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course**

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**This book is a trifling dedication to our parents
who paved the way of success for us with their
ceaseless love and devotions. May their lives be
long and bountiful.**

Preface

The book is an attempt made by the authors to provide college students with an intermediate level reading comprehension course. The passages were extracted from various authentic English web sites, mainly the VOA Special English Program. The variety, novelty, and originality of the subjects as well as the practical audio files were of noticeable assistance.

The book has been focused on the basis of teaching reading strategic tips; since the techniques seem highly required by Iranian university students. Some other peripheral aspects - such as parts of speech, common errors, idiomatic expressions, and vocabulary exercises - have also been included.

The authors have crafted the book due to many years of teaching English in various levels of institutes and universities. Thus, it has been considered to prioritize the significant needs of those Iranian college students being about to take General English courses. In the end, the authors would warmly accept any comments and suggestions with contentment in their e-mail address as pendaar.neek@gmail.com.

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I can understand a learner's dictionary

Different meanings of the word are given in the definitions, which are in simple English

win /wɪn/ verb (winning; pt, pp won /wɒn/) 1. [I, T] to be best, first or strongest in a race, game, competition. * *I never win at table tennis.* * *Which party do you think will win the next election?* 2. [T] to get money, a prize, etc. as a result of success in a competition, race, etc.: *We won a trip to Australia.* * *Who won the gold medal?* *He won the jackpot in the lottery.*

The dictionary helps you avoid making mistakes, and helps with grammar.

HELP

Note that we *earn* (not *win*) money at our jobs: *I earn 15 000 a year.*

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win/lose the toss

you can't win (informal) there is no way of being completely successful or of pleasing everyone: *Whatever you do you will upset somebody. You can't win.*

PHR

win sb over/around to sth) to persuade sb to support or agree with you; *They're against the proposal at the moment, but I'm sure we can win them over.*

mistake /mɪ'steɪk/ noun [C] something that you think or do that is wrong: *Try not to make any mistakes in your essays.* * *a spelling mistake* * *It was a big mistake to trust her.* * *I made the mistake of giving him address.*

IDM

by mistake as a result of being careless: *The terrorists shot the wrong man by mistake.*

Error is more formal than **mistake**: a computing error. When you make a mistake you do sth wrong: *I got the answer wrong.* * *You must have the wrong number (=on the phone).* **Fault** indicates who is responsible for sth bad: *The accident wasn't my fault. The other driver pulled out in front of me.* **Fault** is also used to describe a problem or weakness that sb/sth has: *a technical fault.*

Examples of usage are provided.

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