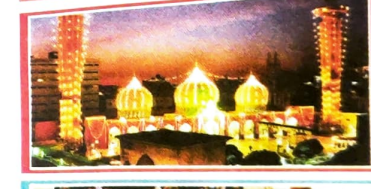
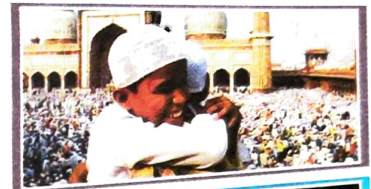


India is a land of festivals and celebrations.

Fill in the blanks with the names of the correct festival.

1. An important festival for Sikhs. It is celebrated with great joy in Punjab, on the first day of harvest. Baisakhi
2. After fasting through the holy month of Ramzan, this festival is celebrated by the Muslims. Eid
3. On this day people celebrate the birth of Lord Rama who is believed to be the seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu. Ram Navami
4. On the eighth day of Bhadra (August - September) this festival marks the birth of Lord Krishna. Janamashtami
5. Celebrated two days before Deepawali, new utensils are bought on this day because it is regarded very auspicious. Dhanteras
6. This famous festival is held in Puri, Odisha where lakhs of pilgrims gather to pull the images of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra which are placed on three huge chariots. Jagannathpuri Yatra
7. This festival is celebrated by the Muslims to commemorate the birthday of Hazrat Mohammad. Milad-un-Nabi
8. This festival marks the New Year's Day for the Parsi Community. Navroz
9. It is a major spring festival. Hindus worship the goddess of learning on the day. Vasant Panchmi
10. This festival marks the beginning of the sun's journey towards the northern hemisphere. People take a dip in holy rivers and worship the sun god. Makar Sankranti



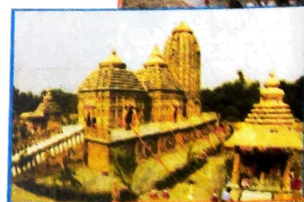
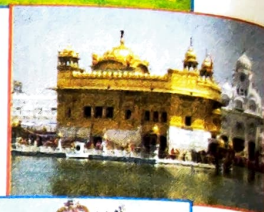




India is a home to number of well-known temples. The temples in India are perfect for those seeking peace of mind.

**Read the clues given below and name the temples.**

1. The site of this cave temple is located about 150 km from Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir. Every year thousands of devotees begin their yatra from Pahalgam to reach the temple site. Amarnath Temple
2. The world famous 205 feet temple is located in the holy city of Puri. This temple enshrines the wooden images of Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra. Jagannath Temple
3. This temple located in Guwahati is best known for the worship of the Goddess of Shakti. Kamakhya Temple
4. The only temple in India dedicated to Lord Brahma is Brahma Temple. It is in Pushkar Rajasthan.
5. Located in Andhra Pradesh, this hill temple typifies the early Dravidian architecture and is dedicated to Lord Venkateshwara. Tirupati Balaji
6. Located in Madurai, this temple originally built by Kulasekara Pandya is dedicated to Meenakshi, the consort of Shiva. Meenakshi Temple
7. This globally renowned temple, located in Amritsar enshrines the holy book of the Sikhs, the Guru Granth Sahib. Golden Temple
8. The crowning glory of Oriya temple architecture, this 13th century temple is also known as 'The Black Pagoda'. Sun Temple



## Know More



Sai Temple of Shirdi is among the top pilgrimage sites of the world. This temple is a beautiful shrine that was built in 1922.







India is a land of rich and diversified cuisine with each state offering a different speciality.

**Answer the following questions and test your appetite for knowledge!**

1. If a restaurant served you Malabar biryani with papadams (lentil wafers), pootu (made of rice flour dough), appam (a crisp pancake) and payasam (a sweet dish cooked in coconut milk), then in which Indian state was the restaurant situated? Kerala
2. Moorg ka soola (chicken dish) and mave ki kachauri (a delicious sweet from Jodhpur) are famous dishes of which Indian state? Rajasthan
3. If your menu card included Baingan ki Boorani (a popular vegetable dish), Here masale ki Machchi (a fried dish prepared primarily with green chillies and coriander) and Achchar gosht (a meat speciality), then in which state were you dining? Andhra Pradesh
4. If you had Bakhri (chapati's stuffed, rolled, cut into slices and fried) and Vada Pao for snacks, in which Indian state would you be? Maharashtra
5. If your aunt, living in the east invited you to a lunch comprising of Doi maach, shukto, aloo posto and chum chum (a sweet dish) then in which Indian state was she residing? West Bengal
6. In on one of his business tours, your father had Hyderabadi qaboolil (rich dish prepared split peas, yogurt and lemon juice, Tala Gosht (a savoury boneless lamb roast) and Dahi ki Chutni (a simple yogurt relish served with most meals) for dinner, then which state was he touring? Telangana
7. If your friend tells you that last Sunday he had Dhaniwal Korma (a meat dish cooked over slow fire with yogurt, spices and coriander), Rajma Goggi (red kidney beans cooked with turnip) and Akhrote Chutney (made with shelled walnuts and yogurt) then in which Indian state was he? Jammu and Kashmir
8. If you had Avial (a popular vegetable dish), Koli Uppu Varuval (a chicken dish specially popular in the Chettiyar communtiy) and Mangay Pajji (a mango salad popular in Coorg) for lunch, in which Indian state would you be? Kerala

