

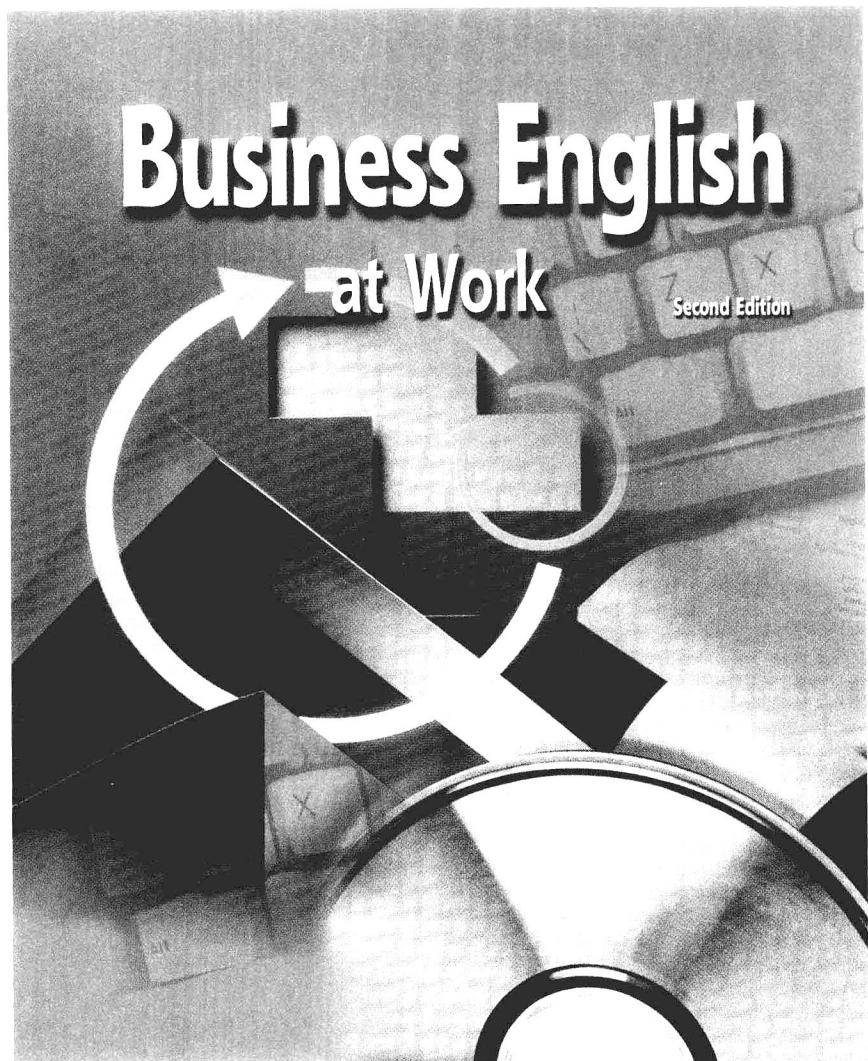
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INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS ENGLISH AT WORK

Welcome to *Business English at Work, Second Edition*, and to an exciting journey through the world of English grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Working with these concepts, you will be fascinated by the activities and the exercises that relate to the Workplace Applications topics—a totally new learning approach relating business English to the world of work.

The second edition of *Business English at Work* is designed to help you meet the challenges of a changing world, one in which the correct usage of English is tantamount to getting and holding a job.

A two-page chapter opener presents **Workplace Applications concepts** around which the chapter examples and applications are written. Topics include references, telecommunications, customer service, the World Wide Web, time management, electronic mail, cultural diversity, ergonomics, ethics, job skills, and coping strategies.

Chapter 1
Resources to Improve Vocabulary, Proofreading, and Spelling

Objectives

After you have studied this chapter and completed the exercises, you will be able to do the following:

1. Use a dictionary to answer questions about spelling, syllabification, pronunciation, parts of speech, and definitions.
2. Use an office reference manual and a word-division manual.
3. Select appropriate synonyms for words or ideas.
4. Apply proofreading procedures in comparing documents.
5. Use proofreaders' marks to identify changes in the text.
6. Identify ways to improve your spelling and use of words that you commonly confuse or misuse.

Workplace Applications

ONLINE REFERENCES

Rarely does an effective writer compose without using reference resources. These resources include books, such as a dictionary or reference manual, and electronic resources, such as a computer spell checker or the Internet.

