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Hetal is a student of Class V, who enjoys doing new things. One day, after morning assembly, the teacher asked, “Children! have you heard or seen anything related to G20?” Some children responded, “Teacher, I have watched the news about G20 on TV and also read about it in the newspaper.” The teacher said, “Next week, the topic of the morning assembly will be G20. Tell me, who will speak on it?” No one says anything but Hetal slowly raised her hand and said, “Teacher, I want to speak about G20, but I don’t know much about it.”

Teacher: “Excellent, Hetal! There is nothing to worry about. The information you need is available in the newspapers, and I will also help you to know more about G20.”

Later, during the activity class, Hetal took out some time to discuss with the teacher and read about G20 in the newspapers. The teacher told her that this year the G20 Summit was held in our country, and 19 other countries and the European Union participated in it.

After coming home from school, with the guidance given by her teacher, Hetal gathered more information from old newspapers. Hetal’s mother saw her working hard and asked, “Hetal, what are you doing?” Hetal told her mother, “I have to speak on G20 in the morning assembly next week, so I am preparing for it.” Mother asked Hetal, “Have you completed the preparations?” Hetal responded, “No, Amma, just a little preparation has been done. Amma, please help me in this work as you have been following G20 news both through the newspapers and news channels.”

Mother: “Okay, I will help you. But first, tell me, what is G20?”

Hetal answered (excited that she knew), “Amma, G20, i.e., Group of Twenty (G20), is a major platform for international cooperation that includes nineteen countries and the European Union.”

Mother: “Oh wow! Very nice! Well, which are these nineteen countries?” After a moment’s pause Hetal said, “In G20, India, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China... Hmm... Oh, mother, I don’t remember all the names. Yes, but I have written the names in my notebook. Wait, let me read them out to you.” Hetal then

read out from her notebook, “Amma, the names of other countries are: France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Republic of Korea, Turkey, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom.”








*The African Union became a member of G20 during the G20 summit in 2023 in New Delhi at the suggestion (which was agreed upon by all the members of G20) of the Indian Prime Minister.

With this, Hetal showed a picture printed in the magazine to her mother. The picture displayed the flags of the G20 member countries, and Mother exclaimed, “Oh wow! This picture has the names of all these countries along with their national flags.”

Looking at the picture carefully, Mother asked, “Hetal, why there are so many countries working together in G20? What is it for that these 19 countries and 2 Unions had to come together?” Hetal, “Mother, I have not read much about it yet, but I think all the countries have come together to solve some problems.” Mother said, “Yes, that is precisely so. Long ago, around 1999, there was some money-related difficulty in the countries, which is also called a ‘financial crisis’. At that time, G20 was formed to solve it.”

Let's Do It

Match the names of the countries given in the table with their flags.

S.No.	Country	Flag
1.	Brazil	
2.	India	
3.	Russia	
4.	United States of America	
5.	United Kingdom	
6.	Canada	

Hetal said, “Amma, now I understand why G20 was created.” After a little while Hetal asked, “Amma, tell me a little more about G20 and how does it work?” Hetal’s mother explained, “The conference of G20 countries is organised every year under the presidency of one of these countries. This year it was held on 10 September 2023, in our country’s capital, New Delhi.”

Meanwhile, Hetal’s father came and asked, “What is going on here today? On which topic both mother and daughter are discussing at such length? Tell me also about it.” Hearing this, Hetal ran to her father and said, “Papa, my teacher has asked me to speak on G20 in the morning assembly next week, so I am preparing for it with

Amma.” After this, Hetal shared the information she had collected with her father. Father praised Hetal for her hard work.

The next morning, Hetal saw the G20 logo in the newspaper and tried to understand the sentence ‘*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: One Earth. One Family. One Future*’ written beneath it. Hetal asked, “Papa, why is it so colourful? And what is its meaning?” Father explained, “If you look at it carefully, you will see that the colours in the logo are same as in our national flag. So, what are those colours?” Hetal answered, “Papa, they are green, white, and saffron.” She continued happily, “Yes father, these are the same colours.” Again she asked, “Why has the zero in G20 been replaced with the image of earth in the logo?”

At this father told Hetal, “This shows that we Indians have to face challenges as well as do development, and all living beings on this earth should live like one family. That is why the image of earth is in place of ‘0’ in the G20 logo. Also, the image of earth has been shown on a lotus flower.”

While telling this, he asked, “Tell me how many petals of the lotus flower are there in this logo?” Hetal counted and said, “Father, there are seven petals in it.”

Hetal’s father asked, “Can you tell me why there are seven petals?” On hearing this, Hetal immediately said, “Yes Papa, I know this because



I have heard the Prime Minister speaking on TV that the seven petals of the lotus are very important in the emblem because they represent the seven continents. They also represent the seven notes of music.

Activity 1

1. Draw the G20 logo in your drawing book and colour it.
2. For how long did India chair the G20?

Father said, “Well done! Absolutely right, my daughter knows everything. Similarly, the G20 aims to bring the world together while respecting diversity to live in harmony.”

Hetal asked, “Father, please tell me something about *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* written below this.” Father explained, “The word *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* is made up of two words, *Vasudha* means world, and *Kutumbakam* means family. Together it means ‘the world is one family.’ Hetal says, “If we have one earth and we have one family, i.e, we live like one family, then our future is also one or linked.”

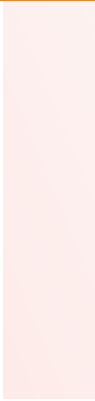
Next morning, Hetal woke up early and reached school. Even before the morning assembly began, Hetal ran and stood in her class line. At the end of the prayer, teacher said, “Hetal, come forward and express your thoughts on today’s topic G20.”

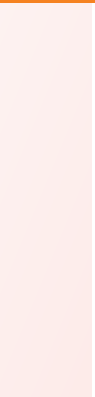
Hetal came forward with great enthusiasm, greeted everyone, introduced herself, and presented her views on the topic ‘What is G20? Let us know.’ After this, Hetal thanked everyone. All children clapped loudly. Finally, the morning assembly ended with the national anthem.

Hetal’s classmates congratulated her for the impressive presentation. Hetal told everyone that their teacher guided her with required information on the subject, and her parents also helped her. Hetal was very happy and thought that India has made an immense contribution towards G20 and felt ecstatic by creating the image of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* in her mind.

Activity 2

Collect the pictures of G20 countries and make a picture tree and write the names of those countries.







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