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Preface

Basic Reading in English for University Students serves as a textbook in English reading comprehension for the students who major in the fields of study other than English. The main goal behind the present book is that reading is an important activity and it is meant to teach the students to read comprehensively, systematically and efficiently so that they fulfill their basic language needs. It is worth pointing out that reading efficiently in English may be quite different from reading in one's native language (e.g., Farsi) for not only are the styles different but the organization of thoughts is also separate.

Arrangement of the presented materials:

Basic Reading in English for University Students consists of ten units each of which opens with an illustration related to its topic immediately followed by some pre-reading questions which are meant to provide the learners with the overall understanding of what the lesson is expected to be about. In *word study* section, the hard-to-grasp words are defined in easy English along with their parts of speech and natural examples to illustrate the meanings of the words as clearly as possible. To help students master the words in each unit, there are vocabulary exercises including fill-in-the-blanks and synonyms. Selection of the passages has been done with much care so that it covers a wide variety of topics in different concepts such as scientific, cultural and the like.

The final word:

True the compilation of the present work took place with much care in a relatively long span of time; however, the authors do not claim the work as a flawless creation and; therefore, consider it a great favor from the side of the watchful readers and teachers to assist them in bringing any probable erroneous points to their attention as well as making their golden suggestions in order to help the author to expedite the process of error correction and thereby make the work more dependable than ever. The authors are reachable through the following e-mail address:

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Table of Abbreviations

Abbreviated Forms	Complete Forms
(v)	verb
(n)	noun
(adj)	adjective
(adv)	adverb
(conj)	conjunction
(pro)	pronoun
sth	something
sb	somebody
e.g.	exempli gratia= <i>for example</i>
etc.	et cetera= <i>and other similar things</i>