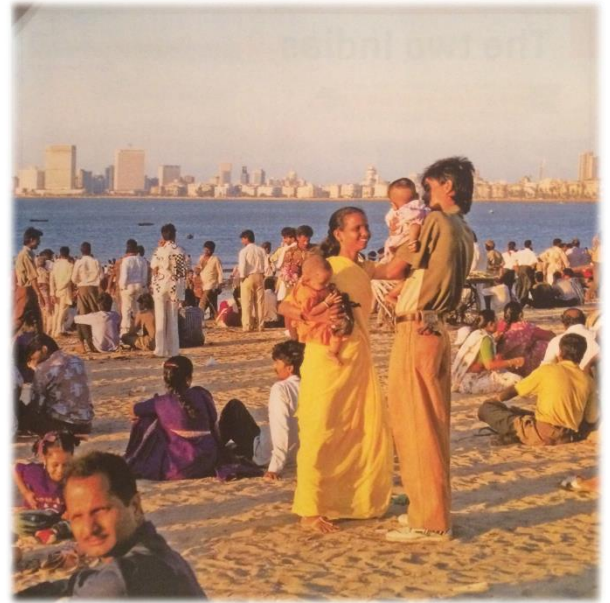


# Chowpatty Beach, Mumbai, India



Chowpatty, Mumbai's most famous beach, is a favourite spot for anyone out to enjoy some fresh air. The highlight of the year at Chowpatty is Ganesh Chaturthi (August/September), when huge crowds gather to watch images of the elephant-headed god of good fortune, Ganesh, paraded through the city streets and immersed in the sea.

## 1) What image of India does this picture present?

*Many people have gathered together on the bank of a river / a beach... Most of them have their backs turned to the camera and are looking at the skyline of a modern city that stretches out on the other side of the river / on the mainland... It is the end of the day and families may have got together to watch the sunset on the city...*

*This picture presents a dual vision of India / a contrasted image of India... It shows India as a country of contrasts... On the one hand, the city's skyscrapers and modern buildings highlight how India has become a booming / thriving country... On the other hand, the saris that all the women are wearing indicate that traditions remain / have not disappeared...*

*The photo also gives an impression of calm and happiness: children are playing, people seem relaxed... The photographer has focused his camera on a smiling couple holding their two children: they are representative of the two-child family policy encouraged by the Indian government..."*

## 2) When you think of India, what images come to mind? -> BRAINSTORM

## 3) What do you know about the history of India? About India today?

## **Gap fill recap**

Many people have gathered together on the \_\_\_\_\_. Most of them have their backs turned to the camera and are looking at the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ city that stretches out on the other side of the \_\_\_\_\_. It is the end of the day and families may have got together to watch the \_\_\_\_\_ on the city.

This picture presents a \_\_\_\_\_ image of India: on one hand, the city's \_\_\_\_\_ and modern buildings \_\_\_\_\_ how India has become a \_\_\_\_\_ country; on the other hand, the saris that all the women are wearing indicate that traditions \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Word bank :**

*river / highlight / beach / skyscrapers / remain / contrasted / syline / thriving / sunset / modern*

\*thriving = booming, flourishing, growing strongly and steadily, developing, doing well, prosperous.

\*remain = not disappear, stay, continue to be