

BEFORE VIEWING

A Read the information about Rajasthan, India. Notice each underlined word and think about its meaning. You will hear these words in the video.

TRADITIONAL RAJASTHAN

Occupations: Although city people attend universities and have professional careers, most people in the large Indian state of Rajasthan still work in agriculture¹—working as shepherds or raising food crops such as wheat.

Clothing: The Rajasthani people dress in colorful clothing with beautiful designs, tiny mirrors, and hand-stitched embroidery².

Music and Dance: The region is famous for a kind of dance called *ghoomar* as well as several types of music played on traditional instruments.

Way of Life: Many people in Rajasthan are nomads. Moving from place to place across the dry landscape allows shepherds to find grass for their sheep, and allows entertainers to find new audiences who have not seen them perform.

People: It's a custom for people in Rajasthan to be hospitable, so visitors always feel comfortable and welcome there.



¹**agriculture** (n): farming and ranching

²**hand-stitched embroidery** (n): decoration made by sewing designs with colored thread



B Work with a partner. Write each underlined word from exercise A next to its definition. Use context clues to help you.

- _____ (n) people without permanent homes
- _____ (n) people who take care of sheep in the fields
- _____ (n) life's work, especially in business or a profession
- _____ (adj) friendly and welcoming
- _____ (n) a large area of land
- _____ (n) people such as singers or dancers who provide enjoyment