

Class 10th English Tips and Tricks

Class 10th English may seem like the easiest subject yet it's still important to study smart! English is the only subject that is compulsory throughout the various streams and classes and is also a very scoring subject. Here are a few tips on how to make the subject of English your strength.

Paper Pattern

The CBSE Class 10th examination is divided into 4 sections:

1. Reading: 15 marks

2. Writing: 20 marks

- Short composition of about 50 words: Notice OR Message OR Diary Entry for 3 Marks

- Composition of about 100 words: Biographical sketch OR Data Interpretation OR Dialogue Writing OR Description for 5 Marks

- Long composition of about 120 words: Formal/Informal Letter OR Email for 6 Marks

- Long composition of about 120 words: an Article OR Speech OR Debate OR Report OR Story for 6 Marks

3. Grammar: 15 marks

4. Literature: 20 + Long Reading Text 10 marks

Tips

- The best way to improve English is by reading. Read anything and everything and even without realizing it your English language skills will improve.
- Keep a small list with you and add words you read that you do not understand, then look up the meaning the very same day to help remember the usage
- Try reading aloud; this will help you understand the flow of words and sentences
- Improve reading comprehension by reading an unknown passage and summarizing it point wise, try to do this in as less time as possible
- Create notes for the writing portion by indicating the format and writing about the style of language to be used.
- Practice a different writing composition everyday and make sure to stay within the word limits. This will help you prepare for writing within the specific word limits.
- Revise basic grammar focusing on usage
- Grammar questions come in the form of Sentence completion/reordering, Editing etc so practice those types of questions
- Long reading text questions are usually in depth so make sure you know the text thoroughly
- Generally questions on theme/plot come from long reading text
- Practice character sketches from long reading text one will definitely come
- As the exam approaches focus on going through the Writing notes, and read as much as you can. Read the literature in your course and examples of the topics/formats that will be asked in writing section

English cannot be studied in a day, practicing it through reading, writing, listening and speaking is the best way to gain mastery over the language. Aim to enjoy and your aim of scoring will come true automatically. Go forth and learn!

It is essential to stay updated about the recent changes in paper style so that you are not caught unawares at the examination. Discuss with your teacher regarding any doubts you may have on examination format and revisions in the question paper style.

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