

Maya & Neel's India Adventure Series, Book 7

Let's Celebrate Vaisakhi!

Punjab's Spring Harvest Festival



Pronunciation Guide

Awaat Pauni: Aa-waat Pau-nee

Bhangra: Bhung-raa

Birjeet: Beer-jeet

Chacha: Chaa-cha

Chachi: Chaa-Chee

Chintu: Cheen-too

Chunni: Choon-nee

Dhol: Dhol

Gehun: Gay-hoon

Kara: Kuh-da

Khunda: Khoon-Daa

Kirpan: Keer-paan

Kurta: Koor-taa

Langar: Lung-gurh

Lassi: Luss-ee

Nanak: Naa-Nuk

Pugdee: Pug-dee

Punjab: Pun-jaab

Roti: Row-tee

Salwaar: Sul-waar

Sarson: Sir-soan

Sat Sri Akaal: Sut-Sree-Akaal

Sikh: Seekh

Simran: Seem-run

Tamba: Tum-baa

Tumbi: Toom-bee

Vaisakhi: Vai-saa-khee



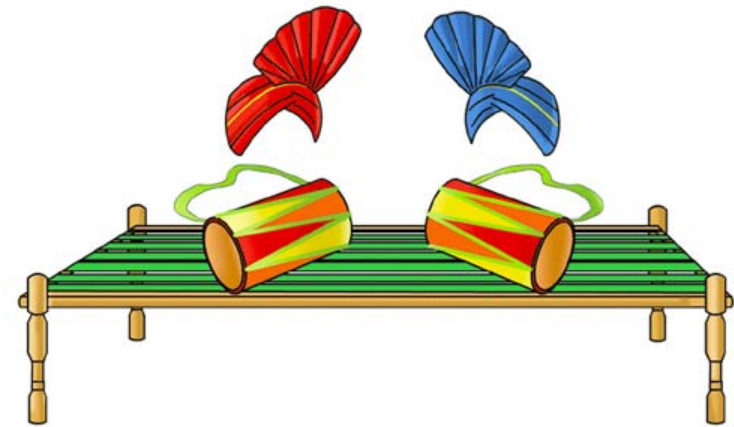
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Hi! I'm Maya. I love to go on fun adventures in India with my brother, Neel.

Hi! I'm Neel. We live in Chicago. We just landed in Punjab to celebrate Vaisakhi! Come join us.



This is a map of India. India is a big country. It has many states, languages, festivals, and dances.

Do you see the red spot on the map? That is the state of Punjab.

Vaisakhi is the harvest festival of Punjab.

Hi! I am Chintu, the squirrel. I love to join my friends on their trips.





Maya and Neel arrive at their uncle Birjeet's farm.

In India, Dad's brother is called *Chacha*. *Chacha* greets them with a big smile "*Sat Sri Akaal/kids*".

"What does that mean, Birjeet *Chacha*?" the kids ask. "That is how we say hello in Punjab" explains *Chacha*.

"*Sat Sri Akaal Chacha*", say Maya, Neel and Chintu.

Neel hesitates a bit and then asks slowly "*Chacha*, do you always wear your turban?".

"I am so glad you asked, Neel. I am a Sikh and that's why I wear a turban. Hop on the cart and I can tell you more." *Chacha* replies.

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