The Internet has become an indispensable resource for many writers, providing access to common resources (such as dictionaries) as well as to thousands of diverse and obscure references throughout the world. A major advantage of using the Internet is being able to immediately look up a reference at any time of the day or night without leaving the computer.

Getting Connected

If you know the location of an Internet resource site, you can go directly to that site. However, if you are uncertain of the location of a resource, you can find references on the Internet by using a search engine. A search engine helps organize various Internet sites into categories such as business, reference, or recreation.

Many writers use the Internet to search for quotations or to conduct research. Some people use online references to plan trips, to make hotel and airline reservations, to locate maps, and to read the weather forecast. The broader your understanding of the material available, the more likely you will find these tools to be indispensable to you.

Thinking Critically

Situation: One of your coworkers prefers using e-mail to communicate. Below is one of the messages that you received from her:

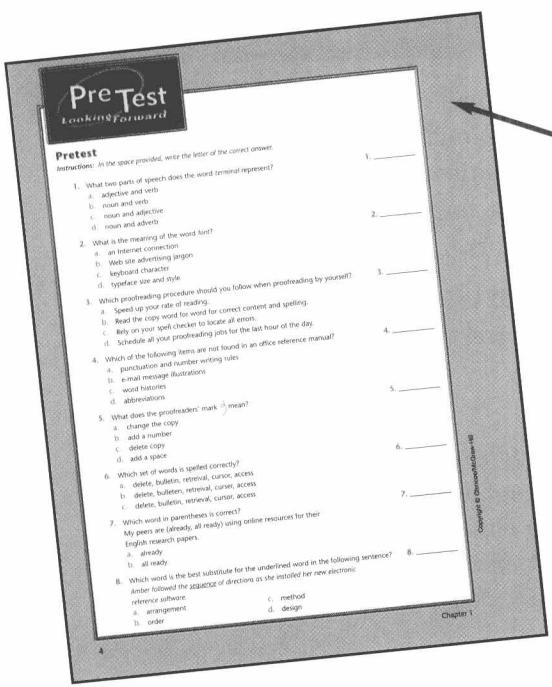
I ordered the computer discs online, we except them tomorrow before noon. let me no if they dont arrive.
catch ya later!:-)

Ask Yourself: You know that your coworker is sending e-mail not only to coworkers but also to customers. What would you suggest to help your coworker communicate more effectively?

The learning Objectives provide goals around which you can structure your learning activities and exercises.

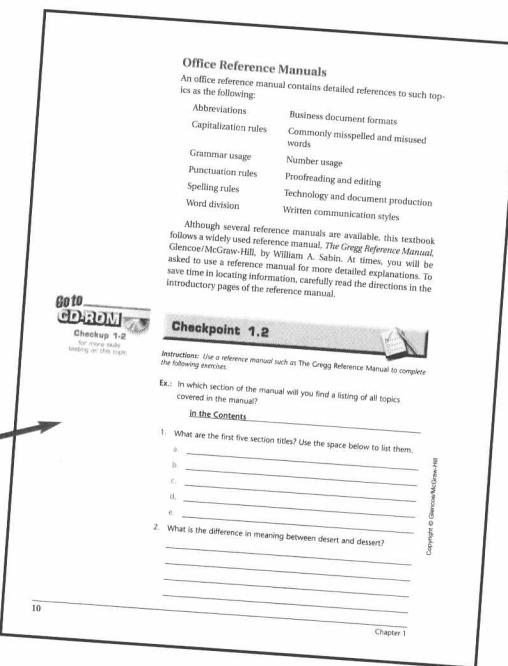
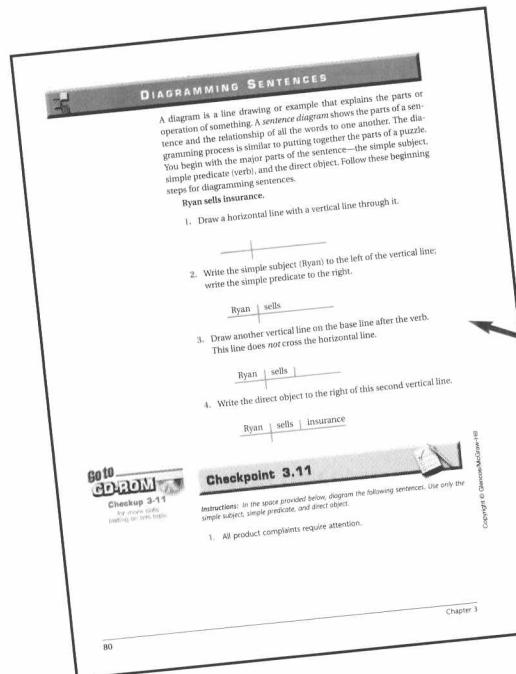
Thinking Critically questions challenge you to apply your personal experiences to the chapter content.

