



Chapter 1

Let's go to School Everyday...



You come to school everyday. All come to school in different way. Some by walk, some come by a rickshaw or on a bicycle or on a scooter. Likewise, all have to come to school in their own ways. But it is not the same at every place. At many places going to school is very challenging.

Let's meet some children and know how they reach to school.



We live in Ahmedabad city. School is very far from home. So we cannot easily go to school. We use autorickshaw to attend the school.

- How do you go to school ?
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Cement Bridge

We are living on either side of the river. Bridge is built over the river. We go to school by crossing this bridge. This bridge is made of cement, bricks and iron rods. Bridge has stairs, too.



Is there a bridge near your village or city ? Get more information about the bridge.

- Where is the bridge ? Over the river, over the road, between two mountains or somewhere else ?

- Who uses the bridge ? People, animals or vehicles ?

- What are the materials used to construct the bridge ? Make a list of them.

- Draw a picture of the bridge in your notebook. Do not forget to draw the train, vehicles, animals or people who cross the bridge.
- Imagine what difficulties would be there, if bridge was not there.

Let us find out some other ways by which children go to school.

Bet Dwarka

Some places of Gujarat are surrounded by water. So boats are used. We are living in this kind of area. We use boat to go to school. Bet Dwarka is also the same kind of place.



- Have you ever travelled in a boat ? How was your experience ?

- Can you think of any other way by which we can travel on water ?

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Camel-Cart



We live in the desert. There is sand all around. Sand gets very hot during the day. We ride in a camel-cart to reach school.

Bullock-Cart

We live in a village. We ride on our bullock cart, going slowly through the green fields to school. If it is too sunny or raining, we use our umbrella.



- Do you have camel-cart or bullock-cart where you live ? Make a drawing of it in your notebook ?



Bicycle ride

Our school is far away. At first, girls here did not go to school. But now all girls easily go to school on the bicycle.



For the teacher : How do animals feel when they are made to pull carts ? Discuss this topic to develop sensitivity towards animals.

- Can you ride on a bicycle ? If yes, who taught you to ride ?

- How many children come on bicycles to your school ? _____

My School - My Van

We are living very far from school. School has arranged a vehicle for us in which we go to school everyday.



- Is your school near your home or far away ? _____
- Does your school provide this kind of facility ? If yes, then in what vehicle do you go to school ?

Let's sing a song.

School Bus, School Bus
Drives Around Town,
Picking up and dropping off
And Bumping up and down !
Turn to the left
Turn to the right
This school bus is out of sight !
Big, loud, and yellow
My bus is really neat !
Hop up and take the front seat !

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Can you think of a place where none of these vehicles can reach ? Are there such places ?



Children cross the jungle

We live in Gir forests. We have to go through a thick forest to reach school. It is very silent in jungle that we can hear the sound of different birds and animals. We go to school through the jungle everyday.

- Which birds and animals can you recognise by their sounds ?

- What care should you take while passing through jungle ?

Rocky Paths

We live on the mountains. The paths are rocky and uneven. For others the path is difficult but we can easily come up and down. We use this path to go to school.





My name is Nidhi. I study in fourth standard. I cannot do the work easily like other children. My legs are not working by birth. At first, I found difficult to go to school. My mother was lifting me everyday to school. But now I am coming to school on my own. I have been provided with a wheelchair by which I go regularly to school.

- Which kind of difficulties physically disabled people face ?

Disability	Difficulty
Handicapped	
Blind	
Deaf & Dumb	

- Do activity :**
 - Do blind-fold on the eyes and go to the ground. What do you feel ? Tell.
 - Know about another activity from your teacher and experience it.

Except Gujarat, other states also have the kind of paths which we do not have here. Let's see, How the students go to school there ?



Ropeway

Have you ever been to Pavagadh or Ambaji ? There is ropeway to reach the Temple from down to up. Ropeway consists of a strong rope of wires and trolley. We sit in the trolley and go up. Get extra information of ropeway from your teacher.

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Many states have this kind of way to cross river or valley. School children also use this.

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Except this in many states because of heavy rain there is lot of water. So to cross it bridge of bamboo is made. At many places wooden plank or bridge made of rope is used.

No matter whether there is a dense forest, farms, rivers, mountains or deserts. We will regularly reach school.

- Do you face difficulties on your way to school ?
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Let's walk in different situations :

Go to a ground or an open space with your friends. Act the way you will walk in these situations.

- The ground is flat, soft and smooth.
- The ground is covered with thorns.
- The ground is rocky and uneven.
- It is a desert and sand is hot.
- Is there a difference in the way you walked each time ? Discuss.
- ◆ In this unit which kind of vehicles and roads children used to go to school ? Write it.