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PREFACE



The aim of this book is to help young learners to increase their vocabulary and write and speak better English. The book is primarily intended for use at the middle school level. It is expected to be also suitable for classes 9 and 10 as a revision course, though there is another book (Part II) on similar lines specifically intended for use in secondary and higher secondary schools.

The book presents words in groups associated with the same area or subject (e.g., types of people, occupations, places, group words). This approach would make it easy for students to consolidate and expand their vocabulary. The material dealing with word building stimulates their self-help resources and enables them to extend their vocabulary further.

The book contains a careful treatment of the fundamentals of grammar and usage. The points are explained so clearly that any student with a basic knowledge of English can understand them. The main focus is on the points of usage which are often troublesome to Indian students and presumably also to the students in other countries where English is used as a second or foreign language. Units 44 and 45 give a solid grounding in everyday communicative exchanges. They include notes, example sentences and model conversations showing what to say when starting a telephone conversation, meeting people, introducing people, making requests, apologizing and so on.

A wide variety of exercise material is provided where necessary. There is a key at the end of the book, particularly for the use of students working on their own.

Some material dealing with general knowledge has been supplemented so as to make the book a *complete* companion.

It is hoped that this need-based book, attractively designed and richly illustrated, will be liked by both students and teachers. The multi-colour illustrations, by and large, make learning enjoyable.

I had to consult several dictionaries and encyclopaedias during the preparation of the material relating to vocabulary and general knowledge. I am indebted to them all. I acknowledge the assistance of my sons, N. Koteswara Rao and N. Murali Mohana Rao, in the preparation of the Units dealing with general knowledge.

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Numbers

Saying Numbers

100	a hundred/one hundred
201	two hundred and one
573	five hundred and seventy three
1,000	a thousand/one thousand
3,602	three thousand six hundred and two
24,475	twenty-four thousand four hundred and seventy-five



NOTE

1. After a number, **hundred** and **thousand** have no plural **-s**. (Don't say "two hundreds".)
2. Don't forget to say **and** after hundreds. (The British use **and**, but Americans usually leave it out.)



Dates

The problem with dates is that we write them and say them in a different way.

We write :

6 December
(or 6th December/
December 6/December 6th)

21 August
(or 21st August/
August 21/August 21st)



We say :

the sixth of December
(or December the sixth)

the twenty-first of
August
(or August the twenty-first)

Decimals

For decimals we say each figure separately after the points.

1.6	one point six
5.75	five point seven five
2.33	two point three three
32.68	thirty-two point six eight



Fractions

$\frac{1}{2}$	a half/one half
$\frac{1}{4}$	a quarter/one quarter
$\frac{1}{3}$	a third/one third
$\frac{1}{6}$	a sixth/one sixth

$\frac{2}{5}$	two fifths
$\frac{7}{12}$	seven twelfths
$1\frac{1}{2}$	one and a half
$2\frac{1}{3}$	two and a third
$5\frac{3}{4}$	five and three quarters
$10\frac{5}{9}$	ten and five ninths

Percentages and other Symbols

Percentages

20%	twenty per cent
99%	ninety-nine per cent

Sums

$5 + 4 = 9$	Five and four is / equals nine. or : Five plus four is / equals nine.
$8 - 3 = 5$	Eight minus three is / equals five. or : Eight take away three is five.
$6 \times 5 = 30$	Six times five is / equals thirty. or : Six multiplied by five is / equals thirty.
$24 \div 4 = 6$	Twenty-four divided by four is / equals six.



