

20. Eating together

I. Fill in the blanks:

1. Bihu is the harvesting festival of Assam.
2. Bhelaghar is made from grass and bamboo.
3. In Bihu, food was served on banana leaves.
4. Mid – day meal is given in some schools of our country by the order of the high court.
5. Bhelaghar was set alight in the evening.
6. Tao is a big vessel.
7. Children should get fresh, hot and properly cooked food.
8. Uruka is a grand feast.
9. Having a class party is a good thing.
10. Aarti enjoyed the wedding because all her cousins ate together and had fun.

Home work

Draw or paste a picture where many people are eating together

II. Answer the following:

1. Why did the children want to have a class party?

Children wanted to have a class party so that they get an opportunity to eat together.

2. When do Assamese celebrate Bihu?

Assamese celebrate Bihu when the new rice crop is being harvested.

3. How cheva rice was prepared?

Cheva rice was prepared by putting the Kadhahi containing soaked rice in a big vessel (Tao) and covering it with banana leaves. Then it is cooked and ready to eat.

4. Why can't the children pay attention in the class?

The children can't pay attention in the class because they were so hungry.

5. What did the children do before the mid – day meal was served?

Before the mid – day meal, all the children sang together the song

“We play together,

We eat together’

For the good of everyone,

We will always be together”

6. What did the children get as mid – day meal?

The children got rice with gravy and vegetables as mid – day meal.

Home work

Draw any two utensils used for cooking food for a large number of people.

III. Answer in detail:

1. Write about bihu.

- ✓ MaghBihu is the harvesting festival of Assam.
- ✓ It is celebrated on 14th and 15th of January.
- ✓ The first day is called Uruka, and that day people build a temporary shed called BhelaGhar and have a community feast.
- ✓ Bora is a common variety of rice used in Assam.
- ✓ These are 'sticky' rice.

2. Write about mid – day meal.

- ✓ Mid – day meal is every child's right.
- ✓ Many children in our country are not able to get even one full meal every day.
- ✓ Many of them do not even go to school.
- ✓ Those who go to school without eating properly cannot study properly.
- ✓ Some years ago, the highest court of our country gave an important decision.
- ✓ **All children in elementary (class 1 to 8) schools should be provided with hot, cooked food.**
- ✓ This is mid – day meal which is the right of every child.