Grade 8 Syllabus

Competency	Competency Level	Subject Content	Learning Outcomes	No. of periods
Competency 1. Identifies the sounds of English Language	Competency Level 1.1 Pronounces English words properly.	 Subject Content Help students to identify the pronunciation of the words with silent letters. a) talk, chalk, folk, walk etc. b) know, knew, knee b) know, knew, knee c) honest, honour, hour Help students to identify the pronunciation of the words ending with 'ew'. a) flew, blew,drew, crew, chew etc. Help students to identify the pronunciation difference between 'a' and 'o'. Eg. walk – work, warm – worm, wander – wonder, ward – word etc. 	Students will be able to identify the pronunciation of the words with silent letters.Students will be able to pronounce the words with silent letters correctly.Students will be able to identify the pronunciation of the words ending with the letters 'ew'.Students will be able to pronounce the words ending with the letters 'ew'Students will be able to pronounce the words ending with the letters 'ew'Students will be able to pronounce the words ending 	
			pronounce the words with the letters 'a' and 'o' in the middle correctly.	

	 Help students to identify the sounds produced by different consonant clusters as shown below. a) stream, school, screen, snow, spring, small b) grow, grind, ground, glass, glad, glue, blue, true c) play, prize, price, press, pretty, principal, proud d) brown, black, blank, blast, branch, break, brick, bread e) cream, crowd, class, clay, cloud Help students to improve their spellings. Text Types – words, word groups, phrases, sentences, rhymes, tongue twisters, poems, songs etc. Activities – listen and read, listen and tick, listen and underline, listen and show, read aloud, matching, categorizing, games. 	Students will be able to identify the sound produced by consonant clusters. Students will be able to pronounce the words beginning with consonant clusters correctly.	
1.2 Reads aloud different types of texts accurately and meaningfully	• Help students to read different types of texts (given in the text book) accurately and meaningfully.	Students will be able to read different types of texts accurately and meaningfully.	05

		Text types- tongue twisters, announcements, dialogues, conversations, poems, songs		
2.Uses Mechanics of Writing with Understanding	2.5 Uses inverted commas appropriately	 Help students to identify the places where the inverted comma is used. *Inverted commas can be single or double. 'x' - or "x". Main uses 	Students will be able to use inverted comma in a sentence appropriately.	02
		Inverted commas are mainly used to mark the beginning and end of direct speech (i.e. a speaker's words written down exactly as they were spoken) Single inverted commas are generally more common in British English while American English tends to prefer double ones.		
		Eg. 'Good morning, Dineth,' said Supun. or "Good morning, Dineth,"said Supun. For speech within speech: Dineth recalled, 'Supun said, "Good morning, Dineth.""		
		 (if you've been using single inverted commas, put any further quoted material within double ones and vice versa.) Refer : Oxford Dictionary 		

		Text types- simple sentences, simple passages, simple dialogues, poems, simple letters, notes etc. on familiar topics. Activities - re-writing, underlining the errors, correcting etc.		
3. Engages in active listening and responds appropriately	3.2 Listens and follows instructions and respond to requests.	 Get the students to practise listening to various types of simple instructions and follow them. Help students to understand the term 'instructions' through different types of activities. Text types – simple instructions, games, requests and directions. Activities – Listen and trace, listen and do, listen and act, listen and find listen and make (origami). 	Students will be able to follow instructions accurately to respond to various types of requests appropriately. Students will be able to follow instructions accurately to respond to various types of requests appropriately.	03
	3.3 Listens and responds to different types of simple texts	 Get the students to practise listening to various types of simple texts and to find specific information Get the students listen to various types of simple texts and find specific information. Eg. Names of persons, animals, places, dates, days, time, months, years, etc. Text types – 	Students will be able to listen to and find specific information such as names of persons, animals, places, dates, days, months, years, etc.	03

