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Preface to the Fourth Edition

Understanding and Using English Grammar is a developmental skills text for intermediate to advanced English language learners. It uses a grammar-based approach integrated with communicative methodologies to promote the development of all language skills in a variety of ways. Starting from a foundation of understanding form and meaning, students engage in meaningful communication about real actions, real things, and their own real lives in the classroom context. *Understanding and Using English Grammar* functions principally as a classroom teaching text but also serves as a comprehensive reference text for students and teachers.

The eclectic approach and abundant variety of exercise material remain the same as in the earlier editions, but each new edition incorporates new ways and means. In particular:

- **WARM-UP EXERCISES FOR THE GRAMMAR CHARTS**

Newly created for the fourth edition, these innovative exercises precede the grammar charts and introduce the point(s) to be taught. They have been carefully crafted to help students *discover* the target grammar as they progress through each warm-up exercise.

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Numerous listening exercises help students interact with the spoken language in a variety of settings that range from the relaxed, casual speech of everyday conversation to the academic content of classroom lectures. An audio CD accompanies the student text, and a full audio script can be found in the back of the book.

- **ACADEMIC READINGS**

Students can read and respond to a wide selection of carefully crafted readings that focus on the target grammar structure.

- **EXPANDED SPEAKING ACTIVITIES**

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- **CORPUS-INFORMED CONTENT**

Based on the findings of our corpus researcher, Gena Bennett, grammar content has been added, deleted, or modified to reflect the discourse patterns of spoken and written English.

Understanding and Using English Grammar is accompanied by

- A comprehensive **Workbook**, consisting of self-study exercises for independent work.
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