land. There are both terrestrial (land) and aquatic (water) plants.

A landscape is an area of land which is unique because of its weather, nature of soil, plants, trees and creepers that grow in that particular habitat. Animals and birds live and adapt themselves to the environment.

Tamil Literature has classified our land into five "landscapes'. Each of these was named after a flower.

The five landscapes are described as

Kurinji - the landscape of mountains

Mullai - the landscape of forests

Marudham - the landscape of the agricultural fields

Neidhal - the landscape of coastal regions and

Palai - the landscape of dry lands.







Kurinji - Mountainous Region

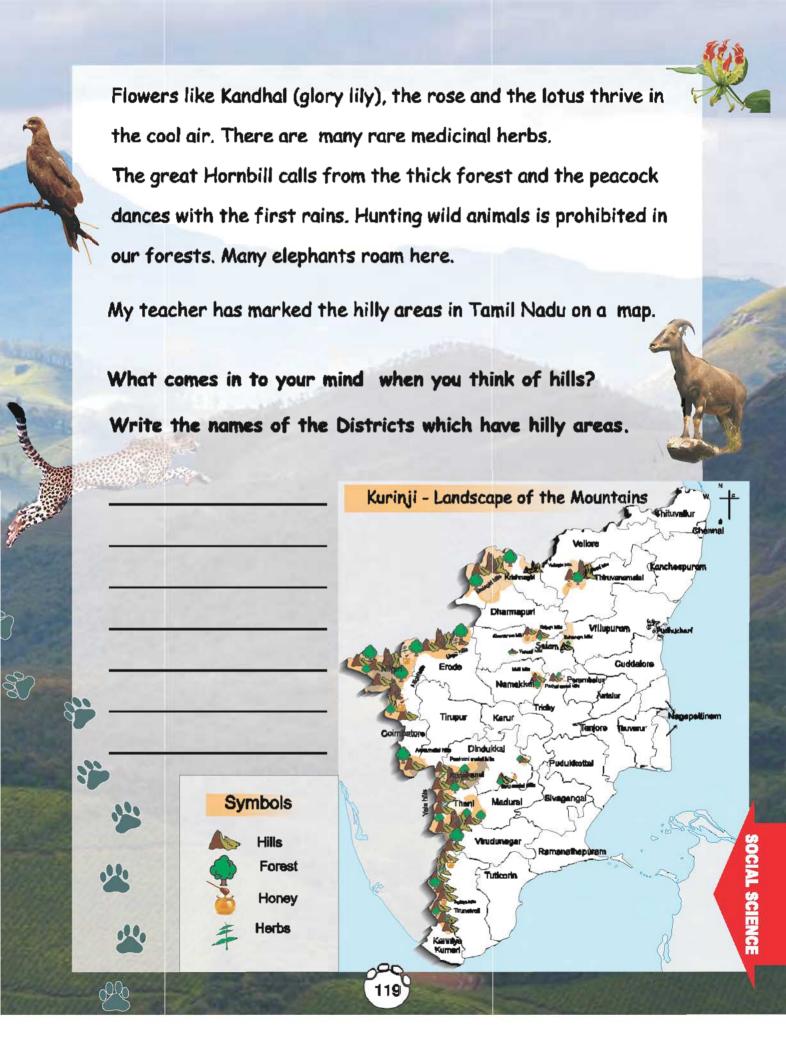


In our hills we have lakes, waterfalls and streams. There are many old trees like Red Sanders (vengai), Flame of the Forest (purasai), Teak, Bamboo, Sandalwood and Indian Rosewood (sissoo). Hill bananas, which taste good are still grown in the Sirumalai Hills in Dindigul.

The name of the region Kurinji, is also the name of the famous Kurinji flower which blooms in the Nilagiri Hills of Tamil Nadu. These hills are also famous for the nimble Nilagiri Tahr (mountain goat).

