

MORAJI'S AMERICAN ADVENTURE



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Moraji lives in New Delhi, the capital of India. Like millions of other Indians, he speaks both Hindi and English. When Pete Miller came to live with Moraji and his family as an exchange student from Anaheim, California, they all spoke English. The only time Moraji and his parents did not speak English was when they were planning a surprise birthday party for Pete. Their guest was glad that he did not have to learn Hindi. To him it seemed very difficult to speak and almost impossible to write.

This all happened four years ago. Pete still has wonderful memories of India, and he continues to write letters to Moraji. He had not forgotten that Moraji promised to visit him in the United States as soon as he saved enough money to make the trip. When he receives a letter from India and reads that his friend is finally planning to come, Pete is so excited that he calls almost everyone he knows to tell about the visitor who is coming to see him.

Pete's relatives and friends are also excited. They plan a party to welcome the young man from India. They also plan many activities to entertain him.

"The most important thing," his father suggests, "is for Moraji to see and do as many things as possible that are typical of America."

"That's right," his mother agrees. "Then, when he returns to his country, he can tell his people exactly what it is like to live in the United States."

During the year that Pete spent in India, he told his friend many things about the United States. Moraji is a very happy young man. He is finally coming to see for himself what it is like to live in America.

Questions

1. What part of India is Moraji from?
2. What languages does Moraji speak?
3. Why is Pete excited to receive a letter from Moraji?
4. When was Pete an exchange student in India?
5. What can Moraji do when he returns to India?
6. Where would you like to be an exchange student?
7. What would you want an exchange student to tell about your country?
8. How are you a typical citizen of your country?
9. Did you ever receive an exciting letter?
10. How would you entertain a visitor from another country?

Exercises

A. Complete the following sentences.

1. Moraji speaks _____ English and Hindi.
2. He lived with them _____ an exchange student.
3. He was there four years _____.
4. Moraji saved _____ money to make the trip.
5. He came as _____ as he saved enough money.