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# PREFACE

**New Find Out** is a series of eight general knowledge books for classes 1–8. The series has been completely revised and updated and has an exciting new look. The content has been enhanced thoroughly on the basis of the feedback we have received from principals and teachers across the country. We have done our best to restructure the content, starting with simple classroom activities, gradually leading the child into more challenging exercises.

**New Find Out** provides an insight into the world of information and knowledge in a manner designed to attract and retain the young learner's attention. This series strives to develop a thirst to know more and **find out** more. Great care has been taken to refer exclusively to reliable sources of information while creating the pioneering series that seems to have become the accepted template for general knowledge books being used in schools. We have tried, as far as possible, to give you the relevant information and steer away from trivia.

Though the text has been arranged in seven different sections, we have deliberately not placed all the pages of one particular section together, in order to make reading more enjoyable and easier and to keep the interest levels of the students high. Keeping in mind the changing times and the needs of the learner, many new information has been included.

We have deliberately included some oral exercises and stressed on **tick/cross, yes/no** style worksheets, particularly in the lower level books. While it is important for a child in Class 1 to know about Viswanathan Anand, he/she should certainly not be expected to know how to spell the world chess champion's name!

Almost every page has been redesigned as an interactive exercise with one or more of the following entries:

**Listen and Talk** encourages children to participate in a group discussion under the guidance of the teacher. They try to think on their own, express themselves in simple sentences and listen attentively to what others have to say.

**Find Out** and **Make a List** are exercises which will help pupils to develop a curious bent of mind and the skill to look for 'more' information and arrange it systematically. Special emphasis has been laid on the need to find out and know more about local issues—young learners must first know what is happening in their immediate surroundings—i.e. their own cities and states.

**Did You Know?** entries highlight out-of-the-ordinary or lesser known facts that will excite, shock or amuse the reader. Here again we have steered clear of obscure or unnecessary trivia.

**Assignments** have been designed to help the students recall what they have studied.

**Answers and Teacher's Notes** at the end provide answers to the questions and information with regard to the **Listen and Talk**, **Find Out** and **Make a List** sections.

The **Series Scheme** provides a content list of all the books in the series. The series also incorporates some recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 such as Knowledge of India and Languages of India.

Each student should have his or her own **Find Out book**, an interleaf exercise book, in which they will make entries according to the directions given in the series. We invite principals, teachers, students and parents to keep in touch with the authors on a regular basis. You could send in your suggestions and requests for updates and more tests by emailing them at [bob@barryobrien.in](mailto:bob@barryobrien.in) or writing to them at 7/2Y Jamir Lane, Kolkata 700 019. ([www.barryobrien.in](http://www.barryobrien.in))

# KEY FEATURES

**New Find Out** is a thoroughly revised and updated edition of the innovative General Knowledge series for classes 1–8. It is scientifically graded and designed to make classroom teaching more effective and interactive. It has contemporary and up-to-date information.

## SEVEN DIFFERENT SECTIONS

The text has been arranged in seven different sections to make it more enjoyable for students and easier to keep their interest levels high.



Look, Think  
and Answer



Culture, Sports  
and Fun



Science  
and Us



The Environment,  
World and Its People



Language  
and Literature



My India



Plants and  
Animals

## INTERACTIVE AND INFORMATIVE ELEMENTS

### Did You Know ?

Every year, a tree adds a new layer to its trunk. Each layer looks like a ring. By counting the number of rings in the trunk, you can tell how old a tree is.

### Find Out

... the meaning of one new word every day.  
... which word means all of these—very thin; good; dry and sunny; money that someone has to pay as a punishment.

### Listen and Talk

- ☐ How do some dogs help people?
- ☐ Tell your friends all about your favourite dog.

## ASSESSMENT TOOLS

**QUIZZES:** Contains well-structured and graded quizzes.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** There are four assignments in each book. The assignments are like revision pages and help in recapitulation.

**ORAL EXERCISES:** Includes some oral exercises and stresses on tick/cross, yes/no style worksheets, particularly in the lower books.

**ANSWERS AND TEACHER'S NOTES:** Answers and Teacher's Notes at the end of the book provide answers and suggestions.

**As recommended by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the series includes:**

**Knowledge of India:** Provides information on Indian culture and traditions

**Languages of India:** Promotes the growth of Indian languages

Each book of the series is also accompanied by a digital teaching and learning aid—Oxford Educate. It includes interesting videos, games, website references for additional information, regular updates and knowledge capsules to make learning joyous. These resources will help teachers in creating meaningful learning-teaching experiences.



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