

Class 8th

Sub:- English

Grammar

1. Paragraph
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3. Articles

## Morning walk

I am an early riser. I get up at 5 o'clock in the morning. I wash my face with cold water and put on my clothes. Then I go out for a long walk. I go to the side of the canal that flows past our village.

Early in the morning the atmosphere is free from the din and noise of the day. Nature is at her best in the early hours of the day. It is delightful to watch nature at this blessed hour. The air is cool, fresh and fragrant. Dew drops on the green grass look like pearls. In fact everything at that time is delightful.

I go to the garden and take some light exercise. Soon the sun appears in the east. It is a charming sight. The rays of the sun give everything a golden hue. I take my way back home at about half past six. I take a bath and get ready for the day's work. The morning walk keeps me in a good cheer for the whole day.



## My Aim, in life

Tastes and temperament differs from person to person. What is liked by one is disliked by the other. A man without an aim is like a traveller who has no destination to reach.

So everyday must have some aim in his/her life.

My aim in life is to become a doctor.

A doctor can earn money as well as honour.

He can serve the sick. He can serve his

country in a big way. Our state needs a

large number of doctors. Our villagers

suffer from many diseases. But there are

few doctors in villages. I want to become

a doctor and serve in villages. My

aim will not be to earn money. My aim

will be to bring hope to the poor and

suffering people. Thus by serving God's people

it will be serving God also.



## Importance Of Games And Sports

Games and sports are not only an inseparable part of human existence. But they also form an important part of the education of our children and the youth. These days, we see that the games and sports has been neglected in schools and colleges. The students concentrate on their academic growth and ignore their physical development.

We should change our attitude towards sports and games. Who can forget that a sound mind lies only in a sound body? For a balanced growth of personality every child should give games their due importance. Physical and mental development should go together. The outdoor games are a good means to physical exercise which keeps one healthy and active. Sports also inculcate in the students the qualities of discipline, co-operation, patriotism, team spirit and sportsmanship.



## Wonders of Science

The present age is the age of science. The influence of science can be seen in every walk of life. The discoveries of science have made man's life a lot more comfortable and much easier than it was ever before.

Science has given comforts to us in our day today life. With the aid of new cooking devices, meals can be cooked very easily and quickly now. Clothes can be washed in machines and science has given us comforts like fans, coolers, heaters etc. Science has provided us with means of communication and modes of transport. Buses, cars, aeroplanes are there to take us from one place to another. Messages can be sent across by different electronic means. Electricity can turn night into day. It heats/cools our rooms according to the seasons. Infact we can't imagine a day without electricity. Science has also achieved wonders in the field of medicine. It has helped mankind in fighting against all possible diseases. It has lessened man's suffering and has made human life safer and longer.



# Articles

The adjectives 'a' 'an' and 'the' are called articles.

'A' and 'An' are indefinite articles.  
The is definite article.

The articles function like adjectives. The indefinite article 'a' or 'an' can be considered to be abbreviation of the demonstrative adjectives this, these, that and those.

Note - I have one book and one pen.

I have a book and a pen. →

Keep this pen with you.

Keep the pen with you.

## Part II

Uses of the Indefinite article 'A'

1. With singular <sup>common</sup> nouns beginning with consonants

a pen, a boy, a cow etc.

2. With vowel letters having constant value



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e.g. ~~a~~ a university, a unit,  
a European, a unicorn, a useful article  
a one rupee note, a one man show etc  
or

Before u sound as 'yo' and before  
'o' sound as 'wo'

3. As a general rule, a countable Noun  
in the singular should have an article  
placed before it.

I saw pen on table. X

II Saw a pen on a table. V

### Part III

Usage of Indefinite article 'An'.

1. with words beginning with vowel sounds  
e.g. an ass, an umbrella, an egg etc.

2. with words beginning with silent 'h'  
e.g. an hour, a honest man, an heir  
an hotel, an historical novel etc.

### Part IV

1. To denote a particular person or thing  
or one already mentioned

e.g. I hate the girl.

We shall go to the movie.



