

Preface

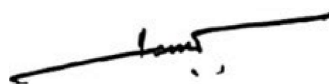
Reading is one of the most important foundational skills that helps children explore, imagine, and understand the world around them. This book has been specially developed for students of Grade 1 to help them build confidence and fluency in reading simple words, sentences, and short paragraphs.

This book aims to offer children ample reading exposure through familiar and engaging contexts. It provides opportunities for them to practice reading independently and at their own pace, beginning with letter sounds and simple words, moving on to short and meaningful sentences, and finally to engaging short stories. Each section is designed in a progressive manner, allowing learners to develop reading skills step by step.

Pictures related to the text have been carefully chosen to support comprehension and make reading an enjoyable experience. The visual clues encourage children to connect words with their meanings and enhance their understanding of the words and sentences.

It is hoped that this book will serve as a valuable companion in every child's early reading journey—helping them to develop the habit of reading, the joy of discovery, and the confidence to become independent readers.

This book reflects the teamwork and shared dedication of DIET lecturers, committed teachers from the Department, Resource Persons (RTE), and Samagra Shiksha officials. Together, they planned, reviewed, and contributed to create a resource that supports reading skills in Grade 1. Their efforts show our commitment to making early learning joyful, inclusive, and meaningful.



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