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Introduction

Basics in English Reading and Grammar (BERG) is a collection of various reading passages intended to develop reading skills at elementary and pre-intermediate level. The first eight units are designed as a preparatory course and the remaining twelve units as a general course for university students. It can also be used as a self-study source for students and adults who want to strengthen their reading skills and to expand their English vocabulary.

Each unit starts with introducing the new words. Before students read the passages, pre-reading questions concerning the major theme of the passage are offered. They develop a framework for reading by stimulating their background knowledge and activating their passive vocabulary. Short and interesting reading passages of various types follow pre-reading questions and after each passage, comprehension questions check students' understanding. Some new and innovative exercises, like describing advertisements, are included to help students improve their oral skills along with their reading skills.

Since knowledge of English structure and word formation process can reinforce students' ability in reading comprehension, a short and simple grammar lesson is included in each unit. Exercises on grammar and word formation are provided with much care in order not to be long or boring. It should be mentioned that the names, addresses and phone numbers given in the book are not real ones. They are included just to complete the authentic materials. We hope the learners to make full use of different parts of the book and develop new interests.

The Authors

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