

Teachers' Edition

A Change of Plan Written by Sujata Shekar

Pre-Reading

Have you ever made plans but then had to change them? What were they? How did your changed plans turn out?

Vocabulary

swirl - (verb) to move with a twisting motion

troop - (verb) to walk in a march

frothy - (adjective) foamy

dollop - (noun) lump

Background

Goa is a state in the western part of India. In 1510, the Portuguese defeated the local rulers and made Goa their colony. They converted large masses of the native population to Roman Catholicism. Today, 26% of Goans practice Christianity, (the majority Roman Catholic), while 65% still practice Hinduism, the major religion of India. Goa is famous for its coastal tourism. During the winter, its 77 mile coastline full of beautiful beaches is an escape for many Europeans from their harsh climate. It is also famous for the Basilica of Bom Jesus, a World Heritage Site where one can find the remains of St. Francis Xavier.

Class Discussion Question

What do you think would be different and/or the same about celebrating Christmas in another country?

Answers to Comprehension Questions

- 1) a (Cause and Effect)
- 2) b (Compare and Contrast)
- 3) b (Context Clues)
- 4) c (Compare and Contrast)
- 5) Answers will vary.

Answers to Vocabulary Questions

- 1) a
- 2) c
- 3) b
- 4) d

Special Project

Have students bring in favorite holiday recipes from home to make a class cookbook!