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Preface

"Essential News Terminology" is a precise and comprehensive book for those learners who are interested in learning news terms. This collection communicates through clear and simple English with the learners whose native language is not English. It helps them learn English through news and provides them with informative and interesting news stories.

This book aims to improve the learners' skills in reading journalistic English, and help them with the problems that may make English newspapers difficult for non-native speakers to read. The main approach of this collection is based on news terms and is organized into six different sections consisting of 10 units.

Each unit is followed by a "matching" exercise and every section ends up with a "fill in the blanks" exercise. The exercises provide the students with an opportunity to assess their understanding. The key to the exercises are presented at the end of the book. The learners are recommended to study the words and the relevant context, in order to do the exercises.

The learners are exposed to 60 informative and challenging pieces of news chosen from authentic sources in order to improve their reading comprehension. To master the vocabulary the learners are advised to study the words and practice their pronunciation and meaning and try to use them in the real situation.

The authors have provided the learners with the highest frequently used terms in journalistic texts in order to equip them with the necessary tool to achieve their professional objectives. The groups of learners who can benefit most from this book are those at intermediate and upper intermediate levels.

The approach behind this book seems to be according to the most modern schools of thought in linguistics, psychology and teaching methodology. Finally the authors hope their endeavor can result in the learners' considerable progress in reading journalistic English and learning English language.

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Almost all students in different disciplines are interested in journalistic texts and unfortunately many of them believe that they do not need to be an expert and this should and may happen only for the specific students of those special fields. *Essential News Terminology* as a textbook intends to improve the knowledge of the students in various fields of study at A.A, B.A and even M.A levels.

How did this book come to be? As the number of vocabulary books is increasing nowadays, it is expected to be some reasons behind including students' enthusiasm in learning formal vocabulary, large body of immigrants, and even finding journalistic texts more interesting and informative. This work contains a rich collection of news through which the readers may access various topics relevant to their daily needs and interests to promote the readers' vocabulary knowledge by outlining some of the essential and practical words associated with media studies.

Since the units of the book are not integrated to one another (like a story) the reader is free to choose the topic according to his/her own taste. *Essential News Terminology*, besides teaching the readers news terminology, helps them master several skills including reading the related texts fluently, learning specific structures in this area and acquiring the ability to speak and write technically. The readers of this book also benefit from the most recent informative texts in order to present their own lectures and hold the seminars brilliantly.

The present work also enables the readers to understand the media concepts deeply so that they can use them in the real situations. *Essential News Terminology* as a course familiarizes the interested students with the topical aspects as well, so that they may be able to troubleshoot the primary problems in their personal affairs themselves. This textbook is based on the most recent findings in media studies and the texts have been chosen out of the authentic contexts and then they have been graded, adapted, and manipulated for the EFL situations. Media studies without practice will not lead to fruitful results; this is why the readers are required to study this book carefully and then do the meaningful activities at the end of each unit and later on try to practice what they have learned theoretically.

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