

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

CH-5 : Glimpses of India

Part – 1

A Baker from Goa

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OVERVIEW

1. The Enduring Presence of Goan Bakers

2. Ethnicity, Culture and Traditions of Goa

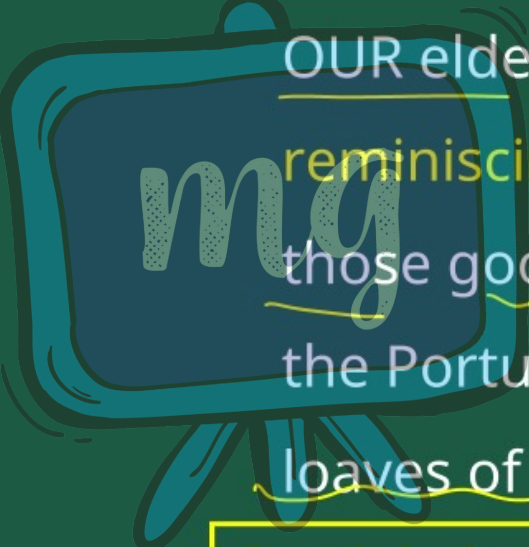
3. Portugal influence on Culture and Traditions

4. Author's Childhood Memories

5. Importance of Furnace in village

6. Baker's Appearance and Prosperity

I. A BAKER FROM GOA



OUR elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread.

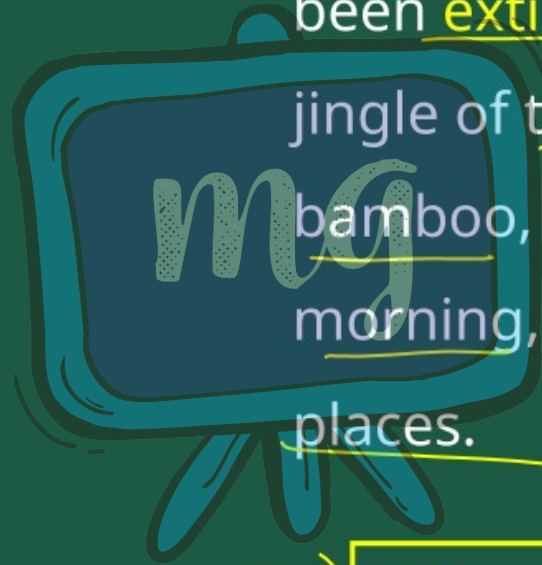
Reminiscing : indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events

Nostalgically : being reminded of past

Those eaters of loaves might have vanished but the makers are still there. We still have amongst us the mixers, the moulders and those who bake the loaves. Those age-old, time tested furnaces still exist.

Vanished : to disapper

The fire in the furnaces has not yet been **extinguished**. The thud and jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo, **heralding** his arrival in the morning, can still be heard in some places.



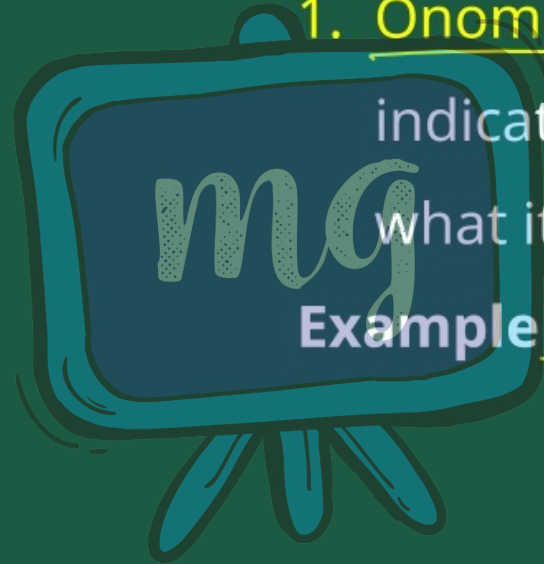
- Extinguished : put an end to
- Heralding : announce

