

BOOK REVIEWS

Marcella Frank, *Modern English: a practical reference guide*. 414 pp. paperback
Prentice-Hall, publisher. 1972.

A very complete reference guide for advanced ESL students. As a text it might frighten all but the most advanced, serious student because its coverage necessitates a rather crowded paper format and because traditional English descriptive terms are used throughout. Although Ms. Frank states in the preface that the conceptual framework is based on modern grammatical theories (both

structural and transformational) the book begins with the traditional parts of speech and uses very old sentence diagramming throughout the book--confusing to both native and non-native English speakers.

Perhaps the best use of this book would be for a teacher educated in traditional terms who needs a handy reference to explain some of the functions of English words.

Marcella Frank, *Modern English: Part II, 181 page workbooks*. Prentice-Hall, Inc., Publisher 1972. *Exercises for Non-Native Speakers Part I,*

These advanced workbooks are designed for use with *Modern English a practical reference* although they may be used alone. Clear examples are given with a minimum grammatical explanation. Book

It is excellent for practice in handling complex English sentence forms—a real problem for most ESL students.

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