



Chapter 2

PEEPING OUT OF THE WINDOW



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It was time for the art class, and each student was eagerly waiting for their teacher, with all the art materials neatly arranged on their desks. Their excitement was rewarded with an outdoor class, where they could freely draw plants, flowers, and butterflies while talking to the gardener.

To their disappointment, they soon heard thunder, and it started raining heavily. But just then, their teacher walked in and gently asked them to peek out of the windows.

The rain washed the earth, and everything looked fresh and clean. She pointed to the climbers—thin and fragile; they bent under the force of the rain, but their tendrils clung tightly to the plants, trees, and poles that supported them, so they did not fall.

Though they germinate in darkness underground, they overcome many obstacles, determined to rise. The delicate creepers never stop growing, just like the rivers that work their way through all kinds of geographical obstructions. At the same time, they offer us flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

Climbers and creepers teach us many lessons about being gentle, flexible, and trusting. They do not hesitate to seek support and have faith that they will be nourished by their surroundings. As they grow, they add beauty and life to every space they inhabit, whether indoors or outdoors.

ACTIVITY 2.1 CREEPERS AND CLIMBERS IN LOW RELIEF

What makes creepers and climbers different from other plants? Their thin and flexible stems curve, twist, spiral, and loop as they grow.

Their flowing lines have inspired artists to show them in sculptures, paintings, textiles, architecture, and other art forms.



One such tradition is *Mehndi*, practised by people of all genders in many parts of India. It is prepared from fresh or dried henna leaves, ground into a thick paste, and filled into a cone. This is then applied mainly on the palms, arms, and feet.

When the *mehndi* dries, you may notice that the lines feel raised and are not flat like the rest of the skin. This is called **low relief**. It is also used in sculptures and carvings.

Invite your parents and local *mehndi* artists from the community. Work together and create designs inspired by climbers and creepers. With permission and consent, draw *mehndi* on the palms of your friends, family, and others around you.



Trace your hand here and draw a *Mehndi* pattern.



A special exercise with the visually impaired

- ◆ Fill a cone with a material of creamy consistency that can stick and solidify easily. Remember that the material must contain a binding agent, such as glue.
- ◆ Using the cone, outline your pattern on a flat surface, such as an old cardboard, paper or fabric and leave it to dry. This acts as a guiding path for your visually impaired partner. They can touch and feel the raised lines to easily navigate the low relief areas to fill in colours.
- ◆ Help them choose colours with their brushes.
- ◆ Join them in experiencing the joy of painting.



ACTIVITY 2.2 MAGIC WITH COLOURS

Holi is a festival of colours celebrated in many parts of India. It is a time when people enjoy playing with colours.

When do you enjoy playing with colours?

Have you observed how colours change when they are mixed? It is magical.

