

Warming Up !

(i) Make a list of words related to agriculture.

Ans. Farmer, crop, fields, sow, reap, plough, irrigate, rainfall, bumper-harvest are some words related to agriculture.

(ii) Discuss the activities carried out by a farmer.



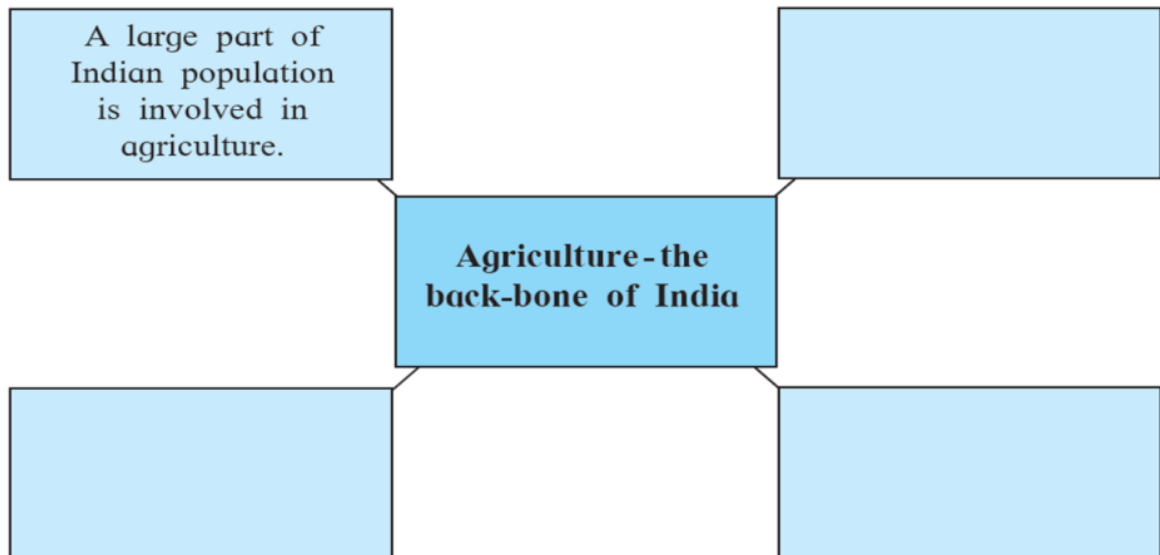
ploughing **sowing** **irrigating** **harvesting**

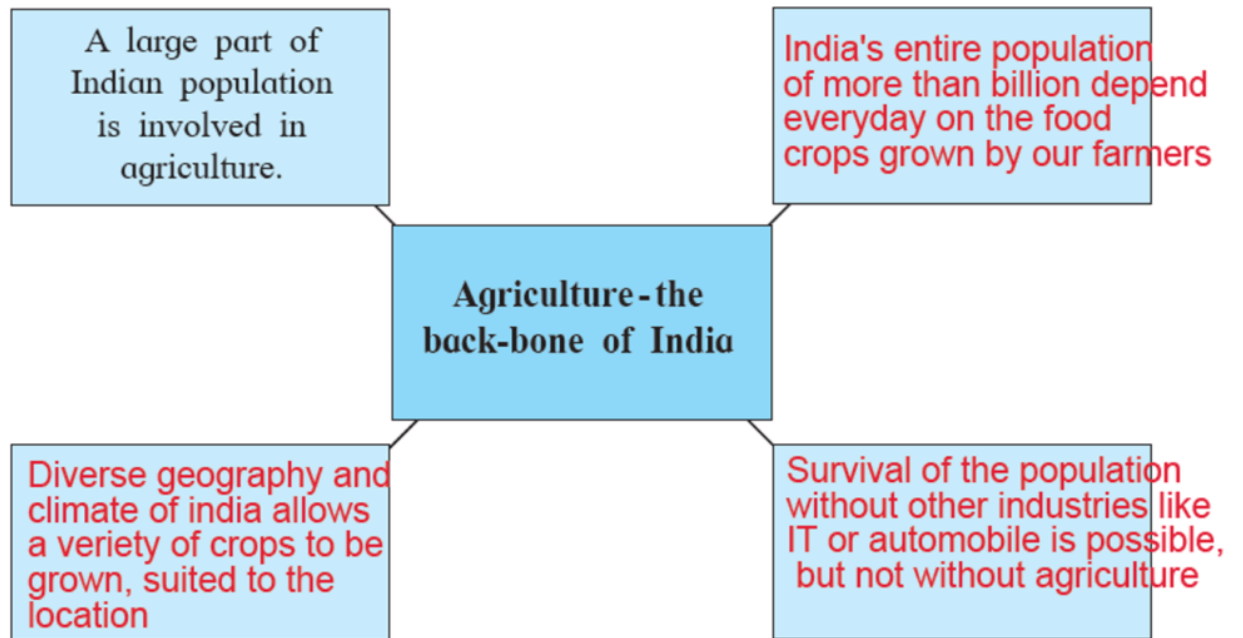
(i) In our country engineering, teaching and medical fields are much sought after. Other professions, occupations, though they make a significant contribution to the society, do not get their due.

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| (a) Farmer | highly unpredictable economic gains |
| (b) Conservancy workers | |
| (c) | |
| (d) | |
| (e) | |

	Other occupations	Do not get their due.
a.	Farmer	highly unpredictable economic gains.
b.	Conservancy Workers	engaged in occupations workers involving health-risks, in unsanitary conditions, without required work-gear and equipment.
c.	House-help	no paid time off, no minimum wage assured, no old age benefits.
d.	Daily wage Labourers	unsafe work-conditions. labourers arbitrary-wages, gender - inequality, no housing, no proper education for offspring. no healthcare, greedy labour-contractors.
e.	Street-vendors	uncertain income, harassment.

(ii) 'Agriculture is the backbone of the Indian economy'. Fill in the boxes supporting this statement. Complete the following web diagram.





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