

Chapter 7 : From the Window

Question 1:

What was the difference in the scene that Omana saw from the train on the first day and on the second day?

Answer 1:

The difference in the scene that Omana saw was that on the first day she was not able to notice anything as it was too dark outside from the window. The weather was hot and dry. But on the second day, Omana was at Madgaon and when the train left the station she saw that the scene outside was so beautiful with greenery everywhere. Fields full with red soil and green crops, hills covered with trees.

Question 2:

Omana saw many kinds of vehicles at the level-crossing. Which of them run on diesel or petrol?

Answer 2:

The buses, trucks and few cars run on diesel while scooters, motorcycles and the remaining cars run on petrol.

Question 3:

Why was there so much smoke and noise from the vehicles at the level crossing?

Answer 3:

There was so much smoke and noise from the vehicles at the level crossing because some people did not turn off the engines of their vehicles and were honking too even while waiting at the railway crossing.

Question 4:

What can we do to reduce noise of the vehicle and save petrol and diesel? Discuss.

Answer 4:

The ways to reduce noise of the vehicles and save petrol and diesel are:

- Switch off the engines of vehicles when waiting for a signal or level crossing.
- Doing regular check-ups and servicing the vehicles will reduce noise of the vehicle and even save fuel.

Discuss

Question 5:

Sometimes people cross the tracks even when the crossing is closed. What do you feel about this?

Answer 5:

It is a very dangerous thing to cross the tracks even when the crossing is closed as it may be fatal. I strongly feel that no one should take such a risk.

Question 6:

Have you seen any bridges? Where?

Answer 6:

Yes, I have seen many bridges while I was travelling to Delhi by train and also while going to Kolkata.

Question 7:

Have you ever crossed a bridge? Where?

Answer 7:

Yes, I have crossed several bridges like the one over the river Ganges at Allahabad.

Question 8:

What was the bridge built over?

Answer 8:

The bridge was built over a water body that is over the river Ganges.

Question 9:

What did you see below the bridge?

Answer 9:

I noticed the river water and some boats below the bridge.

Question 10:

Find out why bridges are made.

Answer 10:

Bridges are generally made to make the travelling across different terrains easier. Here, the bridge was made for people to cross the river.

Question 11:

Have you ever been through a tunnel? How did you feel?

Answer 11:

Yes, I have been through a tunnel for a second. I got scared and I was lost as it became totally dark in and around the tunnel and I felt nervous. But later I realized that I was absolutely safe.

Question 12:

The route from Goa to Kerala has a total of 2000 bridges and 92 tunnels! Why do you think there are so many bridges and tunnels?

Answer 12:

