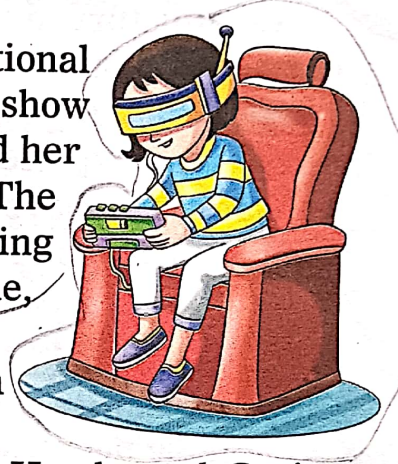


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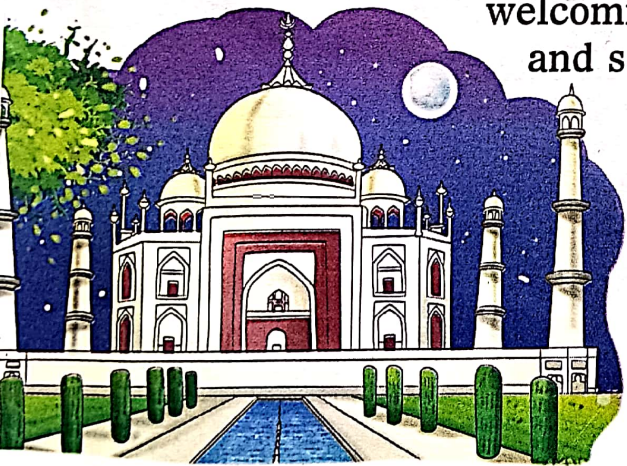


She went in and the **usher** helped her, find her seat in the hall.

"I'll show you how to use the helmet," the usher said. He showed Garima how to enter her name for the programme using the key pad. She could choose **monuments** from the list.

Garima chose the Taj Mahal at Agra. She put her helmet on, fastened her seat belt, and pressed the blue button on the key pad.

Garima was immediately transported to a city square in Agra, in 1654. It was a pleasant, moonlit evening. Garima was surprised to see a young man welcoming her. The man introduced himself as Rajesh and said that he was Garima's virtual tour guide.



They reached the Taj Mahal, which looked as beautiful as a painting in the moonlight. Garima was **spellbound**. She was full of questions. She turned to Rajesh and said, "This is a grand and beautiful building." "Yes, it is a very grand and beautiful building made of white marbles. It is one of the seven wonders of the world," said Rajesh.

As they neared the main **tomb**, they saw an old man with a long beard gazing at the tomb thoughtfully. Rajesh told Garima, "Look, that is Ustad Ahmad Lahauri. He was the chief **architect** for this **magnificent** tomb." Garima said, "The Taj Mahal was built by **Emperor** Shah Jahan, wasn't it? I would really like to know why he built such a grand monument."

Her guide smiled at her and said, "The emperor built it in the memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. He loved her very much. It took 20 years and

22,000 workers to build this beautiful tomb. Crores of rupees were spent on its construction.”

“Where did the marble and the gems come from?” asked Garima. “The marble came from a place called Makrana in Rajasthan. The gems came from all over Asia–Afghanistan, Tibet, Iran, China, Turkey and Sri Lanka. The workers also came from faraway countries.”

Garima turned to look at the Taj Mahal once again. It was a full moon night. The Taj Mahal shone like a jewel. “Truly, it is the pride of India,” said Garima.

And then, Rajesh said, “This will be the end of your tour, Garima. Hope you enjoyed the experience.”

Garima removed her helmet and shook her head slowly in **amazement**. It was the most wonderful experience she ever had!



WORD MEANING

museum – a building in which objects of history, art, or science are kept and shown to the public; **virtual** – made to appear with the help of a computer programme; **usher** – a person who shows people where to sit in a public building; **monument** – a structure or site of historical importance; **spellbound** – holding someone’s attention as if by magic power; **tomb** – a large grave built of stone (above or below the ground); **architect** – one who designs and builds structures; **magnificent** – wonderful, grand; **emperor** – the ruler of an empire; **amazement** – a feeling of great surprise.



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A. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

- Garima had a virtual tour of
(i) India Gate ☐ (ii) Hawa Mahal ☐ (iii) Taj Mahal ☐
- The ticket checker gave
(i) key pad ☐ (ii) mobile phone ☐ (iii) helmet ☐
- The usher helped Garima to find her in the hall.
(i) key ☐ (ii) seat ☐ (iii) ticket ☐
- The chief architect of the Taj Mahal was
(i) Ustad Javed Lahauri ☐ (ii) Ustad Zahir Khan ☐
(iii) Ustad Ahmad Lahauri ☐
- The Taj Mahal was shining like a in the full moon night.
(i) star ☐ (ii) jewel ☐ (iii) diamond ☐

B. Fill in the blanks.

- Garima wanted to take a tour of historical monuments.
- The ticket checker gave Garima a with a attached to it.
- Garima was walking through the city of in the year

