

## English Grammar Class 7

### Comprehension

We'll talk about comprehension in today's lesson. Understanding is synonymous with comprehension. If you don't understand a word, you'll probably need to look up its explanation and usage in a practical dictionary. In English grammar, comprehension frequently involves an unseen piece that students must read and grasp exactly in order to answer the questions that follow the passage. In this article, you will learn about comprehension with the help of examples and practice questions.



*Image: Reading comprehension*

#### **What is the objective of Reading Comprehension?**

Understanding a given unseen passage is known as comprehension. The activity is easy. The passage's meaning should be understood by the students first, followed by a thorough understanding of the question's nature and genuine response. The responses must be short and direct. Understanding is the cornerstone of precise writing which ultimately leads to composition writing in composition writing. As a result, understanding is crucial to the mental growth of English-learning students.



*Image: Comprehension*

### **Unseen Passage/Reading comprehension:**

Reading is beneficial since it enhances your concentration, memory, empathy, and communication skills. It can help you live longer, reduce stress, and improve your mental health. Reading also allows you to learn new things that will help you excel at your job and in your student life as well.

### **The objective of Reading Comprehension**

Comprehension of a section that is hidden from view entails having a complete understanding of it. The fundamental goal of comprehension is to evaluate a student's capacity to correctly understand a passage and respond to questions based on the material in their own words. For this, a range of questions, including short answer questions, sentences that must be completed, filling in the blanks with the correct words, and vocabulary exercises, are provided. It is essential to read a text several times so that you have a thorough understanding of the overall theme before attempting to respond to the questions. Once the paragraph has been understood, it will be simple to respond to the questions.

It is natural to become sidetracked by minor details and lose track of the primary theme while reading unseen passages. The results are that the responses are either too general or too vague. All responses must be precise, short, and

comprehensive in every way. Consequently,

- Read the sentence briefly to get the gist of it.
- Next, carefully read each question.
- This time, carefully read the passage again, underlining the parts that contain the likely answers.
- Keep your answers short, concise, and generic. Stay on point.
- Since this component evaluates a person's capacity for quickly comprehending lengthy materials, one must first identify the likely answers in the chapter before interpreting them in one's own words. Be smart and avoid using the passage's precise words or phrases.

## Examples

### Unseen passage 1

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.**

Oscar Wilde, a giant with long hair, a bottle green fur-lined overcoat, and a spherical seal skin hat on his head, arrived in New York on January 2nd, 1882, as part of a lecture tour. He was surrounded by reporters who asked him pointless questions like how he wanted his eggs fried, much to his annoyance. How were his fingernails cut? What temperature did he prefer for his bath? His responses exhibited a complete lack of interest.

However, the customs officer greeted him with the typical question when he came ashore: "Have you anything to declare?" No, I have nothing to declare (pause) but my genius, Wilde retorted. Few statements have ever spread as swiftly and extensively across history as that one.

### Questions of passage 1:

1. Describe two characteristics of Oscar's physical look in New York.
2. What brought him to New York?
3. Oscar Wilde had no desire to respond to reporters' inquiries. Why?
4. What does Oscar Wilde's response to the questions posed by the customs

officer reveal?

5. Find a word in the passage that describes a person's extraordinary abilities.

### Answers to passage 1:

1. He appeared to be a giant because of his height. He had long hair, too.
2. On a lecture trip, he visited New York.
3. Because the media were asking him pointless questions, Oscar Wilde had no interest in responding.
4. His wit and sense of humour are apparent in the response.
5. Genius is the word in the passage that describes a person's extraordinary abilities.

### Unseen passage 2

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.**

The arctic regions are home to Eskimos. They are typically not very tall, but they have strong shoulders and legs. They may be thousands of miles apart, but they speak the same language and can communicate with people from other groups. Mutual consent is required for marriage. They don't hold a formal wedding ceremony. Fishing and hunting are how Eskimos survive. Although the igloo, or snow house, of the Eskimos, is well recognized, in reality, they typically live in wood and turf buildings. Eskimos like carving while they are not hunting and working. They frequently craft exquisite things using ivory and wood.

### Questions of passage 2:

1. What kind of people are the Eskimos?
2. How is a shared language beneficial to them?
3. How do they support themselves?
4. What sort of things do they enjoy doing in their free time?
5. Specify the two kinds of houses that Eskimos people inhabit.

6. Find a word that describes an agreement in the passage.

### Answers to passage 2:

1. Although they are short, the Eskimos have strong shoulders and legs.
2. Members of a different group who may live thousands of kilometers apart can understand them.
3. By hunting and fishing, they support themselves.
4. In their spare time, they use ivory and wood to create beautiful objects.
5. Igloos, or snow huts, are available. However, they typically reside in homes made of wood and grass.
6. Consent.

### Difficult Word Meanings

Difficult word	Meaning
Comprehend	mentally grasp
Cornerstone	A crucial characteristic or attribute upon which something specific depends or is founded.
capacity	the maximum quantity something can have
sidetracked	divert from a pressing or crucial matter
vague	doubtful, unclear, or having no obvious character or meaning

### Summary

Reading comprehension gives meaning to what is read. Reading comprehension occurs when words on a page represent more than simply words but also

thoughts and ideas. Reading becomes more entertaining, fun, and enlightening when it is comprehended. It is required for success in school, at the job, and in life in general. It improves the fun and efficacy of reading and is beneficial not only academically, but also professionally and in one's personal life. Assume your employer hands you a difficult document: you can read the words, but you don't grasp what the document is saying.

### Practice Questions

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.**

**Tourism is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the global economy, and it's expected to continue growing at a significant rate throughout the next decade. This sector has long been heralded as a potential driver of growth for economies around the world, and there are many reasons why this is true.**

**First and foremost, tourism provides much-needed jobs and contributes significantly to national GDPs. It's also an important source of revenue for large and small businesses; moreover, it generates considerable sums of tax revenue worldwide. In short, tourism has many benefits that go far beyond simply providing people with income or generating new business opportunities.**

**Questions of passage:**

- 1. What is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the global economy?**
- 2. What does tourism provide?**
- 3. What does tourism generate worldwide?**
- 4. What does tourism provide people with?**

**Answers:**

1. Tourism is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the global economy.
2. Tourism provides Jobs.
3. Considerable sums of tax revenue are generated worldwide by tourism.
4. Tourism provides people with an income.

**2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.**

**The Tiger, one of the world's most iconic and recognizable animals, is in danger. The tiger population has decreased by over 30% in just the past decade, largely due to deforestation and poaching for their valuable fur skins. This decline may have serious consequences not only for tigers but also for other wildlife populations that rely on them as predators or prey.**

**Tigers are endemic to Asia and Southeast Asia, with an estimated 3,900 remaining in the wild today (down from 10,000 a century ago). With so few tigers left in the wild and increasing demand for their skins, pelts, bones etc., it is essential that we do all we can to safeguard this magnificent animal.**

**Questions of passage:**

- 1. What is one of the world's most iconic and recognisable animals?**
- 2. How much has the tiger population decreased in the past decade?**
- 3. How many tigers are in the wild today?**
- 4. What is it essential that we do all we can to protect the tiger?**

**Answers:**

1. Tiger is one of the world's most iconic and recognisable animals.
2. Over the last decade, the tiger population has declined by more than 30%.
3. 3,900 tigers are in the wild today.
4. Safeguarding is essential that we do all we can to protect the tiger.