



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Infants Activity Pack

Week 8-Term 1

Trinidad and Tobago A Multicultural Society

Trinidad and Tobago is often described as “a callaloo of races”.

Why do you think this term is used?

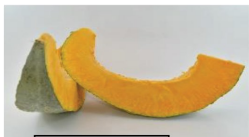
If you said, it is because, it is made from many ingredients, you would be correct!

The ancestors of people from Trinidad and Tobago came from **many countries with many cultures**. Look at the photos below. Can you name some countries from which the people came?

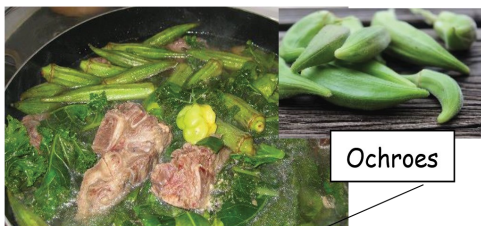


A gathering of some of our country's beautiful children excitedly participating in the NALIS Tale-A-Thon 2007

Let us see what makes callaloo a great dish.



Pumpkin



Ochroes



Seasoning



Dasheen bush, Bhagi Or Callaloo bush



The First Peoples were the first to live and settle in Trinidad and Tobago. Our country is made up of persons from other places also. Some were forced to come here like the enslaved Africans (Africa). Others came from Spain, England, France, Portugal, China, India, Dutch, Holland, Syria and Lebanon for a better life.



Ask your parent/guardian to locate a map of the world and you can look for these countries.

Let us look at some examples of how cultures from different countries have merged (come together) to form a unique culture that makes our country stand out.

Carnival Season

Here are a few examples of how people from different cultures have contributed to the national festival called **Carnival**.

Carnival was first celebrated in this country by the people who came from France and England.



Ras Shorty I

Calypso has its origins in West African music. **Ras Shorty I** later took calypso and mixed it with Indian rhythms and instrumental sounds. This formed a type of music that we love called **Soca**.

Chutney and Chutney/soca is a mixture of music from south India with calypso, soca and Bollywood film songs.



Stick fighting is a type of martial arts. There are two types of stick fighting. **Kalenda** was brought by Africans and takes place during the Carnival season. It includes dancing and singing. **Gatka** was introduced by Indians.



The **steelpan** was developed by the African people when they came to Trinidad and Tobago. It is our country's **National Instrument**.



Multi means **many**. **Cultural** means each race and ethnic group has its own **traditions**, **beliefs** and **practices** that are embraced or accepted and celebrated by everyone.



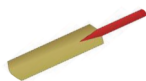
Infant 1

End sounds

Say the name of the pictures. Say the sound you hear at the **end** of the words.



s



t



n

Say the names of the pictures. Circle the correct letter for the **end sound** of each word.

s t n



s t n



s t n



s t n



s t n



s t n



s t n



s t n



s t n



Sight words

Say the word



at

in

it

Spell it!



a-t
↓
at

i-n
↓
in

i-t
↓
it

Colour it!



at

in

it

Trace it!



at

in

it

Circle it!



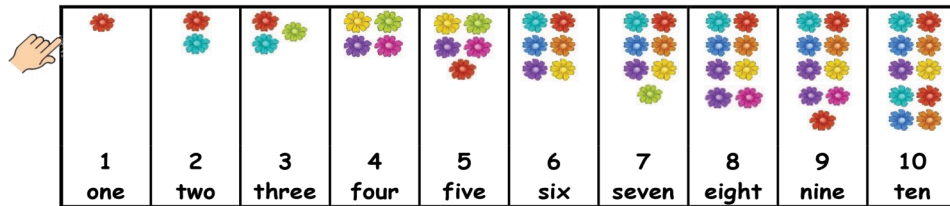
one at
at the

in on
go in
in am

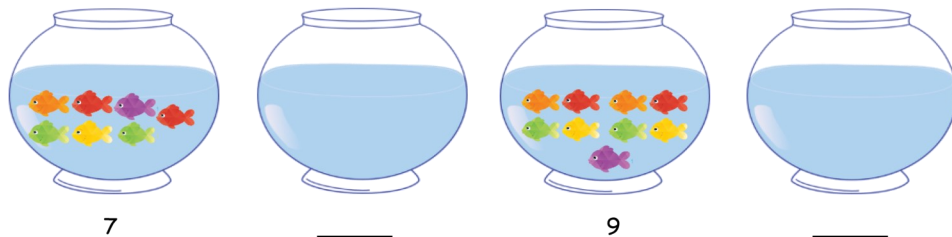
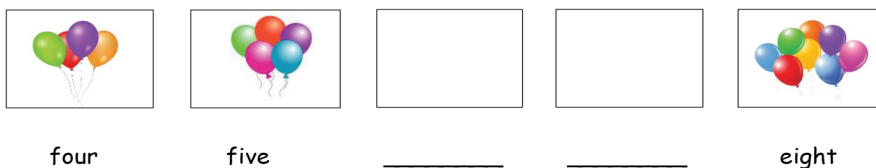
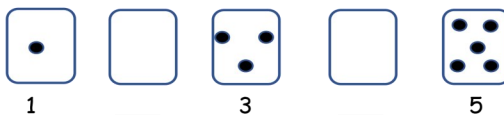
it to
it
tin it

Ordering Numbers from 1 to 10

Count the flowers. Say the **numerals** and **number names** in order from 1 to 10.

