

# ENGLISH



Dear Students

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow !!

## 12 Ahimsa—bringing people together



People who believe in ahimsa are special people. They have love in their hearts and they care about others. They teach people to respect and love each other. They make friends, not enemies. They know that the ahimsa way of life works. They want to show others too that it works.



### Let's read and think

#### A shout becomes a smile

Ajay and Swapna lived on a quiet street in Pune. There were hardly any children to play with. So, a holiday in Mumbai with their cousins Rita and Rohit seemed very exciting. They knew that Rita and Rohit lived in a tall building with many flats and so they thought there would be many children to play with. The building even had a large playground for children.

It was late at night when they reached Mumbai. They went to bed, excited about meeting and playing



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with other children. The next morning, Ajay and Swapna met their cousins at breakfast.

'Let's go and play in the park,' said Ajay.

'Who lives next door? Are they your friends,' asked Swapna excitedly.

'We don't have any friends in this building. Our neighbours are such bullies,' said Rohit.

'When we tried to play with them they hit us and called us names,' said Rita.

Swapna and Ajay were shocked. They decided to do something about it. They went to the flat next door with some flowers.



'Hello, Aunty, we've come to invite your children to play with our cousins, Rita and

Rohit, and with us,' they said to the lady who opened the door.

'These children have come to play with you,' said the lady to her children, Beena and Biju.

'Are you the cousins of Rohit and Rita? They shouted at us one day!' said Beena.

Swapna understood what had happened. Both sides had been rude.

'Come with us,' she said to them with a smile. 'We can all be friends.'

'We are ahimsa people,' added Ajay.

'What does that mean?' asked Biju.

'Ahimsa means not hurting another person,' explained Ajay.

'We do not believe in hurting anyone,' said Swapna.

'We too want to be ahimsa people,' Beena and Biju said.

They went to the park and all the children played together. Many other children from the building joined them. They all had lots of fun. Soon all the children in that building knew what the word 'ahimsa' meant. They all tried to be ahimsa people. When the holidays were over, the children were sad to see Ajay and Swapna leave.

'We have learnt from you the importance of not hurting others. We too are ahimsa people now. We will always remember you,' they said.

**Tick the correct answer.**

1. Ajay and Swapna were going to **Delhi** **Mumbai** .
2. Their cousins were **friendly** **unfriendly** with the neighbours.
3. Ajay and Swapna took **flowers** **chocolates** for the neighbours.
4. Everyone was **happy** **sad** to see Ajay and Swapna go.

**Discuss in class.**

1. Why were Ajay and Swapna so excited?
2. How did Ajay and Swapna help their cousins to be friends with their neighbours?
3. What did the children learn from Ajay and Swapna?