The shrub which has brilliant blue and white flowers blossoms for only a few days once every twelve years and blankets the slopes in radiant colour. The tribals are ancient inhabitants of this land and have gathered leaves, roots.

fruits and honey in the forests.





Mullai - Forest region

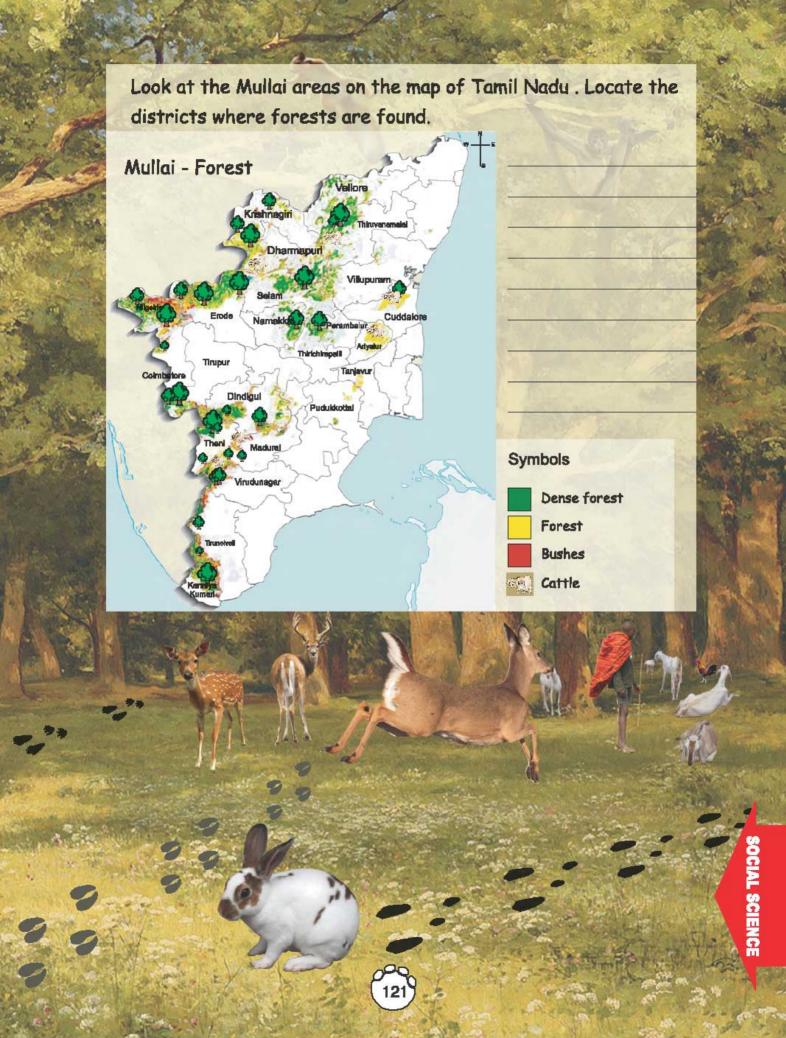


I am Nandini and I live in Sathyamangalam. We are shepherds and cowherds and our wealth is our cattle. My father takes the cattle to graze early in the morning and returns at noon. My mother sells curd and buttermilk. The climate is mild and rainy and there are many rivers and streams on our landscape. There are thick, old forest trees here and also trees and plants that people have planted for their animals. The palmyra, the coconut, the areca and the banana share space with the jackfruit, jamun, mango, neem and tamarind trees. Pearl millet (kambu), finger millet (ragi) and sorghum (cholam) are also cultivated here. There are many animals and birds like the barbet, jungle fowl, flying squirrel, fox, wolf, cheetah and wild bees. But with the shrinking forests, most of the deer have gone.

Most of their grazing areas have gone. They have been killed for their antlers and eaten for their meat. Only a few of them survive today, at the forest's edge.

My teacher has marked the forested areas in Tamil Nadu on a map.





Marudham - Cropland [plains and river basins]



My name is Devan.

