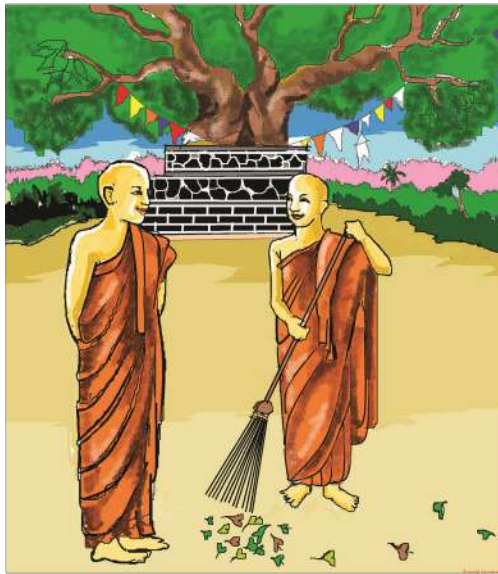


# Temple Roster

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## Activity 1

### Act Out



Venerable Nanda is in his new pirivena. He is a novice monk. He is sweeping the temple compound. The Chief Incumbent, Venerable Sobitha speaks with him.

Venerable Sobitha : Nanda, why aren't you at the shrine room? Didn't you check the roster today?

Venerable Nanda : No, Venerable Sir. I didn't check it.

Venerable Sobitha : Why? You **should** be cleaning the shrine room now, and not sweeping the temple compound.

Venerable Nanda : Extremely sorry, Venerable Sir. I didn't know about it.

Venerable Sobitha : It's alright. But you should check the roster weekly.

Venerable Nanda : Yes, Venerable Sir.

Venerable Sobitha : That's good. That's how a good monk should be.

Venerable Nanda : **Would** you mind if I finish sweeping the garden now?

Venerable Sobitha : No problem, it's better to finish what you have already started.

Venerable Nanda : Yes, Venerable Sir. I **would** follow the roster from tomorrow.

## Activity 2 - Reading

Write '*true*' or '*false*'.

1. Venerable Nanda checked the roster in the morning.

2. Venerable Sobitha changes the roster weekly.

3. Venerable Nanda is the Chief Monk of the temple.

### Learning Point

See the **highlighted** words in the dialogue above.

**should**                      **would**

They are modal verbs. We can use 'would' for:

☞ Polite requests.

e.g. **Would** you do it from tomorrow?

**Would** you open the door, please?

We can use **should** for:

☞ Advice

e.g. You **should** check it weekly.

You **should** have a haircut.

☞ Obligation, expectation or probability

e.g. I **should** learn English well.

Every true Buddhist **should** practise five precepts.

#### Formulation:

Subject	+	would	+	Verb Stem
Subject	+	should	+	Verb Stem

### Activity 3 - Grammar

Fill in the following blanks with 'would' or 'should'.

1. .... you hold my bag, please?
2. You ..... brush your teeth twice a day.
3. .... you like an ice-cream?
4. Everybody ..... walk on the right side.
5. ....you like some coffee?
6. You ..... wear school uniforms for the field trip.
7. .... you help me to move the box?
8. You ..... try to lose weight.
9. I ..... follow the roster.
10. .... you like a cup of tea?

### Activity 4 - Reading

Read the following roster and answer the questions given.

Activity	Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Sweeping the compound</i>	5.30 - 6.00	Venerable Nanda	Thisal Tharinda	Venerable Sumedha	Nimesh Sampath	Venerable Vipassi	Ajith Nilantha	Venerable Nagitha
<i>Sweeping the shrine room</i>	6.00 - 6.30	Venerable Nagitha	Ajith Nilantha	Venerable Vipassi	Venerable Sumedha	Nimesh Sampath	Thisal Tharinda	Venerable Nanda
<i>Watering the flower plants</i>	6.30 - 6.45	Ajith Nilantha	Venerable Nagitha	Venerable Nanda	Venerable Vipassi	Venerable Sumedha	Nimesh Sampath	Venerable Vipassi
<i>Arranging the alms hall</i>	6.15 - 7.00	Venerable Vipassi	Venerable Sumedha	Nimesh Sampath	Thisal Tharinda	Venerable Nanda	Venerable Nagitha	Ajith Nilantha
<i>Emptying the dust bins</i>	7.15 - 7.30	Venerable Sumedha	Nimesh Sampath	Thisal Tharinda	Venerable Nanda	Venerable Nagitha	Ajith Nilantha	Thisal Tharinda
<i>Cleaning the preaching hall</i>	7.30 - 8.00	Nimesh Sampath	Venerable Vipassi	Ajith Nilantha	Venerable Nagitha	Thisal Tharinda	Venerable Vipassi	Venerable Sumedha
<i>Cleaning the wash rooms</i>	8.00 - 8.30	Thisal Tharinda	Venerable Nanda	Venerable Nagitha	Ajith Nilantha	Venerable Vipassi	Venerable Sumedha	Nimesh Sampath