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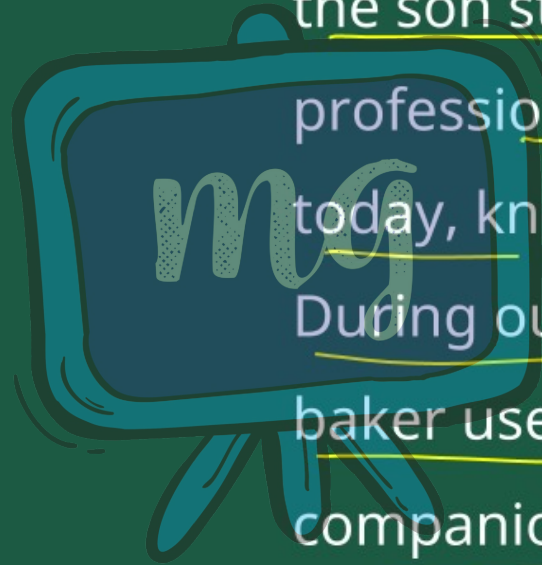
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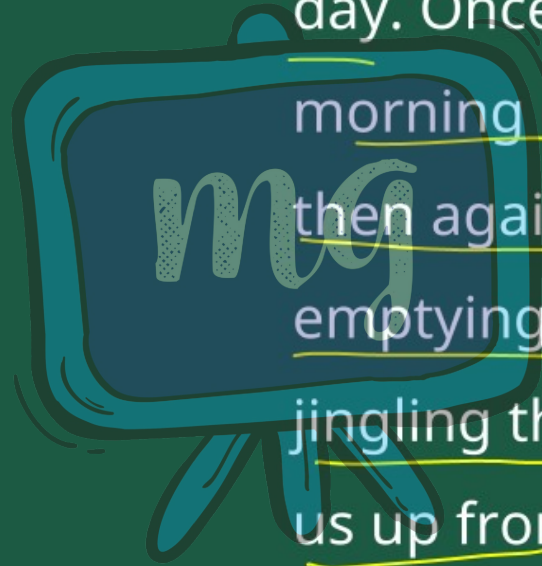
Example - Thud, Jingle



Maybe the father is not alive but
the son still carries on the family
profession. These bakers are, even
today, known as pader in Goa.
During our childhood in Goa, the
baker used to be our friend,
companion and guide.



He used to come at least twice a day. Once, when he set out in the morning on his selling round, and then again, when he returned after emptying his huge basket. The jingling thud of his bamboo woke us up from sleep and we ran to meet and greet him.

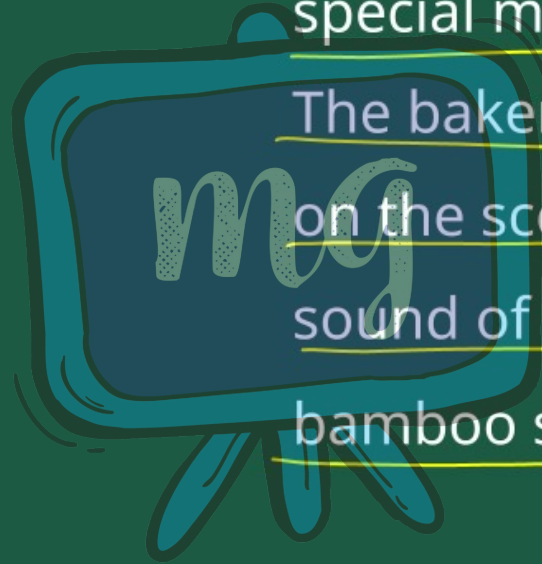


Why was it so? Was it for the love of
the loaf? Not at all. The loaves were
bought by some Paskine or Bastine,
the maid-servant of the house!
What we longed for were those
bread-bangles which we chose
carefully.

Longed For : desire

Sometimes it was sweet bread of
special make.

The baker made his musical entry
on the scene with the 'jhang, jhang'
sound of his specially made
bamboo staff.

