

Subject- English

Class- 5th

Lesson 3 (the great banyan)

Introductory questions

1. Name some trees that you find around you?
2. Which one do you like the most?

Introduction

This story is about an old banyan tree. Big trees and old man our son as the old man are the most gentle. CEO of The Big trees the most friendly The Banyan is likely the biggest and cordial of all our trees. Now a days in cities we do not find much Banyan trees. This is need a lot of space to grow but in cities there is no space for all full grown banyan tree.

Word meanings

Explanation

The national tree of a country is one of the symbols of pride that is integral to the nation's identity. To be considered as such, the tree must hold tremendous cultural significance that

echoes through the country's psyche. Being native to that country adds to the privileged status of the tree to be considered as a national symbol. The national tree is an instrument of projecting certain philosophical or spiritual values, which reside at the core of the country's heritage.

The national tree of India is the Banyan tree, designated formally as *Ficus benghalensis*. The tree is revered as sacred in Hindu philosophy. It is often a focal point of human establishment owing to its expansive form and shade provided. The tree is often symbol of the fabled 'Kalpa Vriksha' or the 'Tree of Wish Fulfillment' as it is associated with longevity and has important medicinal properties. The very size of the banyan tree makes it a habitat for a large number of creatures. For centuries the banyan tree has been a central point for the village communities of India. The banyan tree is massive not only from outside but it also sends new shoots from its roots, making the tree a tangle of branches, roots and trunks. The banyan tree towers magnificently over its neighbors and has the widest reaching roots of all known trees, covering several acres. The life of banyan tree is very long and is thought of as an immortal tree. It is just not a tree but full forest in itself.

Exercises

1. Match the columns
2. Give noun forms of the following words.
3. Fill up the blanks
4. Use 'un' and 'im' prefix to make antonyms of the given words.
5. Question answer

Homework

Write a letter to your father describing your daily routine in the hostel.