The Marudham landscape gets its name from the flower of the myrtle or Arjuna (Marudham) tree. I am from Pathamadai. This is a beautiful place, with the river Tamiravaruni flowing through our fertile lands and irrigating our fields. Our landscape is flat and rivers flow slowly, depositing rich soil for our farms. A kind of grass called 'korai' grows along the river banks and people make mats out of the dry korai.

Most of us are farmers. We have warm seasonal rains, that help us cultivate almost any crop on our fields - many types of paddy, pulses, oil seeds, millets, cotton and where possible, even sugarcane! Do you know? People in the Sangam period knew, how to extract sugarcane juice.

In our landscape people have found many ways of storing water and Marudham land is dotted with eris, ooranis and tanks. People have used bulls to plough the land and also caught and eaten many kinds of fish from the rivers and ponds. Snakes such as the cobra are found in this region - they control rats which are a pest in our fields.

Rivers flowing in this landscape bring.

Look at the Marudham areas on the map of Tamil Nadu.

Locate the districts and the rivers where fertile land is found.





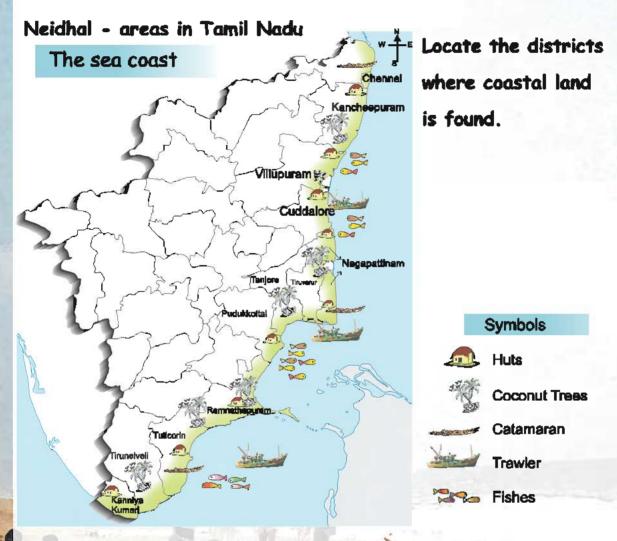
Neidhal - Seashore [Coastal Regions]



My name is Antony. I come from Nagapattinam. Tamil Nadu has a very large coastal area. The people who lived and continue to live here are the fisher folk. This 'thinai' or landscape gets its name from the water lily that grows in the back waters of rivers as they meet the seaThazhampoo and Magizhampoo were also found in this region. The nets and boats drawn up on the beach and the odour of drying fish attract many sea birds like the gull, tern and heron. Many different varieties of fish are caught and sold. Sharks, whales, kavalai and sea horses are some of the fish I know. There were many busy harbours in the ancient days where Indian pepper and cardamon were sent in ships across the sea, to be sold in foreign lands. Even today this area has many important ports. There are many marshes and wetlands along the coast where the great Indian Marsh Crocodile used to live. As you know, it is the wetlands that provide us with fresh sweet water by recharging the ground water. Sea turtles, lay their eggs on the beaches, along the Tamil Nadu coastline.

Reptile Oliver Ridley turtle (Panguni Aamai) nest along the cost of Tamil Nadu during January February and March. Do keep the beaches safe for them.

My teacher has marked the coastal areas in Tamil Nadu on a map. What words come to your mind when you think of the fisherman?



The marshes or wetlands provide the coastal areas with

Marshland:

A low lying wetland with grassy vegetation: usually a transition zone

between land and water.

