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Introduction

General English for University Students is an obsessive selection of graded materials for the Iranian EFL students at pre-intermediate and intermediate levels. The course is prepared in a way that can be used as EAP (English for Academic Purposes) as distinct from ESP (English for Specific Purposes). It has been designed based on the most recent language learning methods and theories.

The book consists of 16 units each of which includes incentive reading, word formation, and structure incorporated in separate parts so that meet the needs of students from the basic to intermediate levels. Each part is to be covered in one full academic term.

This book adopts a communicative approach and seeks to meet most of the problems posed by university students in order to spark off spontaneous interaction for comprehension. Some grammatical structures with practical examples are provided to facilitate communication. Students are also provided with British and American pronunciations and synonyms based on Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary. An idiom starts each unit in order to enthuse and energize the students. The passages, vocabularies and grammatical structures are carefully graded and arranged in order of difficulty and importance.

In order to make reading purposeful and facilitate reading comprehension, students are provided with some pre-reading and post-reading questions. These strategies enhance students' motivation, increase their level of comprehension, and generate interest and enthusiasm for the selected readings. Therefore teachers are recommended to get their students involved in answering these questions. They are not to be ignored.

Teachers are also recommended to teach the students reading strategies such as skimming, scanning, guessing the meaning from context, inferring and so on.

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