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To the Instructor

Practicing Reading Skill (1) is a series of readings for the high beginning students about extraordinary people and situations. The topics are selected so that concepts and vocabulary could be repeatedly encountered, thereby setting the stage for a recycled curriculum and an incidental learning of the words.

Through the use of this text, EFL learners will be able to build up their vocabulary knowledge and their general understanding. Furthermore, there are many exercises that follow each reading so as to help students learn what reading strategies are as well as how they should be used.

How Each Reading Is Structured

Anticipatory Set:

Each of the fourteen readings in Practicing Reading Skills begins with establishing expectations for the reader and activating students' background knowledge about the topic. A small set of questions immediately follows the reading, establishing a purpose for reading.

The Reading:

Each reading is between 625 and 850 words in length. The topic has been carefully chosen with regard to interests of Iranian learners. Most of the new words are explained in the reading context. Some built-in redundancies help students understand the concepts better.