



## Chapter 15

### From Market to Home



My name is Vaishali. My father is a vegetable-seller. My mother, *Bhai*, *Chhotu* and I, help father with his work. Can you guess at what time we begin our work ? At 3 o'clock in the morning. When most people are fast asleep, we start our work. Taking out the previous day's vegetables from the gunny bags and baskets and arrange them; on the other hand preparation of bringing the fresh vegetables from the *Mandi* (big market). Sometimes *Chhotu* also helps us.

As soon as we had our tea after finishing the work, we heard the horn of a tempo. It is time for father, *Bhaiya*, uncle and some others from our street to leave for the *Mandi*.

- Does anyone in your house get up very early ? What time does he or she get up ? Why do they need to get up so early ?

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### Preparing for the Day

Mother, Chhotu and I put the previous day's vegetables in gunny bags and sprinkle some water on them. By 6 : 30 a.m. father is back from the *Mandi* with baskets and sacks full of fresh vegetables. At that time our house looks more like a small vegetable market ! There are brinjals, potatoes, tomatoes, okra (bhindi), pumpkin, gourds, chillies and many other vegetables all around. Everybody helps in sorting out the vegetables. The vegetables which are not fully ripe and not ready to sell are kept aside. We have to sort out vegetables fast, so as to reach the market as early as possible.



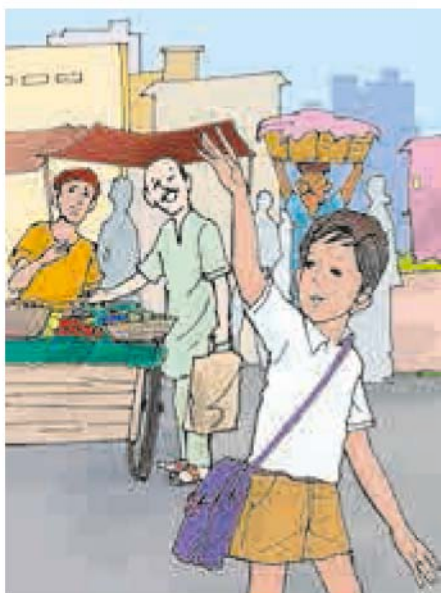
By 7 o'clock, father arranges all the vegetables on the handcart and leaves for the market. He says that if he is late, then his regular buyers may buy their vegetables from someone else. As soon as father leaves, I quickly get ready as I have to reach school by 7.30 a.m.



**For the teacher :** Discuss the scene of vegetable *Mandi* (big market) with the students.



## In the Market



*Chhotu* attends school in the morning. He goes to market at 10.00 a.m. with food for father and *Bhai*. He stays with them at the vegetable cart, until it is time for him to go to school. Sometime he goes directly from school to help his father. Father tries to sell previous day's vegetables first.

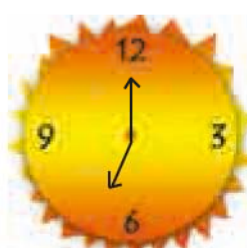


### Think and Tell :

- Father sells the previous day's vegetable first. Why do you think he does this ?
  - Have you seen dried or rotten vegetables ? Where ?
  - How did you know that the vegetables were rotten ?
- As the previous day's vegetables get sold, *Bhai* takes out fresh vegetables from the sacks and puts them in the cart. He also keeps sprinkling water on the vegetables. So that they do not dry up, especially in summer. Father and *Bhai* return around 10 o'clock at night. By then *Chhotu* and I sleep. Everyone else sleeps around 11.00 or 11.30 at night and the next day wake up early again.
- Look at the clocks given below. Write what you do, and what Vaishali does, at the time which the clocks are showing.



Morning



Morning



Night

Vaishali \_\_\_\_\_ Vaishali \_\_\_\_\_ Vaishali \_\_\_\_\_

You \_\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_\_

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- From where do you get vegetables for your home ? Who brings the vegetables?

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- In which works do you help your parents at your home ?

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**Seema's mother has brought some fruits and vegetables from market. Can you find them in this picture ? Colour them and write their names below.**



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### Find out :

- Given here is a list of vegetables and fruits. Which of these will spoil earlier, and which will stay for some days ? Write the names in the correct table. You can add more names in the list.

Spinach	Potato	Banana	Tomato	Pear
Chikoo	Pineapple	Bottlegourd	Onion	Cabbage
Cucumber	Grapes	Ginger		

#### Fruits and vegetables that spoil quickly


#### Fruits and vegetables that can stay for some days


Some of these fruits and vegetables are smooth to touch while some are rough. From the list above, put the names in correct table.

#### Smooth


#### Rough


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- ◆ Talk with a vegetable-seller in your area. Ask the following questions and write in the notebook.
  - What is his or her name ? How many people are there in his or her family ?
  - How many children are there in their home ? What are their names ?
  - Who help in the selling of vegetables ?
  - Who stay with the vegetable cart or sit in the shop ?
  - What vegetables do they sell ? What time do they start their work ?
  - Ask them about any three vegetables that they sell.

Details	Vegetable 1	Vegetable 2	Vegetable 3
Name of the vegetable			
The price of the vegetable (of 1 kg)			
Where does it come from ?			
How much of the vegetable do they buy at one time ?			
In which months does this vegetable usually come ?			
How many kilograms do they sell everyday ?			