Backwaters:

Areas of stagnant water formed by backflow from a body of water. X X X X X

Paalai - Dry lands, Wastelands

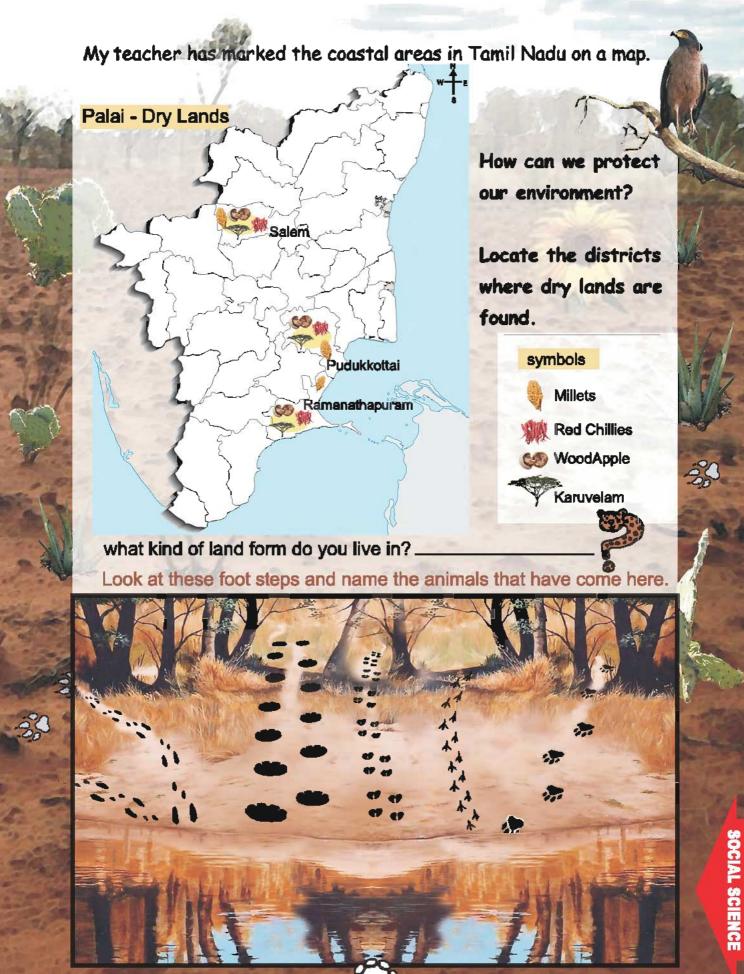


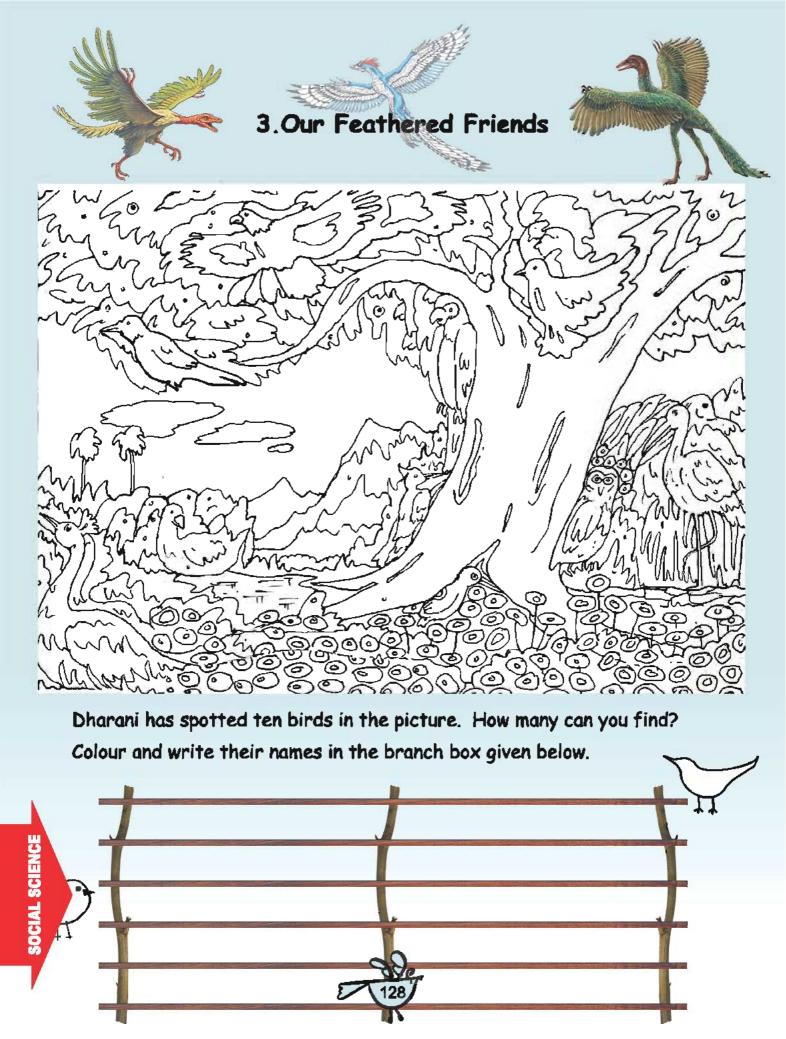
In Tamilnadu, there are no deserts. But there are dry lands.

