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# **THE HINDU**

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## **Editorial Analysis**

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**Grammar**

**Reading Skills**

**Vocab**

**Spoken English**

**BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS**

**LIVE**  **8:00 AM**

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# SUCCESS

is the sum of  
small efforts  
repeated day in  
and day out.



# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
- ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
- iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
- iv. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**
- v. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**
- vi. ENGLISH SPEAKING TIPS**

# GRAMMAR SKILLS

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## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

**'Either ... or', 'neither .... nor:**

**'both .....and', 'not only .....but also'**

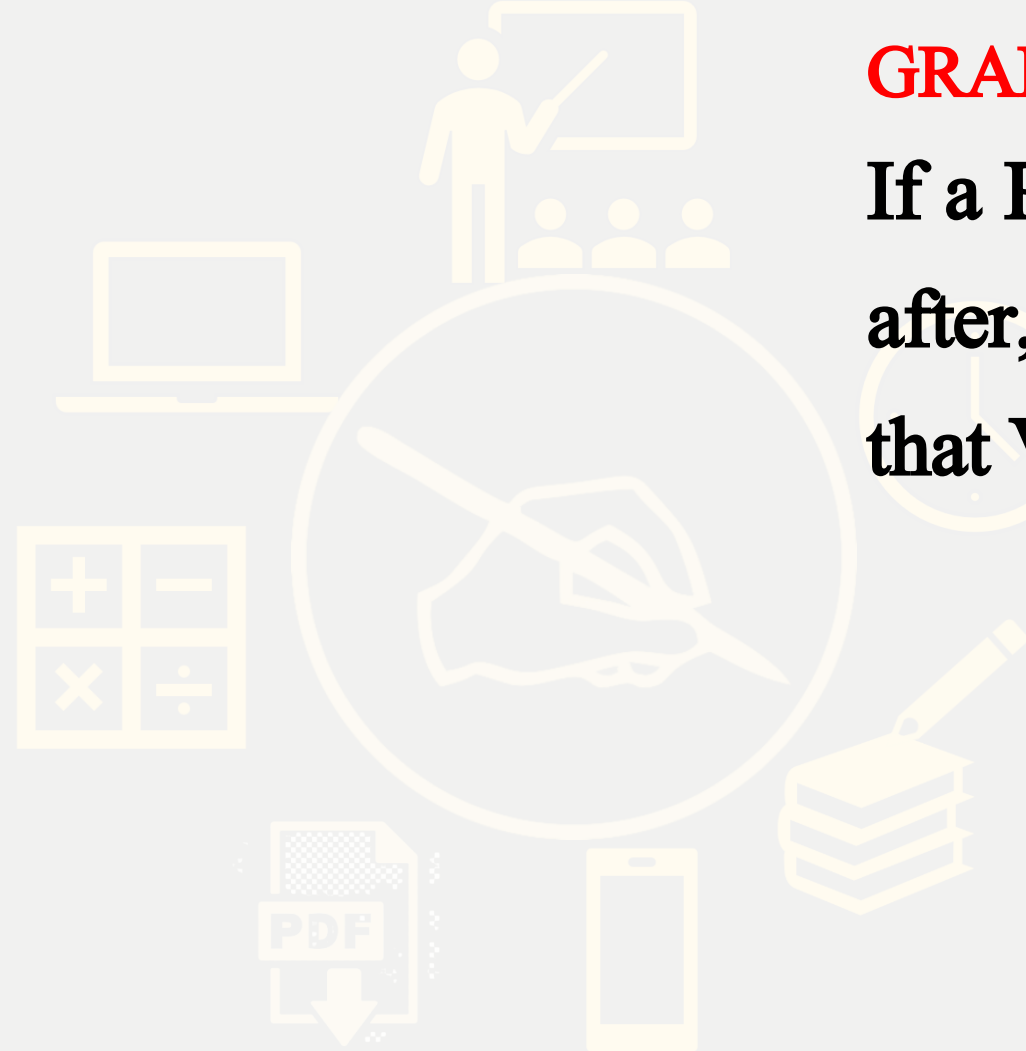
**should be followed by the same parts of speech.**

- A. He not only lost his ticket, but also his luggage.**
- B. Not only dams save water but also produce electricity.**



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

If a Principal Verb is used after about, after, at, before, for, from, in, on, to, that Verb must be in ing (V4) form.



- a) **You prevented me from do it.**
- b) **Ramesh abused you for help them.**



# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**





# ARTICLE

## No quota without quantifiable data

There is lack of recent data on the representation of various communities in education and employment



# ARTICLE

The Madras High Court's recent **verdict** of **quashing** the 10.5% special reservation for Vanniyakula Kshatriyas within the overall 20% quota for Most Backward Classes (MBC) and Denotified Communities (DNC) has again highlighted the importance of **quantifiable** data as a **prerequisite** for reservation in education and employment.

Adopted on the last day of the previous State Assembly in February when the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) was in power, the special quota law, which **envisaged** 10.5% special reservation for the Vanniyakula Kshatriyas comprising seven sub-castes; 7% for 25 MBCs and 68 DNCs; and 2.5% for 22 MBCs, **triggered** controversy from the word go.

