

# BOOK REVIEWS

*Constructing Sentences* by Earl Rand Holt, Rinehart, and Winston 1969 197 pp. \$3.10.

112 semi-programmed transformation drills for intermediate and advanced ESL adult students and nonstandard dialect speakers. Students first produce compound and conjoined sentences, then move on to complex and embedded sentences. Factive constructions are next, including nominalization and adjectivals. There are exercises in subjunctives, comparatives, passives, using adjectives as verbs and verbs

of mental and psychological states. Examples are given for each exercise and correct responses are also printed below each line (semi-programmed format) this could be an disadvantage for some students. Most of the constructions are excellent with very few transformations that seem forced or artificial.

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*Constructing Dialogues* Earl Rand Holt, Rinehart, and Winston 1969 158 pp. \$3.10.

A series of 86 different semi-programmed exercises in English transformations for beginning through intermediate ESL student or levels for non-standard dialect speakers. Adult level Emphasis is on proper pronoun and verb tense usage. Practice is given in substitution, deletion, expansion, and permutation as students either produce the

second and third responses in a dialogue or write the complete dialogue from given cues. Students receive immediate reinforcement as correct responses are printed under each line. (This could be a disadvantage to lazy students) An appendix of English verb classes and irregular verb forms is included.

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