



# Vega's Adventure in India

Reading comprehension

## Before you start reading the story:

Look at pages 4–5 and read all about the characters you will meet in the book. Who do you think sounds interesting? And why?

### CHAPTER 1 – Welcome to India

1. Find some words or expressions that describe the hot weather.
2. What does Vega's snoring sound like?
3. Why do the yoga students and the teacher smile at the monkeys?

### CHAPTER 2 – On the train

4. Can you describe chai?
5. Describe the train station at Bengaluru.
6. Why do you think Dad tells Vega to hold onto his hand?

### CHAPTER 3 – Lost

7. Why does Vega start crying?
8. What does Vega feel when she hears her name over the loudspeakers?
9. How do you think Leo feels?

### CHAPTER 4 – Dad's new home

10. What kind of noises do the children hear?
11. Who is vegetarian?
12. How many bedrooms does the flat have?

### CHAPTER 5 – Hot ice cream

13. What kind of things show us that Vega feels at home in Bengaluru?
14. Why does Mr. Reddy's face say: I told you so?
15. If you were Mr. Reddy, what secret ingredient would you put in the chili and mango kulfi?

### CHAPTER 6 – Getting ready for Holi

16. True or false?
  - a) Vega knows Auntie's name.
  - b) Auntie has her own business.
  - c) You throw colourful powder on people during Holi.
  - d) Holi celebrates the hot weather.
  - e) Spring in Bengaluru is cool.

### CHAPTER 7 – Festival of colours

17. What are the water pistols for?
18. What happens during the Holi celebration?

### CHAPTER 8 – The fruit-throwers

19. Who are the fruit-throwers?
20. Why are they called fruit-throwers?
21. Why can't Vega call her father?

### CHAPTER 9 – Food delivery

22. True or false?
  - a) A lot of people have heard about Isha and Jai and their fruit-throwing skills.
  - b) The twins are going to use the money to buy flowers for their parents.
  - c) They eat pancakes for breakfast.
  - d) The dabbawallas often deliver the wrong lunch to the wrong people.
  - e) Some of the hotels get their sheets washed by hand.

## CHAPTER 10 – The love bugs

23. What does Leo feel about getting up so early?
24. Describe the Taj Mahal.
25. Why does an older woman ask Vega to film her?
26. Why did the woman, Mary, decide to propose at the Taj Mahal?

## CHAPTER 11 – The snake charmer

27. Yes or no?
  - a) Leo thinks that his dad is old.
  - b) Vega and Leo tease each other a lot.
  - c) Vega is too scared to talk to the snake charmer.
  - d) The cobra is very sleepy.
  - e) The old man calls Vega a snake charmer.
  - f) Vega prefers the cobra to her own snake, Monty.

### General questions:

- Who is the most interesting person in the book – and why?
- Imagine you are in India. What would you do and where would you go?