



Subject:

English For Today

Classes 9-10

Time 40minutes

Section A(warm up): 8 minutes

Ask and answer the questions.

- What is the picture about?
- Where do you think it is?
- What are people doing?



Let's see today's topic:

3.6: Pahela Boishakh



Learning outcomes:

Ss will be able to -----

- Talk about festivals.
- Read text, say word meaning and answer questions.
- Ask and answer questions.
- Use suitable words in the blanks.
- Describe a fest.

Section B:15 minutes

Read the text and guess the meaning of the underlined words.

Pahela Boishakh is the first day of Bangla new year. The day is a public holiday. This day has a special significance for us as it forms a part of Bangalee culture and tradition. People from all walks of life, irrespective of their ethnic identity or religious beliefs, celebrate the day with traditional festivities. On this day, the whole of Bangladesh is in a festive mood. The day inspires people to start life with renewed hopes and inspirations.

Every year the day is celebrated traditionally. People wake up early in the morning, have a bath and wear their traditional clothes. Women wear white saris with red borders and adorn themselves with colorful *churis* and flowers, while men dress themselves with pajamas and *punjabis*. It is a day when people love eating traditional food.



Read the 2nd part of the text and guess the meaning of the underlined word.

The most colorful event of the day is held in Dhaka. Early in the morning, people in hundreds and thousands pour in from all directions to attend the cultural function at *Ramna Batamul* organized by *Chhyanata*. The cultural program begins just with sunrise and the renowned artists of the country take part in the program that starts with the famous Tagore-song *Esho- he Boishakh, Esho esho* ----- . Artists also sing traditional folk songs, and display classical dances with the rhythm of musical instruments.



Read the 3rd part of the text and guess the meaning of the underlined words.

People also come to join the colorful processions, the biggest carnival of the country, organized by the Fine Arts students of Dhaka University. The procession usually displays the traditional practices of *Bangalee* culture. The mask and wreaths worn by the people are so fascinating! Often they symbolize contemporary worries or happiness in the national life. It attracts an increasing number of foreign tourists every year.



Read the last part of the text.

The day is also observed all over the country. Different social and cultural organizations and educational institutions celebrate the day with their own cultural programs.

On this day, newspapers bring out special supplements. There are also special programs on the radio and television.

The celebration of Pahela Boishakh marks a day of cultural unity for the whole nation irrespective of caste and creed.



Section B:15 minutes

Read the text, underline these words and guess meanings.

Words

1. significance
2. ethnic
3. festivities
4. adorn
5. renowned
6. carnival
7. fascinating

Let's see meanings

1. importance
2. racial/ tribal
3. celebration of something with joy
4. make more beautiful
5. famous
6. a traveling amusement show
7. extremely interesting

Section B(pair work)

Read the text in B again, first discuss in pairs, then write answer to the questions individually:

1. Why is *Pahela Boishakh* so special?
2. What are the roles of cultural institutions?
3. What do media do on this day?

(elicit answers and give feedback)

Let's see answers.

Section B:

suggested answers:

1. Pahela boishakh is so special as it is a part of Bangalee culture and tradition. It is the first day of Bangla new year.
2. Cultural organizations celebrate the day with their own cultural programs.
3. Newspapers bring out special supplements. Radio and television also air special programs on the occasion.

Section C: 10 minutes

Ask and answer the questions in pairs.

1. Do you go out in the morning of *Pahela Boishakh*? If you do, where do you go? If not, what do you do?
2. What kind of food do you eat in the morning of *Pahela Boishakh*?
3. Do you wear any special clothes on this occasion?

Section D 8 minutes (individual work)

Complete the passage with suitable words.

The word *Pahela* means the first and *Boishakh* is the 1 ----- month of Bangla calender. The day is observed not 2 ----- in Bangladesh but 3 ----- in some other parts of the world. It is celebrated in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura. It is also 4 ----- in Australia and the UK. In Australia, the largest 5 ----- for Bangla new year is the Sydney Boishakhi Mela held 6 ----- Sydney Olympic Park. In England, the Bangalees 7 ----- celebrate the day with a street 8 ----- in London. It is the 9 ----- Asian festival in Europe, 10 ----- Bangladesh and West Bengal.

Let's see the answers.

1. first	2. only	3. also	4. celebrated	5. fair
6. at	7. usually	8. rally	9. largest	10. after

Home work

Section E: Describe your own cultural or religious festival that you celebrate.



That's all for today.
Thank you.

