

## Families of the World: India

Both families live in Jamnagar, Gujarat State in northern India. 1) We follow 8-year-old **Raja** as he attends school, plays cricket with his friends and chess with his mother, and visits a Hindu temple. 2) We also see 5-year-old **Bavika** playing with her cousins in their family compound, and we visit the family farm, where we see a water buffalo being milked, a woman making breakfast over a fire, and a man using oxen to plow a field.



### Vocabulary

1. prayer (n)
2. yoga (n)
3. Hindi (n)
4. citizens (n)
5. parable (n)
6. remove (v)
7. god/goddesses (n)
8. drought (n)
9. cricket (n): the game
10. spices (n)
11. Hindu (n)
12. Brahma (n): supreme spiritual force
13. reincarnation (n)
14. mosquito net (n)
15. malaria (n)
16. Mendi (n) patterns painted on the hands and feet
17. bride (n)
18. Sari (n): an Indian dress
19. caretaker (n)

20.sacred (adj)

21.blessed (adj)

**Part 1: While Watching****A) Raja**

1. What do the women do on the streets in the morning?
2. What is the first thing the students do at school?
3. T or F? They pray at school several times a day.
4. What kind of exercises do they do?
5. What is the official language?
6. How many languages are spoken in India?
7. How do they mainly learn English? (What skills do they practice?)
8. How are they taught the difference between right and wrong at school?
9. What time do they leave school?
10. Why do they take off their shoes at home?
11. T or F? The city delivers water every day.
12. What game are he and his friends crazy about?
13. T or F? Everyone drinks tea in the afternoon.
14. What do they say before dinner?
15. T or F? Many Indians are religious.
16. What is reincarnation?
17. T or F? Most Indians are vegetarians.
18. Why do they use mosquito nets?

**B) Bavika**

1. For what occasion do women usually wear Mendi?





- a. What are some *other* reasons to be a vegetarian?
  - b. Would you like to try to be a vegetarian? Why or why not?
3. What do you think about the idea of reincarnation? Do you believe in it? Why or why not?
  4. What other things in the video did you see that shows the importance of religion? (For example, see Questions A 3, A 14, B 6, and B 10).
  5. Would you like to visit India someday? Why or why not? (**Write down 2 or 3 reasons.**)