



The Good Eggs Travel the World

Chapter 6: India (February)

Overview:

The Eggs landed in New Delhi, the capital of India. They were met by Rashi, one of Shelly's friends, whose family owns the hotel where the Eggs stayed. They feasted on some wonderful Indian food, as Rashi told the Eggs of her sister's upcoming wedding. Throughout their stay, the Eggs visited and learned about the Taj Mahal, attended Rashi's sister's wedding, complete with mehndi, and also attended a Cricket match. Their visit concluded with an exciting tour of a tiger reserve, which made Ms. Poach a little nervous!

Lesson:

Chapter Six introduces the Eggs to the country of India.

Country: India

Continent: Asia

Prominent Languages: Hindi/English

Capital: New Delhi

Sites and Experiences:

- Taj Mahal – considered one of the modern wonders of the world
- Cricket match – played with a bat and a ball
- Tiger reserve – the Bengal tiger is India's national animal

Words, Phrases and Sayings Learned:

- *Namaste* = I honor you
- *Shukriyaa* = Thank you
- *Alvida* = Goodbye

Customs Learned:

- Indian wedding rituals – meanings of colors, mehndi (henna dye), and fire
- Bowing is a sign of respect toward another
- Quiet voices and covering shoes show respect for the dignity of the Taj Mahal

Foods Eaten:

- *Tandoori Chicken* = Chicken with yogurt and vegetables

- *Bal Mithai* = Scrumptious chocolate dessert

Activity:

Class Research:

GROUP 1: Research and find out interesting facts about the Taj Mahal.

GROUP 2: Research the rules of a cricket match.

GROUP 3: Research the types of tigers found on an Indian tiger reserve.

GROUP 4: Research the most popular spices used in Indian cooking.

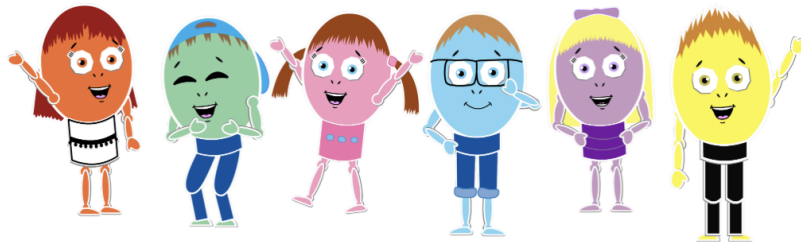
Materials:

- Poster board, markers, crayons

Get your poster board ready and divide it into four sections. Have each group depict their research onto the poster board. Hang it next to your Japan poster. Your half-way around the world by now!

Additional activity:

- Have a “mehndi hand painting party!” Instead of using real dye, use a safe, non-toxic, washable paint for kids and see what creative designs they come up with for their hands (they can even paint each other’s hands!) You can also check the Internet for design examples.



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