
BOOK REVIEW

Conversation in ENGLISH: Points of Departure
by Julia M. Dobson and Frank Sedwick

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American Book Co., 1975.

This excellent text, suitable for all ESL students above the very beginning level, has fifty well drawn pictures depicting situations upon which student conversation is based. Specific vocabulary, pertinent to each situation is listed under each picture (always listed in the order of verbs, nouns, and other expressions). On the page opposite the picture--all lessons have this two-page format--are questions leading to an analysis of the picture or giving points of departure for conversation. These are followed by five challenging topics for oral or written composition.

This book is a welcome relief from the memorized dialogues and manipulated

sentences usually used for structured conversation classes of the completely free talk-what-you-wish and use only-vocabulary-you-know type of classes.

Teachers, or students, may choose the topics that are pertinent or that interest them as each lesson is a self contained unit with no interdependence on other lessons.

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