

CBSE Syllabus for Class 8 English 2020-21

English

English is divided into two parts:

- a. English Literature, and
- b. English Grammar & Composition

Let us look at the detailed syllabus for these two parts:

English Literature

The English Literature section of CBSE Class 8 is based on two books – a textbook of English and a Supplementary Reader in English.

Let's see what all are included in each of the two books.

English (Honeydew – Textbook in English for Class VIII)

This book has ten chapters as listed below:

Chapter 1: The Best Christmas Present in the World

Poem: The Ant and the Cricket

Chapter 2: The Tsunami

Poem: Geography Lesson

Chapter 3: Glimpses of the Past

Poem: Macavity: The Mystery Cat

Chapter 4: Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory

Poem: The Last Bargain

Chapter 5: The Summit Within

Poem: The School Boy

Chapter 6: This is Jody's Fawn

Poem: The Duck and the Kangaroo

Chapter 7: A Visit to Cambridge

Poem: When I set out for Lyonnesse

Chapter 8: A Short Monsoon Diary

Poem: On the Grasshopper and Cricket

Chapter 9: The Great Stone Face- I

Chapter 10: The Great Stone Face- II

English (It So Happened – Supplementary Reader in English for Class VIII)

This book too comes with 10 chapters:

Chapter 1: How the Camel got his Hump

Chapter 2: Children at work

Chapter 3: The Selfish Giant

Chapter 4: The Treasure within

Chapter 5: Princess September

Chapter 6: The Fight

Chapter 7: The Open Window

Chapter 8: Jalebis

Chapter 9: The Comet- I

Chapter 10: The Comet- II

English Grammar & Composition

This section, again, can be subdivided into two parts – English Grammar and English Composition (Writing). The detailed syllabus of these two sections of CBSE Class 8 are as under:

English Grammar

The English Grammar syllabus has the following topics:

- a. Order of Words and Clauses
- b. Direct and Indirect Speech
- c. Active and Passive Voice
- d. Tenses
- e. Noun
- f. Pronoun
- g. Verb
- h. Adverb
- i. Prepositions
- j. Conjunction

k. Phrases and Idioms

l. Vocabulary

m. Comprehension Reading

English Composition (Writing)

This section tests your writing skills in English. The English Composition syllabus has the following topics:

a. Notice

b. Story

c. Formal and Informal Letters

d. Diary Entry

e. Essay