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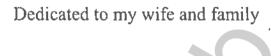
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## Preface

Language has always been the subject of extensive investigation. Linguists, researchers, and language teachers and learners have all shown great interest in language and the way it is taught and learnt. Owing to the nature of language, however, there are still many unanswered questions arousing the curiosity of any newcomer to the field of language learning. To unravel the mysteries surrounding language and language learning, what language learners need is useful ideas, suggestions, and the appropriate ways of conducting research. It is in recognition of this need that the current book has been prepared.

This book does not contain anything that cannot be found in other books. What justifies the publication of this book is the way the concepts are explained and the organization of the material. The material included in the book is based on the author's lectures at various universities. The principal intension is, therefore, to provide a concise, clear, and easily digestible textbook for the undergraduate students of English. Attempt has been made to include in the book whatever an undergraduate of English may need, while at the same time avoiding redundancy and loquacity.

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