

## BOOK REVIEW

Pack, Alice C. *Dyad Learning Program: Prepositions*  
Newbury House Publishers (1977)

Price \$ 4.50

The first in a forthcoming series of *Dyad Learning Program* books which focus on pronouns, articles, determiners, verb forms, verb choices, and coordinators; *Prepositions* offers a number of advantageous features to the ESL student—student interaction, cloze, individual pacing, and immediate feedback.

Using this field-tested approach to learning the appropriate uses of the many English prepositions, students participate actively in the learning process, working together in two-student teams, alternately in tutor and respondent roles. The respondent reads the sentences provided in the book and inserts the proper prepositions in the blanks, while the tutor listens and immediately corrects the respondent (in a non-threatening manner) if the wrong preposition is selected. The program provides the answers for the tutor, so it is not essential that he know more English than the respondent. In fact, it is not even necessary that each member of a dyad be working on the same level at the same time. When the tutor and respondent work on different levels, the tutor receives a valuable preview of what

he will later practice or a review of what he has practiced already.

With *Prepositions*, even in the largest classes, each student is able to advance at his own speed. Concentrating on a particular step, which focuses on only a few prepositions, until the uses of these particular items have been mastered and then moving on, the student is never left behind. The book provides 35 steps, each with at least 6 alternate selections, which practice 30 key prepositions.

Without focusing attention on syntax, *Prepositions* also reinforces the use of proper English word order as students work through the book, reading correct English sentences to each other.

Designed for use in either a classroom or laboratory situation, the *Dyad Learning Program* has already proven itself to be an effective learning tool. It comes highly recommended for ESL students who experience problems with English prepositions.

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