
BOOK REVIEW

Ronald Mackin. *A Short Course in Spoken English.*
Oxford University Press and Language Services 1975.

Price: \$3.50

This text, intended for students who have studied English but have not achieved mastery of the spoken form, offers a fresh approach to teaching English conversation.

Ten units, each containing "Texts," drills, and written exercises, based on the main difficulties of the English verb, are graded grammatically (some other grammatical points are also included).

The "Texts" are always presented in two ways: groups of single utterances and dialogues. Both are supplemented with pictures. Tapes present the dialogues three times, giving the student an opportunity to listen, repeat, and then take the part of one of the speakers.

Drills are used to focus on the grammatical structure(s) presented in the dialogues.

Writing exercises, based on the "Texts" and drills are various types: transformational, fill in the blank, multiple choice, etc.

This text with its tapes could be a welcome change for students and teachers where a language lab is available, but it would be a challenge to use if there are no tape facilities.

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