

PREFACE

A Complete Guide (With Practice) to English is a series of 6 books from Primary 1 to Primary 6. They can be used both as a basic course and as supplementary material for classroom teaching. The books are designed to help children learn independently. However, they would be able to develop their language skills better with parental help and encouragement.

This book provides a comprehensive coverage of essential areas, namely:

(a) Grammar

Brief explanatory notes are provided to help children master the basic rules. They are intended to guide and encourage learning rather than to forcibly instil grammatical discipline. There are 50 tests based on grammar which pupils can do and refer to the answers provided on their own.

(b) Vocabulary

Comprehensive coverage of words pertaining to tools, occupations, etc.

(c) Cloze Passage

A variety of Cloze Passages, starting with shorter ones and progressively introducing passages of a higher standard.

(d) Comprehension

There are Multiple Choice Questions and Free Response Questions.

(e) Comprehension and Vocabulary

The additional passages in this section will provide not only practice in comprehension and expression but will also help pupils develop their vocabulary.

(f) Composition

There are pictures to encourage thinking and writing. The helping words will guide pupils in forming sentences. A few Model Compositions are provided.

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"Some" and "any" can be used for either countable or uncountable items.

We use **'some'** in positive sentences.

Examples:

I have **some** friends.

We bought **some** coffee.

We use **'some'** in questions when offering or requesting something that is there.

Examples:

Would you like **some** bread? (offer)

Could I have **some** water?

We use **'any'** in negative sentences and questions.

Examples:

He does not have **any** friends in Malaysia.

Do you have **any** cheese?

Study the list of collective nouns below and do the exercises that follow:

an army of soldiers	a flight of aeroplanes
a bale of cotton	a flight of stairs
a band of musicians/thieves	a gang of thieves
a batch of bread	a group of islands
a block of flats	a hail of stones
a bench of judges	a herd of buffaloes/elephants
a board of directors	a library of books
a bouquet of flowers	a litter of kittens/puppies
a brood of chickens	a nest of mice
a bunch of bananas	a party of friends
a bundle of rags	a pack of wolves/cards
a bundle of sticks	a packet of cigarettes
a cast of actors	a pride of lions/peacocks
a chest of drawers	a range of mountains
a choir of singers	a school of pupils/whales
a clutch of eggs	a staff of teachers
a cluster of grapes/berries	a stud of horses
a collection of pictures	a set of utensils
a collection of stamps	a set of tools
a crate of fruits	a stack of hay
a company of actors	a string of pearls
a company of clowns	a suit of clothes
a crew of sailors	a suite of furniture
a crowd of spectators	a swarm of bees
a flock of birds	a team of oxen/players
a flock of sheep	a tribe of natives
a flight of swallows	a troop of monkeys