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1 Children

Ron and Sue

Ron is a boy. Sue is a girl.

All boys and girls have names.

Draw yourself. Write your name.
Children are special

Their parents love and care for them.

Name someone who loves you?
How does he or she care for you?
Children play together

They like to skip and play hop-scotch.

Talk about a game you like.
Ron shares his milk with his friends. They like to sit together to eat.

Draw two fruits you like to eat.
We live in families.
Ron belongs to this family.

Count the members in Ron’s family.
Count the members in your family.
Sue belongs to this family.

Name the members of Ron's family.

Name the members of Sue's family.

Draw your family.
Family members work together

Ron's father and mother work in the garden.

How do you help at home?
Families observe special occasions

Ron has a birthday party.
He is six years old today.
He invites Sue and other friends.
They play games and share gifts.

When is your birthday?

Draw a birthday cake.
Ron’s parents and Sue’s parents have fun.

It is Mother’s Day.

Make a Mother’s Day card.
Ron and Sue are polite
to their teachers.

Show how you can be polite to your parents and to others.
Ron and Sue get ready for school. Ron brushes his teeth. Sue combs her hair.

How do you get ready for school?
Where is the school?

Ron and Sue go to a school near their home. A big tree is near their school.

Find out what is near your school.
It is fun to work at school

At assembly, the Headteacher tells us of Ron's birthday.
The other pupils cheer Ron.

They wish him a "Happy Birthday".

What else does your Headteacher do at school?
Ron and Sue have many friends. They all meet at school sports.
People take care of the school

The cleaner sweeps the school.
The guard protects the school.
Ron and Sue like their school.

Name the workers at your school.
Ron and Sue obey the school rules.
They come to school regularly.
This means they come everyday.

Say two of your school rules.
Ron and Sue help to keep their school clean.

They put waste paper in the dustbin.

How do you keep your school clean?
Many families live in a neighbourhood.

Ron lives near other families. They are his neighbours. A trench is near their home.

Draw your house and your neighbour's house.
Ron and Sue live in a large neighbourhood.

Name some buildings in your neighbourhood.
Neighbours help each other

They are many workers in the neighbourhood.

Name some workers in your neighbourhood.
Ron’s father is a carpenter.

Sue’s mother is a nurse.

How does your father help others?

How does your mother help others?
Families relax

The family plays games after work.

Name a game that you play with your family.
6 Keeping healthy

Ron and Sue eat many kinds of foods.

These foods give them energy.

These foods build their muscles.

These foods protect their bodies.

Name one food from each group.
Health and Safety Rules

Ron washes his hands after using the toilet. Germs can make you ill.

How do you keep germs away?
Sue stays away from the stove when Mother is cooking.
Mother keeps the medicine away from Ron.

Smoking is dangerous.
It is not safe to play on the stairs.

Sue flies her kite in open spaces.

How do you keep safe?
Ron’s father takes him to school. Why do they walk on the right hand side of the road?

Say the Kerb Drill.
Sue takes good care when she travels.

Name the signals in the picture.
Ron and Sue meet a stranger.

They do not go to him.

What would you do when you meet a stranger?
Our Nation

We are Guyanese.

Ron and Sue are Guyanese. They were born in Guyana.

Complete:

The name of my country is _______.
Guyana is an Independent State.

Guyana became independent on the 26th May, 1966. Guyana has a Head-of-State. He is our President.

Name the President of Guyana.
Some of our National Symbols

The National Flag

The Coat-of-Arms

Guyana has a National flag and a Coat-of-Arms.

Draw and colour the National Flag.
Name the National Bird.
Our National Anthem

Guyana has a National Anthem.

Sing the first verse of the National Anthem.
The National Pledge

I pledge myself to honour always the flag of Guyana...

Guyana has a National Pledge.

Say the National Pledge.
Be loyal to Guyana

Ron and Sue show respect and loyalty to their country.
8 Weather

Sun and rain - Clouds and winds

Sunny

Cloudy

Rainy

Windy

Complete:

Today is a _______ day.
Can you play games outside today?
Remember those who went to war.

Ron and Sue buy poppies.

What is the special name for that Day?
Ron's family and Sue's family take part in Diwali.

Make a greeting card for Diwali.
Draw a diya.
Ron and Sue receive gifts. Their parents give them toys at Christmas.

Draw a toy you wish to receive at Christmas.
Guyana became a Co-operative Republic on the 23rd February, 1970.

How does your school celebrate Republic Week?
Many persons take part in Mashramani.

Say what is happening in the picture.
Many persons march on Labour Day. Do your parents march on Labour Day?

Complete:

Many workers march on _______ Day.
Match each picture on SIDE A with one on SIDE B

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