

## Chapter 14

### Raju's Farm

I am Raju. My father is a farmer. We live in Vasai village of Idar district in Gujarat. It is the month of October. Like every year, my father is preparing the field to sow the onion crop. There are so many things to be done at this time. I am also going to farm to help him. From the last few days, father has been using the axe to dig the soil, so that it may loosen and becomes soft.



#### Find out :

- In Raju's area a tool called axe is used to loosen the soil. What is this kind of tool called in your area ? Draw it in your notebook and discuss.



**For the teacher :** This lesson talks about the process of cultivation of an onion crop. You can use this as an example to encourage children to find out and describe the process for growing some crops that are common in their area.

## Sowing the Seeds

This year also my father will sow onion seeds in the field. The bullocks will pull the plough and father will walk behind them, sowing the seeds. I would also like to do same like my father.



But father says that it is necessary to drop the right amount of seeds at a regular distance. This is not so easy to do. He says that I may drop too many seeds at one place. I must wait till I am a little older to be able to do this properly.

- What other ways could be used to plough the fields instead of using animals. Discuss.



### The Saplings seen :

It is now twenty days since the seeds have been sown. The onion seeds have started to germinate. Along with onion plants, weeds have also come up. Weeds grow in fields and gardens, without being planted.



If the weeds are not removed, then the crop plants will not be healthy. Mother, uncle and I, we all help father to remove the weeds.

### Growing Plants :

I am happy to see the crops of onion. They are tall enough to reach my knees. The leaves have started turning yellow and drying up. This means that the onions are ready to harvest. It will be harvested.



- Draw any crop which you have seen in the field.

### Do you know why ?

Everyone at home will have to work to harvest the onions out. It is important that this should be done at the right time. If we are late, the onions will rot in the ground itself and all our hard work will be wasted.



- Raju helps his father in the field. Do you help the elders in your family in their work ? In which work do you help ?

- Did you enjoy the work ?
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### The Onion Crop



Everyone at home is happy. This time the onions are big and of good quality. Mother and aunty use the *illige* (knife like instrument) to cut the dried leaves from the top of the onions. The *illige* is sharp and you have to be careful not to cut your fingers. Father and uncle fill the sacks with onions. Father will take them in a truck to sell in the big market.

### Write answers in your notebook

- In which chores Raju helped his father ?
- Is there any field near your house ? What is grown there ?

- Raju's father takes the onions to the market in a truck. Think, how would fruits and vegetable be taken to another place, if there were no proper roads.
- What kind of vehicles are used to carry fruits and vegetables ? Draw a picture of one of these vehicles in your notebook.



### Find out and Write :

- Given here are pictures of some tools used by Raju's family. Write the names of the tools. Also write, what are these called in your area ? What work are they used for ?



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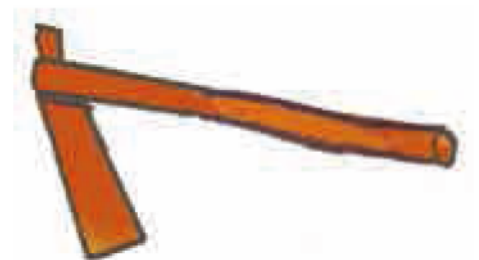
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- Many steps are needed to cultivate crops. Look at the pictures and mark them in the correct order.



- What are the crops cultivated in your area ? Write them.

- Discuss about the steps of a crop that is grown in your area and write details in your notebook.