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CLASS – 9

ENGLISH

Beehive

CH-7 : Reach for the Top

Part – 1

Santosh Yadav

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OVERVIEW

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1. Santosh Yadav
2. Maria Sharapova



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Santosh Yadav (born 10 October 1967) is an Indian mountaineer. In 1992, Yadav scaled Mount Everest, when she was barely 20. She is the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest twice and the first woman to successfully climb Mount Everest from Kangshung Face (eastern-facing side of Mount Everest).

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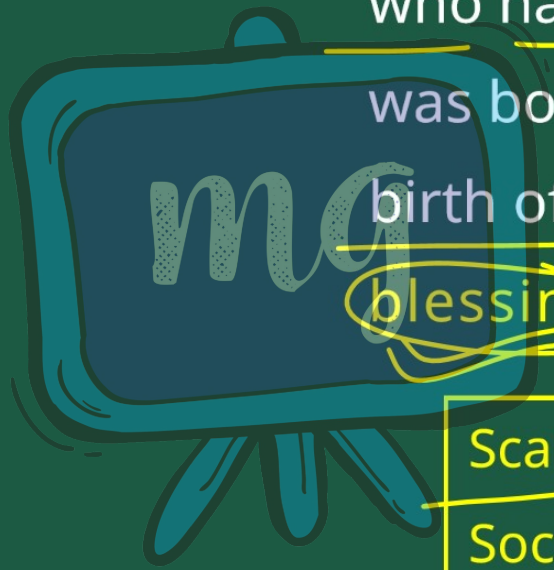
1. The only woman in the world who has scaled Mt Everest twice was born in a society where the birth of a son was regarded as a blessing, and a daughter,



Scaled	:	चढ़ी
Society	:	समाज
Regarded	:	माना जाता था
Blessing	:	आशीर्वाद

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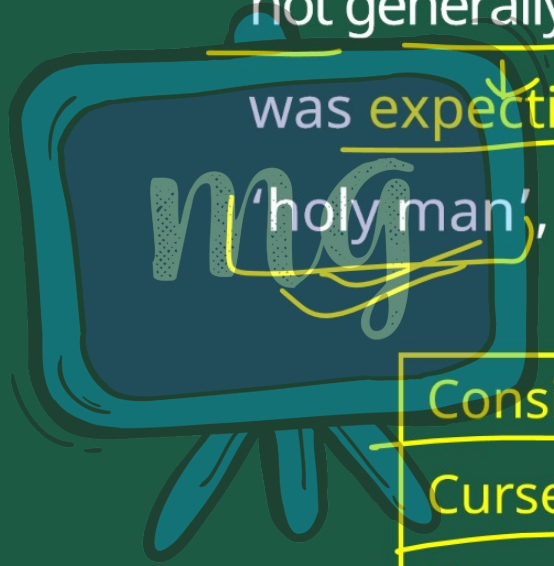
though not considered a curse, was not generally welcome. When her mother was expecting Santosh, a travelling 'holy man', giving her his blessing,



Considered	:	समझा जाता था
Curse	:	शाप
Expecting	:	आशा

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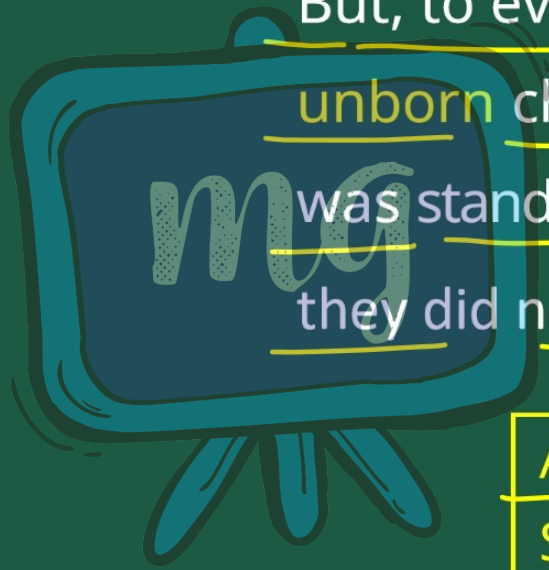
assumed that she wanted a son.
But, to everyone's surprise, the
unborn child's grandmother, who
was standing close by, told him that
they did not want a son.



Assumed	:	मानना
Surprise	:	आश्चर्य
Unborn	:	अजन्में

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The ‘holy man’ was also surprised! Nevertheless, he gave the requested blessing ... and as destiny would have it, the blessing seemed to work. Santosh was born the sixth child in a family with five sons, a sister to five brothers. She was born in the small village of Joniyawas of Rewari District in Haryana.