		 simple dialogues, stories, descriptions of people/ places/ animals, processes (processes of making jam) and events, songs, minutes of English Literary Association Activities - matching, labeling a diagram, multiple choice, fill in the blanks, completing a grid (answers should be given to select) etc. 		
	3.4 Listens and transfers information to other forms.	 Help the student to listen and transfers the given information to other forms. Text types: stories, descriptions of pictures, notices, notes, letters (informal letters) instructions, songs, poems, processes, announcements etc. Activities: Listen to texts and complete a flow chart/ grid. Fill in blanks, draw graphs/ charts, listen and draw, listen and mark a map etc. 	Students will be able to listen and transfers the given information to other forms.	04
4. Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning	4.3 Finds synonyms and antonyms for given words	 Help the students to identify synonyms and antonyms. Make the students aware that the meanings of these words depend on the context. Synonyms: enough – sufficient correct - accurate huge – enormous 	Students will be able to find synonyms and antonyms for given words.	03

	<pre>lazy - lethargic weak - feeble faithful - loyal house - dwelling</pre> Antonyms: local - foreign simple - complex modern - ancient major - minor majority - minority ascend - descend victory - defeat most - least rural - urban minimum - maximum import - export construct - demolish etc. Text Types- dialogues, role plays, simple folk stories, poems, passages with synonyms and antonyms etc. Activities - matching, categorizing, multiple choices, finding, fill in the blanks etc.		
4.4 Uses affixes to change the word class and the meaning of words	 Help the students to understand the concepts of changing the word class and the meaning of words using affixes – un-, dis-, im-, -ful, -less, -ily, -ness, -fully, - er, -est, -tion, -ment 	Students will be able to use affixes -un, -ful, -less, - dis, -ily, -ness, -fully, er, -est to change the word class and the meaning of words	03

	Adj. – Adj. (opposite)	
	patient – impatient regular – irregular cooked – uncooked legal –illegal polite – impolite fortunate – unfortunate possible – impossible etc.	
	• Help students to from comparative and superlative adjectives using – er, est	Students will be able to form comparative and superlative adjectives
	Adjs. – Comparative Adjs., Superlative Adjs. Eg. Clever – cleverer cleverest High - higher highest etc.	
	verb – verb (opposite) treat – ill-treat load – unload do – undo button – unbutton tie – untie etc.	
	Verb – Adj. help – helpful help - helpless rest – restless stop – stoppable play –playful etc.	
	Noun – Adverb day– daily	

	hour – hourly week – weekly fortnight - fortnightly month – monthly year - yearly quarter – quarterly etc.		
	Text Types- dialogues, role plays, simple folk tales, fairytales, poems, songs, passages with words that can be added un-, dis-, im-, -ful, -less, , -ily, -ness , -fully, -ment, er, est Activities – matching, categorizing,		
	multiple choices, finding, fill in the blanks, completing a grid etc		
4.5 Forms the plurals of nouns	 Help the students to form the plurals of countable and uncountable nouns. Help the students to form the plurals of compound and collective nouns adding – s/es 	Students will be able to form the plurals of compound and collective nouns adding – s/es	03
	Countable Nouns (Count Nouns):A count noun is something we can count.It has a singular and a plural form.Eg.SingularPluralbookbooksflowerflowersbusbusesmangomangoes etc	Students will be able to form the plurals of countable and uncountable nouns.	

Uncountable nouns (non-count nouns): A non-count noun is something we don't count. It has no plural form. We use quantifiers before non-count nouns.
Singular Plural
Singular Plural water a glass of water two glasses of water
milk a glass of milk glasses of milk a bottle of milk bottles of a packet of milk packets of
bread - slice of bread, loaf of bread, piece of bread, crumb of bread cake – a slice of cake, a piece of cake paper – a sheet of paper, a piece of paper rice- bag of rice, kilo of rice, packet of rice, pot of rice
Collective nouns - singular:
a pile of cloths
a team of players
a school of fish
a herd of elephants
a swarm of bees
a heap of stones
a bunch of flowers
a comb of plantains
a fleet of ships
Collective nouns – plural:
piles of cloths
teams of players