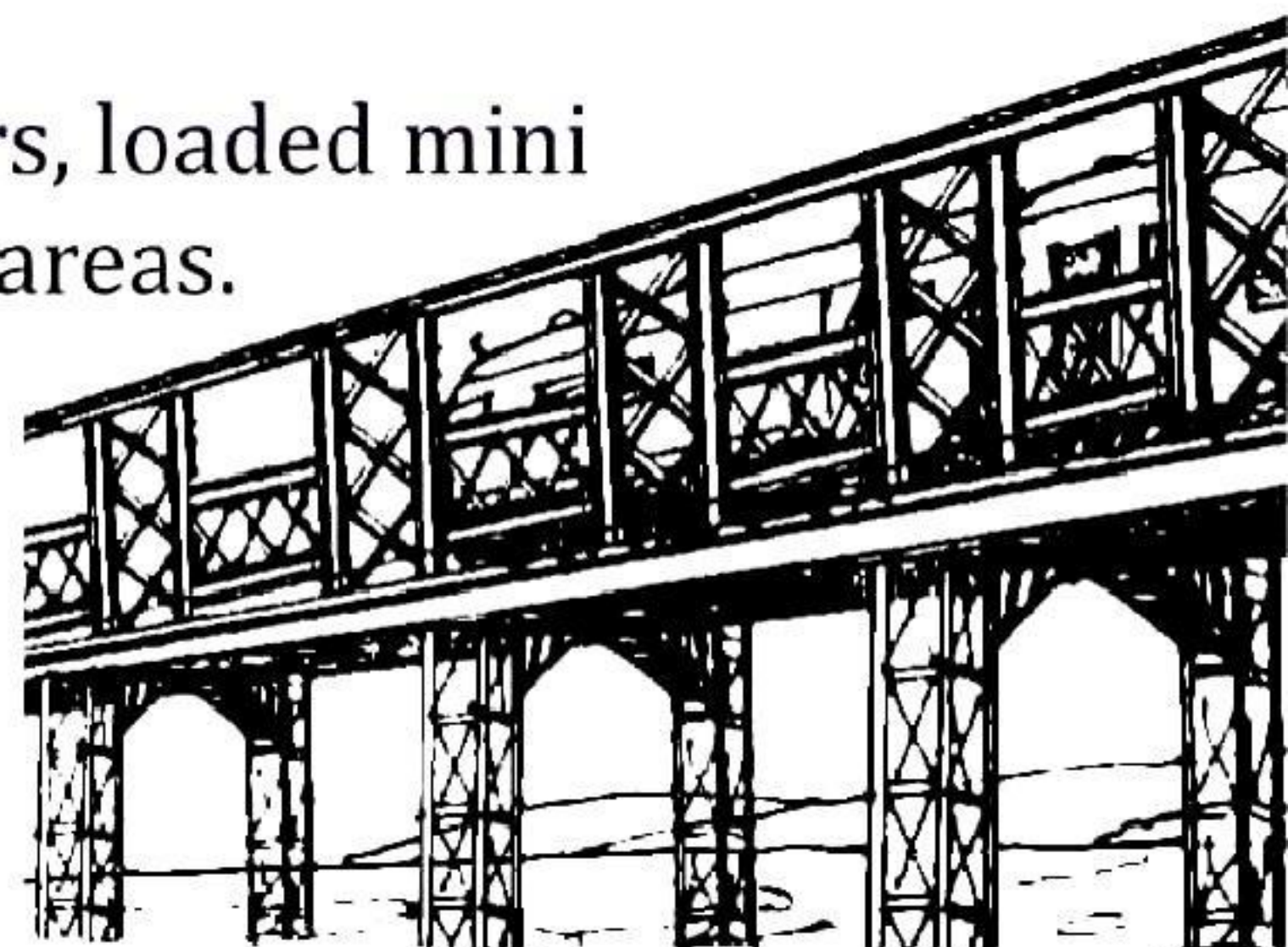
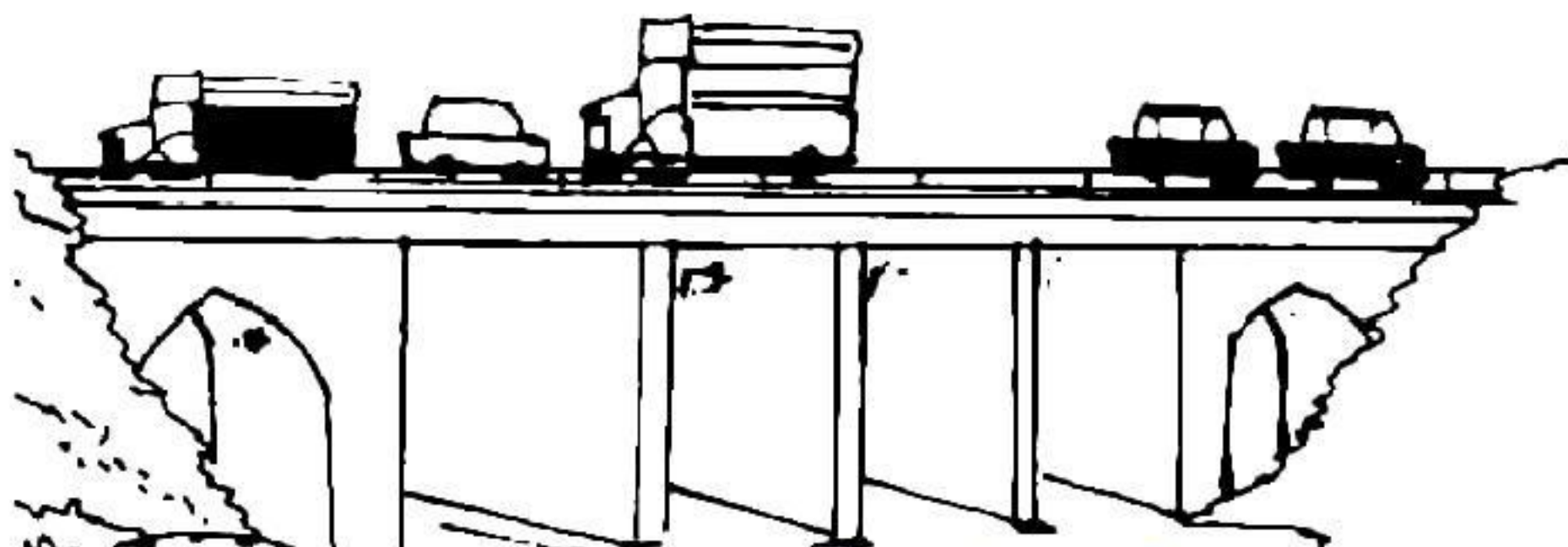
As the route is along the sea coast, many water bodies and hills, many bridges and tunnels have been constructed in the route from Goa to Kerala.

Question 13:

Imagine and draw in your notebook what Omana saw under the bridge when her train crossed it?

Answer 13:

Omana saw vehicles roaming around like truck, cars, loaded mini trucks. She also saw river and field extended to large areas.



Question 14:

Imagine, if on the way there had been no tunnels and bridges, how would Omana's train have crossed the mountains and rivers?

Answer 14:

It would have been impossible for Omana's train to cross the mountains and bridges without tunnels and bridges.

Question 15:

Which languages do you speak at home?

Answer 15:

We speak Hindi and English at home.

Question 16:

On the way from Gujarat to Kerala Omana's train went through several states of our country. Find out and list which states it crossed.