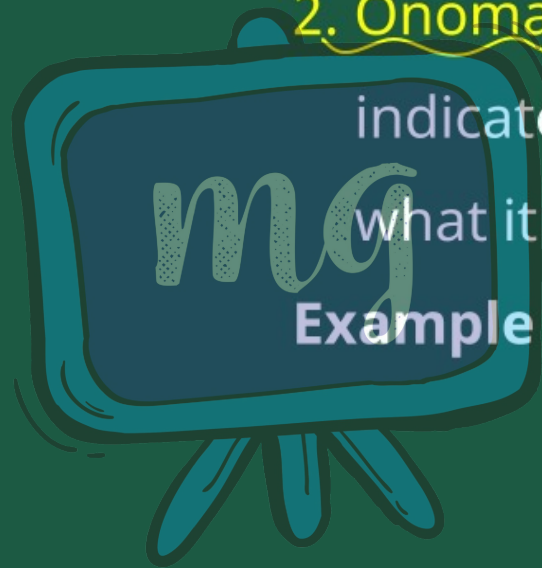


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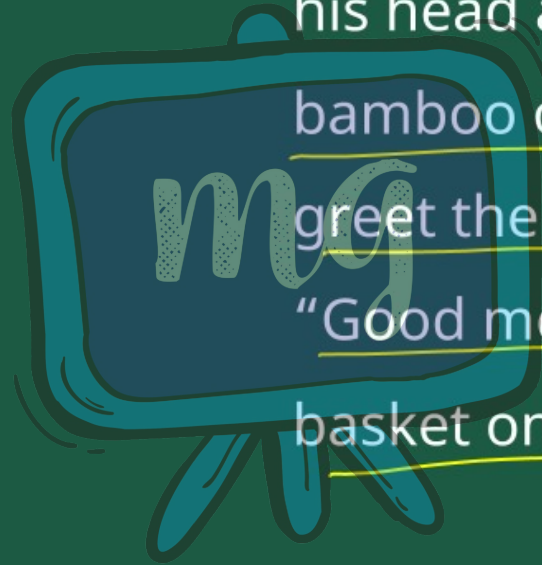
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Example - JHANG-JHANG



One hand supported the basket on his head and the other banged the bamboo on the ground. He would greet the lady of the house with "Good morning" and then place his basket on the vertical bamboo.

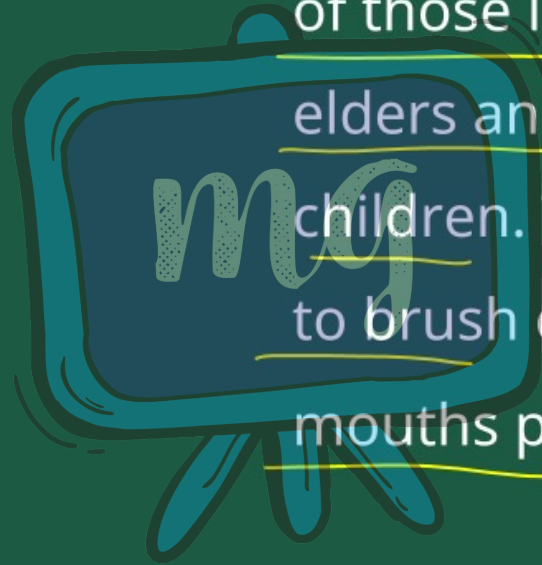


We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket, somehow.

Rebuke : to scold

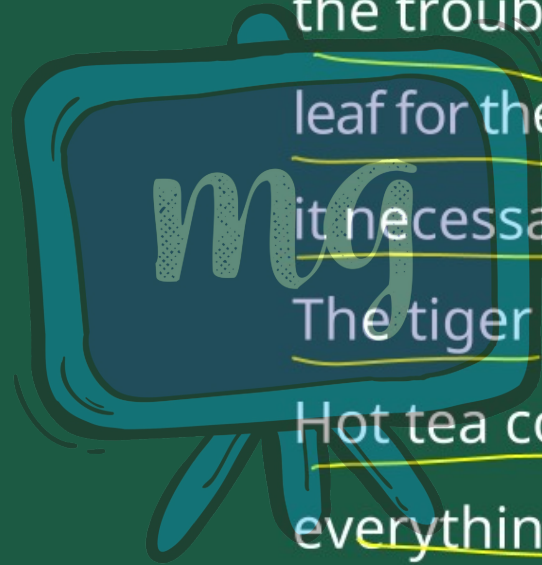
Parapet : a low protective wall along the edge of a roof, bridge, or balcony

I can still recall the typical fragrance
of those loaves. Loaves for the
elders and the bangles for the
children. Then we did not even care
to brush our teeth or wash our
mouths properly.



And why should we? Who would take
the trouble of plucking the mango-
leaf for the toothbrush? And why was
it necessary at all?

The tiger never brushed his teeth.
Hot tea could wash and clean up
everything so nicely, after all!