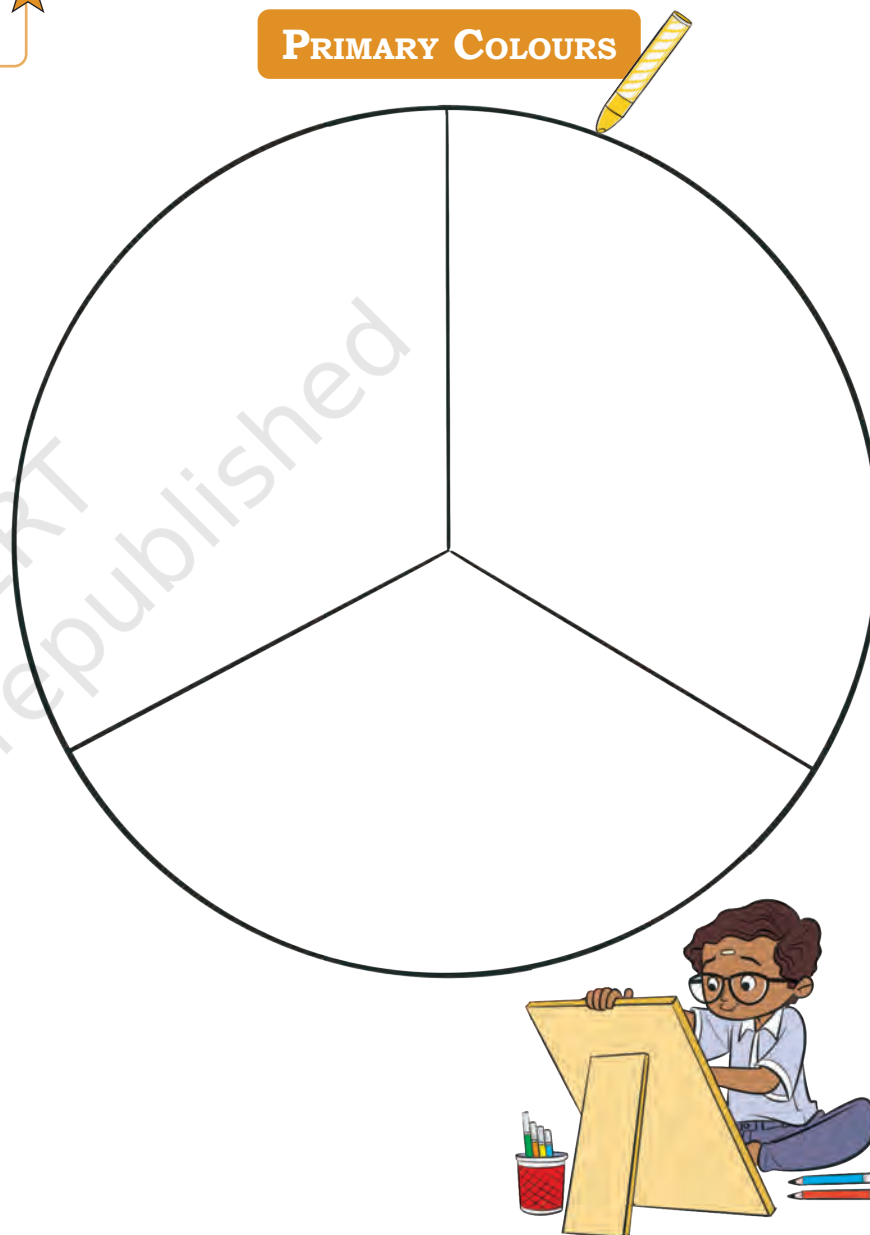
The colour wheel is an essential tool that helps artists create variations of colours.

Let us learn to create a colour wheel.

Colours that cannot be obtained by mixing any other colours are called **primary colours**. These are red, blue, and yellow.

- ◆ Fill one primary colour inside each segment of the circle on the right.
- ◆ Write the names of the primary colours above their segments.

PRIMARY COLOURS



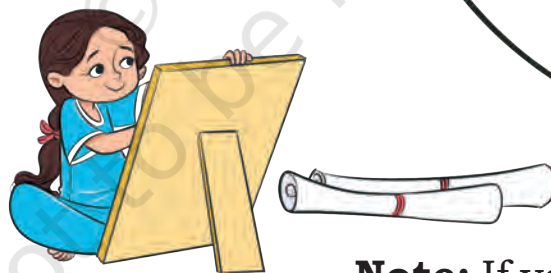
When two primary colours are mixed, they produce a secondary colour.

- ◆ Draw another circle and divide it into six segments.
- ◆ Fill the primary colours into alternate segments.
- ◆ Mix two primary colours and apply the resulting colour in the empty segment between the two.
- ◆ Add patterns to the secondary colours.
- ◆ Label the colours around the circle.

