

Our National Symbols



On Your Marks...

Look at the given picture and write what you think it represents in the space provided.



I Shall Learn

- About what national symbols are
- About our national symbols

National Symbols

A national symbol represents a country.

Every country has its own national symbols. These are observed in places and objects like government offices, documents, stamps, currency notes and coins.

Let us learn about the national symbols of India.

National Flag

Our national flag is called the **Tiranga** or **Tricolour**. The rectangular flag has three horizontal bands of the same size.

- The saffron band at the top symbolises courage and sacrifice.
- The white band in the middle symbolises honesty, purity and peace.
- The green band at the bottom represents **prosperity**.
- There is a navy blue wheel in the centre with 24 spokes. It represents the Dharma Chakra and symbolises righteousness.



Flag of India

Look Up

Prosperity: growth
Righteousness: being morally right



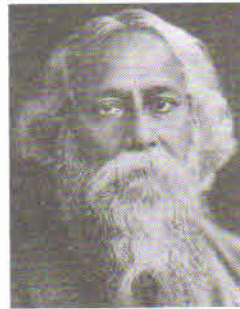
The national flag symbolises our country and our pride. It is hoisted on both government and private buildings, offices and public places. It is hoisted on **national days** like the Independence Day and the Republic Day.

A specific set of rules are observed when the national flag is hoisted.

National Anthem

Jana Gana Mana composed originally in Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore was adopted as our national anthem on 24 January 1950.

The national anthem is sung on national days, functions and events of national importance to pay tribute to our country.



Rabindranath Tagore

National Song

Our national song Vande Mataram was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in Sanskrit.

National Emblem

The Lion Capital is the national emblem of India. It was adapted from the Ashokan Pillar at Sarnath. It has four lions (one is hidden from view) facing four directions. These lions back to back are mounted on a circular abacus has four Chakras and sculptures of a lion, a bull, an elephant and a horse between them.

The words *satyamev jayate* (truth alone triumphs) are inscribed below the base of the emblem.

The emblem forms a part of all official government documents like identification documents, passport, voter ID and currency of India.

Other National Symbols

Some other national symbols of our country are listed below.

You know what

Our national flag was designed by Pingali Venkayya who was a freedom fighter.

Value Tip!

When you sing the national anthem or hear it being sung, always show respect by standing in attention.



Stamp issued to commemorate Bankim Chandra Chatterjee

Look Up

Emblem: picture with motto

Triumph: a great victory or achievement



Lion Capital of Ashoka



The Royal Bengal tiger is our national animal. It represents power and strength.

The peacock is our national bird. It is a symbol of beauty and grace.

The lotus is our national flower. It represents dignity, wealth and knowledge.

The banyan tree is our national tree.

Value Tip!

The national symbols of a country give its citizens a sense of belonging to the country and unite them irrespective of their caste, creed and religion. It is thus essential for us to respect and preserve them.

Activity

I Apply

Look at the pictures given below. Circle the national symbols of India.



I Learnt



I Understand



I Need Help

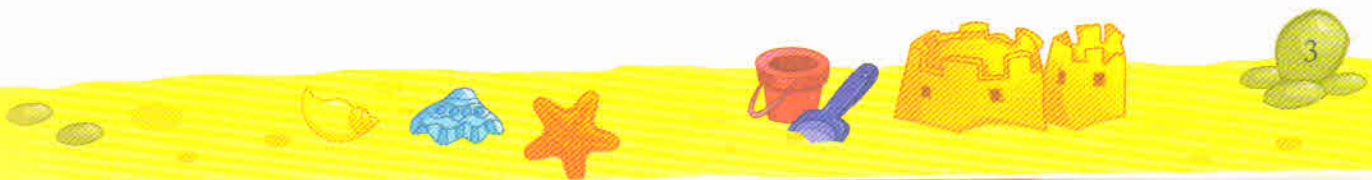
A national symbol represents a country.

Our national flag is the Tiranga.

Our national anthem is Jana Gana Mana.

Our national song is Vande Mataram.

Our national emblem is the Lion Capital.



Words I Learnt

- Symbol:** A thing used for or regarded as representing something else
- National:** Something relating to or maintained by a nation



Get Set, Go!

A. Fill in the blanks.

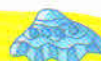
1. Our national anthem is _____.
2. Our national song was written by _____.
3. Our national emblem is adapted from the _____ in _____.
4. Our national emblem is the _____.
5. _____ is our national aquatic animal.