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		herds of elephants		
		swarms of bees		
		heaps of stones		
		bunches of flowers		
		combs of plantains		
		fleets of fish		
		boxes of matches		
		packets of tea		
		lines of clothes		
		bars of chocolates		
		strings of beads		
		bedroom - bedrooms		
		teapot – teapots		
		timetable – timetables		
		keyboard – keyboards		
		blackboard – blackboards		
		haircut – haircuts		
		rainfall – rainfalls		
		a tube of toothpaste – tubes of toothpaste		
		son-in-law - sons –in-law		
		sister-in-law - sisters-in-law		
		passer-by - passers-by		
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		Text types – words, phrases, sentences,		
		passages, poems, stories etc.		
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		Activities – matching, completing,		
		pluralizing the sentences with be verbs.		
	4.7 Uses collective nouns and	• Help students use the collective	Students will be able to use	04
	cmpound nouns	nouns and compound nouns.	the collective nouns and	
			compound nouns in	
		Collective nouns:	sentences appropriately.	
		a pile of cloths		
		a team of players		
		a school of fish		

		a herd of elephants a swarm of bees a heap of stones a bunch of flowers a comb of plantains a fleet of fish a box of matches a packet of tea a line of clothes a bar of chocolates a string of beads Compound nouns: bedroom - bedrooms teapot – teapots timetable – timetables keyboard – keyboards blackboard – blackboards haircut – haircuts rainfall – rainfalls a tube of toothpaste – tubes of toothpaste son-in-law - sons –in-law sister-in-law - sisters-in-law passer-by - passers-by		
5. Extracts necessary information from various types of texts	5.1 Uses visual and contextual clues to derive the meaning of the text	 Help the students to study the pictures given in the text book to derive the meaning of that particular text. Help students to determine the meaning of a new word by looking at a picture and reading the sentence that comes with the word. Help students to use both context 	Students will be able to study the picture given in the text in the text book to derive the meaning of that particular text.	04

	and picture clues to determine the meaning of new words. Text type – pictures related to each text, stories, passages, advertisements, with pictures which help students to comprehend the meaning of unfamiliar words. Activities – Asking 'wh' questions related to the given picture which help to derive the meaning of the text (orally), stories and passages with pictures to re- write them using the words instead of the picture.		
5.2 Extracts specific information from various types of simple texts	 Help students to find specific information from a text. (names, dates, days, places etc. responding to questions with 'Wh' question words, what, when, where, who, which. Text types- notices, notes, letters formal/ informal, instructions, messages, descriptions of places, people, animals, things, events and process, articles, minutes, advertisements, stories, songs, poems, newspaper articles, news telecast, dictionary pages etc. Text Topics - Text Topics – historical places (Sigiriya), botanical gardens, mountains, rivers, etc. Birds- ostrich, eagle, jungle fowl, sparrow, parrot, etc 	Students will be able to find specific information (names, dates, days, places etc) from various types of texts.	04

	 Stories - Mahadanamutta's, Nasrudin's, etc. Madduma Bandara, Dr. C.W.W. Kannanngara, Sir Henry Steel Olcott, Madam Mary Museus, etc. Newspapers, transport, hobbies, scientists etc. (texts written using 15 – 20 simple sentences) Activities – comprehensive questions, fill in the blanks, completing sentences and simple passages, MCQ, true/false, matching, grid filling 		
5.3 Transfers information into other forms	 Help students to transfer the given information into other forms. Text types – pictures, notices, notes, letters- formal/informal, instructions, messages, descriptions of places, people, things, events and processes, articles, minutes, advertisements, stories, songs, simple graphs etc. Text topics – topics mentioned under CL.5.2 Activities – Drawing pictures to a written text, transferring information to a grid, descriptions into pictures, marking maps, (read the picture and write about it, read the description and draw) etc. 	Students will be able to read and transfer the needed information into other forms. Students will be able to transfer the given information into a grid, descriptions into pictures, marking maps, (read the picture and write about it, read the description and draw etc.)	03

