

MY ENGLISH BOOK SIX



STANDARD SIX

The Constitution of India

Chapter IV A

Fundamental Duties

ARTICLE 51A

Fundamental Duties- It shall be the duty of every citizen of India—

- (a) to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem;
- (b) to cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom;
- (c) to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India;
- (d) to defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so;
- (e) to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities, to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women;
- (f) to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture;
- (g) to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have compassion for living creatures;
- (h) to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;
- (i) to safeguard public property and to abjure violence;
- (j) to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement;
- (k) who is a parent or guardian to provide opportunities for education to his child or, as the case may be, ward between the age of six and fourteen years.



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The Constitution of India

Preamble

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;
LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;
and to promote among them all

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation;

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jana-gana-mana-adhināyaka jaya hē
Bhārata-bhāgya-vidhātā,

Panjāba-Sindhu-Gujarāta-Marāthā
Drāvida-Utkala-Banga

Vindhya-Himāchala-Yamunā-Gangā
uchchala-jaladhi-taranga

Tava subha nāmē jāgē, tava subha āsisa māgē,
gāhē tava jaya-gāthā,

Jana-gana-mangala-dāyaka jaya hē
Bhārata-bhāgya-vidhātā,

Jaya hē, Jaya hē, Jaya hē,
Jaya jaya jaya, jaya hē.

PLEDGE

India is my country. All Indians
are my brothers and sisters.

I love my country, and I am proud
of its rich and varied heritage. I shall
always strive to be worthy of it.

I shall give my parents, teachers
and all elders respect, and treat
everyone with courtesy.

To my country and my people,
I pledge my devotion. In their
well-being and prosperity alone lies
my happiness.

Preface

The **Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009** and **National Curriculum Framework 2005** are two important events that have influenced primary education in our country. In the State of Maharashtra, too, the revised curriculum **Primary Education Curriculum 2012** reflects their guidelines and expectations. We are happy to place this **My English Book Six** based on the revised curriculum in your hands.

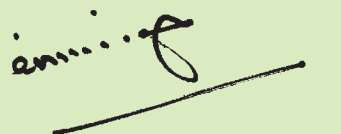
The RTE Act emphasizes all-round development of the child, as also learning through activities, discovery and exploration in a child-friendly and child-centred manner; making the child free of fear, trauma and anxiety and helping the child to express views freely. We have tried to design our textbooks so that these principles become an integral part of the teaching-learning process. For the convenience of teachers and parents, we have also specified the various competencies that should be developed by the end of Std VI.

My English Book Six is meant for use in non-English medium schools. We have taken into account the environment in which the children are placed and which requires a knowledge of English. The textbook aims at giving children a systematic exposure to the language, and helping them to learn English joyfully through graded and engaging activities.

The textbook has been prepared in a big size with plenty of colourful illustrations to enhance its visual appeal for children. The illustrations are not just decorative, they are designed to make the process of learning English more meaningful. We hope that children will enjoy handling this textbook throughout the year.

This book was scrutinized by teachers and experts from various parts of the State to make it flawless and more useful. The English Language Committee, Study Group and the artist have taken great pains to prepare this textbook. The Bureau is grateful to all of them.

We hope that the textbook will receive a warm welcome from students, parents and teachers.



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For Teachers ...

1. Please take into account the various competencies specified on the page alongside. They indicate the areas of language developments and the stages which a child is expected to reach by the end of Std VI. You can plan your classroom interaction and assessment of pupils in the light of these specific goals.
2. Use the textbook in three ways –
 - 2.1 Learning language:** Learning to communicate one's own ideas, thoughts, feelings, etc. in English.
 - 2.2 Learning through language:** Using English to seek knowledge in other areas of study like science, geography, environmental studies and even art and craft; learning to properly organize and present the information or knowledge one gets through English; learning to identify the difficulties in one's understanding and then to make efforts to overcome them; 'personalise' learning by making notes for reference and so on. Many activities in the textbook focus on these 'study skills'. They will enable the students to use English throughout their life as an effective medium of learning.
 - 2.3 Learning about language:** After getting acquainted with the English language for about five years (from the early age of six), children may now be ready to consciously observe how the language works. The 'Learning about Language' boxes in the book include some activities, some observations and acquaint the students with a few grammatical terms. The boxes only aim at building an awareness of the language system. Such awareness will help them to rectify their own errors and to refine their own expression. The teacher should not use the content of these boxes for mechanical drilling or for closed book assessment.
3. Please go through the entire book before you start teaching it. Also, because the activities and games are graded in order of difficulty, do use them in the given order. However, once an activity or game is introduced, feel free to use it again from time to time, according to the needs and interests of your class.
4. Open book assessment which is more suitable for a constructivist approach to education has been suggested on pages 52 and 53. Do use this strategy for formative as well as summative evaluation.
5. Many of the games and activities in the book involve open-ended questions. Please give the children enough time and opportunity to respond to these using their own ideas. Do not use readymade (or 'teacher made') answers.
6. 'Tara and her friends' appear throughout the book. They add an element of fun and also show how children may respond while playing language games, while taking part in activities, etc. Children may also enjoy using their dialogues for role-play.
7. Watch over the classroom participation and development of each child in the classroom and provide opportunities of growth to all of them.
8. An innovative teacher may come up with many parallel or extension activities but do take care to see that all tasks and activities given in the textbook are carried out first.