# ARTICLE



**Expectedly**, the **legislation** was challenged before the High Court, which held it unconstitutional for a host of reasons. Even though the Court described the submission that the law was **enacted** only on the basis of “adequate authenticated data on population” of the MBCs and DNCs **enumerated** by the second Backward Classes (BC) Commission as the “**main thrust**” of arguments of Tamil Nadu’s Advocate General, it **concluded** that “there is no data, much less quantifiable data, available with the State government before the introduction” of the law.

# ARTICLE



It is a fact that no **exhaustive** study has been done to collect quantifiable data on the representation of different communities in education and employment since the second BC Commission, popularly known after its chairman, J.A. Ambasankar, carried out one during its existence (1982-1985). Even the State BC Commission, in its report of July 2011 to the State government in justification of 69% reservation for BC, MBC/DNCs and Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) under the 1994 Act, did not give any community-wise break up of representation in government services.





**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**



**ZEALOUS (ADJECTIVE):**

**(उत्साही): Fervent**

**Synonyms: Ardent, Fervid**

**Antonyms: Apathetic**



**GLORIFY(VERB):**

**(महिमामंडन करना): Ennoble**

**Synonyms: Exalt, Elevate**

**Antonyms: Dishonor**



## **MARGINAL (ADJECTIVE):**

**(थोड़ा): Slight**

**Synonyms: Small, Tiny**

**Antonyms: Vast**



**ABATE (VERB): (घटना): Subside**

**Synonyms: Lessen, Let up**

**Antonyms: Intensify**



# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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## Castle in the sky



**A daydream, a hope, especially for one's life, that's unlikely to come true.  
“World traveling used to be a castle in the sky for most people a few decades ago, but with cheap flight tickets and the global use of English, many youngsters are living that dream.”**

## Down to earth



**To be practical and sensible.**

**“It’s a stereotype, but Dutch people are known for being down to earth.”**

## The tip of the iceberg



**Just a small part of something much bigger.**

**“Exceptionally long drought periods are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the global impact of climate change.”**

# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for IDIOMS



**00:20**

1. **Sow wild oats**

**A. To make space to red**

**B. To waste time by doing foolish things**

**C. To make someone fool**

**D. To take revenge**

**Answer: (b)**

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2. To give the devil his due

A. To give credit to even a notorious person

B. To stand in the way of the devil

C. To punish the wrong person

D. To let the enemy learn the lesson on his own

**Answer: (a)**

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3. **Leave no stone unturned**

A. Do a futile task

B. Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something

C. Search for the hidden treasure

D. Be known for achieving a tremendous feat

**Answer: (b)**

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4. **Learn by heart**

A. Love something terribly

B. Learn to control or hide your true feelings

C. To memorize something

D. Learn a lesson by making a mistake

**Answer: (c)**



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### 5. **dressing-down**

- A. wear an expensive gown
- B. give a scolding
- C. pretend
- D. apply bandage

**Answer: (b) dressing-down (N.) : an occasion when somebody speaks angrily to a person because they have done something wrong.**

**6. straw in the wind**

**A. a lucky charm**

**B. a game that kids play**

**C. an indication of what might happen**

**D. a light-weight object**



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**Answer: (c) straw in the wind : a small sign of what might happen in the near future.**

7. **every inch a gentleman**

A. partly

B. entirely

C. calculatively

D. somewhat



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**Answer: (b)**

**every inch a gentleman : completely; entirely.**



8. **for keeps**

A. away

B. forever

C. hide

D. himself



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**Answer: (b) for keeps : for ever**

**Look at the sentence : Is it yours for keeps or does he want it back ?**

**9. Smell a rat**

- A. Smell a burned rat**
- B. Smell a rotten rat**
- C. Smell something right**
- D. Suspect something wrong**

**00:20****Answer: (d) Suspect something wrong****Smell a rat = begin to suspect trickery or deception.**

10. **pull a long face**

A. to look sad

B. to irritate someone

C. to pull someone's face

D. to make fun



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**Answer: (a)**

**pull a long face : to have an unhappy or disappointed expression.**

# ENGLISH SPEAKING

## TIPS

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11. मम्मी के पास पैसे नहीं हैं।
  12. राहुल किसका भाई है ?
  13. ये आदमी किस लड़की का पापा है?
  14. वो घर किसका है ?
  15. मैं तुमसे लम्बा हूँ ।
  16. तुम किस शहर से हो ?
  17. तुम किस शहर में हो ?
  18. क्या तुम्हारे पास है ?
  19. क्या तुम्हारे पास मोबाइल है।
  20. मैं कौन हूँ ?
11. Mom doesn't have money.
  12. Whose brother is Rahul?
  13. Which girl's father is this man?
  14. Whose is that house/home?
  15. I am taller than you.
  16. From which city are you?
  17. In which city are you?
  18. Do you have?
  19. Do you have a mobile?
  20. Who am I?



# Homework





# Home Work

## Answer

**Choose the mis-spelt word?**

**(A) Coupious**

**(B) Capricious**

**(C) Captious**

**(D) Cautious**

# Home Work

**With one voice**

- A. by one community**
- B. unanimately**
- C. in disharmony**
- D. by one man**