Dry land farming has been done in Tamil Nadu for a long time. People have learnt to live in hot and dry conditions and save every drop of water. Horses, some cattle, wolves, tigers and many kinds of lizards are some animals to be found in this landscape. Plants like the cactus, thorny bushes and palm trees and dry land crops like millets, (cholam and kambu) oilseeds like the sun flower, groundnut, sesame and pulses like green gram and black gram grow here.

Fruits like dates, figs, guavas and pomegranates grow here. There are also dry land herbs like aloe vera and hardy trees like Drumstick (Murungai) and the Karuvelam which grow well here. Birds of prey like vultures, hawks and kites are the natural birds of this landscape.

Palai is a landscape where the wells have gone dry, the ground water has become salty, the ponds have become dirty and unusable, the soil is unfit for plants and human beings find it very hard to live. Today, we need to be careful and protect our environment. Let us take care of our soil and mater and keep the air clean! Let us not fill our earth with wastel Let us take care of the other creatures that share this beautiful world with us. Let us plant trees and take care of our forests!





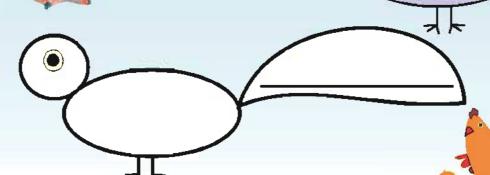
Edged for gripping fish

Tear the prey

the bird and write.

Mud probing and filtering the food

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Name some domesticated birds. Have you noticed them? Their beaks

are all different. Looking at the beaks and legs, find out the name of

Draw a beak of the bird you know and name it.



Who are they? Name them.

I use my beak to make holes for nesting and locate insect larvae under the bark.

Who am I?______.

I feed mostly on seeds and grains.

I carried messages safely for Kings.

Who am I?