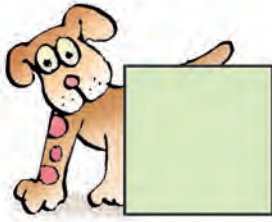
Exercise

- A. How do you say these numbers ?**
 (1) 300 (2) 601 (3) 792 (4) 2,541
 (5) 68,925
- B. How do you say the following ?**
 (1) 1.2 (2) 8.52 (3) 65.12 (4) $\frac{1}{4}$
 (5) $\frac{5}{6}$ (6) $2\frac{3}{4}$ (7) $12\frac{7}{8}$ (8) $38\frac{1}{2}$
 (9) 5% (10) 75%
- C. How do you say the following ?**
 (1) $6 - 2 = 4$ (2) $6 + 2 = 8$
 (3) $6 \times 2 = 12$ (4) $6 \div 2 = 3$
 (5) $9 \times 6 = 54$ (6) $20 \div 5 = 4$



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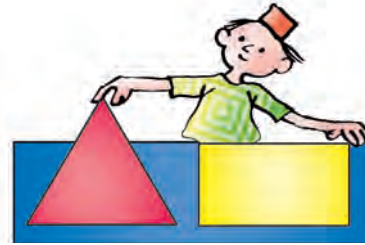
Shapes and Sizes



