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PREFACE

Learners' English Grammar and Composition is an activity-based series specially designed to meet the needs of pupils in Indian schools today. This graded series, comprising eight books, is intended for classes 1 to 8 and leads up to Learners' English Grammar and Composition for classes 9 and 10, which has been in use since 1990.

The present series is largely based on a study of the current trends in school syllabi and recent developments in the treatment of English grammar and composition. The main objective of this series is to equip learners with the ability to use English effectively in real-life situations. Special attention has been paid to the points of structure and usage which are usually problematic to non-native speakers of English. The major focus is rightly on the area of verbs, which is the most important aspect of grammar and is evidently the most difficult for Indian learners to master.

The series aims at simplicity of language and simplicity of treatment. The grammatical explanations in particular have been made very clear and easy to understand. The material has been graded with the utmost care. There are various types of exercises, most of which are judiciously geared towards mixed-ability classes. The units on comprehension and writing skills set out to help learners to put their knowledge of grammar to more practical use and widen their communicative ability.

It is hoped that this need-based series, enlivened by full-colour illustrations, will be liked by both pupils and teachers, and found suitable for use in CBSE- and ICSE-affiliated schools as well as State Board schools.

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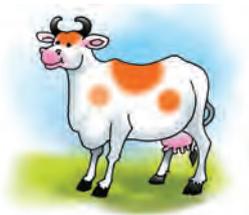
Naming Words



A. Read the following:



doctor



cow



parrot



shop

The word **doctor** is the name of a person.

The word **cow** is the name of an animal.

The word **parrot** is the name of a bird.

The word **shop** is the name of a place.

The word **camera** is the name of a thing.



camera

The words **doctor, cow, parrot, shop** and **camera** are NAMING WORDS.

A NAMING WORD is the name of a person, animal, bird, place or thing.

Words like **Mohan, John, Kamala, India** and **Mumbai** are also naming words. You will learn about this kind of names in the next unit.

Here are further examples of naming words.

Names of persons : teacher, nurse, son, mother, sister, uncle, Krishna, Abdul, Sheila

Names of animals and birds : dog, lion, horse, owl, eagle, hen

Names of places : market, street, hill, zoo, Singapore, Hyderabad, Kolkata

Names of things : clock, chair, computer, motorbike, spoon, sugar, mango

B. Underline the naming words in the following sentences and then write the words in the correct columns at the bottom.

1. The postman has brought a letter.
2. We usually have chapattis for breakfast.
3. Mummy has made a nice cake for us.
4. A dog bit Sanjay and he was taken to hospital.
5. My uncle works as a lawyer in Nagpur.
6. A tiger got out of the zoo and entered a village near Ahmednagar.
7. The eagle is chasing a dove.
8. There are a goat and a donkey in the field.
9. Would you like a cup of tea?
10. Vijay and I are going to the park.



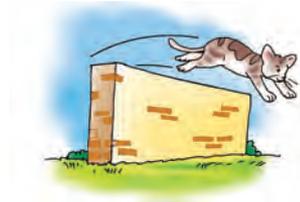
Names of persons	Names of animals and birds	Names of places	Names of things
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C. Fill in the blanks with suitable naming words. Choose the words from the box.

tree	squirrel	rainbow	cat	sky	wall
plate	phone	hair	woman	girl	mango

1. The _____ is jumping over the _____.



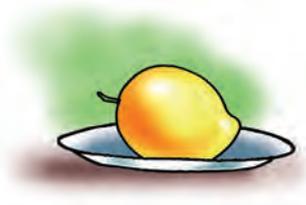
2. The _____ is climbing the _____.



3. There is a _____ in the _____.



4. The _____ is on the _____.



5. The _____ has long _____.



6. The _____ is talking on the _____.



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Special Names



A. Read the following:

This is a boy.

His name is Ashok.

Ashok is his special name.



Ashok

This is also a boy.

He is Kishore.

Kishore is his special name.



Kishore

This boy is called David.

David is the boy's special name.



David

Boy is the common name of these three persons. Each of the boys has his own name or special name. **Ashok**, **Kishore** and **David** are special names.

All boys, girls, men and women have special names. Words like **girl**, **man**, **uncle**, **doctor**, **student** and **classmate** are common names. Words like **Ajay**, **Pradeep**, **Usha**, **Mr James**, **Mr Das**, **Miss Roy** and **Dr Khan** are special names. Some pet animals are given special names. For example, a dog can be called **Jimmy**. A cat can be called **Tommy**. **Jimmy** and **Tommy** are special names.



Jimmy



Here are some more kinds of special names.

Places : America, India, Japan, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru.

Buildings : Taj Mahal, Qutab Minar, Charminar, Shanti Bhavan.

Festivals : Holi, Diwali, Christmas, Eid.

Months and days : May, October, Sunday, Friday.



Taj Mahal

Note : Special names begin with a capital letter.

B. Below is a list of naming words. Some of them are special names and others are common names. Find the special names and write them on the lines below. Remember to begin special names with a capital letter. (Capital letters are not used in this list.)

teacher	gopal	aunt	london	singapore
month	monday	april	friend	village
john	park	hyderabad	uncle	city
agra	abdul	festival	gandhiji	town
pakistan	saroja	building	kolkata	pilot
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