1. **What is the Approved Textbook List (ATL)?**
   It is an electronic list of instructional materials, such as textbooks, workbooks and activity books, which are approved for use in primary and secondary schools for the school year. For example, the 2019 ATL is a list of books approved for use in schools in 2019.

2. **When will the ATL be updated?**
   The ATL will be updated in mid-August every year.

3. **What age groups of students are the materials listed in the ATL targeted at?**
   The materials for Primary 1 to 6 levels are targeted at 7 to 12 year-old students and those for Secondary 1 to 5 are targeted at 13 to 17 year-old students. More information on the Singapore education system can be found at https://www.moe.gov.sg/education.

4. **What does ‘NFY’ in the price column stand for?**
   It stands for ‘Not Fixed Yet’. The prices of some new books are denoted as ‘NFY’ as their prices will only be fixed at a later date.

5. **Why is there no listing for lower secondary Literature books in the ATL?**
   Schools are expected to source for their own Literature books for the lower secondary levels. For the upper secondary levels, you may refer to the Upper Secondary Literature List link on the main page of the ATL for Literature books that are examinable in the 2020 Literature examinations.

6. **Can I buy the audio-visual materials listed in the Teacher’s Material Section of the ATL?**
   For the purchase of audio-visual materials, you may contact the respective publishers directly. The contact details of all publishers can be found at the Publishers link on the main page of the ATL.

7. **Why are different schools using different sets of books?**
   Schools have the autonomy to select books which best suit the needs of their students.

8. **A book listed in the ATL is not available for sale in the school bookstore or retail stores. How can I go about obtaining a copy of the book?**
   Please feedback to MOE on non-availability of books. You can also contact the relevant publisher directly for assistance.
9. **Can MOE recommend suitable textbooks to members of the public on request?**
   We are unable to recommend textbooks to the public. All books listed in the ATL are approved for use in schools in the Singapore education system. From this list, schools will select books based on the needs of their students.

10. **Where can I obtain information on ‘A’ level books?**
    For ‘A’ level, the choice of books for each subject is left to the Junior Colleges (JCs) or Centralised Institutes (CIs), depending on the needs of their students. You may wish to check with the JCs or CIs on their recommended list of books for the various subjects. The contact numbers of schools can be found at [School Information Service](#).

    For details on the syllabuses used at the upper secondary and pre-university levels, please refer to the [Exam Syllabuses](#) link on the main page of the ATL.

11. **For sales enquiries, who do I contact?**
    You can contact the publishers directly. Their contact details can be found at the [Publishers](#) link on the main page of the ATL.

### Search and Selection of Books

12. **How can I tell whether a book has been approved by MOE for use in schools?**
    All approved commercial textbooks and related materials will bear the Ministry's stamp of approval, as shown in the example below, either on the front cover or inside the book (title page or imprint page).

![Approved Stamp](#)

    As for MOE-authored books, the words ‘Developed by Curriculum Planning and Development Division, Ministry of Education, Singapore’ are printed on the cover page.

13. **How do I check whether a book has been approved for use in schools?**
    If a book has been approved by MOE for use in schools, it will be listed in the ATL. You may wish to refer to the [Current titles](#) link on the main page of the ATL. This function allows you to search by level, subject, publisher and section of the ATL.

14. **I cannot find the books that I am looking for in the ATL. Why is this so?**
    This means that the books are not approved for use or are still under review by MOE.