

**Class 5
EVS****Across the Wall****A Find Out**

1. Is there any place to play near your house?

Ans. Yes, there is a park near my house that is used by children for playing.

2. What do people play there? Who plays there?

Ans. People play different games in that park, such as badminton, football, cricket, kho-kho, kabaddi, etc. Both girls and boys from our area and nearby areas come to play in that park.

3. Do the children of your age also get a chance to play there?

Ans. Yes, children of my age also get a chance to play there.

4. What other things happen at this place?

Ans. Besides games, people also do other activities in that park, such as yoga, physical exercise, public meetings, morning and evening walks, etc.

B Tell

1. Has anyone ever stopped you from playing some games? Which games?

Ans. Yes, I was stopped from playing cricket.

2. Who stopped you and why? What did you do then?

Ans. Sometimes some elders stop us from playing cricket. They always fear that the ball may hit them.

3. Did anyone help you and encourage you to play?

Ans. Yes, my father has always encouraged me to play.

C	Discuss
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1. Do girls and boys different types of games in your school or neighbourhood? If yes, then which games do the boys play and which do the girls play?

Ans. Most of the games are played by both boys and girls. But some games are played by boys only, like cricket, hockey, football, etc. Girls usually play badminton, kho-kho, basketball, etc.

2. Do you think that there is any difference between the games and the way they are played by boys and girls?

Ans. Yes, there is a difference between the way boys and girls play the game. Boys usually play very harshly, whereas girls prefer playing smoothly.

3. Should the game for boys and girls be different? What do you think?

Ans. Physical activity is equally important for both girls and boys. Playing different kinds of games helps in the proper physical and mental development of a child. Both girls and boys need proper physical and mental development. Hence, they should play similar types of games.

D	Write
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1. Have you ever played as part of a team in your class, school or neighbourhood? Whom did you play with? What game did you play?

Ans. Yes, I played as part of my school team. We played with the team from another school. We played the game of football.

2. What is the difference between playing for yourself and for the team?

Ans. Playing for yourself is for fun and enjoyment, while playing for a team gives a sense of competition. We enjoy it more when we play with a team than when we play alone. Playing in teams teaches teamwork, cooperation, and healthy competition.

3. While playing in a team would you like to play for yourself or for the team? Why?

Ans. While playing on a team, I would like to play for the team. This is because I want my team to win. This requires understanding between all the members of the team. It teaches us how to live with unity, love, and respect.

4. Is your team like the team Afsana played with at Sholapur or like the Nagpada team? How?

Ans. Our team is like the Nagpada team. This is because Nagpada has very good understanding and cooperation between each member of the team. The members respected and encouraged each other and never insulted any one of his or her weaknesses. We understand that this unity was their strength, which was the reason for their success. Similarly, we also want our team to be perfect and successful. Thus, our team is just like the Nagpada team.

E Discuss

1. Have you ever taken part in some game or competition from your school or area? How did you feel?

Ans. Yes, I had taken part in a game at my school. I felt a sense of responsibility because I was representing my school.

2. Did you go to some other place to play? What was that place like? How did you like going to that place?

Ans. Yes, we went to Punjab to play a match. That place was very nice. I felt very good to be in a new place.

3. Have you seen matches being played between India and other countries? Which ones?

Ans. Yes, I have seen cricket matches played between India and other countries.

4. We all know about the cricketers of India, and we all like them. Do people also know and like the Indian players who play some other games? (Yes or no). What do you feel about it? Do you know the players of the Indian football or kabaddi team?

Ans. Yes, we also know some other players who play games other than cricket. I think they are not as popular as cricketers. I know about some players on the Indian football team, but I don't know about the players on the Kabaddi team.

F Discuss

1. What would happen if girls are not allowed to play games, to study or do some other work of their choice?

Ans. If girls are not allowed to play games, study, or do some work of their choice, it will not be good for them. The girls will not be able to realize their potential as their talent will be suppressed. It will also hamper their mental and physical growth.

2. How would you feel if you were not allowed to take part in some game or drama?

Ans. I will feel bad and discouraged if I am not allowed to take part in some game or drama.

3. Have you heard of any women players? Name them and the games they play.

Ans. Yes, I have heard about many female players. Some of them are as follows:

- a. Saina Nehwal: Badminton
- b. Sania Mirza: Tennis
- c. P. T. Usha: Athletics
- d. Kamam Malleshwari: Weightlifting
- e. Jwala Gutta: Badminton
- f. Aparna Popat: Badminton
- g. Anju Bobby George: Long jump

4. In which areas other than sports have heard of women getting recognition?

Ans. Women are getting recognition in many areas, apart from sports. Some examples are as follows:

- a. Kiran Bedi: Police Officer
- b. Kalpana Chawla: Astronaut

- c. Indira Gandhi: The First Woman Prime Minister of India
- d. Pratibha Patil: The First Woman President of India
- e. Bachhendri Pal: First Indian woman to climb Mount Everest.

5. Are these women less known than men? Why?

Ans. No, these women are not less known than the men. These women have brought huge pride and respect to the country in their respective fields.

6. How would you find the world to be, if girls never got a chance to take part in games, drama or dance? How would you feel if such a thing happened to boys?

Ans. If girls never got a chance to take part in games, drama, or dance, it would make for an uneven world where only men would get all the facilities and attention. Similarly, if such a thing happened to boys.

7. Do you know of any women of girl who you would want to be like when you grow up? (Think of names other than a film actress or model).

Ans. Yes, I want to be like Kalpana Chawla when I grow up.

G Think and Write

1. The newspaper report said, "Afsana has jumped over the wall. The gender wall that her mother had put up for her". Think and write in your own words what was this wall? What do you understand by 'gender bias'?

Ans. The wall being discussed here refers to the wall of gender bias. By gender bias, we understand the difference in the approach of people towards boys and girls. In our country, especially in the small villages, people still believe that boys are superior to girls.

H What We Have Learnt

1. Should the games for boys and girls be different? Think and write what you feel.

Ans. I think girls are also as talented and hard-working as boys. They can play all the games that are played by the boys. Thus, there should not be much difference between the games for boys and girls.

2. If you are made the leader of a team, how will you prepare your team?

Ans. If I were made the leader of a team, I would prepare my team like the Nagpada team. For this, we will focus on the following things:

- a. Team members will be encouraged to play with hard work and honesty.
- b. They should understand and respect each other and maintain unity.
- c. They should support each other.
- d. They should never insult team members, even if someone makes a mistake.
- e. They should understand the value of cooperation and team spirit.
- f. They should exercise and practice on a regular basis.