5.4 Reads and responds to simple poems	 Help students to understand the poetic language, techniques, structure and messages given. visual imagery – colours/size auditory imagery – sounds that can be heard metaphors- Eg. He is a lion/ My mother is a goddess similes-Eg. He is like a lion/ My mother is like a goddess number of stanzas number of lines rhyming words Text types- simple interesting poems on birds, rivers, mountains, great persons, transport etc. Activities- comprehensive questions on above poetic techniques and students' attitudes, drawing, matching, multiple choice questions, true/false questions, reciting 	Students will be able to identify the simple poetic Techniques mentioned. Students will be able to express their ideas, feelings, emotions in simple sentences.	03
5.5 Reads and responds to simple folk stories /stories	 Help students to read simple folk stories, stories and find the characters, their dress, qualities, message expressed. Text types : Folk/ stories (Cultural diversity, gender equity, suitability to the level of the students etc should be considered in selecting texts) Eg. Mahadanamutha's, Nasrudin's Activities – simple comprehensive questions on characters, their dress, 	Students will be able to identify the characters, their dress, qualities, message expressed Students will be able to express their ideas, feelings and emotions in simple sentences.	03

		qualities, message expresses and students' attitudes, drawing, matching, multiple choice questions, true/false questions, acting		
	5.6 Extracts the general idea of a text	 Help students to find the general idea of a text. Text types- notices, notes, letters- formal/ informal, instructions, messages, descriptions of places, people, things, events and process, articles, minutes, advertisements. Text topics – topics mentioned under CL.5.2 Activities – matching headings, matching sub headings 	Students will be able to extract the general idea of a text.	02
6. Uses English grammar for the purpose of accurate and effective communication	6.1 Constructs simple sentences – using'Past Perfect' form	 Help students to construct simple sentences using : 'Past Perfect' form Help students to identify regular and irregular forms of verb (Present, Past and Past Participle) 	Students will be able to write sentences using ' Past Perfect' form	06

	Past Perfect TenseEg:Positive Form – I had read a book.Negative Form I had not read a book.Positive Question – Had I read abook?Negative Question – Hadn't I read abook?Positive Form – I had done myhomework.Negative Form – I had not done myhome work.Positive Question – Had I done myhome work?Negative Question – Had I done myhome work?Negative Question – Had I not donemy home work? / Hadn't I done myhome work?I had eaten dragon fruit.I had been to Jaffna.I had been to Colombo.	
	Regular and irregular forms of verbs:	
Passive voice – Present Tense	PresentPastPast Participlecutcutcutputputput	
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		make	made	made		
		sell	sold	sold		
		send	sent	sent		
		bend	bent	bent		
		run	ran	run		
		come	came	come		
		drink	drank	drunk		
		sing	sang	sung		
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	Passive Voice – Present Tense		difference be			the difference between active
			voice and pa	ssive voic	e	voice Passive voice sentences.
			sentences.			
		• 1	Help student	ts to constr	uct –	Students will be able to construct
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			mango is ea	ten by me		
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	I eat mangoes. Mangoes are eaten by me.		
Passive Voice – Past Tense	 Passive Voice – Past Tense Eg. I ate a mango. A mango was eaten by me. I ate mangoes. Mangoes were eaten by me. 	Students will be able to construct sentences using Passive voice - Past Tense	
Passive Voice – Future Tense	 Passive Voice – Future Tense Eg. I will eat a mango. A mango will be eaten by me. I will eat mangoes. Mangoes will be eaten by me. 	Students will be able to construct sentences using Passive voice - Future Tense	
	Text types –simple sentences, simple passages, poems, stories, role plays, processes, recipes Activities –Fill in the blanks, making sentences using given table, multiple choice questions, matching		
6.2Uses pronouns appropriately	• Help students to use reflexive pronouns – myself, our selves, yourselves, himself, herself, itself, themselves	Students will be able to use reflexive pronouns – myself, our selves, yourselves, himself, herself, itself, themselves	03