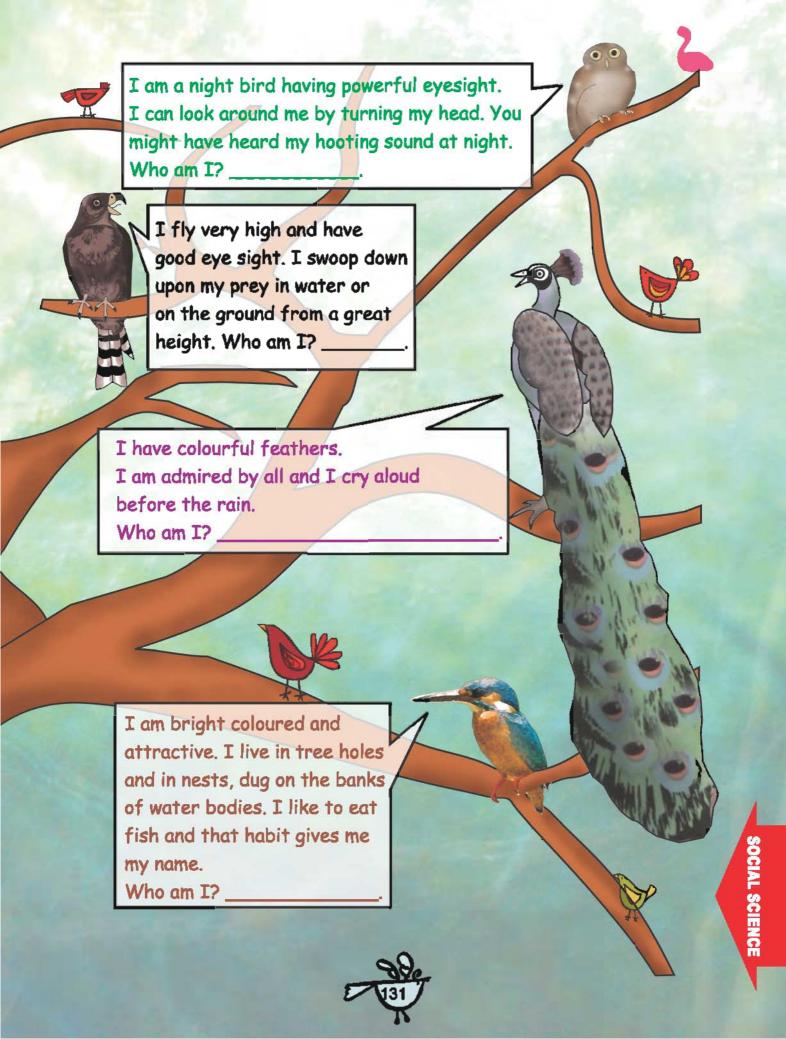
My call is koohu-koohu.

Everybody likes my sweet voice which gives me fame.

Who am I?

"Chur-chur-r-r-it-it-it"
People love my call. You can
see me in your backyard.
Our existent number has
reduced now.

Who am I? _



Let us know about some of our feathered friends

The Common Babbler

The Common Babblers are ancient inhabitants of Tamil Nadu. They are called seven sisters or seven brothers because they are usually seen in groups of 6 - 10. They chatter and chirp. They live on insects, grain, nectar and berries.

They are social birds and take care of each other.



The Mynah belongs to the starling family of birds. It is dark brown with yellow markings on its head. Its beak is famous for its bright yellow colour.

Indian Magpie Robin

The Indian Magpie Robin is a cheerful and friendly bird. It is a native of Tamil Nadu and lives in dry scrub jungles. It perches on the village roofs and enters verandahs and picks up insects.

It nests in a tree trunk or hole or patch of grass and drinks the nectar of dry land flowers. When it sings, its tail pops up and down!

Let us make friends with birds. Keep water and food for the birds in your garden and observe the birds that come to drink water and feed themselves.



The Crow Pheasant

The Crow Pheasants Who...wooo....you would have heard their call! They are brown birds with long tails and red eyes. They are weak flyers. They eat insects and live in woodlands.

The Weaver Bird

The Weaver Bird is a master builder. The nest faces downwards. It feeds on seeds and lives in colonies on trees.

The Hornbill

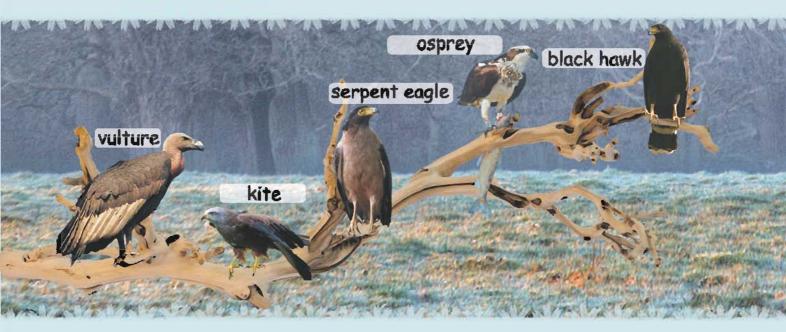
Perhaps no story of birds in Tamil Nadu is complete without the mention of the Hornbill. It lives mainly in the dense forests and is an ancient inhabitant of our land.

