

Workshop: Introduction to the English Worksheets, Grades 1–5

Date: June 9, 2021

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Purpose: This workshop was conducted virtually to introduce the teachers of Sarvodaya School, Rajkot, Gujarat to the AUP English Worksheets, Grades 1–5.

The session began at 11.00 am. It was moderated by Mr Sanjay Sinha, Marketing Head, Amity University Press, who introduced the presenter with the HoD and other teachers of the school. Mr R. R. Aiyar, ESVP, Amity University Press kindly consented to join the workshop.

The presenter, Ms Ritika Saxena, discussed the objective of Amity University, the location of our campuses, our schools that are well-known in the country and their work towards spreading quality education. Next Ms Saxena moved to the publishing activities of Amity University Press (AUP), the publishing department of Amity University, and its role in carrying forward education with bringing out quality books in affordable range for children. All AUP books come out of a research carried out by the editorial team as well as the authors of AUP. Their collaboration gives the best products that are used as reference works all across India.

The presenter came to the point of AUP Worksheets and how the worksheets can be used by schools. These additional question papers are aimed at developing the following two skills that are considered important by child psychologists:

- An analytical mind
- Critical thinking skills

The worksheets are strictly based on the CBSE-prescribed curriculum, but the features included are purely an invention of the AUP editorial team. The teachers were also told about the USPs of worksheets.

- Introduces concepts with easy examples so children can take them up
- Emphasises on learning through self-effort
- Provides an enjoyable experience for children
- Designs a variety of activities for children to have an in-depth knowledge
- Tailors to the needs of modern-day learning approach

The presenter also elaborated the activities part and how those should be practised by children to enhance their analytical and critical thinking skills. Each activity includes brainstorming and it teaches students to act prompt and become spontaneous. Activities also provide hands-on experience of understanding several concepts by self-learning. Learning-by-doing, self-explanatory exercises, improving vocabulary, problem-solving are some of the benefits that students can enjoy while learning from these worksheets.

There are some complex pedagogical features that students can use to sharpen their understanding.

- Flowcharts, and
- Mind maps

These methods help develop rational minds and grasp any particular topic with remembering important points while also being able to explain them using their own sentences.

All worksheets contain three Model Test Papers which help children to assess what he/she has learnt in chapters.

The workshop was followed by a question-and-answer session. All participants asked questions about what they thought about our worksheets. The questions were relevant to the topic presented and those were answered up to their satisfaction.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks.