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(An Integrated Course)

FOR CLASS – VIII



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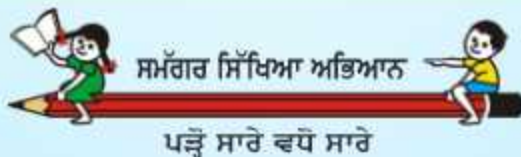
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FOREWORD

Punjab School Education Board, since its inception has always been engaged in an endeavour to prepare text books for all classes at school level. Keeping in view the present academic thought at National Level, Board has prepared textbooks as per the guidelines of National Curriculum Framework 2005 and Punjab Curriculum Framework 2013.

English is both a national and an international language. It is therefore important that our students do not lag behind in the matter of proficiency in English Language at any level or in any field. Keeping this in mind, this book aims at developing four basic skills of English language: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing along with the necessary elements of Grammar and Vocabulary so as to enable our students to use English in their day-to-day life with confidence.

Board thankfully acknowledges the inputs given by the team of experts from SCERT in selection of content and vetting the content to make it more interesting, relevant and appropriate to the mental level of the students.

We would gratefully welcome comments and suggestions from teachers, experts and users of the book for any further improvement.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

English in India has a second language status. Apart from being taught as just a language, English in India is a medium through which many subjects in schools are taught such as Science, Maths, Social Science and Computer. Besides, English is also a library language and the Internet language which makes English an International Language. For this reason, it is of immense importance that both methods of teaching English and Materials should be well thought of.

This book is an attempt to make students learn all the aspects of English - the Skills - Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing; and also Grammar and Vocabulary through various activities. The content of the book has been selected keeping in view the interest of students and the activities have been designed keeping their level in mind and a general need for more and more practice. The mantra of learning any skill is **Practice** and it holds true for learning a language as well. Teachers handling this book must keep in mind that activities with students need to be done properly in order to address all the aspects of language.

The book has been designed in a manner that teachers need not translate the content and the stories which in turn will give students a pleasure of discovery. In order that students stay motivated, teachers need to understand that language being a skill, maximum classroom time be dedicated to listening, speaking, reading and writing the target language using appropriate vocabulary and structure. Too much reliance on the mother tongue results in exposure more to mother tongue and less to the target language. Keeping this in view, the content has been selected with care so that students are able to understand it with **some** teacher - intervention.

The activities aim at achieving the learning outcomes of the respective classes. Dictionary (**Learning New Words**) Reference, in the pre-reading stage and **Vocabulary Expansion** in the post-reading stage, are aimed at improving and expanding the vocabulary of learners. **Learning Language** aims at grammar instruction and usage of language. Emphasis has also been placed on all the skills of the language. **Learning to Read and Comprehend** has textual questions in the format of **Wh- questions, True/False, Yes/No and MCQs** aiming at **detailed comprehension, referential comprehension** and also **inferential comprehension**. **Learning to Listen, Learning to Speak and Learning to Write**, as is obvious, deal with the skills mentioned. One activity in each chapter is on **Learning to Use the Language** and it lays stress on holistic learning of language which incorporates the elements and the skills of the English language.

It is hoped that the series of books will help learners stay motivated and interested in learning English, which is a language of opportunities.

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