Find out the different types of nests built by the different birds. Where do they build them? Collect the empty nests and find out what materials they have used to build the nests. Take a walk in the morning with your note book and draw the birds you see around you.



Birds of prey are called 'raptors'. These birds are good hunters and they fly very high. They also have very good eyesight and they dive from a great height to catch their prey. They have very large and powerful wings, as well!

Here are a few.



Need for Birds

Birds protect trees by reducing the number of leafeating insects and protect forests too. Many birds are friends of mankind. Their droppings help in improving the fertility of the soil. The food and life of birds depend on the quality of natural environment.



Can all birds fly? Name two birds that cannot fly.









Collect the feathers which you find lying around.

In your scrap book draw a bird that you like and paste the right feather on it.

Write the name of the bird.









Have you ever observed the birds while flying and walking in different ways?

When you see birds, watch how they walk and move their neck and listen to the sounds made by them. Enact and ask your friend to guess the bird you have enacted.



What will you do if you happen to get wings? Where will you go? Which bird do you like to be? Why? Which is your favourite bird. Why?

Circle the birds that cannot fly very high.













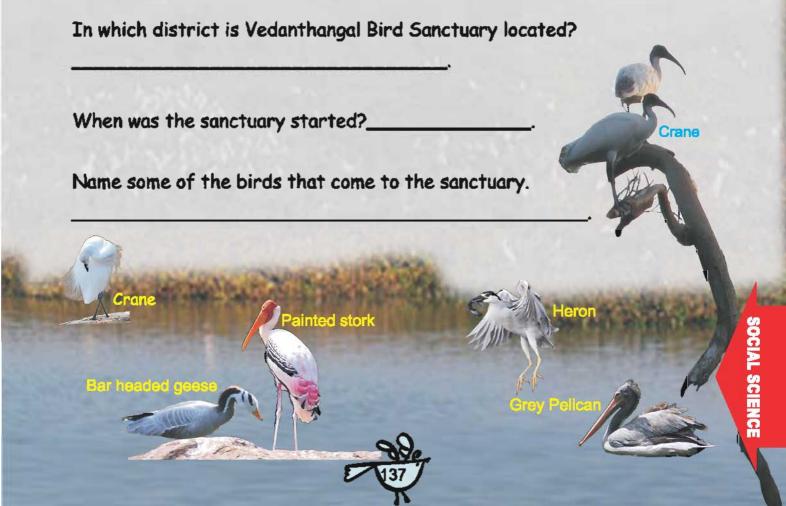


Migratory birds

Migratory birds travel thousands of miles from different parts of the world to avoid the biting cold. The birds nest here mainly from the month of November to March.

build and maintain
their nests. The number of birds
arriving during the season is estimated to be
around 50,000.

As summer sets in, the water in the lakes start receding. By this time, the chicks become old and are strong enough to fly. The migratory birds start returning in batches to their native places.



Bharata

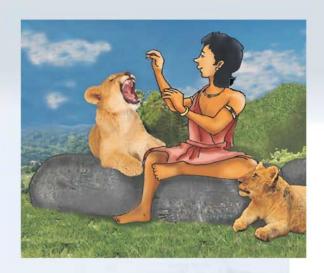
Bharata was a brave boy.

He was the son of the ancient

King Dushyanta. Bharata's mother

was Shakuntala. Bharata lived

with his mother in the forest



during his childhood. He grew up in the midst of wild animals.

Bharata grew to be a strong and fearless boy. He made a sport of opening the mouths of tigers and lions and counting their teeth!

Bharata became a king at a very young age. Young Bharata conquered and ruled the entire subcontinent of India.

His empire was named Bharatavarsha, the land of Bharata.

He ruled virtuously and earned great fame.