Compulsory English : Learning Outcomes : Standard Six

Suggested Pedagogical Processes

The learner may be provided opportunities in pairs/groups/ individually and encouraged to–

- become familiar with songs/poems/prose in English through input-rich environment, interaction, classroom activities, discussion etc.
- listen to English news(TV, Radio) as a resource to develop listening comprehension
- watch/ listen to English movies, serials, educational channels with sub-titles, audio-video materials, talking books, teacher reading out from materials and to understand and respond
- participate in individual talk viz. introducing oneself and other persons; participate in role play / make a speech, reproduce speeches of great speakers
- summarise orally the stories, poems and events that he/she has read or heard
- locate sequence of ideas, events and identify main idea of a story/poem through various types of comprehension questions
- read different kinds of texts such as prose, poetry, play for understanding and appreciation and write answers for comprehension and inferential questions
- raise questions based on their reading
- interpret tables, charts, diagrams and maps and write a short paragraph
- think critically and try to provide suggestion/ solutions to the problems raised
- read/ discuss the ideas of the text for critical thinking
- use dictionary as a reference book for finding multiple meanings of a word in a variety of contexts
- take dictation of words, phrases, simple sentences and short paragraphs
- understand the use of antonym (impolite/polite) synonym (big/large) and homonym (tail/tale)
- understand the grammatical forms in context/ through reading, for example, noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, determiners, etc.
- understand the context for various types of writing such as messages, notices, letters, report, biography, diary entry, travelogue etc.
- draft, revise and write in English with punctuation and with focus on appropriate beginning, middle and end
- use ICT (Net, mobile, website, Youtube, TED talks etc) to browse for information, for projects/PPT etc.
- look at cartoons/ pictures/comic strips with or without words, and talk/write about them
- visit a language laboratory
- read/write a book review.

Learning Outcomes

The learner–

- 06.17.01 Understands and enjoys simple songs, poems, skits, plays, stories etc.
- 06.17.02 Listens attentively to English programmes like news, interviews etc.
- 06.17.03 Understands English spoken in the surroundings.
- 06.17.04 Responds to announcements and instructions made in the class, school assembly and in familiar situations.
- 06.17.05 Recites and shares familiar songs, poems effectively.
- 06.17.06 Participates in activities in English like role play and dramatization.
- 06.17.07 Responds to oral messages, questions, enquiries etc appropriately.
- 06.17.08 Asks polite questions to seek information.
- 06.17.09 Describes people, places, processes etc.
- 06.17.10 Narrates a known story.
- 06.17.11 Develops presentation skills through live demonstration, elocution competitions, interviews, plays etc.
- 06.17.12 Reads aloud using proper pause, pace and volume.
- 06.17.13 Reads aloud poems and songs for enjoyment.
- 06.17.14 Reads children's literature with pleasure.
- 06.17.15 Reads silently with comprehension.
- 06.17.16 Reads to seek information from notice board, charts, tables and other graphic presentation.
- 06.17.17 Reads in order to obtain information.
- 06.17.18 Writes neatly and legibly.
- 06.17.19 Writes words/phrases a few sentences to dictation correctly.
- 06.17.20 Forms a set of instructions and questions.
- 06.17.21 Writes simple, informal messages, letters.
- 06.17.22 Writes detailed answers based on informative passages.
- 06.17.23 Writes a short and simple report based on a survey.
- 06.17.24 Attempts creative writing.
- 06.17.25 Refers to dictionary and printed and electronic reference materials to check meaning, spelling and usage etc.
- 06.17.26 Presents the main points or outline of a passage, story etc.
- 06.17.27 Presents the given information in a graphic as well as verbal form.
- 06.17.28 Makes notes for personal reference while reading/ listening to a text.
- 06.17.29 Translates simple and short texts.
- 06.17.30 Reads a book review.
- 06.17.31 Identifies the main parts of speech.
- 06.17.32 Gets acquainted with certain idioms and uses familiar idioms in speech and writing.
- 06.17.33 Uses regular plural forms correctly.
- 06.17.34 Uses simple tense forms.
- 06.17.35 Understands simple word formation processes.
- 06.17.36 Identifies basic types of sentences (statements, exclamation, questions and commands/order).
- 06.17.37 Uses different forms of adverbs and adjectives.



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