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The United Nations

The UN is the abbreviation of United Nations. It is an international organization, founded in 1945 (on 24th October) with the aim of maintaining peace and promoting cooperation between States.

Today more than 150 nations belong to the UN. Each member state of the UN has a seat in the General Assembly and politicians from every member state go to New York to address the UN.

Here, many international disputes and conflicts are settled. Sometimes the UN send a peace-keeping force to a country in order to prevent war or to maintain peace. The UN building is open to the public and admission is free. Only children under twelve are not allowed in. Visitors can buy souvenirs, stamps, commemorative medals, etc. In the Gift Centre of the General Assembly Building. The building of the UN is commonly called "the glass building" because of its modern architecture.

UNICEF

UNICEF is the abbreviation of the words United Nations Children's Fund. It is the most successful agency of the UN. It was founded to help children who were victims of World War II. It provides education, health care and medical help to children all over the world, especially those living in poor countries devastated by war or famine, such as countries in Africa and Asia.

UNESCO

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was set up in 1946, as a UN agency, to promote international cooperation (through Education, Science and Culture), and ensure universal respect of human rights and the basic liberties guaranteed for every population, regardless of race, sex, language or religion.

Activity :

Answer the following questions:

1. What does UN stand for?
2. What is it?
3. What are its aims?

4. Is the UN building open to the public? Is admission free?
5. What can you buy in the Gift Centre?
6. What is the building commonly called?
7. What is the main aim of UNICEF? What is it?
8. What does UNICEF mean? When was it set up?
9. What does it ensure?