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Preface

Pathways is a series of five Social Studies books based on the latest guidelines of the various educational boards for classes 1 to 5. The series has been designed to introduce social studies in an innovative ways to young learners.

Since today's child is tomorrow's citizen, he or she must be made to realize what he or she receives from the society and what he or she is expected to contribute it. This is the main aim of understanding the subject of social studies.

The special features of the series are follows :

- ★ The books are written in simple, easy to understand language.
- ★ The illustrations are colourful, eye-catching and well-labelled. They greatly enhance and contribute to the teaching learning process.
- ★ The series deals with current social topics and global issues with a new perspective.
- ★ Exercises are varied, detailed and fun to do.
- ★ Amazing facts under 'More to Know' sustain interest and increase knowledge.
- ★ The books are wonderful tools for self learning.

It is hoped that this series would be of great help to the young learners and the teachers alike by making learning as well as teaching easier, livelier and more enjoyable.

Queries and suggestions for the improvement of the series are welcome from the teachers as well as the learners alike.

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India extends from north to south about 3,200 kilometres and from east to west about 3,000 kilometres.

India holds about **16 percent** of the world's population, though it has only **2.42 percent** of the earth's surface.

INDIA AND ITS NEIGHBOURS

India is surrounded by many big and small countries. The neighbouring countries of India are :

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|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Pakistan | 2. Afghanistan |
| 3. China | 4. Bhutan |
| 5. Nepal | 6. Bangladesh |
| 7. Myanmar | 8. Sri Lanka |



India and its neighbouring countries

PHYSICAL DIVISIONS OF INDIA

India is a country of mountains, hills, plains, plateaus, deserts, forests, rivers, lakes and coasts.

The Great Himalayas are to the north of India. The Indian Ocean is towards its south. The Arabian Sea is towards its west and the Bay of Bengal on its east.

The main physical divisions of India are as follows :

1. The Northern Mountains
2. The Northern Plains
3. The Great Indian Desert
4. The Southern Plateau
5. The Coastal Plains and Islands

You will read about these physical divisions in detail in the next few lessons.



Map of India–Physical Divisions

NEW WORDS

Continent : a big land mass

Physical : outer look



RECALL



- ☆ India is the **seventh largest** country in the world.
- ☆ India lies in the continent of **Asia**.
- ☆ India holds **16 percent** of the world's population.
- ☆ The main physical divisions of India are **the Northern Mountains, the Northern Plains, the Great Indian Desert, the Southern Plateau and the Coastal Plains and Islands**.

THINK AND ANSWER



A. Answer the following questions :

1. Which part of India looks like a crown?
2. Which countries are India's neighbours?
3. What are the main physical divisions of India?

B. Write True or False :

1. India is also known as Bharat.
2. India is the most populated country in the world.
3. The southern part of India is like a crown.
4. India has only 2.42 percent of the earth's surface.
5. India lies in the continent of Asia.

C. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. The east west extend of India is about
(a) 3,000 km (b) 300 km (c) 1,300 km
2. The most populated country in the world is
(a) Russia (b) China (c) Pakistan
3. Which of the following lies to the north of India?
(a) Himalayas (b) Arabian Sea (c) Bay of Bengal

More To Know

- ☆ The **Indian Ocean** is named after our country India.
- ☆ The **Tropic of Cancer** passes through the middle of India.
- ☆ India got its name **Bharat** from the great ruler of the past **Bharat**.

Activity

1. On a map of Asia, mark India and its neighbours.
2. On a map of India, mark the various physical divisions.