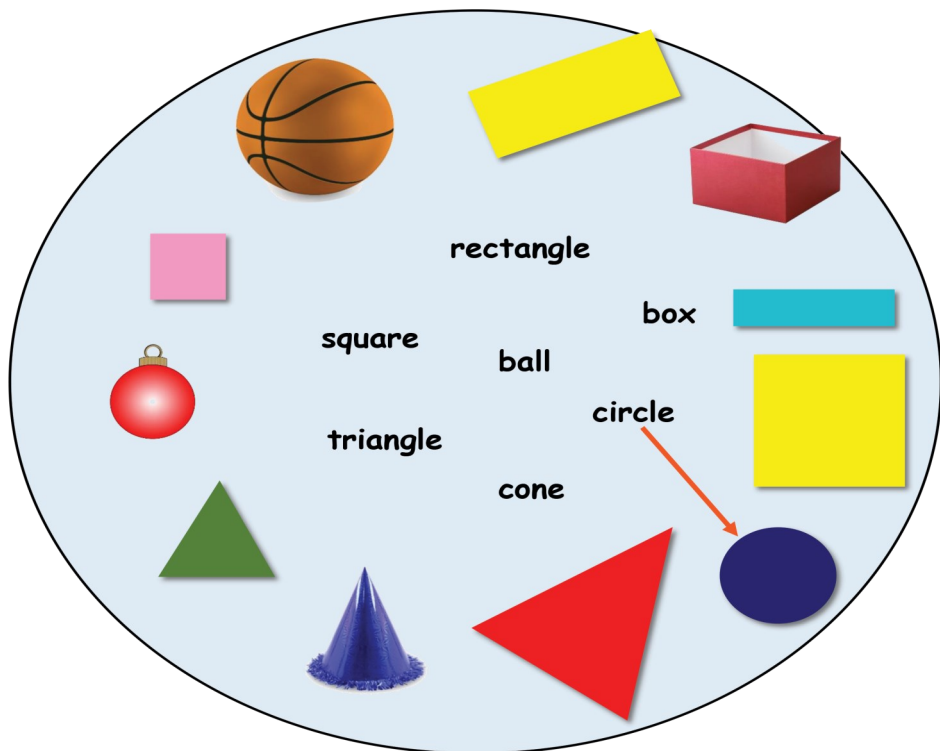


Write the missing **numerals** or **number names** for the **order** shown. Draw and colour the missing objects.



Name the Shapes

Match the solid and plane shapes to their names. One has been done for you.



Write the name of a **red** shape. _____










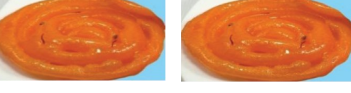


Write the name of a **blue** shape. _____

Write the name of a **plane** or **flat** shape. _____

Write the name of a **solid** shape. _____

Infant 2

Add 's' to make these more than one

One	More than one
 one kurma	 four kurmas
 one gulab jamun	 a few gulab jamun
 one barfi	 three barfi
 one laddu	 three laddu
 one jalebi	 two jalebi
 one sugar cake	 three sugar cake

Sequencing

Look at the pictures. Read the sentences. Write **1, 2, 3** or **4** in the boxes to put the story in order.



The dog is feeling cold.



Now, the boy is feeling cold.



The dog takes the blanket.

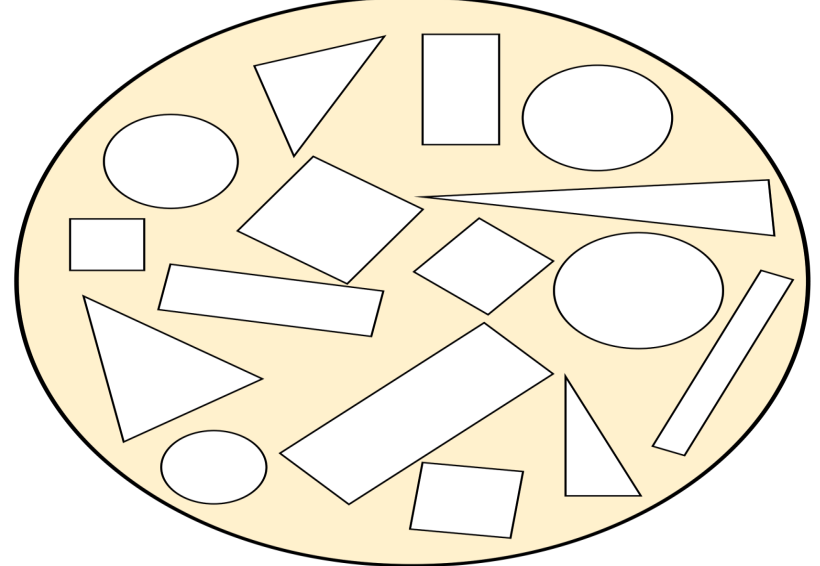


They share the blanket.

