

MY VISION FOR INDIA

LESSON OVERVIEW

L.No.	Title of the Lesson	Skills			Grammar/Figures of speech	Activity	Life Skills
		Listening/speaking	Reading	Writing			
15	My Vision for India	Interviewing	Prose (factual text)	Writing a descriptive paragraph	Modals	Listing five things a good citizen must do Comparing one's life with one's parents Giving suggestions/ problem solving	Respecting one's freedom. Understanding role of a good and responsible citizen. Avoiding negative criticism. Displaying love for ones country.

SUMMARY

'My Vision for India' is a speech delivered by India's former President, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, in which he describes his three visions for India if it has to enter the comity of developed nations. He tries to make people realise their duties and motivate them to build a stronger India.

First vision: He recalls how India has, time and again, been looted by invaders. India, on the other hand, has never invaded any country because it respects the freedom of others. Modern India's First War of Independence was fought in 1857. Having subsequently achieved independence, we need to protect this freedom, without which no one will respect us.

Second vision: India is growing economically and the rate of poverty is declining. The 10% GDP growth rate is a healthy sign. But Dr. Kalam observed that Indians have failed to see themselves as a group of self-reliant people. He, however, wants to see India as a developed and not just a developing nation.

Third vision: To see India strong, both economically and militarily, because people tend to respect those who are strong.

Finally, India could become as great a nation as the United States of America or any European country if its people stop criticising their own government and other institutions. A change in attitude is required. Instead of complaining, people should participate in the process of development by resolving problems on their own.

PRINCIPAL POINTS

- India has respected others' freedom and has never tried to conquer other countries.
- We must respect our own freedom.
- India was looted by invaders.
- Poverty rate is declining in India. India is among the top five countries in terms of its GDP.
- We must learn to have confidence and see ourselves as a developed nation.
- We must maintain the growth rate of our economy at 10% so that we may eliminate poverty if we are to become a developed nation.
- People respect strong countries. India must strive to become militarily and economically strong.
- People should avoid criticising the Government, take the responsibility of resolving problems to the extent they can.

LET'S LEARN NEW EXPRESSIONS

A **developing nation** is one where people are generally poor, there is a high level of unemployment and there are fewer industries. Developed countries, on the other hand, are countries where majority people are well off, unemployment is minimum and there are a large number of industries.

GDP: It stands for Gross Domestic Product. The GDP of a country is an indicator of its financial health. It represents the total money value of all goods and services produced over a specific period of time. If GDP growth is 10%, it means that the production of goods and services has increased by ten percent over the previous comparable period and the country's economy is improving.

ENHANCE YOUR PERFORMANCE**Writing a paragraph**

A paragraph is a short essay in which the writer expresses his views about a given topic.

A paragraph has three essential parts, viz.

- A topic sentence which gives the main idea
- Body of the paragraph which consists of supporting details.
- A concluding sentence which sums up the main idea again.

GRAMMAR**Modals**

- Modals are forms of verbs which express different functions such as:
- Ability, possibility, etc. are expressed by using 'can', 'could'.
- Permission is expressed by using words like 'could', 'may', etc.
- Making predictions and stating intentions can be expressed by using 'will', 'would'.
- Obligation and duty are expressed by using 'must', 'need', etc.
- 'Would' and 'could' are also used to make a polite speech.

TEST TYPES**1. MCQ**

Choose the best answer from the ones given below:

What is the indicator of economic growth/ financial health of a nation?

- A. Employment B. Freedom
C. GDP growth D. Industrialization

2. VSA (inferential)

Complete the following sentence:

If we wish to be called a developed nation like America or any other European country we must have a strong and

3. SA (extrapolatory)

Some construction work is going on in your neighbourhood. One day you find that the contractor has dug a huge pit for storing water but has not covered it. You are very angry. As a concerned citizen what will you do and why?

4. LA (higher order thinking skills)

According to Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam how can India become one of the powers to reckon with in the world?