



# 10 OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS

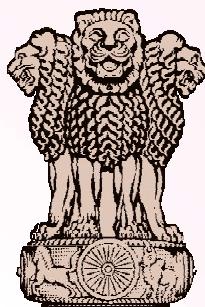


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The peacock is our national bird. It is large in size. It has long, blue and green feathers on its tail. It spreads out its feathers like a fan and dances, when it is happy.

Here is our national flag. It has three colours—saffron, white and green. That is why it is called the tricolour. The flag has a wheel with 24 spokes in the centre. The colour of the wheel is dark blue.



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This is our national emblem. It has four lions standing back to back. The four lions face the four directions. You can see the emblem on our coins and currency notes.

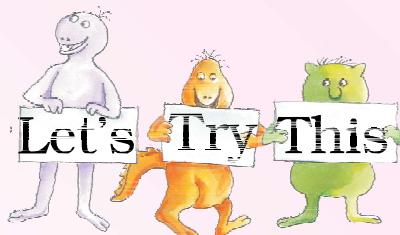
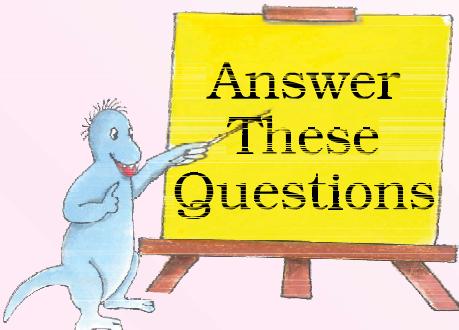
The tiger is our national animal. It is a wild animal. It lives in the jungle. It has stripes of yellow and black. It can move very fast.



To the Teacher

- Talk about the national symbols in the mother tongue.
- Help the children read the text para by para.





1. Why is our national flag called the tricolour?.
2. Have you seen the national flag? Name at least two days when the national flag is hoisted.
3. Locate the national emblem on currency notes and coins.
4. Write four describing words for
  - (a) the peacock
  - (b) the tiger



1. Fill in the blanks.
  - (i) The \_\_\_\_\_ is our national bird.
  - (ii) The \_\_\_\_\_ is our national animal.
  - (iii) Our national emblem has four \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (iv) The wheel in the national flag is of \_\_\_\_\_ colour.
2. Solve the puzzle with the help of the clues below. One has been done for you.

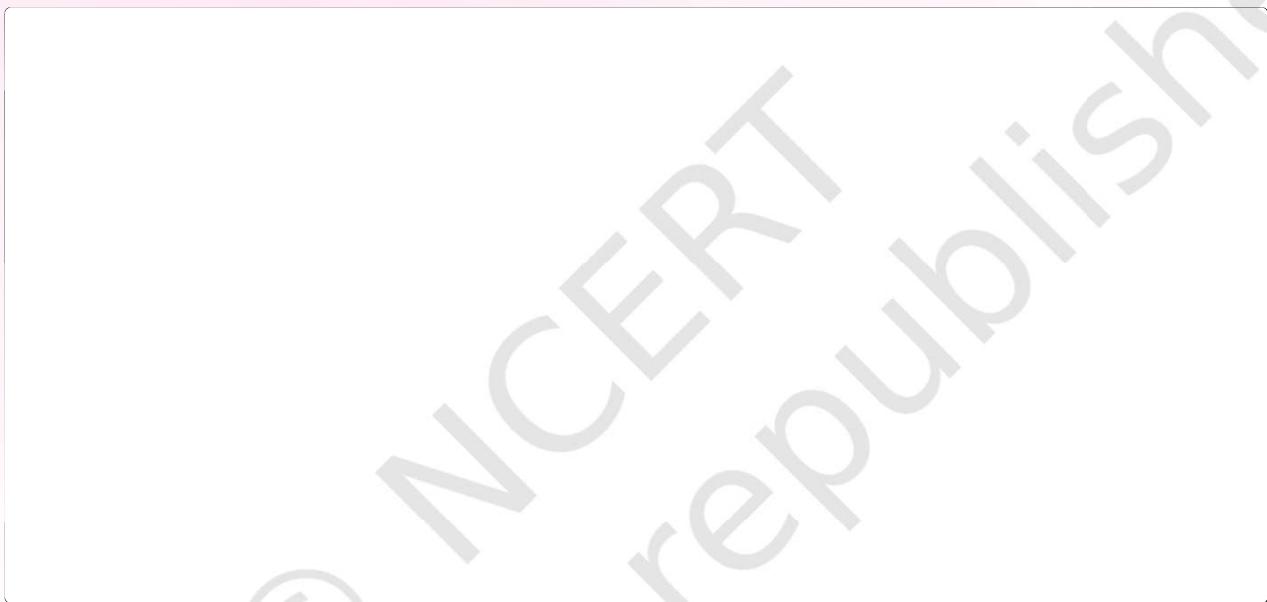
<b>Puzzle</b>	<b>Clues</b>
1. P A P E R	You draw pictures and write on it.
2. E _____	It is a big animal.
3. A _____	It is a sweet fruit.
4. C ____	It has four wheels. People drive it.
5. O _____	It is a sweet and sour fruit.
6. C _____	This animal lives in the desert.
7. K _____	It is made of paper. You can fly it

3. Listen and repeat

cat	cart
back	bark
shack	shark
lack	lark
mat	mart

4. Draw and colour

(i) the national flag



(ii) a peacock feather

