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Intruduction

Reading skills is designed as a general course for university students, and for those who intend to expand their reading skills for personal or academic purposes. The texts cover a wide range of subject matters from civilization, to material arts and fantastic stories, in order to expose the reader to various terminologies. Since acquaintance with some techniques is necessary for the improvement of reading skills, the book provides students with two important techniques: Using the Dictionary and Word-Formation.

In preparing the exercises, the author has taken care to avoid boring exercises which are usual of some textbooks. Exercises are of two familiar types: text, vocabulary, essential idioms, and etymology. The first group of exercises is planned to check and improve the student's ability to understand the main idea, detect implications, interpret facts and reach conclusions about the major points. The second kind of exercises is devised to strengthen student's knowledge of English vocabulary through matching, and word formation. The third is essential idioms with daily usage and useful for the students. The last is etymology which deal with the root and meaning of the word. I hope that both instructors and the students would benefit from the interesting passages and exercises in the book.

I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues who read the book carefully and gave helpful suggestions. Among them Dr. M. Mayeli, Dr. M. Zihajehzadeh.

Since no work is perfect, I expect all teachers to let me know about the possible shortcomings of the book. Your constructive suggestions can help me improve the book in later editions.

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