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To the Teacher

Grammar in Use Intermediate is a book for intermediate students of English who need to study and practice using the grammar of the language. All the important point of English grammar are explained and there are exercises on each point. The book is written for self-study, but teachers may also find it useful as additional course material in cases where further work on grammar is necessary.

Level

The book is intended mainly for *intermediate* students (students who have already studied the basic grammar of English). It concentrates on those structures that intermediate students want to use, but that often cause difficulty. The explanations are addressed to the intermediate student, and the language used is as simple as possible.

The book will probably be most useful at middle- and upper-intermediate levels (where all or nearly all of the material will be relevant) and can serve both as a basis for review and as a means for practicing new structures. It will also be useful for some more advanced students who have problems with grammar and need a book for reference and practice.

The book is not intended to be used by beginning learners.

How the book is organized

There are 142 units in the book. Each unit concentrates on a particular point of grammar. Some problems (for example, the present perfect or the use of *the*) are covered in more than one unit. For a list of units, see the *Contents* at the beginning of the book.

Each unit consists of two facing pages. On the left there are explanations and examples; on the right there are exercises.

The units are organized in grammatical categories (*Present and Past, Articles and Nouns, Prepositions,* etc.). They are not ordered according to level of difficulty, so the book should not be worked through from beginning to end. It should be used selectively and flexibly in accordance with the grammar syllabus being used and the difficulties students are having.

There are also seven *Appendixes* at the back of the book (pages 286–295). These include irregular verbs, summaries of verb forms, spelling and British English. It might be useful for the teacher to draw students' attention to these.

Finally, there is a detailed *Index* at the back of the book for easy reference (page 331).

How to Use the Book

The book can be used for immediate consolidation or for later review or remedial work. It might be used by the whole class or by individual students needing extra help.

The left-hand pages (explanations and examples) are written for the student to use individually, but they may of course be used by the teacher as a source of ideas and information on which to base a lesson. The student then has the left-hand page as a record of what has been taught and can refer to it in the future. The exercises can be done individually, in class, or as homework.

Alternatively (and additionally), individual students can be directed to study certain units of the book by themselves if they have particular difficulties not shared by other students in their class.

An edition of *Grammar in Use Intermediate* with an *Answer Key* is also available. Some teachers may prefer this for use with their students.

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Additional Exercises

At the back of the book there are *Additional Exercises* (pages 296–320). These exercises bring together some of the grammar points from a number of different units. For example, Exercise 16 brings together grammar points from Units 25–35. Students can use these exercises for extra practice after they have studied and practiced the grammar in the units concerned.

Grammar in Use Intermediate Fourth Edition

This is a new edition of Grammar in Use Intermediate. The differences between this edition and the third edition are:

- Much of the material has been revised or reorganized, and in most units there are changes in the examples, explanations, and exercises.
- The book has been redesigned with new, updated illustrations.
- There is a new ebook available with all the contents of the book as well as audio, access to a dictionary, and more.