### Activity 5 - Grammar

Use the correct words to make questions. [who, what, when, where]

who → person/s  
what → object/s  
when → time  
where → place

1. .... should sweep the compound on Monday?  
Thisal.
2. .... would Nimesh do at 6.30 on Friday?  
Watering the plants.
3. .... would Ajith work at 6.35 on Sunday?  
Near the plants.
4. .... does Thisal clean the washrooms?  
From 8.00 to 8.30 on Sunday.

### Activity 6 - Listening

Listen and match column A with B.

A	B
Sunday	Sweeping the compound
Saturday	Sweeping the shrine room
Wednesday	Watering the plants
Friday	Arranging the alms hall
Tuesday	Emptying the dust bins
Thursday	Cleaning the preaching hall
Monday	Cleaning the washrooms

### Activity 7 - Reading

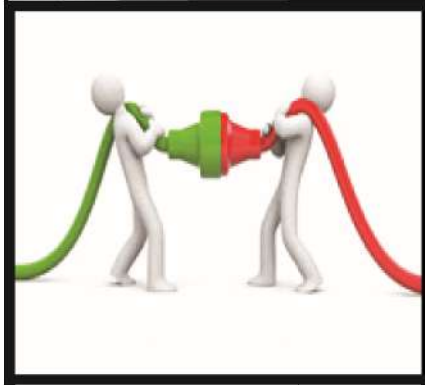
Fill in the blanks using the words in the box.



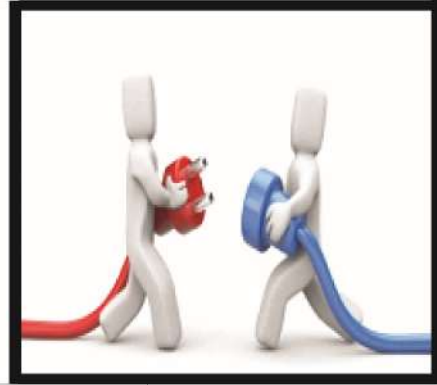
single - lined robe - in colour /  
double - lined robe / 'Kathina  
robe' / three types of

Buddhist monks and nuns wear robes. They are mostly saffron and maroon  
..... There are ..... robes. They are the  
....., the ..... and the under robe.  
During the rainy retreat, a special robe called ..... is  
offered to the Bhikkhus in the temple. In the past and sometimes even  
today, the monks sew and dye their own robes in their temples.





**connect**



**disconnect**

### Activity 8 - Grammar

Let's learn to use the prefixes *dis-* and *re-*

Write out *dis-* or *re-* to complete the words.

(dis-)= not	(re-)= again
___ connect	___ write
___ courage	___ arrange
___ honest	___ fresh
___ appear	___ assure
___ agree	___ organize

### Activity 9 - Reading

Draw lines to match.

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. obedient  | reopen       |
| 2. open      | disobedient  |
| 3. like      | renew        |
| 4. advantage | dislike      |
| 5. new       | disadvantage |

### Activity 10

Underline the word that sounds different in each set of words.

- I. shoot, hoot, luck, root
- II. see, need, near, breed
- III. put, speak, read, beach
- IV. soap, mouth, throat, float
- V. dawn, pawn, yawn, slow
- VI. tail, see, sail, mail
- VII. stay, play, fly, pray

### Activity 11

Read the following dialogue.

Watch out!



Nuwan : What a big fire!

Amila : Yes, it's spreading fast.



Nuwan : Shall we go and see?

Amila : Oh! It's dangerous!

Nuwan : Yes, it is.

*A villager goes passing them...*

A villager : Watch out! Don't go closer!

### Activity 12

Match column A with B correctly.

A

It was a very hot day.

He sings very well.

That was very interesting.

It was a nice evening.

Her mother is very kind.

He is very generous.

B

How kind her mother is!

How generous he is!

How well he sings!

What a hot day!

How interesting!

What a nice evening!

### Activity 13 - Reading

Recite the stanza and its meaning.

Na hi verena verāni

sammantidha kudacanam

Averena ca sammanti

esa dhammo sanantano

-Dhammapada -

Hatred is never ceased by hatred,

It is only ceased by love

In this world

This is an eternal law.

