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PREFACE

The English textbook for standard VIII has been prepared following the guidelines given in the National Curriculum Framework, 2005. It has been created to make English language learning, both effective and enjoyable. The aim has been to balance learning the structures and vocabulary of the language, with learning their use, in everyday life.

The activities have been graded carefully to allow a gradual building of language proficiency. The lessons provide effective individual and collaborative learning in pairs and groups and enable differentiation in multilevel classrooms. Each unit focuses on the themes of natural and social world to stimulate curiosity and imagination, engaging both heart and mind. An ICT Corner has been introduced in each unit for the first time in a State Board Text Book to develop current digital literacy skills.

To explore the digital world, QR Code has been introduced in each unit.

How to use the book?

- The English Book for Standard VIII has 7 units and a play.
- Each unit has a theme around which the prose selection, poem and supplementary selection has been woven.
- The four major skills, namely, listening, speaking, reading and writing have been integrated into each unit.

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- The pictorial warm up page will help activate students own knowledge and ideas of the topic.
- The digital warm up can be used for visualizing the theme to motivate and create interest among the learners.

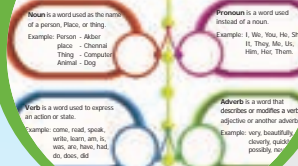


- In-Text questions in each section can be used for discussion and to check and develop comprehension skills.
- Glossary is given to enable the students understand the text in better way.
- The 'Do You Know?' box can be used to enhance general knowledge while initiating spoken language.

Glossary

enchanted	–	delighted
miniature	–	very small model
curiosity	–	eagerness
accustomed	–	something familiar with
gazing	–	looking steadily and intently
renown	–	fame and respect
ceased	–	stopped

Parts of Speech



- The grammar exercises are comprehensive with, examples and exercises to make it easy for children.
- Digital Grammar Games can be used to reinforce learning to encourage students to play and learn easily.
- The illustrations in Grammar will make understanding of grammar easy.

- Connecting to Self is based on the values of each lesson.
- Project is meant for working in groups and to develop collaborative learning.
- The development of higher order thinking skills is facilitated by the Steps to Success.

Connecting to self

FOLLOW RULES SET BY MY PARENTS FOR GOING ONLINE
Time of day, length of time online and sites allowed.

REPORT ANY BULLYING/HARASSMENT
To a trusted adult/parent right away.

BLOCK & REPORT
Block people who send nasty messages / inappropriate / sexually explicit content and report Spam.

ENSURE MY SAFETY
Ensure safety settings, take care to help keep me safe.

SEEK HELP
From parents / authorities / CHILDLINE

GIVE OUT MY INTERNET PASSWORDS
To anyone other than my parents.

MAKE FRIENDS WITH UNKNOWN PEOPLE
Even if they are my friend's friends.

SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION
Without parent's permission. This includes my photo, name, address, phone number, parent's work number, school name, location or places I go.

RESPOND TO OR FORWARD MESSAGES
That make me feel uncomfortable. I won't click on URLs / open mails sent by unknown people.

SEND / SEXING MESSAGES

ICT CORNER

GRAMMAR – SIMPLE COMPOUND COMPLEX

To Enable the students to familiarize kinds of sentences as simple, compound and complex with exercises



STEPS TO PLAY THE GAME:

1. Access the application with the help of the link given below or the given QR code and install it in the mobile.
2. You can view sentence kinds according to structure in home page.
3. Click any kind of sentence to know its definition with example.
4. Click PRACTICE in the home page to access the 3 sets of Practice exercises.
5. Complete all the exercises and check your answers and understanding concept.

- Students can be encouraged to extend their reading activity through learning links section.
- Students can be helped to download the games and install them.
- The activities in ICT Corner will ensure learning language skills through websites and app links.

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E-Book



Assessment



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