square

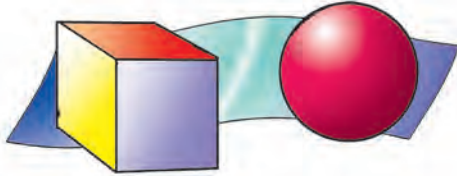


circle



triangle

rectangle / oblong



cube

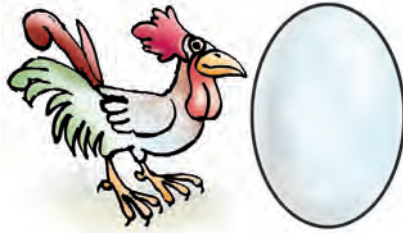
sphere



pyramid



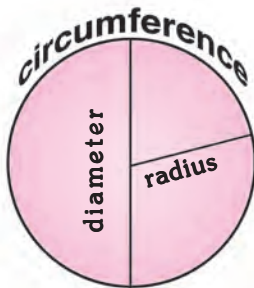
cone



oval



cylinder



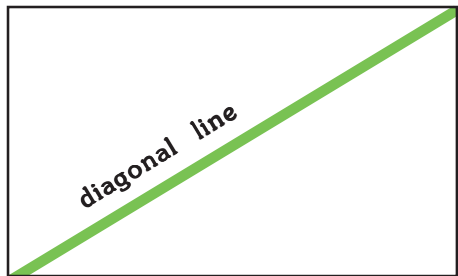
right angle



star

crescent

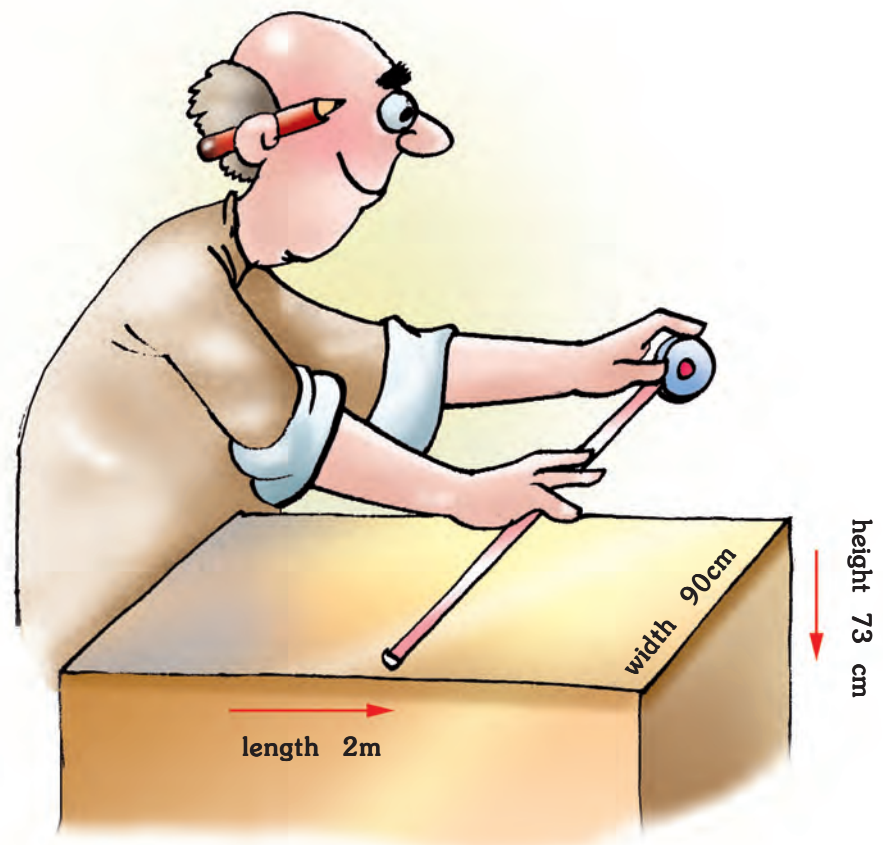
parallel lines



vertical line



horizontal line



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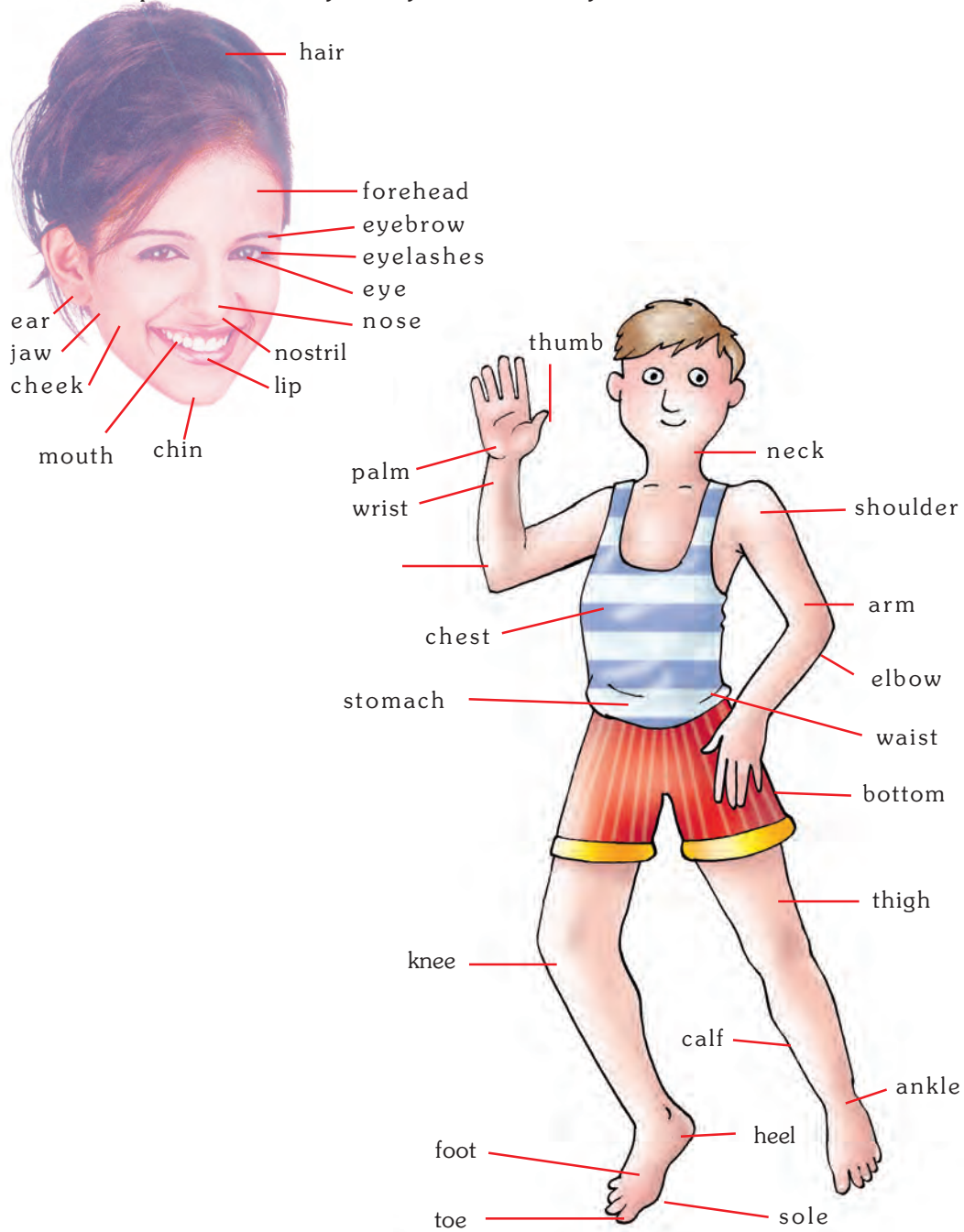
Colours