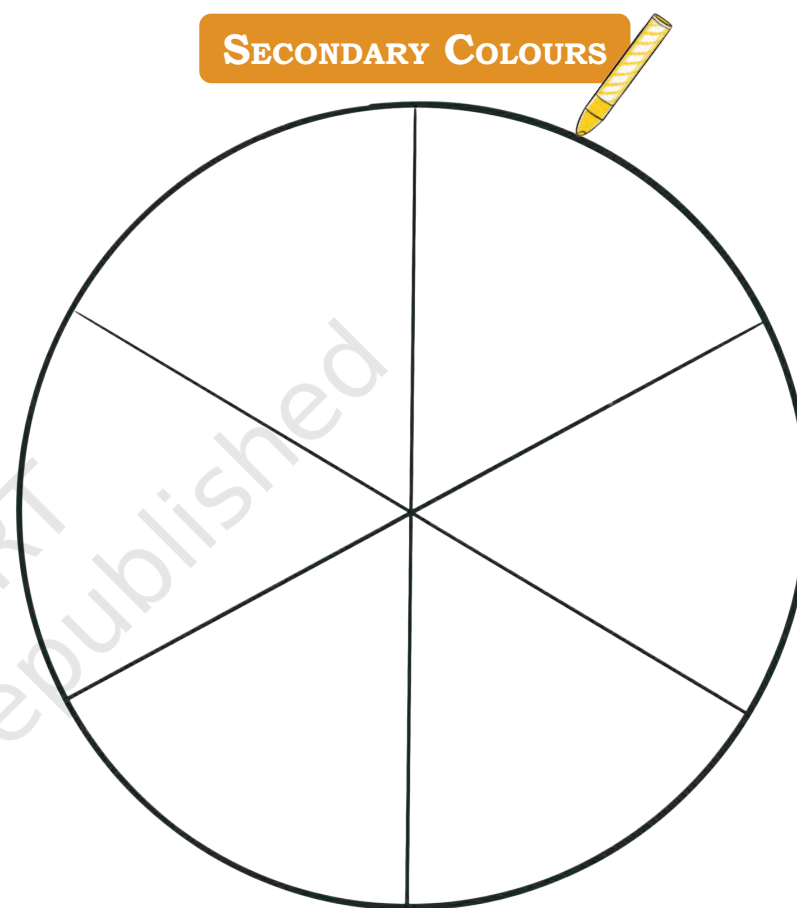
Can you spot the colour wheel in different pages of this textbook?

Warm and Cool Colours

Warm things are usually in shades of red, yellow, and orange. Cool things are generally in shades of blue, green, and purple. Observe them in the colour wheel.



SECONDARY COLOURS



Note: If you use paints, wash your brush properly after using each colour, or use a separate brush for each colour.

ACTIVITY 2.3 COMPOSING AN OUTDOOR SCENE

Have you ever taken part in an outdoor group photo at a picnic?

The photographer often tells people where to stand, how to pose, and what they are trying to capture in the frame. It is important to know how to organise space in a photo, picture, or visual artwork. There are three kinds of spaces in a picture:

1. **Foreground** is the space where the main subject is closest to the viewer and appears big. Its colours and details are clearly visible.
2. **Middle ground** is the space that lies behind the main subject. It has some details and gives depth to a scene.
3. **Background** is the space that is furthest away from the viewer. It has the least detail and light colours.

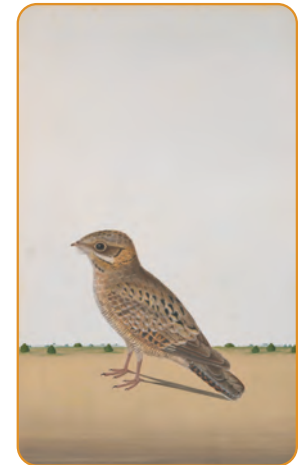


Background

Middle ground

Foreground

Mark the foreground, middle ground, and background in this painting.



Observe that the picture in the photograph above and the picture in the 20 rupees note are the same.



ACTIVITY 2.4 COLOURS OF TIME AND SEASONS



If colours express warmth and coolness, can they also convey time and season?

Recall your experiences and list the colours you see in nature **during different seasons**.

Summer

Monsoon

Winter

Spring

From your observation list the colours in the sky **during different times of the day**.

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

Night

Observe **shadows during the day**. Write whether their lengths are short, medium or long.

