

Women in India

- 1) Which country does this story revolve around?
- 2) Where is India?



- 3) Do you know the name of the woman being interviewed?
Sumanjit
- 4) How old is the woman who is being interviewed?



5) Does she look and sound like she is 25 years old?

6) What is her baby daughter's name?

Khushee

7) What does it mean in English?

Happiness

Sumanjit says she received pressure from some relatives and neighbors.

8) What is a relative?

A person who is connected with another or others by blood or marriage.

Parent, Parente | Membre de la famille | Famille

9) What is a neighbor?

A person who lives near another.

Voisin, Voisine

Sumanjit says that her relatives and neighbors would tell her, "What are you doing giving birth to a girl? Push her off the roof of this building. Kill her. Why are you keeping her?"

10) What does it mean to "push her off the roof of this building?"

La pousser du toit de ce bâtiment

11) Approximately how many female fetuses are aborted every year?

600,000 female fetuses are aborted every year in India.

"They send boys to good schools, they give them good food, nice clothes to wear, they treat them well, they say 'oh it's my son.' The daughter they say, 'get the cow dung, sweep the floors, what will you do with an education?"

12) Referencing the statement above, how would you say young boys are treated compared to young girls? Give examples from the statement.

13) Describe the following images





“Often seen as a burden, nearly half the girls in India are married off before the age of 18.”

14) What does the phrase, “often seen as a burden,” mean?

Burden: **charge, fardeau, poids**

15) What is the difference between “being married” and “being married off?”

16) How old was Sumanjit (the woman being interviewed) when she was married?

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17) What “practice” has been banned by the government?

Dowry (dot)

18) What is “Dowry”?

The money, goods, or estate that a wife brings to her husband at marriage.

19) What may happen if the daughter does not bring enough dowry?

20) Try to describe the following images





“Once married, many women are subjected to domestic violence. Outside the household, crimes against women in India are on the rise.”

21) What is “domestic violence?”

La violence domestique
Violences conjugales

22) What does the phrase, “outside the household,” mean?

En dehors du ménage | En dehors du foyer
À l'extérieur du foyer | À l'extérieur du ménage

23) What does the phrase, “on the rise,” mean?

En hausse | En progression | En augmentation | En pleine croissance

“A young student was molested and groped by a group of at least 18 men for 45 minutes, people watched and filmed the incident, but no one helped her.”

24) Explain what this means exactly.

25) Is this kind of behavior acceptable?

Why do you believe nothing was done about this?

Why did no one help her?

Additional Questions:

- 26) What else do you know about India?
- 27) What is the capital of India?
- 28) What language do they speak?
- 29) Do you like the way it sounds? Or not really?
- 30) What do you think of the way they dress?
- 31) Are you concerned with the treatment of women in India?
- 32) Does this topic interest you?
- 33) Does this topic help make you think about your own culture?
- 34) Does this topic help make you think about the way you see the rest of the world?