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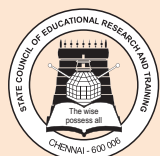
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# PREFACE

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.

	Contents	Page
1	Prose The Nose-Jewel Poem* Special Hero Supplementary The Woman on Platform 8	01 17 21
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5	Prose Being Safe Poem* Fire Work Night Supplementary When Instinct Works	01 17 21
6	Prose Friendship Poem* Lessons in Life Supplementary Homeless Man and his Friends	01 17 21
	Prose Cyber Safety Poem* My Computer Needs A Break Supplementary The Mystery of the Cyb	01 17 21



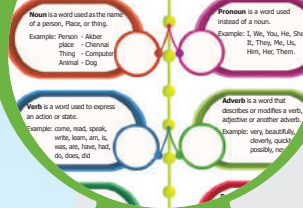
- The pictorial warm up page will help activate students own knowledge and ideas of the topic.
- The digital warm up can be used for visualizing the theme to motivate and create interest among the learners.

- 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

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

### 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.

Unit	Contents	Page. no	Month
1	<b>Prose</b> <b>Poem*</b> <b>Supplementary</b>	The Nose-Jewel Special Hero The Woman on Platform 8	01 22 26 <b>June</b>
2	<b>Prose</b> <b>Poem</b> <b>Supplementary</b>	Hobby Turns into A Successful Career My Hobby: Reading Jim Corbett, A Hunter Turned Naturalist	35 53 58 <b>July</b>
3	<b>Prose</b> <b>Poem*</b> <b>Supplementary</b>	Sir Isaac Newton -The Ingenious Scientist Making Life Worth While The Three Questions	63 79 83 <b>August</b>
4	<b>Prose</b> <b>Poem*</b> <b>Supplementary</b>	My Reminiscence A Thing of Beauty Crossing the River	92 108 112 <b>September</b>
5	<b>Prose</b> <b>Poem</b> <b>Supplementary</b>	Being Safe Fire Work Night When Instinct Works	120 139 143 <b>October</b>
6	<b>Prose</b> <b>Poem*</b> <b>Supplementary</b>	Friendship Lessons in Life Homeless Man and his Friends	151 171 175 <b>November</b>
7	<b>Prose</b> <b>Poem</b> <b>Supplementary</b>	Cyber Safety My Computer Needs A Break The Mystery of the Cyber Friend	180 199 204 <b>December</b>
8	<b>Play</b>	Jack and the Beanstalk	215 <b>January</b>

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Let's use the QR code in the text books ! How ?

- Download the QR code scanner from the Google PlayStore/ Apple App Store into your smartphone.
- Open the QR code scanner application
- Once the scanner button in the application is clicked, camera opens and then bring it closer to the QR code in the text book.
- Once the camera detects the QR code, a url appears in the screen. Click the url and go to the content page.



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Assessment



Digi Links

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