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Preface and Acknowledgement

Academic Encounters in Linguistics is an academic preparation book for students of Linguistics and TEFL. The book intends to develop students' reading, note-taking, and discussion skills. It also aims to prepare students for studying their major courses by replicating the texts and tasks they will encounter in their academic discipline -- linguistics. The sustained content approach adopted immerses students in their academic discipline. This approach helps create an authentic college experience and prepares students for the rigor of later coursework. Students interact with authentic academic content from authentic college textbooks, and academic journals (adapted to lower levels). A sustained content approach teaches language through the study of subject matter from various related academic content areas in linguistics. This approach simulates the experience of university courses and better prepares students for academic study. Students learn how to understand and use academic language because they are studying actual academic content. Because this sustained content course focuses on the particular academic discipline—Linguistics. As students progress through the course, their ability to work with authentic language improves dramatically. When students work with content from their university courses, they gain real knowledge of their academic discipline. This helps them to be more successful when they move on to later coursework. Progress exercises check the students' understanding of the content. Suggestions for Further Reading are some of the original references consulted for the content of topics discussed. The interested readers can consult them for in-depth discussions of the topics introduced in the book.

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