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### Quiz topic: India

1. I heard that the biggest \_\_\_\_\_ in the world is India.
  - a) democracy
  - b) democratic
  - c) democracy
  - d) democrat
  
2. The value of "pi" was first calculated by the Indian Mathematician Budhayana as being 3.142 but how do you pronounce this number?
  - a) three dot one four two
  - b) three point one four two
  - c) three point one hundred and forty two
  - d) three period one four two
  
3. Which one is the odd one out? "Last year, India's population \_\_\_\_\_ by over 20%"
  - a) increased
  - b) rose
  - c) went up
  - d) decreased
  
4. Did you know the world's highest cricket \_\_\_\_\_ is in Chail, Himachal Pradesh, some 2444 meters above sea level?
  - a) track
  - b) court
  - c) ground
  - d) grass
  
5. If a Hindu woman does not wear a bindi (the red spot on her forehead), it means that she is a widow. But what is a widow?
  - a) A woman whose husband has died
  - b) A woman who is very rich
  - c) A woman who has divorced
  - d) A woman who has never married
  
6. Did you know chess was invented in India? But what is it?
  - a) a musical instrument
  - b) a board game
  - c) a form of transport
  - d) a type of spicy food

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### Answers

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The spelling 'democracy' is not correct.

India is the biggest democratic country. But how do you make the noun from 'democratic'?

**India has been considered the world's largest democracy since its independence over 5 decades ago.**

A democrat is a person, what do we call a democratic country?

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'Increased' has two synonyms; which word is the odd one out?

'rose' has two synonyms; which word is the odd one out?

'went up' has two synonyms; which word is the odd one out?

**'fell' is the odd one out – it has synonyms go down & decrease**

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A track is used by Formula 1 car drivers and athletes, but not cricketers!

A court is used by tennis players or basketball players – but not cricketers!

**A ground is where you can play football or cricket.**

Grass is just grass! What do we call the place where cricket is played?

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**Chess is played on a checked black and white board, with lots of different chess pieces including a king and queen.**

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