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Preface

This is a book of twelve chapters, divided into ten content chapters and two consolidation chapters. The organisation of each chapter is listed on its first page, in the content section. Throughout each chapter, *activities* encourage you to explore language yourself. Each activity appears in a box; and you should attempt to solve the activity before moving on with your reading. In many cases, we have answered the set questions in the chapter, but some are left for you to work out outside the covers of this book. Discussing these activities with colleagues in seminars or tutorials will give you an extra advantage in your learning. A fuller set of answers is provided on the webpages that accompany the book, available at the following URL: www.cambridge.org/eppler-ozon. Towards the end of each chapter, we give you a brief *summary* of the topics covered.

After the chapter summary, you'll find a set of *exercises*. These are labelled 'Exercise 1.1', etc. but, unlike in-chapter activities, they do not appear within a text box. Some exercises include a commentary, but most of the discussion has been placed on the relevant webpages. When working through the chapters, you will be acquiring basic knowledge about English words and sentences. You can build on this with the help of the texts suggested in *further reading* sections. Full *references* for these resources are given at the end of the book.

After Chapters 6 and 10, you will find two *consolidation chapters* with many more *tasks*, presented in the same way as end-of-chapter exercises. Like exercises, tasks only include commentaries when new ground is covered.

- **Activities** push the discussion forward; they are short and to the point.
- **Exercises** help you assess your understanding, and some of them develop the chapter content further.
- **Tasks** consolidate your knowledge, and often introduce different and more challenging perspectives on the topics.

You will also find a *glossary* towards the end of the book. The glossary contains all those key words which, on their first appearance in the text, are set in bold font. Altogether, key words, glossary and index help you navigate the book.

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