4. Garima and Rajesh saw who was the main architect of the Taj Mahal.
5. It took years and workers to build the Taj Mahal.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Garima buy ticket at the National Museum?
2. Who welcomed Garima at the Taj Mahal?
3. Why did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal?
4. Where did the marble and the gems come from to build the Taj Mahal?
5. How did Garima reach the Taj Mahal?
6. Write a short note on the Taj Mahal.
7. Do you think if the Taj Mahal was to be built today, it would take as long as twenty years? Give reasons in support of your answer. (HOTS)



LEARN THE LANGUAGE

D. Fill in the blanks with the antonyms of the coloured words.

(ANTONYMS)

1. The crocodile was **foolish** but the monkey was
2. I thought she was **lazy** but she was
3. Rinki her bangle that she **lost** yesterday.
4. He is **slow** but his partner is
5. Please do not tell a **lie**, always speak the

In previous class, you have learnt about masculine and feminine gender. Now we will learn about the common and neuter gender.

Certain nouns refer to both males and females. These are of the **common gender**.

Examples : child, doctor, student

Nouns may refer to neither males nor females. Such nouns are of the **neuter gender**.

Examples : glass, pen, bill

E. In the following sentences, underline the nouns that are of the common gender and circle (○) the nouns that are of the neuter gender.

1. There are ten students in the library.
2. My brother likes to play the piano.
3. I gave the bat to my friend.
4. The spectators gathered around the clown.
5. The fielder dived on the ground to catch the ball.
6. The thief stole the diamond necklace.

F. Put the following nouns in the appropriate columns.

Buck	Book	Husband	Maid	Emperor	Waitress	Car
Toy	Pencil	Chef	Mother	Peacock	Musician	Prince
Lady	Worker	Bride	Building	Athlete	Player	
Masculine						
Feminine						
Common						
Neuter						

****Chapter – 10 A Visit to the Taj (ताज की सैर)****

1. Garima was standing in the queue for tickets at the National Museum.

गरिमा नेशनल म्यूज़ियम में टिकट लेने के लिए लाइन में खड़ी थी।

2. She had heard that the museum had a special show that gave a virtual tour of historical buildings.

उसने सुना था कि म्यूज़ियम में एक खास शो है, जो ऐतिहासिक इमारतों की वर्चुअल सैर कराता है।

3. She collected her ticket and went towards a big room named 'Tour Hall'.

उसने टिकट लिया और 'टूर हॉल' नाम के बड़े कमरे की ओर गई।

4. The ticket checker at the entrance handed her a funny-looking helmet that had a small keypad, like that of a mobile phone, attached to it.

दरवाज़े पर मौजूद टिकट चेकर ने उसे एक अजीब-सा हेलमेट दिया, जिसमें मोबाइल जैसा छोटा की-पैड लगा हुआ था।

5. She went in and the usher helped her find her seat in the hall.

वह अंदर गई और वहाँ के सहायक (usher) ने उसे उसकी सीट ढूँढने में मदद की।

6. "I'll show you how to use the helmet," the usher said.

"मैं आपको हेलमेट चलाना सिखाऊँगा," usher ने कहा।

7. He showed Garima how to enter her name for the programme using the key pad. She could choose monuments from the list.

उसने गरिमा को बताया कि की-पैड से अपना नाम कैसे लिखें। वह सूची में से किसी भी इमारत (monument) को चुन सकती थी।

8. Garima chose the Taj Mahal at Agra.

गरिमा ने आगरा का ताजमहल चुना।

9. She put her helmet on, fastened her seat belt, and pressed the blue button on the key pad.

उसने हेलमेट पहना, सीट बेल्ट बाँधी और की-पैड पर नीला बटन दबाया।

10. Garima was immediately transported to a city square in Agra, in 1654.

गरिमा तुरंत ही 1654 में आगरा के एक शहर चौक में पहुँच गई।

11. She was surprised to see a young man welcoming her.

वह एक नौजवान को देखकर हैरान हो गई, जो उसका स्वागत कर रहा था।

12. The man introduced himself as Rajesh and said that he was Garima's virtual tour guide.

उस आदमी ने अपना नाम राजेश बताया और कहा कि वह गरिमा का वर्चुअल टूर गाइड है।

13. They reached the Taj Mahal, which looked as beautiful as a painting in the moonlight.

वे ताजमहल पहुँचे, जो चाँदनी रात में एक पेंटिंग की तरह सुंदर लग रहा था।

14. Garima was spellbound.

गरिमा मंत्रमुग्ध हो गई।

15. She said, "This is a grand and beautiful building."

उसने कहा, "यह बहुत भव्य और सुंदर इमारत है।"

16. Rajesh replied, "Yes, it is made of white marble and is one of the seven wonders of the world."

राजेश ने कहा, "हाँ, यह सफेद संगमरमर से बना है और दुनिया के सात आश्चर्यों में से एक है।"

17. As they neared the main tomb, they saw an old man gazing at the tomb thoughtfully.

जब वे मुख्य मकबरे के पास पहुँचे, उन्होंने एक बूढ़े आदमी को मकबरे को ध्यान से देखते हुए पाया।

18. Rajesh told Garima, "Look, that is Ustad Ahmad Lahauri. He was the chief architect of this magnificent tomb."

राजेश ने कहा, "देखो, यह उस्ताद अहमद लाहौरी हैं। वह इस शानदार मकबरे के मुख्य वास्तुकार थे।"

19. Garima said, "The Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shah Jahan, wasn't it?"

गरिमा ने पूछा, "ताजमहल बादशाह शाहजहाँ ने बनवाया था, है ना?"

