# Chapter 26: Defence Officer: Wahida

### Question 1:

Do you know anyone who is in defence services? Is the person in the Navy, Army or Air Force?

#### Answer 1:

Yes, my friend's cousin brother is in defence services. He is in Indian Air Force.

## Question 2:

What work do they do in the force?

#### Answer 2:

He is a doctor in the Air Force.

### Question 3:

Would you like to join the defence services?

### Answer 3:

Yes, I would like to join the defence services.

## Question 4:

Which of the there would you like to join - the Army, the Navy or the Air Force?

### Answer 4:

I would like to join the Air Force.

## Question 5:

In which other jobs do people wear uniforms as in defence services?

### Answer 5:

The people in police services and paramilitary forces wear uniforms as in defence services.

### Question 6:

Wahida works as a doctor in the Indian Navy. Can you name five other occupations in the Navy?

#### Answer 6:

Yes, here are five other occupations in the Navy:

1. Cook

2. Cleaner

3. Diver

4. Pilot

5. Nurse

### Question 7:

Have you ever seen a parade?

- (i) Hold a parade in your own school and try giving thirty-six-commands for example, "Parade, Eyes Right", "Don't move", "Close in", "Open file".
- (ii) Can you add some more commands to this list?

#### Answer 7:

Yes, I have seen parades in my school and in T.V too on Republic Day

- (i) Do it yourself.
- (ii) Some more commands can be: "Parade, Attention!"; "Left-right-left", etc.

### **Question 8:**

Talk to a doctor and find out about her/his work.

#### Answer 8:

A doctor is a person who tests the patients and tries to diagnose the disease. He/she prescribes medicines to the patients and tells them other measures which should be taken in order to recover from the disease.

## Question 9:

Do you know any woman who has done something unusual? Talk to her in the same way as we talked to Lt. Cdr. Wahida Prism. Think of the questions that you will ask. Find out why she has chosen that work. What were the difficulties she faced in her life?

## Answer 9:

I got a chance to interview Mrs. Kiran Bedi. I asked her many questions like:

1. How did you feel when you were selected for the Indian Police Service? Kiran Bedi: I felt as if I was on top of the world

- 2. Why did you want to join the police forces? Kiran Bedi: I wanted to prove that women can also be strong in mind and take up any responsibility
- 3. Did you face problems during your career? Kiran Bedi: Yes, I faced lot of discouragements during initial years of my career. Many of my seniors wanted me to go for easier assignments. Sometimes, my male colleagues viewed me with jealous
- 4. How do you feel after serving for such a long period?

  Kiran Bedi: I feel satisfied with the job well done. I feel proud of myself and my nation.