Bharatavarsha refers to the whole of modern India and many other countries of today which did not exist then. Our country is known as Bharat in memory of the great King Bharata.



Rani of Jhansi

Manikarnika was born on 19th November, 1828 in Kashi (Varanasi). Her nick name was Manu. She was educated at home. She studied self defence, horsemanship, and archery. She formed her own army with her female friends.

She was married to Gangadhar Rao, the Raja of Jhansi, at the age of 14. After her marriage, she was given the name Lakshmi Bai. When her husband died, she became the ruler of Jhansi.



Lakshmi Bai took part in the revolt of 1857. She went to the battlefield riding a horse and fought against the British bravely.

She died in the battlefield in 1858.



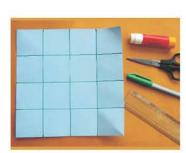
Rani Lakshmi Bai became a national hero and is remembered even today as a brave woman.

The first Women's Unit of the Indian National Army was named after Rani Lakshmi Bai.



Paper house

Shall we draw a Kingfisher?



Take a square paper and fold it into 16 parts.

Cut the edges of the fold

as shown in the picture.

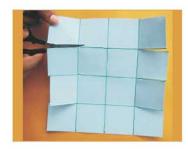




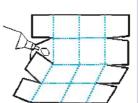








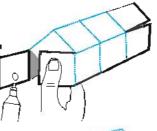
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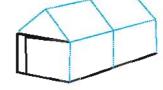
Then paste the corner edges as shown in the picture.







Now the house is ready.





Draw the doors, windows and colour them.



You can make different types of houses using different kinds of colourful oil paper (Marble) with the help of your teacher.





Model Question Paper

Term III - Summative assessment

Cl	ass: III	, o ,			Time: 2 Hours			
S	ub: Social Stu	dies			Marks: 60			
I. (Choose and wri	te the correc	t answer		$(5 \times 1 = 5)$			
1	. Tamil Nadu is	located in the	ຂ	of India.				
	a) North	b) Sout	h c) [East				
2	. India's capita							
			nnai c)					
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	a) Bay of Ben	gal b) Arab	oian Sea c)	Indian Ocean				
4	. The	type of	f grass is used t	o make mats.				
	•		n c)	bunch				
5	. Farmer's frie							
	a) snake	b) rat	c)	grass hopper				
II.	State whether	r true or fals	ie		$(5\times1=5)$			
1	. Hindi is the la	nguage that is	spoken mostly	by the people				
	Tamil Nadu. [,	, , ,				
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	 Hunting of wild animals in hilly forest region is prohibited[] Bay of Bengal is the name of a state.[] 							
	4. We are all Indians.[]							
			nt food grain of	Tamil Nadu.[1			
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			Turkey fowl					
			Sunflower		t			
IV.	Fill in the bla	nks			$(5\times1=5)$			
	1,	is the capi	tal of Tamil Nac	lu.				
2.The flower that blooms once in every twelve years is the								
	3. The entrance to the nest of a bird faces downwards.							
	4. The is the only bird that looks around it by turning its head.							
	5. There are _		districts in Tan	nil Nadu.	-			



V. Match the following

(5 x 1 = 5)

- 1. Mountaneous region
- 2. Forest region
- 3. Plains and river basins
- 4. Coastal regions
- 5. Dry, wasteland

- a) Neithal
- b) Kandhal
- c) Paalai
- d) Kurinji
- e) Marutham
- f) Mullai

VI. Answer the following questions

(5x4=20)

- 1. Write the name of your district. Write names of four neighboring districts.
- 2. List the important crops that grow in your district.
- 3. What are the benefits we get because of birds?
- 4. List the names of ten birds you know.
- 5. What are the things we should do to stop our land from becoming dry and less useful?

VII. Mark the following on a states map of India.

(3x5=15)

- 1. Use a colour pencil to shade your state.
- 2. Mark the oceans and seas that surround India.
- 3. Look at the arrow mark on the top of the map. Write the four main directions it points to.



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