

# Discover India, a land of contrasts

## 1 Pink for friendship

### 2. Why celebrate colours?

#### Mieux comprendre un texte

• Tu vas lire un authentique article de journal en anglais. Il est tout à fait normal que tu ne comprennes pas tous les mots. Ne bloque pas sur les éléments qui te posent problème : au contraire, concentre-toi sur ce que tu connais !

• Qu'est-ce qui pourrait t'aider à mieux comprendre un texte ? Choisis les stratégies que tu préfères.

- je repère les mots que je connais     je surligne les verbes d'action
- je lis le texte plusieurs fois     j'utilise un dictionnaire
- Autre(s) \_\_\_\_\_

• En groupes, comparez vos stratégies et discutez-en !

Read the following text and answer the questions.

Holi is a major festival in the Hindu religion. [...] Holi usually marks the happy transition from harsh, dark winter to brighter, warmer spring-time.

[...] The most striking aspect of the festival is the spraying of brightly colored powders and water in enormous public celebrations.

The colors mark [...] the bright colors associated with spring.

The "Festival of Colors" is also a time for Hindus to relax social codes. Barriers between rich and poor, men and women, young and old are broken down by Holi's bright colors.

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**WHAT** This document is:

- a novel     an article     a report

What is the name of the magazine? \_\_\_\_\_

What is this text about? \_\_\_\_\_

**WHO** The author is:

- a journalist     a writer

Who are the people mentioned? \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE** Where does the Holi festival come from?

- New Zealand     England     India



**WHEN** When do people celebrate Holi?  in spring     in summer

**WHY** Why do people celebrate Holi? (there is more than one answer)

- To celebrate the transition between two seasons.     To celebrate friendship.
- To forget social differences.

**HOW** How do people celebrate Holi? (there is more than one answer)

- People throw coloured powders.     People go out in the streets.     People stay at home.

### 3. Become a journalist!

Fill in this mindmap to help you with the article.