Answer 16:

The states which the train crossed on the way from Gujarat to Kerala are Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and finally entered Kerala.

Question 17:

Did you ever have coconut water? How did you find it? Discuss.

Answer 17:

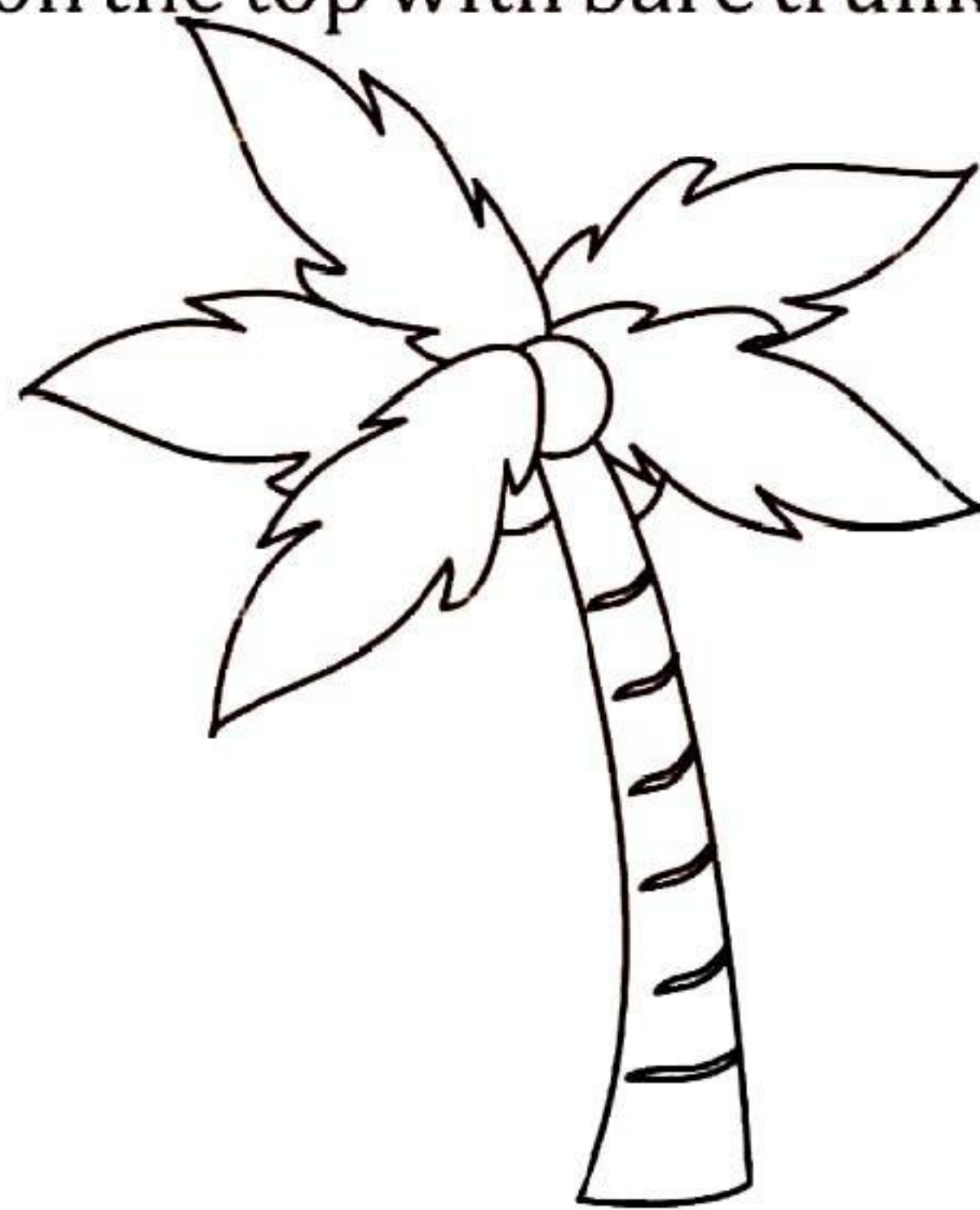
Yes, usually one or two in a week. The street hawker comes in my locality daily. Now a days it is easy to get coconut water for everyone.

Question 18:

Draw a coconut tree and discuss in the class about it.

Answer 18:

Coconut trees are found near coastal areas. It is difficult to climb on it to get coconut because it has no branch to support during the climbing. There is special trick as well as equipments to climb on these type of trees. In all the coconut trees have leaves on the top with bare trunk.

**Question 17:**

Find out in which states these languages are spoken?

Language	Where it is spoken (State)
Malayalam Konkani Marathi Gujarati Kannada	

Answer 17:

Language	Where it is spoken (State)
Malayalam Konkani Marathi Gujarati Kannada	Kerala Goa Maharashtra Gujarat Karnataka

Question 18:

What do you call them?

Your mother's sister

Your mother's mother

Your father's sister

Your father's mother

Answer 18:

Your mother's sister–	Mausi
Your mother's mother–	Nani
Your father's sister–	Bua
Your father's mother–	Dadi