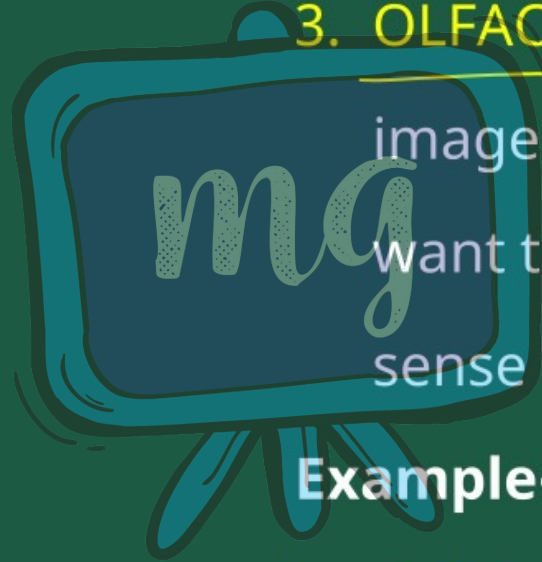


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3. OLFACTORY IMAGERY : Olfactory

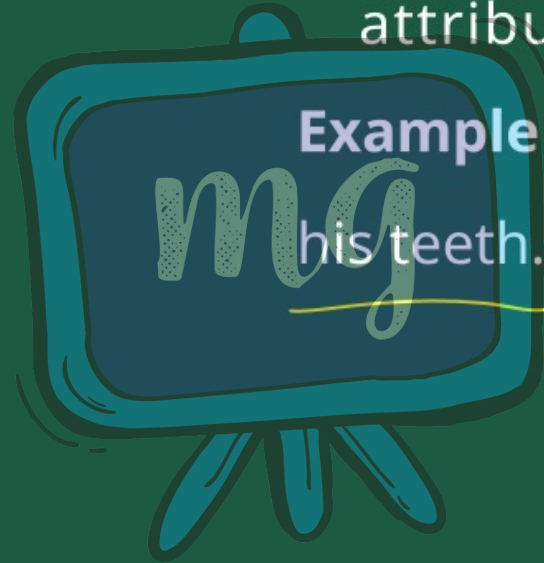
imagery is used when writers' want to appeal to a reader's sense of smell.

Example- I can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves

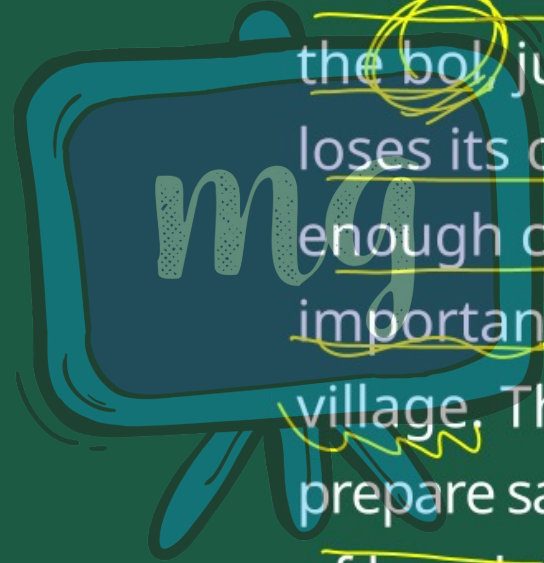


4. PERSONIFICATION : human

attribute



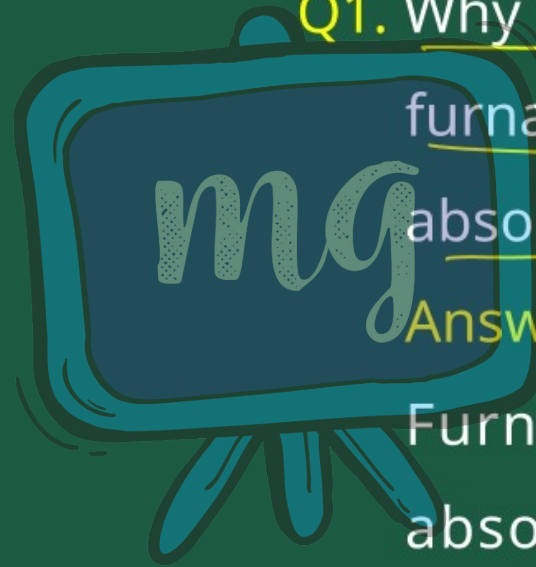
Example - The tiger never brushed
his teeth.



Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals.

CBSE QUESTION CHECK

Q1. Why presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential in Goa?

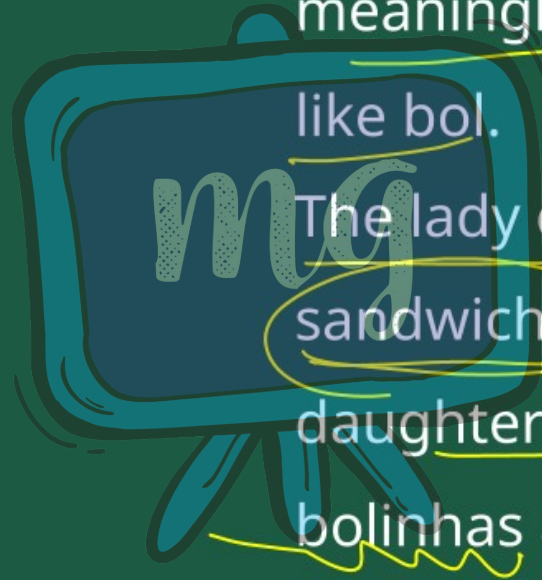


Answer : The presence of Furnace in Goan village is absolute essential as all the festivities, celebrations and occasions are incomplete

without bread. Marriages gifts are
meaningless without sweet bread

like bol.

The lady of the house must prepare
sandwiches on the occasion of her
daughter's engagement. Cakes and
bolinhas are a must for Christmas as
well as other festivals.



Thus, the presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential.

The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the kabai. It was a singlepiece long frock reaching down to the knees.

Essential : important

Peculiar : different to what is normal

In our childhood we saw bakers wearing a shirt and trousers which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants. Even today, anyone who wears a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites the comment that he is dressed like a pader!



unorganised

The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved.

Profitable : gain

Starved : die out of hunger

He, his family and his servants
always looked happy and prosperous.

Their plump physique was an open
testimony to this. Even today any
person with a jackfruit-like physical
appearance is easily compared to a
baker.

Plump Physique : fat and prosperous
Testimony : witness

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5. SIMILE : Comparison using 'like

or as'

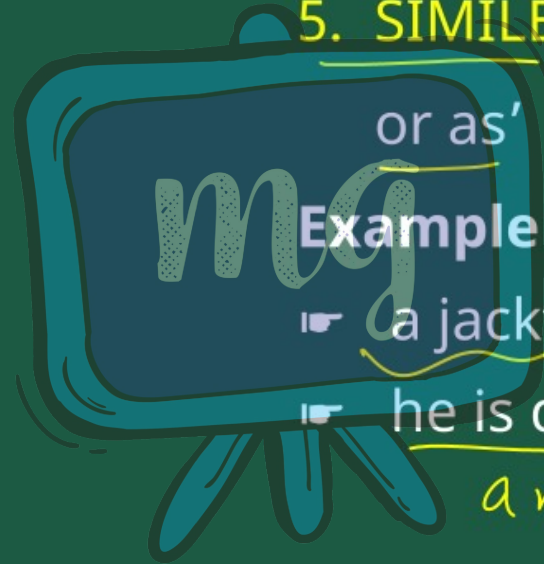
Example -

▣ a jackfruit - like physical

▣ he is dressed like a pader!

Baker

a normal



LEARNING OUTCOMES



1

Unity in Diversity

2

Culture's significance

ASSESSMENT



1

In the author's childhood, what did the children eagerly await from the baker?

A

News from other villages

B

Free samples of bread loaves

C

Specially made bread bangles

D

The chance to buy something for themselves

ASSESSMENT



2

What sound announced the baker's arrival in the mornings?

A

The clanging of pots and pans

B

A loud whistle he blew

~~C~~

~~The jingling of his bamboo staff~~

D

A song he sang while walking

ASSESSMENT



3

According to the passage, what kind of bread is essential for Goan celebrations?

- A Wheat bread
- B Sweet bread called 'bol'
- C Rye bread
- D Bagels

Marriage

ASSESSMENT



4

What was the traditional clothing worn by Goan bakers called?

- A Kabai (a long frock)
- B Dhoti (a draped garment)
- C Kurta (a tunic)
- D Sherwani (a long coat)