

Chapter 21 : Food and Fun

Question 1:

Do you study in a boarding school? If you do not, try to talk with someone who goes to a boarding school and find out–

- (a) In what ways is boarding school different from other schools?
- (b) What kind of food do they get there?
- (c) Where do the children sit and eat in the boarding school?
- (d) Who cooks food for the children in the boarding school? Who serves the food?
- (e) Who washes the vessels?
- (f) Do the children miss home-made food sometimes?
- (g) Would you like to go to a boarding school? Why?

Answer 1:

No, I have never studied in a boarding school.

- (a) A boarding school is a school where the students studying in it do not return to their home every day but stay there only. They stay in a hostel at the school and go to their home only during long breaks or vacations. Whereas in other schools, children stay at home with their parents, go to school and come back to their house
- (b) Students get all kinds of food like fruits, snacks, milk and different types of meal like breakfast, lunch, evening snacks and dinner in a boarding school.
- (c) In a boarding school, all the children sit together in a dining hall and eat their only.
- (d) A group of cooks are responsible for preparing the food together for all the children in the boarding school. Workers in the kitchen serve the food to the children.
- (e) Separate staffs are appointed to wash the vessels.
- (f) Yes, children do miss home-made food sometimes as they get very little chance to go to their homes and eat the food made by their mothers.
- (g) No, I do not like to go to a boarding school as I will miss my parents and mom's food over there.

Talk about it:

Question 2:

The 'cooking and eating together' in a Gurudwara is called langar. Have you ever eaten in a langar ? Where and when?

Answer 2:

Yes, I have eaten food in a langar many times when I visited Gurudwara along with my parents during the occasion of Guru nanak Jayanti or otherwise also.

Question 3:

How many people were cooking and how many were serving the food there?

Answer 3:

About 50-70 people were cooking and the same number of people served the food there.

Question 4:

Are there other occasions when you have eaten with many people? Where and when? Who cooked and served the food there?

Answer 4:

Yes, on the occasion of Maha Shivaratri, Navratras etc. I have eaten with many people in Temples. The cook prepared the food and volunteers of those temples, called sewadars served the food on that day.