20. Her guide smiled and said, "The emperor built it in the memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal."

गाइड ने मुस्कुराकर कहा, "उन्होंने यह अपनी पत्नी मुमताज़ महल की याद में बनवाया था।"

21. It took 20 years and 22,000 workers to build this beautiful tomb.



इस खूबसूरत मकबरे को बनाने में 20 साल और 22,000 मजदूर लगे।

22. Crores of rupees were spent on its construction.

इसको बनाने में करोड़ों रुपये खर्च हुए।

23. The marble came from Makrana in Rajasthan and gems came from many countries like Iran, China, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Afghanistan.

संगमरमर राजस्थान के मकराना से लाया गया और कीमती रत्न ईरान, चीन, तुर्की, श्रीलंका, तिब्बत और अफगानिस्तान जैसे देशों से लाए गए।

24. Garima looked at the Taj Mahal again. It shone like a jewel in the full moon night.

गरिमा ने फिर ताजमहल को देखा। वह चाँदनी रात में एक कीमती रत्न की तरह चमक रहा था।

25. Rajesh said, "This will be the end of your tour. Hope you enjoyed the experience."

राजेश ने कहा, "यहीं आपका टूर समाप्त होता है। आशा है आपने इसका आनंद लिया होगा।"

26. Garima removed her helmet and shook her head in amazement. It was the most wonderful experience she ever had.

गरिमा ने हेलमेट उतारा और आश्चर्य से सिर हिलाया। यह उसके जीवन का सबसे अद्भुत अनुभव था।

★ WORD MEANINGS (Easy Hindi)

Word Meaning in Hindi

museum पुरातत्व/इतिहास का संग्रहालय

virtual कंप्यूटर की मदद से देखा जाने वाला

usher बैठाने में मदद करने वाला व्यक्ति

monument ऐतिहासिक इमारत

spellbound मंत्रमुग्ध

tomb मकबरा

architect वास्तुकार

magnificent शानदार

emperor सम्राट

amazement आश्चर्य

☑ TIME TO EXPRESS

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer

(सही उत्तर ✓ के साथ दिए गए हैं)

Garima had a virtual tour of ...

✓ (iii) Taj Mahal

The ticket checker gave ...

✓ (i) key pad

The usher helped Garima to find her ... in the hall.

✓ (ii) seat

The chief architect of the Taj Mahal was ...

✓ (iii) Ustad Ahmad Lahauri

The Taj Mahal was shining like a ... in the full moon night.

✓ (ii) jewel

B. Fill in the blanks (With Answers)

Garima wanted to take a virtual tour of historical monuments.

The ticket checker gave Garima a helmet with a key pad attached to it.

Garima was walking through the city of Agra in the year 1654.

Garima and Rajesh saw Ustad Ahmad Lahauri who was the main architect.

It took 20 years and 22,000 workers to build the Taj Mahal.

C. Answer the following questions

1. Why did Garima buy a ticket at the National Museum?

She bought the ticket to watch a virtual tour of historical buildings.
(उसने ऐतिहासिक इमारतों की वर्चुअल सैर देखने के लिए टिकट खरीदी।)

2. Who welcomed Garima at the Taj Mahal?

Rajesh welcomed her.
(राजेश ने उसका स्वागत किया।)

3. Why did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal?

He built it in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.
(उन्होंने यह अपनी पत्नी मुमताज़ महल की याद में बनवाया।)

4. Where did the marble and gems come from?

Marble came from Makrana (Rajasthan) and gems came from many countries.

(संगमरमर मकराना, राजस्थान से लाया गया, और रत्न कई देशों से आए।)

5. How did Garima reach the Taj Mahal?

Through the virtual tour helmet.
(वर्चुअल टूर हेलमेट के माध्यम से।)

6. Write a short note on the Taj Mahal.

The Taj Mahal is a beautiful white marble monument in Agra.
It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.
It took 20 years and 22,000 workers to complete it.
It is one of the seven wonders of the world.

7. If the Taj Mahal was to be built today, would it take as long as twenty years? Why?

Yes, because it is a very big and beautiful building that needs many workers and lots of detailed work.
(हाँ, क्योंकि यह बहुत बड़ी और सुंदर इमारत है, जिसे बनाने में बहुत समय और मेहनत लगती है।)