 <p>red</p>	 <p>blue</p>	 <p>green</p>	 <p>yellow</p>
 <p>black</p>	 <p>brown</p>	 <p>grey</p>	 <p>white</p>
 <p>pink</p>	 <p>violet</p>	 <p>orange</p>	 <p>purple</p>
 <p>navy blue</p>	 <p>maroon</p>	 <p>turquoise</p>	 <p>beige</p>
	 <p>khaki</p>	 <p>lime green</p>	

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Parts of the Body

Learn the parts of the body that you don't already know.



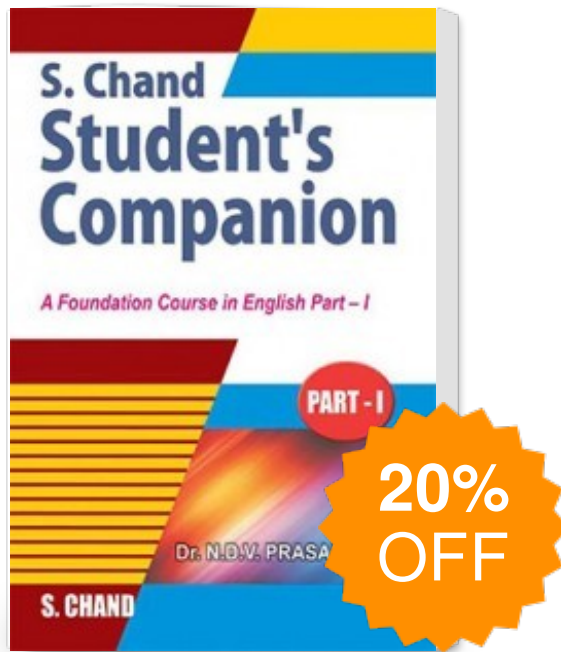
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Types of People

- accomplice** : a person who helps someone to do wrong
- ancestor** : a relative who lived a long time ago
- amateur** : a person who does something for the love of it and not for money
- assassin** : a person who kills someone important or famous, often for money
- atheist** : a person who believes that there is no God
- bechelor** : a man who is not married
- barbarian** : a person who behaves very rudely
- benefactor** : a person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose
- beneficiary** : someone who receives money, help etc from something or someone else
- burglar** : someone who gets into buildings to steal things
- cannibal** : someone who eats human flesh
- civilian** : someone who is not a member of a military organization or the police
- comedian** : (a) a person who tells jokes or does amusing things to make people laugh
(b) an actor who plays funny parts in plays or films
- culprit** : someone who has done something wrong
- emigrant** : someone who leaves his or her own country to settle in another
- exile** : someone who is forced to live in another country
- fan** : someone who admires and supports a famous person, sport, type of music etc
- fiance** : the man that a woman has promised to marry
- fiancee** : the woman that a man has promised to marry
- fugitive** : someone who runs away from justice or law
- guardian** : someone who is legally responsible for someone else's child



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