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Subcontinent A large landmass that is smaller than the a continent  
Monsoon Seasonal wind, especially in the Indian Ocean and southern Asia  
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Language Family A group of similar languages  
Sanskrit The first written language of India  
Vedas Ancient sacred writings of India  
Caste An Indian social class  
Guru A teacher  
Hinduism A major religion that developed in ancient India  
Brahman The universal spirit worshipped by Hindus  
Reincarnation The rebirth of the soul  
Karma A force that decides the form that people will be reborn into their next life  
Dharma A person's personal duties based on the individual's places in society  
Buddhism A religion founded in ancient India by the religious teacher Buddha  
Nirvana A state of perfect happiness and peace  
Jainism A religion of ancient Indian that does not believe in a Supreme Being it emphasizes invited to respect for all living things