



**CLASS IX AND X
ENGLISH GRAMMAR
COMPOSITIONS
LESSON - 6
COMPREHENSION**

NOTES

A brief description

The comprehension of a passage means understanding the nature, meaning and essence of a piece of writing. Reading becomes useless without comprehension. So, in the academic and competitive examinations of English, a great emphasis is given to testing the comprehension abilities of the students in the questions on unseen passages which may be factual, discursive or literary.

We need not be discouraged when we cannot understand some word or phrase or even a sentence. If we think that we have got the idea, even if we have not understood every word, that is a positive step. The idea is likely to become clear as we read again and try to recollect the ideas that we have picked out. Then, we can try to connect the different ideas or incidents which come to our mind.

Few tips to answer the questions on Comprehension

- a) We should read the passage clearly to get the general ideas, know the details and their connection with the general ideas.
- b) We should study the questions carefully.
- c) We should try to examine the relevant portions of the passage and read them again.
- d) Then, we should start writing the answer in our own words.
- e) Words must be clear and precise.
- f) Sentences must be complete.
- g) If we are asked to give the meaning of any word or phrase, we should express the meaning as clearly as possible in our own words.