	 Help students to use indefinite pronouns; all, any, most, none, some, Text types – simple sentences, simple passages, poems, stories, role plays Activities –Fill in the blanks, making sentences using given table, multiple choice questions, 		
6. 3 Uses modals meaningfully	 Help students to use the modals: must, have to Text types – simple sentences, simple passages, poems, stories, role plays Activities – Fill in the blanks, making sentences using given table, multiple choice questions, matching 	Students will be able to use the modals 'must and have to' appropriately	02
6.5 Uses contracted form	is not – isn't, was not – wasn't, will not – won't has not – hasn't, have not – haven't, had not – hadn't, I'll, we'll, she'll, I've, they're, she's, he's, he'd, I'd, Etc Text types –simple sentences, simple passages, poems, stories, role plays, dialogues	Students will be able to use contracted form in speaking and writing.	02

	Activities – identify the contracted forms, re- writing, matching, filling grids, oral activities		
6.6 Uses adjectives appropriately	• Help students to use comparative adjectives in simple sentences.	Students will be able to use comparative adjectives appropriately to compare nouns	03
	Comparative Adjs. And Superlative Adj. beautiful – more beautiful – most beautiful expensive – more expensive – most expensive dangerous – more dangerous – most dangerous etc. good – better – best bad – worse – worst etc. little – less – least much – more – most many – more – most etc. • Help students to use adjectives formed by adding affixes (the adjectives that are formed under com. Level 4.4)	Students will be able to use superlative adjectives appropriately to compare nouns	
	Eg. untidy disabled irregular		

	 tall – taller tallest big – bigger biggest beautiful – more beautiful – most beautiful dangerous – more dangerous - most dangerous Eg: Piduruthalagala is higher than Samanala kanda. etc. Help students to use superlative adjectives in simple sentences. Eg. Piduruthalagala is the highest mountain in Sri Lanka. Text types –pictures, simple sentences, stories, role plays, dialogues Activities –Fill in the blanks, making sentences using given table, multiple choice questions, matching, looking at the picture and writing sentences 		
6.7 Uses prepositions appropriately	 Help students to use the prepositions appropriately through, across, about, with , without, by, along, on (radio) Text types –simple sentences, simple passages, poems, stories, role plays, dialogues 	Students will be able to use prepositions to describe the position.	02

	Activities –Fill in the blanks, making sentences using given table, multiple choice questions, matching, looking at the picture and writing sentences		
6.8 Uses conjunctions appropriately	 Help students to use the conjunction given below to join simple sentences using - as, since, so Text types –simple sentences, simple passages, poems, stories, role plays, dialogues Activities – Fill in the blanks, making sentences using given table, multiple choice questions, matching, looking at the picture and writing sentences, joining sentences using given words, multiple choice question matching 	Students will be able to use the conjunction ' as, since, so to join sentences.	03
6.9 Uses adverbs appropriately	 Help students to use adverbs to describe verbs. Adverbs that formed under C.L.4.4 Proudly, Differently etc. Help students to use frequency adverbs Once, twice, always, usually, never, rarely, often, sometimes 	Students will be able to use adverbs : once, twice, always, usually, never, rarely, often, sometimes and the adverbs that formed under C.L.4.4 appropriately to describe verbs.	03

		Text types –simple sentences, simple passages, poems, stories, role plays, dialogues Activities –Fill in the blanks, making sentences using given table, multiple choice questions, matching, looking at the picture and writing sentences		
7.Uses English creatively and innovatively in written communication	7.1 Writes descriptions of things, places and people	 Help students to write descriptions of; People, Places thing and animals Text types- notices, notes, letters formal/ informal, instructions, messages, descriptions of places, people, animals, things, events and process, articles, minutes, advertisements, stories, songs, poems. Text Topics - historical places (Sigiriya), botanical gardens, mountains, rivers, etc. Birds- ostrich, eagle, jungle fowl, sparrow, parrot, etc Stories - Mahadanamutta's, Nasrudin's, etc. Madduma Bandara, Dr. C.W.W. Kannan ngara, Sir Henry Steel Olcott, Madam Mary Museus, etc. Model essays(simple paragraphs) 	Students will be able to write descriptions of people, places things and animals	05

