

Life and Work in Dhanu's Village

Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements.

- Dhanu's family stays in the village throughout the year. ☐
- Dhanu's father is the eldest in the family, so all festivals are celebrated at their house. ☐
- The mukadam lends money to the villagers and helps them find work. ☐
- Dhanu continues his schooling while working in the sugarcane fields. ☐
- The villagers stay in huts made of sugarcane leaves during their migration. ☐
- The children and women do not participate in sugarcane work. ☐
- During the off-season, villagers earn enough money to sustain themselves without borrowing. ☐
- Dhanu's grandmother moves with the family when they leave the village. ☐
- The mukadam gives money to villagers for their expenses before migration. ☐
- Dhanu's mami wants him to complete his education and become successful. ☐

Fill in the blanks box.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in the box.

motor, 3 months, paddy, caravan, ill, young, 6 months, sugarcane, old, study, play, Puranpoli, big farmers, Mukadam

1. The villagers in Dhanu's village leave their homes for _____ to work in sugarcane fields.
2. The mukadam helps the villagers find work in _____ fields.
3. Dhanu's grandmother and other _____ people stay back in the village.
4. Dhanu's mami wants him to _____ and have a better future.
5. The families travel in a _____ when they leave the village after Dussehra.
6. The women in the family prepare _____, a sweet dish, for the festival.
7. During the rainy season, villagers work on the land of _____.
8. Dhanu's family cannot grow crops like _____ due to lack of water.
9. The children and women _____ while the men cut the sugarcane.
10. The _____ lends money to the villagers before they leave.

Answer the following questions

Answer the following questions based on the Dussehra celebration in Dhanu's village.



- Why do all the relatives gather at Dhanu's house for Dussehra?

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- What special food is prepared by the women during the festival?

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- Why do the men sit with the mukadam after the celebration?

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- What changes in the village after Dussehra?

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- How does Dhanu's mami want to change his future?

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