

LESSON

1

MY NEIGHBOURS

**Specific objectives:** At the completion of this lesson, the pupils will be able to:  
 i) address their neighbours as their family relatives  
 ii) cooperate with the grown-ups in community works

**Note to the Teacher:** Encourage the students to address their neighbours as grandfather, uncle, aunt, brother, etc. according to their age, and extend cooperation with them.

It was the new year day this year. Every year we do some creative work useful for the community on such occasions. Some people of our locality assembled at the temple premises. Among them were Mahesh Lal, Keshav Hari, Pujan Das, Urmila KC, Ramila Rai and Bishwa Nepali along with my parents and uncle. They were going to decide what creative work they had to do that day. It was decided that the wells in the locality should be renovated.

There are two natural wells (*kuwa*) in our locality. As there is no supply of drinking water in our village, we have to depend on the well water. But the wells were not well protected. They were not surrounded by walls. Consequently, during the rainy season dirty water from outside flowed into the wells and made it dirty.

The wells were emptied of water. About ten people drew water from the wells in buckets. We, students, also joined them. Finally the wells were empty. The mud from the bottom was cleaned out. Many things like small pieces of glasses and bamboo were found in the wells. Then plenty of lime was put in the wells to purify the water. After a while water from the bottom, filled the wells automatically.

Two masons, Harka and Abadesh, erected walls around the wells. Thus the wells were repaired. Everyone in the neighbourhood was glad. It was really a useful and good way to start a new year.



1. Read and write the underlined words from above lesson.
2. Who are the children from your neighborhood in the class? Name them.
3. Did you do anything special on the last year day? Share with your friends.
4. **Things to know.( Word meaning) (Read these meanings and rewrite in your copy)**
  - a. Creative: new and original
  - b. Assembled: collected together in one place
  - c. Renovated: Repaired and improved
  - d. Consequently: As a result
  - e. Mason: somebody who does building of store and bricks
  - f. Erected: Raised something, built