Bold-faced Terms to Remember, as well as an extensive Glossary, provide you opportunities to add new vocabulary words and their definitions to your growing language base.



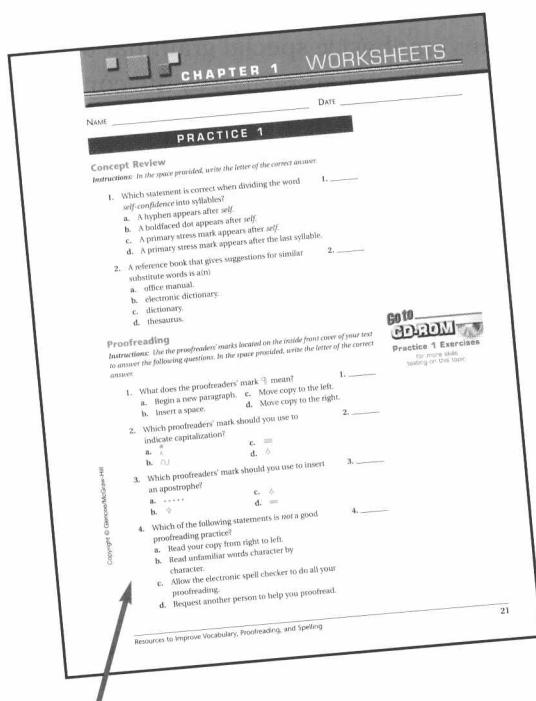
The Looking Forward Pretest gives you the chance to test yourself and see how much you already know. You can then plan to spend more time studying and reviewing the concepts that you do not know.

Checkpoints provide reinforcement immediately after various concepts are covered. Students who have purchased the Student CD-ROM can go to a Checkup exercise on the CD-ROM that correlates to the Checkpoint exercise in the text for more practice.



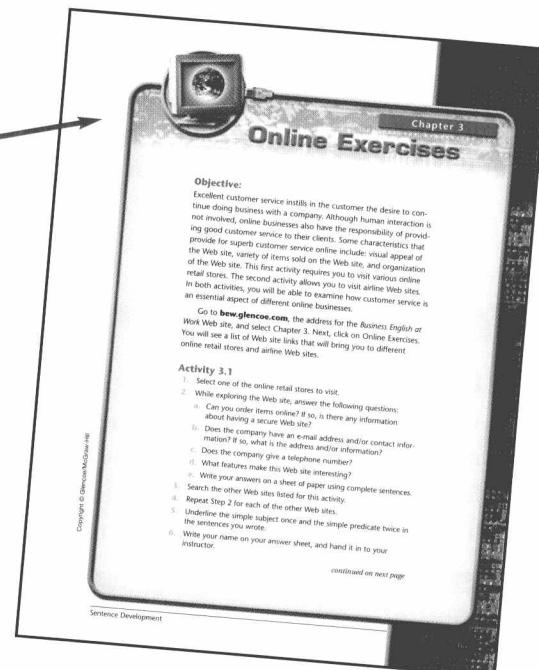
Diagramming Exercises are provided to give you a graphical hook for remembering how the parts of speech are used and how they relate to each other.

Online Exercises in each chapter direct you to the Internet for illuminating tours of various Web sites. Every online activity begins with a trip to www.bew.glencoe.com, the Web site for *Business English at Work*.

