

# BAMBOO CURRY

## A. PRE-READING

### ACTIVITY-1

Look at the pictures given below. Discuss in groups. Which of these are used as vegetables ?



**Teacher tells the children :** We take vegetables. We cook them and eat. Have you ever eaten a dish made of bamboo ? The tender bamboo shoot is also cooked and eaten by people in many parts of India. Let's read a story about this. The teacher reads the text aloud and pupils listen to the teacher with their books closed. The teacher reads it again and asks them to follow it in the book while he/she reads.



## B. READING - I

1. One day the mother-in-law of a santhal bridegroom cooked a special dish for him when he visited her.



2. "This curry is delicious. What is it?" The mother-in-law pointed at the bamboo door.

3. Next morning, just as he was about to leave, he remembered that there was no bamboo in his village.



4. So he removed the bamboo door and carrying it with him left for his home.



## ACTIVITY - 2

Let's find facts:

Say whether True or False.

- (i) A santhal young man visited his father-in-law's house.
- (ii) The mother-in-law was happy to receive him.
- (iii) The young man liked the special dish.
- (iv) The special dish was prepared with vegetables.
- (v) The young man carried a bamboo plant to his house.

## ACTIVITY-3

Let's understand

Answer the following questions.

1. Who did the santhal bridegroom visit?

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2. What did the mother-in-law cook for him?

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3. How do you know that the dish was very tasty?

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4. What did the mother-in-law use to cook the curry?

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5. When did the son-in-law leave?

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6. What did he carry with him?

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7. Why did he carry the bamboo door?

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## ACTIVITY - 4

### Let's use the words

Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word given in brackets in each of the sentences.

The mother-in-law cooked a special \_\_\_\_\_. (curry/dish)

This \_\_\_\_\_ is delicious. (curry/dish)

The mother-in-law pointed at \_\_\_\_\_.

(the bamboo plant/the bamboo door)

The young man \_\_\_\_\_ the bamboo door. (uprooted/removed)

## ACTIVITY - 5

### Let's know meanings

Some words are given in column A and their meanings are given in column B. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B by drawing a line.

One has been done for you.

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B

delicious

to go away

point

to displace

remove

very tasty

visit

to show

leave

to meet someone

Say to the pupils :

You have already read that the santhal bridegroom visited his in-laws family. The mother-in-law prepared a special dish of bamboo curry for him. He liked it very much. So he carried the bamboo door with him while leaving for his home.



Let's read next to know what he did with the bamboo door.

## B. READING - II

5. On reaching his village, he told his wife, "Make curry with this bamboo door."



6. She was shocked. "How can I make curry out of a bamboo door?" she said.



7. "Come, I'll help you by chopping up the bamboo," he said.



8. His wife boiled it and boiled it. Later when her husband tasted it he said, "It's too hard to eat. You don't know how to cook."

9. His wife added more water and boiled it and boiled it. But it was still so hard that it couldn't be eaten.





10. The in-laws came to visit the young couple that evening. They listened about the curry and laughed at his foolishness. The mother-in-law said, "Didn't you know the curry was made from bamboo shoot and not from a bamboo door?"

### ACTIVITY - 6

### Let's find facts

Given below are some statements. Write True or False against each statement.

- (i) The young man asked his mother to make curry. \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) The young man's wife was surprised with the proposal. \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) The bamboo door was chopped into pieces. \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) More water was added to cook the bamboo. \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) The young man didn't like the curry. \_\_\_\_\_



## ACTIVITY-7

### Let's understand

Answer the following questions.

- What did the young man tell his wife on reaching home ?
- Why was his wife shocked?
- How did the young man help her in making the curry?
- Why did the young man say that she didn't know how to cook?
- What did she do to boil it further?
- Who came to visit in the evening?
- Why did they laugh at the young man?
- How is bamboo curry made?



## ACTIVITY - 8

### Let's write

Given below are some sentences from the lesson. Arrange them in order.

His wife boiled it and boiled it.

Come, I'll help you by chopping up the bamboo.

The mother-in-law pointed at the bamboo door.

His wife added more water and boiled it and boiled it.

So he removed the bamboo door.

They all laughed at his foolishness.

This curry is delicious. What is it?

Make curry with this bamboo door.

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### ACTIVITY - 9

#### Let's use words

Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words from the lesson.

- (i) How can I \_\_\_\_\_ curry out of a bamboo door?
- (ii) You don't know \_\_\_\_\_ to cook.
- (iii) They all \_\_\_\_\_ at his foolishness.
- (iv) The in-laws came to visit the young \_\_\_\_\_ that evening.

### ACTIVITY - 10

#### Let's use language

A) Read the sentence below.

It is too hard to eat.

This means : It is so hard that it can't be eaten.

Given below are some sentences. Rewrite the sentences using 'too'. The first one has been done for you.

- (i) He is so old that he can't walk.

He is too old to walk.





(ii) It is so cold that we can't go out.

(iii) The bag is very heavy. It can't be carried.

(iv) I am very tired. I can't work anymore.

**B) Read the sentence below.**

You don't know how to cook.

Here 'how to + verb' has been used.

**Given below are some sentences. Rewrite them using 'how to'. The first one has been done for you.**

(i) He doesn't know swimming. He doesn't know how to swim.

(ii) She knows knitting.

(iii) My father knows driving.

(iv) She can stitch clothes.