Read the questions and say the answers to someone.

- Why was the boy feeling cold?
- How does the boy feel about his pet?
- Give a reason for your answer.

Shape Pizza



Use the clues below to colour the shapes seen inside the pizza.

YELLOW

With 3 sides and 3 corners I am easy to make.
Slide down, across and up and you have made my shape.

BLUE

I have 4 corners and 4 sides but my sides are not the same.
Two sides are long, two are short, Together they make a frame.

RED

I go round and round, no end to be found.
If you know what I am, go right ahead I am inside the pizza so colour me red

Green

I am a shape that cannot hide.
I have 4 corners and 4 sides.
All my sides are just the same.
Turn me around, how I look would not change.

What Comes Next?

Write in the box the number that comes next.

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



Sports



Cricket and football were introduced by England to Trinidad and Tobago. Both sports are loved by all.

The Chinese community introduced the popular Kung Fu to our country. This is Chinese Martial Arts, enjoyed by many today.



Let us show appreciation for all cultures in Trinidad and Tobago.

We can do so by:

Participating in all cultural events and holidays

Respecting the differences among us



Activity

Draw a line from the picture to the group of people responsible for the event shown:

Divali



Chinese

Feast of Santa Rosa



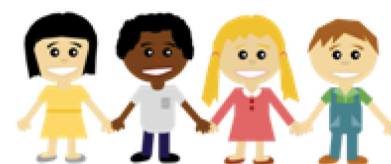
East Indians

Lion dance



The First Peoples

Let us live in harmony



as we

CELEBRATE



To our friends at NALIS, The Susan Mohip Dance Company and Mr. Ken ChangOn (Photographer)-
We wish to thank you for your commitment and willingness to collaborate and share information with the MoE as we seek to educate our students and the general public.

Being a **multicultural group** of people means that the foods and drinks we have every day come from the different people living in our country.

Africans			
Pelau 	Callaloo 	Stewed Peas 	Coo-coo
East Indians			
Roti 	Channa and Aloo 	Saheena 	Kurma
Chinese			
Fried Rice 	Chinese Noodles 	Wontons 	Chinese Style Chicken
Europeans			
Spanish Empanadas 	Pastelles 	British Meat Pies 	English Tea
Syrians		First Peoples	
Gyros 	Kebabs 	Cassava bread 	Wildmeat

From these foods, we have other foods that "belong to Trinidad and Tobago". These are:



Religious Celebrations

In Trinidad and Tobago, there are many religions, like Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam. Members of these faiths celebrate various religious occasions during the year.

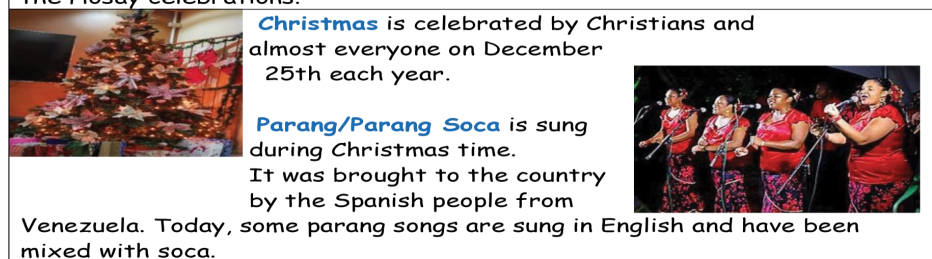
Let us look at some religious celebrations.



During **Divali**, Hindus pray to Mother Lakshmi. **Deyas** are lit at night to represent "good winning over evil." People wear Indian clothes and prepare vegetarian dishes such as curried vegetables, roti and sweets to celebrate the day. Trinidadians and Tobagonians from other cultures also celebrate with their Hindu neighbours.



Hosay is a celebration brought by indentured workers from India. It is celebrated in places such as St. James. The tassa drum is played during the Hosay celebrations.



Christmas is celebrated by Christians and almost everyone on December 25th each year.

Parang/Parang Soca is sung during Christmas time. It was brought to the country by the Spanish people from Venezuela. Today, some parang songs are sung in English and have been mixed with soca.

