

7. Karim

Hello, my name is Karim. I am thirty-two years old, and I live in New Delhi, India. I am a computer engineer and I work for a high-tech company. I work from Monday to Friday, from eight o'clock to four thirty. We usually have a forty-five-minute lunch, but we can extend it to one hour or even more as long as the job for the day is done before we leave the office. I love having lunch with my coworkers in our company's cantina sometimes. Other times, I go to a nice restaurant across the street. But my favorite food is whatever my wife cooks. I love



all her dishes because she's a great cook. Any time my friend Kiran sees me with home-cooked food, he wants to get some, and I hide from him sometimes when I don't feel like sharing.

One of the stores my wife Prisha and I shop in during the weekend is the Big Bazaar, a hypermarket in New Delhi. We get some household items there, but our favorite place to shop for groceries, vegetables, and fruits is at the Delhi street market. We find fresh produce there, most of which are organic—my wife's favorite since she is a vegetarian. She knows I love meat, so she makes sure I get my portion when she cooks. We visit friends in the evening during the weekend sometimes, and other times we invite them over for some good Indian food while watching cricket games, TV shows, or the news. I love to talk about politics, so we stay on the balcony until evening, talking about the changes we hope to see in India and in the world.

We do our best to be that change every day in our lives. My wife and I like to help our neighbors who are in need the best we can.

Comprehension

A. True or False:

1. Karim lives in Mumbai, India. _____
2. Karim's wife is a great cook. _____
3. Prisha loves buying vegetables and fruit at the Big Bazaar, a hypermarket in New Delhi. _____
4. Karim and his wife love inviting friends over for dinner on weekends. _____
5. Prisha is vegetarian. _____

B. Answer the questions on the lines:

1. What is Karim's profession?

2. Where do Karim and Prisha shop for vegetables and fruits? Why?

3. What is Karim's favorite food?

4. Why does Karim hide from his friend Kiran sometimes at lunchtime?

5. What are Karim and his wife doing to make the world a better place?

C. Draw a line to connect every word to its meaning:

1. Home-cooked food

a. Someone who doesn't eat meat or other animal products

2. Street market

b. Food produced without any artificial agents or any chemicals

3. Vegetarian

c. A market set up outdoors or near a street

4. Organic

d. Things commonly used in a house

5. Household items

e. Food cooked at home

D. Write a sentence with each word:

1. Home-cooked food: _____

2. Vegetarian: _____

3. Organic: _____

4. The world: _____

5. Grocery: _____