2. When a singular noun represents a whole class.  
e.g. The cow is a very useful animal.

3. With superlatives.  
e.g. He is the best student in our class.

4. With names of rivers, seas, gulfs, group of islands, mountain ranges and newspapers.

e.g. The Ganga, The Red Sea, The Persian Gulf, The British Isles, The Times of India etc.

5. Before a proper noun only when it is qualified by an adjective.  
e.g. The Great Caesar.

6. Before names of books.  
e.g. The Gita.

7. With nouns that are unique.  
e.g. The earth, the moon, etc.

8. With nouns of musical instruments.  
e.g. The flute, the piano etc.



9. with adjectives, representing a class of person.

e.g. The rich, the weak, the old etc

10. with ordinals:

The first chapter of the book was very thrilling.

### Omission of The Article

1. Before the two common nouns 'Man' and 'woman' when used for mankind or womankind as a whole.

Man is mortal

Woman is man's mate

2. Before or the name of a town, city or village.

3. Before the name of a continent.

4. Before the name of a country.

5. Before the name of a single island.

6. Before the name of a Cape.

7. Before the name of a lake.

8. Before the name of a single mountain.

9. Before a proper or Abstract Noun.

10. Before a name of a title.

11. Before a material noun.

12. Before languages.

13. Before the names of relation.



(1)

## ABOUT INSANITARY CONDITION

Write a letter to the Health Officer of your town complaining against the insanitary condition of your area.

215 Vishnu Puri  
Kathua

10 April 20--

The Health Officer  
Nagar Sabha  
Kathua

Sir

I want to draw your attention to the insanitary condition of Vishnu Puri. There are very few proper drains here. And even these drains are not cleaned regularly. They are never flushed with water. No dustbins have been provided. People throw all their refuse here and there. Flies and mosquitoes buzz about. Any big disease can break out. It is requested that suitable steps should be taken to improve the sanitary condition of this area.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Harish

(2)

## THANKING FOR BIRTHDAY GIFT

Write a letter to your uncle conveying him your thanks for the birthday gift he has sent for you.

8 Adarsh Nagar

Jammu

27 February 20--

My dear Uncle

Yesterday was my birthday. I received a parcel from you. There was a wristwatch in it. I thank you for this nice gift.

It is a very fine watch. It keeps correct time. All my friends have liked it. I shall keep it with great care. I once again thank you for this loving gift.

Yours lovingly

Jagmohan



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**FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Write an application to the Headmaster / Principal of your school for financial assistance.

The Headmaster  
S.D. High School  
Jammu

2 March 20--

Sir

I am a student of the eighth class of your school. I have to buy some books and notebooks. I have also to buy the school dress. But my father doesn't have any money for this. He works as a peon in a factory. His pay is very small. He can hardly pay my fees even. I request you to give me some financial assistance to meet these expenses. I shall be thankful to you for this kindness.

Yours obediently

Anil Kumar

Class VIII-D

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**FOR ADMISSION IN NEXT CLASS**

Write an application to the Headmaster / Principal of your school for admission in the next class.

The Headmaster  
ABC Model School  
Banihal

14 April 20--

Sir

Last year I was a student of the seventh class of your school. I passed my first-term examination with very good marks. I stood second in the class. I was fully prepared for the second-term examination. But I could not take the examination because I fell seriously ill. I request you to admit me to the VIII class on the basis of my previous results. I shall be very thankful to you for this act of kindness.

Yours obediently -

Vidya Prakash

Class VII-A



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**FOR REMISSION OF FINE**

Write an application to the Headmaster / Principal of your school for the remission of fine.

The Principal  
Govt. High School  
Jammu

16 February 20 --

Sir

Our English teacher gave us a test on Monday. I was unwell. I could not take the test. The teacher has fined me ten rupees. Kindly remit my fine. I shall be thankful to you.

Yours obediently

*Baldev Krishan*

Class VIII-E

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**FOR SCHOOL LEAVING CERIFICATE**

Write an application to the Headmaster of your school to issue you the school leaving certificate.

The Headmaster  
Govt. High School  
Banihal

16 July 20 --

Sir

My father has been transferred to Shimla. My parents are leaving for Shimla tomorrow. I cannot stay here alone.

My father has signed the application. Kindly issue me my school leaving certificate.

Yours obediently

*Dharam Dev*

Class VIII-B