Hindi Study Guide 56

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# Materials for this Study Guide

* *Beginning Hindi: A Complete Course* (and [[accompanying audio recordings under "Additional Resources"](https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Beginning-Hindi-1)](https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Beginning-Urdu))
	+ Appendix 2: Grammar Supplement, “The Contrafactual Verb Form”, pg. 561
* [CultureTalk India](https://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk/India)
	+ Society, Health, and Environment – [Non-Governmental Organizations](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk-subtopics/india/198/NonGovernmental-Organizations) – “Violence, Non-Violence, and Sustainable Development”
* [*Language Toolbox* on LangMedia](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/strategies)

# Assignments for Independent Study

## 1: Describing What Could Have/Would Have Happened

* Step 1: Read *BH* Appendix 2: Grammar Supplement, “The Contrafactual Verb Form”, pg. 561.
* Step 2: Study the examples and texts, and make flashcards to memorize the information.
	+ **HAND IN:** Write a dialogue, at least 15 lines, between two students who are friends and just left their graduation ceremonies at a University in Lucknow. They briefly talk about their plans for a career or graduate, and one of them raises the question of what they would have done if they had studied other majors.

## 2: Mridu and her Work at Pravah

* Step 1: Read the Hindi transcript of [Non-Governmental Organizations](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk-subtopics/india/198/NonGovernmental-Organizations) – “Violence, Non-Violence, and Sustainable Development” from the top of the first page until the end of the sentence “...यह क़रीबन सात साल से कैंप चल रहा है”. It is an interview with Mridu about her work at an NGO in India – roughly equivalent to an American charitable non-profit. Read it through once, highlighting or writing on flashcards confusing passages.
* Step 2: Look up the confusing words and constructions, creating flashcards then memorizing them. You may refer to the English translation in the transcript to help.
* Step 3: Reread the document once more up to sentence “...यह क़रीबन सात साल से कैंप चल रहा है”, aiming for comprehension even if you don’t understand every single thing. It may help to break it up into paragraphs, or to highlight the verbs and various tenses used. This is a valuable source of examples of narrating in the past tense to learn and use.
* Step 4: Now watch [Non-Governmental Organizations](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk-subtopics/india/198/NonGovernmental-Organizations) – “Violence, Non-Violence, and Sustainable Development” until 01:31. Do not expect to understand everything Mridu says. You may need to watch it several times and compare it to the transcript.
* Step 5: Make a brief list, in Hindi, of the various initiatives and programs that Mridu describes.
	+ - **HAND IN:** Write a resume in Hindi on a sheet of paper. List where you worked, and what duties you had, as well as relevant skills and contact information. Feel free to make information up.
		- **HAND IN:** Imagine you wanted to work at Pravah as an intern for the summer. Based on your list of activities, write a cover letter, at least 15 sentences, in which you introduce yourself and express your desire to work for the organization. Choose one of their activities that suits you best, and try to make an argument to do that work based on your experience and passion.

# Conversation Session Preparation

* Be prepared to greet one another and make small talk for a few minutes as a warm up.
* Be prepared to roleplay a scenario between two students who are friends and just left their graduation ceremonies at a University in Lucknow. They briefly talk about their plans for a career or graduate, and one of them raises the question of what they would have done if they had studied other majors.
* Be prepared to roleplay a scenario in which you are working a job after college (in a major or field of your preference) and volunteer to help at a resume workshop in Delhi. Someone who is comes in who studied the same subject and, after graduating recently, isn’t sure how to write a resume. You assist them in brainstorming and organizing their past job experience for a job similar to yours.
* Be prepared to roleplay a scenario in which, based on the cover letter you wrote for your homework, you give an interview at Pravah. The interviewer asks about your experience and why you wanted to work there, and you answer to the best of your ability.

# HOMEWORK TO HAND-IN AT TUTORIAL

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