Surprised	:	आश्चर्यचकित
Nevertheless	:	फिर भी
Requested	:	अनुरोधित
Destiny	:	भाग्य

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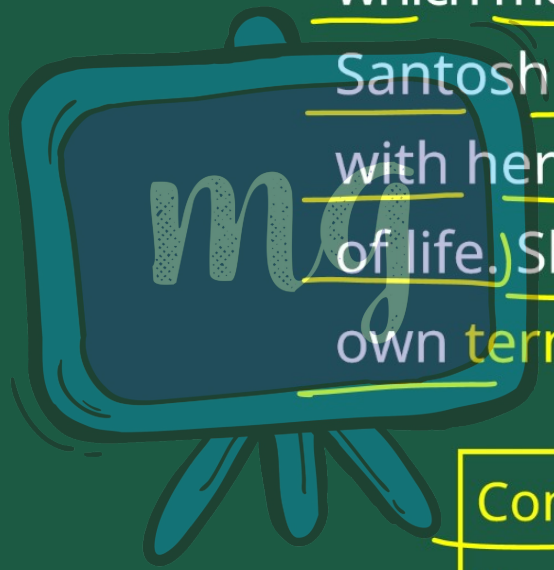
2. The girl was given the name 'Santosh', which means contentment. But Santosh was not always content with her place in a traditional way of life. She began living life on her own terms from the start.



Contentment	:	संतुष्टि
Traditional	:	पारंपरिक
Terms	:	शर्तों

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Where other girls wore traditional Indian dresses, Santosh preferred shorts. Looking back, she says now, “From the very beginning I was quite determined that if I chose a correct and a rational path, the others around me had to change, not me.”

Preferred	:	पसंदीदा
Beginning	:	शुरुआत
Determined	:	दृढ़
Chose	:	चुना
Rational	:	विवेकपूर्ण
Path	:	मार्ग

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3. Santosh's parents were affluent landowners who could afford to send their children to the best schools, even to the country's capital, New Delhi, which was quite close by.



Affluent	:	समृद्ध
Landowners	:	जमींदार
Afford	:	वहन
Quite	:	काफी

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But, in line with the prevailing custom in the family Santosh had to make do with the local village school. So, she decided to fight the system in her own quiet way when the right moment arrived.

In line with	:	के अनुसार
Custom	:	परम्परा
System	:	व्यवस्था
Quiet	:	शांत

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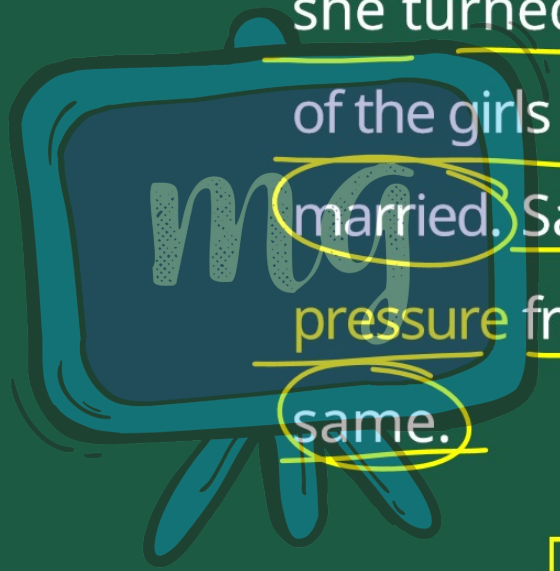

And the right moment came when she turned sixteen. At sixteen, most of the girls in her village used to get married. Santosh was also under pressure from her parents to do the same.

Pressure : दबाव

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4. A marriage as early as that was the last thing on her mind. She threatened her parents that she would never marry if she did not get a proper education.

Threatened	:	धमकी देना
The last thing	:	सबसे कम महत्वपूर्ण
Education	:	शिक्षा

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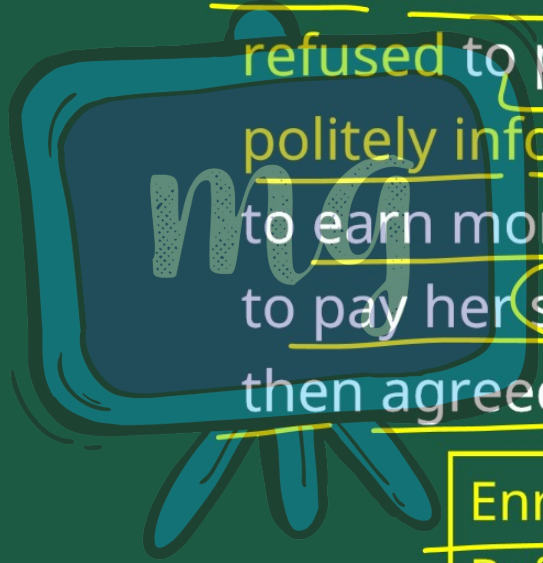

She left home and got herself enrolled in a school in Delhi. When her parents refused to pay for her education, she politely informed them of her plans to earn money by working part time to pay her school fees. Her parents then agreed to pay for her education.

