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Reading is one of the most complicated phenomena humans ever have to engage in. When we read in another language, not surprisingly, this can be even more convoluted and sometimes frustrating. This complexity can be attributed to the fact that *we were never born to read.*" (Wolf, 2008) As a result, we should learn this skill and train our brain to decipher the message which is not coming from a face to face communication rather from a written text.

The best method to improve reading skill is reading every day. You should identify your interest and read as much as possible around it. Some scholars argue that authentic materials will arouse interest in many students which is the reason behind writing this book. When every week my wife and I eagerly went through brilliant stories of the prestigious magazine, *The Economist*, it dawned on us, 'why not share this pleasure of reading with our students?' As a result, 15 up-to-date articles were selected from www.economist.com and used to develop the essential reading skills at an advanced level.

This course book contains 15 chapters. The chapters include one passage each, except for chapter three which is composed of two short passages. The book comes with an audio CD which contains the recording of all the passages.

Since this book is developed for class use, no answer key is provided. However, teachers can request the answer key via the following email: mohsen_askari@rocketmail.com.

We hope you enjoy reading this book as much as we did developing it.

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