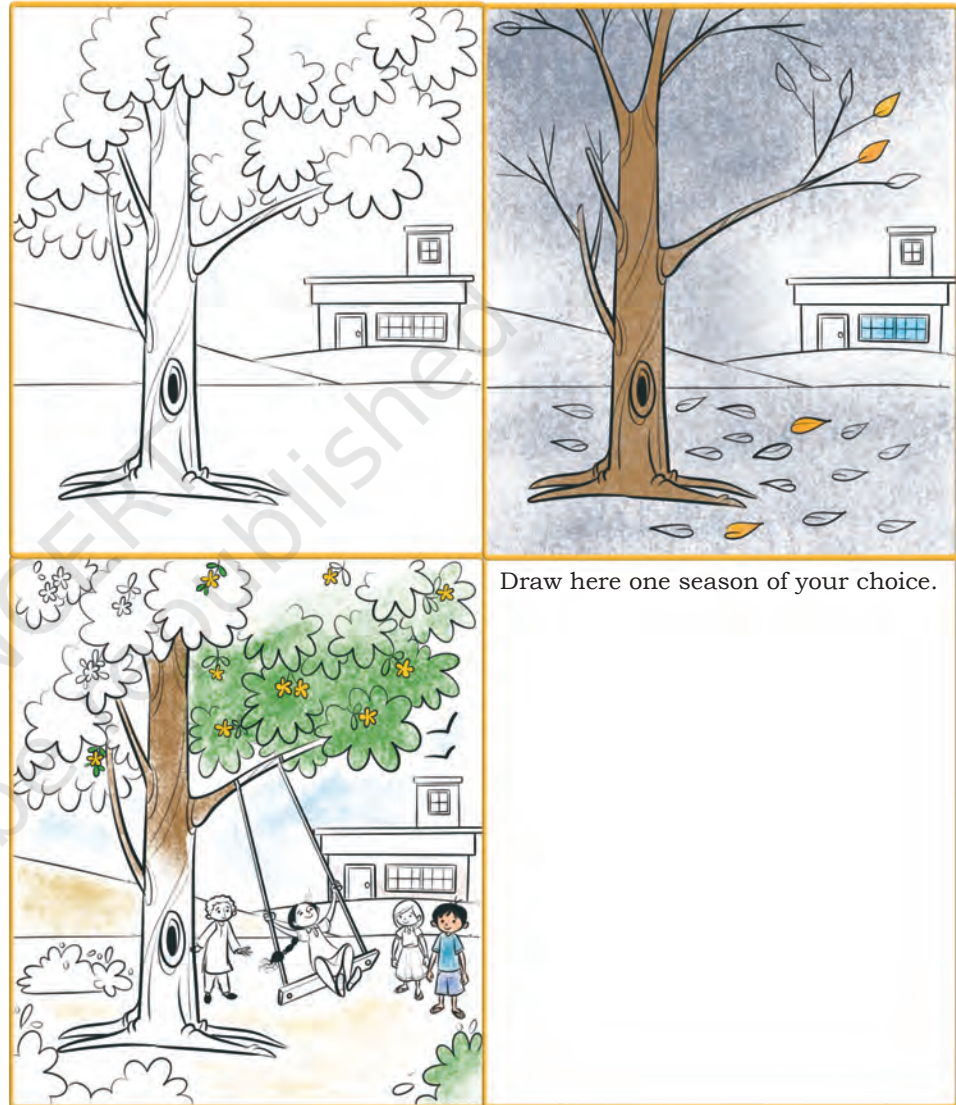
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- ◆ Divide a page into four equal parts.
- ◆ In the first part, plan and draw an outdoor scene you see in your surroundings.
- ◆ Decide what you will draw in the foreground, middle ground, and background.
- ◆ Repeat the drawing in other parts.
- ◆ Choose one season and one time of the day for each part. For example, Part or Square 1 can be a summer afternoon, Part or Square 2 can be a winter evening, and so on.
- ◆ Fill in the colours of the chosen season and time for each part.
- ◆ It is important to add shadows to give clues about the time.
- ◆ Mix colours to get more variety.



Draw your picture here and share it with others after completion.



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Assessment

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CG	C	Learning Outcomes	Teacher	Self
1	C-1.1	Portrays scenes from nature as observed in different times and seasons.		
2	C-2.1	Imaginatively uses visual elements to create patterns seen in nature.		
2	C-2.2	Identifies the foreground, middle ground, and background in any given picture and uses these spatial divisions in their artwork.		
3	C-3.2	Creates a basic colour wheel by mixing primary colours to obtain secondary colours.		
3	C-3.2	Follows the steps of creating low relief artwork using a suitable medium.		
		Overall participation in class.		



Teacher's observations: _____

Other comments: _____