Enrolled	:	दाखिला
Refused	:	इंकार करना
Politely	:	विनम्रतापूर्वक
Informed	:	सूचित किया

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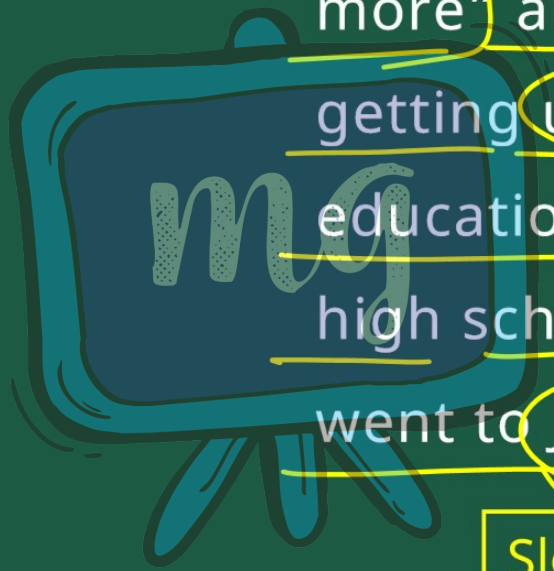
5. Wishing always to study "a bit more" and with her father slowly getting used to her urge for more education, Santosh passed the high school examinations and went to Jaipur.



Slowly	:	धीरे-धीरे
Urge	:	तीव्र इच्छा
Passed	:	उत्तीर्ण की

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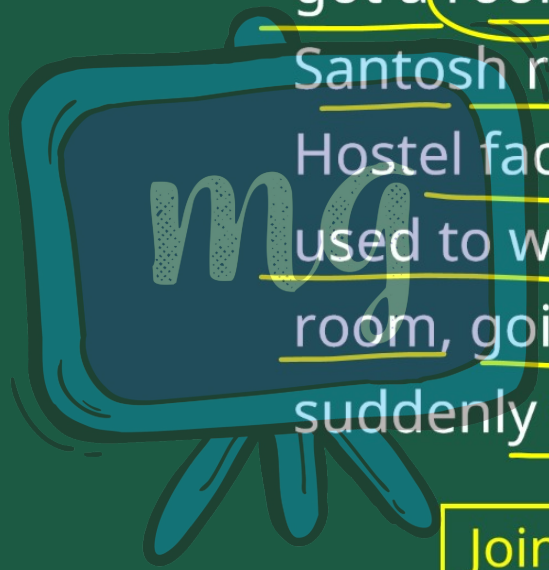
She joined Maharani College and got a room in Kasturba Hostel. Santosh remembers, “Kasturba Hostel faced the Aravalli Hills. I used to watch villagers from my room, going up the hill and suddenly vanishing after a while.



Joined	:	भर्ती होना
Villagers	:	गाँव वाले
Vanishing	:	ओझल होते हुए

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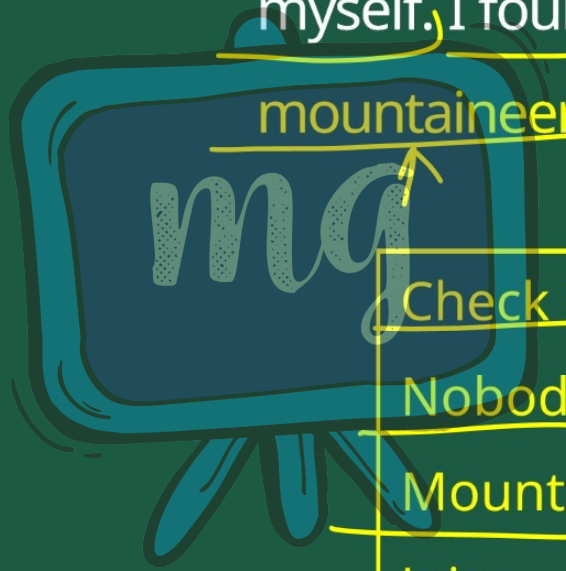
One day I decided to check it out myself. I found nobody except a few mountaineers. I asked if I could join them.



Check it out	:	खोजना (सच को)
Nobody	:	कोई नहीं
Mountaineers	:	पर्वतारोही
Join	:	शामिल होना

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To my pleasant surprise, they answered in the affirmative and motivated me to take to climbing."



Pleasant	:	सुखद
Affirmative	:	सकारात्मक
Motivated	:	प्रेरित करना
Climbing	:	चढ़ना

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Value of Education in Empowering Individuals
2. Challenges of Traditional Norms

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ASSESSMENT

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1 What is the name of Santosh Yadav's village?

A Jaipur

B Hariawas

C Bariawas

D Joniyawas

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2 What request did the unborn child's grandmother make to the holy man?

A Blessing for a daughter.

B Blessing for money.

C Blessing for a son.

D Blessing for twins.

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3 Which district of Haryana does Santosh belong?

A Bhiwani

B Mahendragarh

C Rewari

D Joniyawas