B. Choose the correct answers.

1. Who wrote the national anthem of India?
a. Mahatma Gandhi
b. Jawaharlal Nehru
c. King Ashoka
d. Rabindranath Tagore
2. The national flag of India is known as _____.
a. Tiranga
b. Trikona
c. Trishades
d. Triband
3. The colour white on our national flag stands for _____.
a. courage
b. peace and truth
c. sacrifice
d. beauty
4. *Satyamev jayate* means _____.
a. truth alone triumphs
b. truth may win
c. truth may not win
d. truth never wins
5. _____ is our national heritage animal.
a. Barking deer
b. Dolphin
c. Indian elephant
d. Royal Bengal tiger

C. Answer the following.

1. Name any four national symbols of India.
2. When is the national anthem sung?



D. Answer the following in brief.

1. Describe what colours of the national flag symbolise. Explain the importance of the flag.
2. Write in brief about the national song of India.
3. What is the national emblem of India? Where was it adapted from?
4. Name some plants and animals that have been adopted as national symbols of India. Does this benefit the species? How?

HOTS



Life Skills



'Project Tiger' is an initiative taken by the Government of India in 1973 to conserve our national animal, the tiger. The project aims at stopping the killing and illegal trading of body parts of the animal and thus conserving its population. Prepare a poster to create awareness regarding the following in your society.

1. Killing of wild animals
2. Illegal trading of their body parts and other derived products
3. Banning the use of these derived products (bags, belts, wallets, etc.)



Connect

Take a sheet of paper. Place a Rs. 2 coin under the sheet. Trace the coin on the paper with the help of a pencil. The side of the coin that has the national emblem must be on the top.

Art



Together We Do

Work in pairs and find what the words in our national anthem mean or represent.



Project

Find out why the Ganga River dolphin, the Ganga, the mango fruit and the banyan tree became our national symbols. Write three lines on each symbol.



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Lesson – 1 Our National Symbols

Question Bank

I. Fill in the blanks.

1. Our national anthem is _____
2. Our national song was written by _____
3. Our national emblem is adapted from the _____ in _____
4. Our national emblem is the _____
5. _____ is our national aquatic animal.
6. A _____ symbol represents a country.
7. Our national flag is called the _____
8. The _____ band at the top symbolizes courage and sacrifice
9. The _____ band is in the middle symbolises honesty, purity and peace.
10. The _____ band at the bottom represents prosperity.
11. Our national flag was designed by _____

II. Choose the correct answer.

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3. The colour white on our national flag stands for _____
a. Courage b. peace and truth c. sacrifice d. beauty
4. Satyamev Jayate means _____
a. Truth alone triumphs b. truth may win c. truth may not win d. truth never wins
5. _____ is our national heritage animal.
a. Barking deer b. Dolphin c. Indian elephant d. Royal Bengal tiger
6. Which is national day?
a. 25th December b. 15th April c. 26th January d. 1st November
7. Jana Gana Mana was adopted as our national anthem on _____
a. 24th January 1950 b. 15th August 1947 c. 26th November 1950 d. 22nd April 1956
8. Jana Gana Mana was originally composed in _____ language.
a. Bengali b. Hindi c. Urdu d. Punjabi
9. Our national song is _____
a. Jana Gana Mana b. Vande Mataram c. Sare Jahaan Se Achha d. Millaan hi
10. The Lion Capital is mounted on a _____ abacus.
a. Triangle b. circular c. Square d. Rectangle

III. Match the following

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|------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Jan Gana Mana | — | Bankim Chandra Chatterjee |
| 2. Tiger | — | Rabindranath Tagore |
| 3. Vande Mataram | — | National Flag |
| 4. Lion Capital | — | National Emblem |
| 5. Bharat Mata | — | National Animal |

IV. Answer the following

1. Name any four national symbols of India.(

National symbols of India are:

- National flag _ Tiranga
- National anthem _ Jana GanaMana
- National song _ VandeMataram
- National emblem _ Lion Capital

2. When is the national anthem sung?

The national anthem is sung on national days, functions and events of national importance to pay tribute to our country.

V. Answer the following in brief.

1. Describe what colour of the national flag symbolize. Explain the importance of flag.

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2. Write in brief about the national song of India.

Our national song VandeMataram was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in Sanskrit.

3. What is the national emblem of India? Where was it adapted from?

The Lion Capital is the national emblem of India. It was adapted from the Ashokan Pillar at Saranath.

4. Name some plants and animals that have been adopted as national symbols of India.

Does this benefit the species? How?

Some of our national symbols are :

- The Royal Bengal tiger is our national animal.
- The peacock is our national bird.
- The lotus is our national flower.
- The Indian elephant is our national heritage animal.
- The GangaRiverdolphin is our national aquatic animal.
- The banyan tree is our national tree.
- Mango is our national fruit.

Adopting of these plants and animals as national symbols have definitely helped species survive. Some of these, like the Royal Bengal Tiger, are endangered animal species which is in dire need of protection and conservation.