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Preface

In the Name of God

This book has been prepared to help the students of medical sciences to improve their basic reading skills. In spite of the availability of many reading comprehension books in the market, the need for a new book was felt as none of them available in the market meets the specific needs of our specific students. The first chapter of this book is on an important reading skill, i.e. "how to deal with unknown vocabulary," addresses the skill that many students lack or are weak in. The other chapters are reading selections obtained from authentic texts and websites based on the needs of our prospective users. Throughout the book, the students further practice the skills they learned in the first chapter in addition to other reading skills such as skimming, scanning and finding the main ideas. Keeping both the top-down and bottom-up reading processes in mind, the authors have tried to provide a balance between these two so that the students can enjoy the content of the text while being attentive to the various ways the messages are encoded. Another purpose the authors had in mind in the selection of the materials was to help the students to promote their knowledge of academic vocabulary, specifically in the field of medical sciences. The exercises provided are to help the students consolidate the skills they learn.

However, no book is perfect and this book is no exception. The authors accept all the responsibilities for the shortcomings of the book and warmly welcome any suggestions for the betterment of the book in future editions.

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