

BOOK REVIEW

American Readings, A Saxon Series in English as a Second Language by Robert M. Grindell, Leonard R. Marelli and Harvey Nadler. McGraw-Hill Book Company. pp. 223 Paper Back. \$3.50.

American Readings contains selections and exercises for vocabulary development for adult students who are at or above the intermediate stage in language proficiency. The chief intent of *American Readings* is to provide for intensive practice in American English. Intensive reading calls for close attention to vocabulary and the structure within which this vocabulary occurs; it also calls for thorough study and careful preparation. There is strong emphasis on practice with a great number of exercises to develop the student's command of the language. The essays in this book are the work of well-known American authors and the themes range from the humorous to the philosophical to the factual. The exercises following each essay provide for frequent recurrence of vocabulary items to expedite the permanent addition of the items to the student's total active and passive vocabulary. The fifteen units of the book provide ample material for one semester.

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