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Preface

The True Color of English Learning aims at helping the English language learners in different academic stages to enhance their reading comprehension skills in academic environments with the academic needs and demands. To achieve this goal, the book encompasses selected reading passages from different valid sources, accompanied by a variety of pre-reading and post-reading tasks and activities concerning general information related to topics of the chapters in order to prepare EFL learners' minds and activate background knowledge before and after tackling the main reading passage.

The main focus of this book is to increase the learners' motivation, interest, and self-confidence to understand the reading passages via providing the learners with different practical and useful reading strategies, various stimulating pre-reading tasks, high-interest reading passages, synonyms for the key words of each chapter's main reading text, post-reading tasks compiled by reading comprehension activities, vocabulary skills, language functions, idioms, and break time sections, offering language learners interesting jokes to make the language learning process more enjoyable. Each chapter of this book is provided by different photographs to help the language learners establish connections with the drawings topics.

It is hoped that this textbook with the high-interest topics, different language skills and components and reading strategies can pave the way toward high speed effective reading.

In the end, it should be noted that there is no claim that this textbook is flawless because there is no book claiming to be perfect and there are probably problems creeping into every book. Therefore, dear colleagues' comments are warmly welcome and can be sent to: Javad_ghazi@yahoo.com

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Scope and sequence

Chapter	Reading Strategy	Reading Passage	Comprehension Activities	Vocabulary Skills
Different Types of Learning Styles 1	Scanning	Learn how to Learn	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Collocation Word Web
Some Facts about Obesity 2	Previewing	Obesity: Keep it or Lose it	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Collocation Word Web Understanding Phrasal Verb
Superstitions 3	The Purpose of the Reading Passage	Do you Believe in Superstitions?	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Cross out Unrelated Words Transition Words
Stress 4	Taking Notes	How to Deal with Stress?	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of speech Collocation Giving Advice
Gender Differences 5	Inferential Comprehension	The differences between Men and Women	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Word Parts (-ity) Using a Dictionary
Tourist Attractions in Iran 6	Scanning	Iran: a land of Beauty	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Different Meanings of a Word Word Web
Two-Way Communication 7	Identifying Reference words	How to Improve our Communication Skills	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Giving Communication Advice
Body Language 8	Main idea and Supporting Main Idea	Body Language across Different Cultures	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of speech Word Parts(mis-) Recalling Techniques
The Psychology of Colors 9	Predicting	How Colors Influence our Lives	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Collocation Cross out Unrelated Words Organizing Vocabulary
Generation Gap 10	Summarizing	Generation Gap between Parents and Children	Comprehension Questions Linking Up	Vocabulary Building Part of Speech Giving Advice Word Parts(-tion and -sion)

<i>Language Function</i>	<i>Time to Learn Idioms</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Language Focus</i>
How to Express Disgust	1. Burning the midnight oil 2. Can't make head or tail of it	Write about your own learning style	Understanding a Gerund
How to Offer and Appreciate Help	1. Kick the habit 2. You are what you eat	Write about your own eating habit	and/but/both.....and...../ not only.....but also.....
How to Give and Ask for Permission	1. Feed someone a line 2. Smell Fishy	Explaining the funniest superstition that people believe in you country	It's+Adjective+Infinitive
How to Make, Accept, and Refuse Invitation	1. All thumbs 2. Lemon	Mention two negative effects of stress	The Infinitive of Purpose
How to Make, Accept and Refuse a Request	1. Give somebody the green light 2. Like talking to a brick wall	Are women capable of doing any career?	Fairly/Quite/Rather
How to make recommendation, give advice and warn someone	1. Be in the same boat 2. Be in a tight corner	Write about one of your favorite tourist attractions in Iran	Conjunctive Adverbs
How to Express Agreement and Disagreement	1. Pull someone's leg 2. Mind one's P's and Q's	Write two more communication tips	Using Imperative
How to Talk about Possibility and Probability	1. Go fly a kite 2. Money talks	Should body language be taught beside language courses?	One/Another/Others
How not to Interrupt and Disturb	1. A/the black sheep of the family 2. Like waving a red flag in front of a bull	Write about colors' special symbols	Although/But/However
How to Express Wishes and Regrets	1. Different strokes for different folks 2. Get off someone's back	Explaining the Major Problems between yourself and your Parents	Compound Nouns