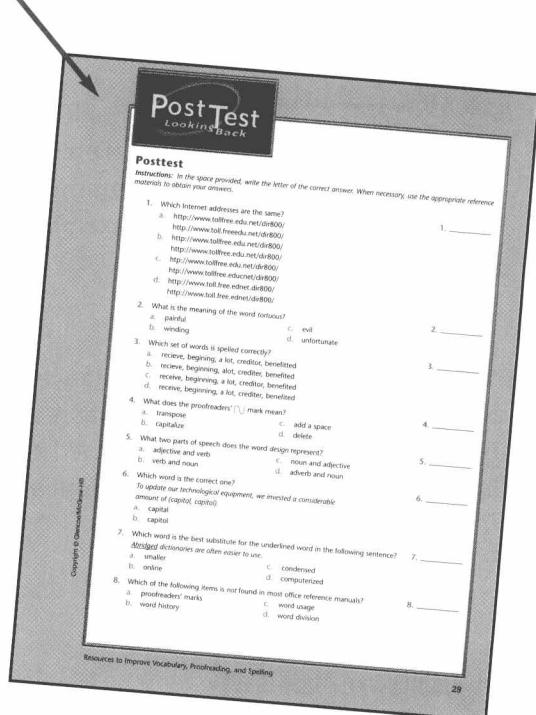


Worksheets at the end of each chapter offer ample opportunities for you to increase your skills in the concepts presented in the chapter. Each set of eight Practice exercises is arranged so that the earlier exercises (Practices 1–4) in each chapter are simpler and the later exercises (5–8) more challenging.

Students who have purchased the Student CD-ROM can follow the Go To CD-ROM prompts in the Worksheet pages to find more practice exercises providing additional review of the chapter concepts.



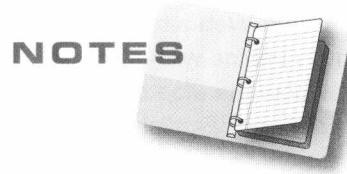
The Looking Back Posttest exercise helps you decide whether you have acquired the concepts and rules that you studied in the chapter.



The **Glossary** presents pertinent definitions and usage information. The **Appendices** contain **Spelling Rules** and **Word Usage** material. In addition, a thorough **Index** is provided to help locate concepts and rules that you may want to review.

Additional Features found in the student edition include: _____

Special margin NOTES are provided in appropriate places throughout the text to enhance your learning and emphasize important concepts.



| Do This | Don't Do This |
|----------------|----------------------|
| work together | interface |
| money | monies |
| features | parameter |
| happen | transpire |

DO THIS/DON'T DO THIS feature boxes emphasize special grammar or punctuation rules related to the concepts being studied.



PUNCTUATION SMARTS and CAPITALIZATION ALERT icons give you specific information to help you punctuate and use capitalization elements correctly.



GO TO CD-ROM reminders direct you to additional practice exercises. The Student CD-ROM is an optional (but highly recommended) component that provides supplementary practice exercises based on the concepts and rules contained in your text.

EDIT PATROL features highlight instances of the misuse of business English. While these may bring a smile to your lips, keep in mind that this course is designed to help you avoid such slip-ups in your workplace communication.



[vo·cab·u·lar·y]
newsgroup (n.)
an online discussion group.

VOCABULARY definitions for words used in the text exercises add to your understanding and comprehension of terms relating to the chapter Workplace Applications topics.



COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

This second edition of *Business English at Work* is a complete, well-rounded program that includes the following components:

- **Text-Workbook** with ample examples, Checkpoint Exercises, Online Activities, and Worksheets to establish a usable foundation in grammar, proofreading, writing, and punctuation. The activities and exercises throughout each chapter are directly related to Workplace Applications concepts that provide a window into the modern workplace.
- **Student CD-ROM** with additional exercises and practices relating to the concepts and rules presented in the text. Exercises that relate directly to the Checkpoints in the text are provided for extra practice or self-tests. Most of these exercises are interactive, giving you the opportunity to respond and be evaluated.

Each CD-ROM chapter has exercises correlated with the textbook chapter Checkpoints. As you complete each exercise, you may choose to print your exercise results. The CD-ROM is an optional (but highly recommended) component of the *Business English at Work, Second Edition*, program.

- **Web site** with a separate section reserved for you. This student section contains online exercise links, online practice tests, crossword puzzles, flashcards, additional learning exercises, e-mail links to the authors, and other World Wide Web links to stimulate your research efforts. Access to this Web site is gained by entering the following address at your Internet browser location: www.bew.glencoe.com.

We enjoyed developing this exciting program for you. Good luck in your studies using the second edition of *Business English at Work*.

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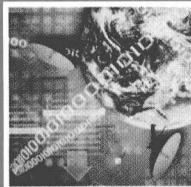
UNIT 1

Basic Concepts of Business English



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Chapter 2

Overview of Parts of Speech



Chapter 3

Sentence Development

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