

India's Ins and Outs

My uncle just got married and we went to the wedding. It meant taking a plane to 17
 the other side of the world. That's because my uncle's wife, Asha, is from India and 35
 she wanted to get married at home. When we finally landed, the air was hot and 50
 steamy. The city had modern buildings and streets with beautiful trees. We loaded 63
 our suitcases in the car. The traffic was crazy! The road didn't just have cars, but 79
 also trucks overloaded with hay and people. There were bicycles and carts with 92
 oxen, too. People swerved all over the road and everyone honked their horns. At 106
 first I was afraid, but then I started to enjoy watching people trying to travel through 122
 all the confusion. We finally reached Asha's city. Her family was very nice. Most 136
 everyone spoke English. We had a big dinner together. The food was different 149
 from what my family eats at home. There was chicken, lamb, vegetables, and bread. 163
 They use lots of spices in Indian food. At first I didn't think I liked the taste, but soon 182
 I thought some things were really good—especially the desserts! On the wedding 195
 day, lots of friends and family came. Back home, a bride wears white at her 210
 wedding. Everyone, including the bride, wears bright colors at an Indian wedding. 222
 There were lots of flowers and food. After the wedding, a band played and 236
 everyone danced. When it was time to fly home, I was sad to leave. I hope I can 254
 come back to India soon. There is so much more I want to see! 268

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words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

Every teacher and every parent wishes that every child will learn to read and love to read. Paying attention to the skill of fluency can help us all achieve that wonderful goal. Help children read fluently, and they will be more apt to enjoy books and other print media. Fluent readers gain word and world knowledge from texts and websites. Ultimately, a natural byproduct of frequent and fluent reading is improved vocabulary and comprehension.

–Dr. Jan Hasbrouck

1. How does the narrator's attitude toward India change?
 - o At first he's nervous, but then he grows to like it.
 - o At first he loves it, but then he has a bad time.
 - o He wishes he'd never gone to India and wants to go home.
2. What happened first in this story?
 - o There was a wedding.
 - o They ate dinner.
 - o They flew to India.
3. What does an Indian bride wear?
 - o Bright colors
 - o A white dress
 - o A grass skirt
4. Would you like to visit India? Why or why not?