	Activities Completing, rearranging, parallel writing, guided writing, free writing,		
7.2 Describes pictures	 Help students to describe photographs and pictures of busy streets, botanical gardens, pictures; at the post office, school, bank, birds, clothes Text types- Pictures, photographs and model descriptions *vocabulary with pictures of birds, clothes, food items arranged on a table (Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils) should be included in the text book. Birds-ostrich, eagle, sparrow, parrot, magpie, owl, crow, babble, peacock, bulbul, woodpecker, cokoo bird, kingfisher, snipe, heron, stalk, golden oriole, mynah, weaver bird, pelican, duck, swallow, goose, grackle, swan, jungle fowl Clothes – traditional dress of Sri Lankans (Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils) 	Students will be able to describe photographs and pictures of busy streets, botanical gardens, pictures; at the post office school bank and birds, cloth	05

	Traditional Food items arranged on a table (Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils) Activities – fill in the blanks, completing, parallel writing, guided writing, and free writing.	
7.3 Writes for pers	nal purposes• Help students to write letters of excuse, a letter to a pen friend, note to a friend, a letter to a friend describing a holiday experience.Students will be able to write letters of excuse, a letter to a pen friend, and note to a friend, a letter to a friend describing a holiday experience etc. According to their age and level.05Text types- simple model letters and notesActivities - rearranging, completing, sort out and write, parallel writing, guided writing , free writingStudents will be able to write letters of excuse, a letter to a pen friend, and note to a friend, a letter to a friend describing a holiday 	95
7.4 Writes instruct	 Help students to write instructions. (to make a ragged doll, to post a letter, making compost fertilizer, origami, suitable activities selected from the subject Practical Technological Skills etc.) Students will be able to write instructions to suite the purpose. 	02
7.5 Writes simple on different types)5

		Our Environment, Public properties, Newspapers, Transport, Independence Day etc. (using 100 words) Text types- model essays, dialogues, Activities - Rearranging, completing, parallel writing, sort out and write, guided writing , free writing	types of topics using language appropriate to their age and level.	
	7.6 Writes poems and stories	 Help students to write simple poems on things, people, places and birds etc. mentioned under C.L. 5.2 and 7.1. Text types – model poems Activities – completing, sort out and write, parallel writing, guided writing, free writing 	Students will be able to write simple poems and stories familiar topics	05
8. Communicates clearly, fluently and concisely	8.3 Describes objects, animals, people using simple sentence patterns	 Help students to speak about the topics given under C.L. 7.1. Text types Model essays (simple paragraphs) 	Students will be able to speak about people, places things birds using language appropriate to their age and level.	05
	8.4 Speaks on familiar topics	• Help students to speak about topics given under C.L. 7.5.	Students will be able to speak on familiar topics using language appropriate to their level and age.	05

8.6 Uses modals must, should and have to	 Help students to use must, have to and should appropriately in different situations. Eg. I must come to school tomorrow. We should keep the classroom clean. I have to do my homework etc. 	Students will be able to use must, have to and should appropriately in different situations.	05
8.8 Describes the position	• Help students to use the prepositions: in, on, under, near, above, below, over, behind, in front of, next to etc. appropriately in different situations.	Students will be able to describe the position of something accurately using the correct preposition.	05
8.9 Describes pictures	• Help students to describe photographs and pictures of busy streets, botanical gardens, birds, clothes, pictures ;at the post office, school, bank, etc.	Students will be able to orally describe photographs and pictures of busy streets, botanical gardens, birds, clothes, pictures; at the post office, school, bank, etc.	05
8.13 Uses language in a variety of contexts	 Help students to use language in following contexts – at the school, (classroom, library, canteen, lab, playground – language expressions that the students need to use) at a post office ,at bank, at an exhibition etc. Text types – simple dialogues with simple language, simple descriptions (oral) Activity : acting out, role playing 	Students will be able to use language in familiar contexts	05