

A. Indian people have customs, signs and symbols which you might not know. Write the right text number at the pictures:

1. Indians often wear a mark on the forehead? This tilak or bindi is applied daily after a bath, ritualistic worship or visit to the temple. It varies in form and colour. Married women mark red or black spot on the forehead every time. Using plastic reusable bindies is not very beneficial; it serves only the purpose of decoration.

2. On nearly every door in India you find a sign, that you seem to know from the German Nazi-period. It comes from the ancient time of Indian culture and is called swastika. It has been used as a symbol of the sun and it also represents the world wheel. It was misused by Hitler.

3. In India often you see walls decorated with the lotus, the national flower. Not long ago, the lakes were full of many lotuses. This flower is the symbol of truth. It remains beautiful despite its surrounding, reminding us that we too should remain pure under all circumstances.

4. Young Indians often touch the feet of elders as a sign of respect. It symbolises their recognition of their age and nobility.

5. Indians greet each other with "namaste". The two palms are placed together in front of the chest. Namaste means: "I bow to you" or "May our minds meet".



B. There are also national, cultural and religious signs and customs in your country. How do you show respect to elders, blessings etc. Describe and explain:

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