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Introduction

The purpose of this book is to provide students with a thorough grasp of speaking topics that appear in international English language examinations.

In this book you will find dialogues to try out your spontaneity, and give you a feeling for conversational and discursive language, then moving on to sections where descriptive language is used to describe things, people, places and events.

Intermingled with these sections are Tongue Twister to test your pronunciation; idioms to introduce you to idiomatic language and usage; and, lastly, proverbs that may be useful to these topics.

In short, everything you need to score high in international English language tests.

Enjoy your studies!



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Unit 1



Clothing and Fashion

Let's Begin

- What are you wearing today?
- I'm wearing a jacket, a jumper, jeans, and trainers.
- Which clothes do you like best?
- I like jeans best because they are comfortable and easy to wash.
- Do your friends like the same kind of clothes as you?
- Yes, we all like to wear similar things; we especially like wearing jeans and sports clothes.

Word Focus

jeans	jumper	jacket	trainers	socks	scarf
trousers	uniform	shoes	lace	button	zip
dress	skirt	shorts	shirt	blouse	coat
t-shirt	vest	cardigan	gloves	stockings	boots
baggy	brand name	formal	stylish	trendy	fashionable

○ Sentence Focus

I like to follow the latest fashions.
My jacket's trendy.
The uniform is quite formal.
I prefer buying famous brand clothing.
I always wear trainers.
I never wear skirts.

○ Dialogue

Dick and his girlfriend, Alice, are out shopping on a Saturday afternoon in London when they decide to go into Trendz, a fashionable clothes shop to look at the clothes in there:

Alice: Let's have a look in here.

Dick: I don't know. It looks expensive, love.

Alice: It costs nothing to look.

Dick: Oh, alright then.

Alice: See, it's not that expensive. These jeans from Paris seem quite reasonably priced.

Dick: They look old and worn.

Alice: That's the latest trend.

Dick: Really? We could sell our old jeans then and make a bit of money.

Alice: Don't be daft. They aren't old. They are just designed and manufactured for that effect. How about that jacket for you?

Dick: Here, I'll try it on. Hmm, it's a bit tight around the shoulders.

Alice: Yes. Look here's a larger size, try that on.

Dick: Oh, yes. That's much better, but it's a bit more than I'm willing to pay. What about those jeans for you? They look better than the others and they're cheaper.

Alice: Ah, yes. They look great. Let me go and try them on.

Dick: Yes, they are definitely you. What do you think?

Alice: Yes, I love them already. How about you, don't you see anything you like?

Dick: No, not this time. Let's go and have a look in the DVD store.

○ *Role Play*

Divide into pairs and each play a character in the above dialogue.

Why do you think Dick does not want to buy any clothes?

○ *Tell Me About ...*

Tell me about your favourite kind of clothes.

You can say:

- Where you buy them;
- What you like about them;
- And do you think other people like this type of clothes?

For Reference:

I like to wear jeans and denim jackets because my favourite rock stars like to dress in these, also they are fairly cheap, easy to wash and don't require any ironing.

Most shops sell jeans and denim, but I usually buy mine in the department store in the centre of town as there the quality of the jeans are better and they sell famous brands like Wrangler, Levi's, and Coopers.

The most appealing thing about wearing denim is that you can look good both in hot and cold weather, and jeans are highly informal yet never go out of fashion. Also, of course, I can imitate the style of my favourite rock stars which is my main passion.

Quite a lot of people, where I live, like to wear jeans because of their hard wearing qualities and their easy maintenance. And, as I said before, jeans are always fashionable.

Word Focus

denim

rock star

ironing

department store

famous brand

○ Tongue Twisters

Of all the felt I ever felt, I never felt a piece of felt which felt as fine as that felt, felt, when first I felt that felt hat's felt.

Tiny Tony two toes has a two toned sunshine suit.

Thank the three brothers for their three free leather jackets.

○ Idiom

Old hat

Meaning:

Something is out of date or old fashioned, too familiar or simply uninteresting.

The idiom originates from a time, early last century, when people tended to wear hats more than they do now and would strive to keep in fashion with them, especially women's hats.

Example: *I think that the professor's theory is so much old hat.*

○ Proverb

Cut your coat according to your cloth.

Meaning:

Here one's actions should suit the circumstances or be appropriate for one's resources.

Example: *I'm afraid the demands of our financial position do impose certain limits. It's a case of cutting our coats to suit our cloth.*



○ Homework Task

Tell me about how fashions changed in recent years where you live.

You can talk about:

- How people used to dress;
- How they dress now;
- Why you think fashions have changed.

For Reference:

In my town in the seventies, people used to like to wear purple flared trousers which were tight at the waist and flared out below the knees. This fashion was all the rage among rock stars at that time who derived this fashion from Paris designers who based their designs on sailors uniforms who wore bell bottomed trousers.

This style lasted until the end of the seventies when punk began dictating the trends in fashion. Their style harked back to the fifties and early sixties when people wore drainpipe trousers, so called because the legs were as straight and narrow as the drainage pipes that carried excess water, during rain showers, from the gutters on people's houses to the ground.

Today, people still prefer narrow bottomed trousers as they don't flap about your ankles as you walk and they look smarter than flares.

I think fashions change because they need to, otherwise people would get bored from wearing the same things year in and year out. Also, it's a good opportunity for designers to show their creative abilities and for the fashion industry to make more money and bigger profits.



Unit 2



Sports and Fitness

Let's Begin

- What sports do you play?
- I play basketball, football and sometimes I like to play table tennis.
- How do you like to keep fit?
- I usually go jogging every morning for about half an hour. Also, I like to do weight training three times a week.
- Have you won any sports awards?
- No, I usually like to play in order to relax and keep in shape. I don't take sports too seriously.

Word Focus

basketball	football	cricket	tennis	table tennis
baseball	rugby	badminton	gymnastics	athletics
jogging	running	boxing	golf	swimming
aerobics	bicycling	skating	rollerblading	skateboarding
skiing	skating	yoga	wrestling	judo
tae kwon do	kung fu	tai chi	karate	martial arts
weight training	treadmill	stretching	fitness centre	stamina
stress	tension	supple	limbs	

○ Sentence Focus

I like to work out at the fitness centre.

Doing martial arts like karate and judo helps to get rid of stress and tension.

Aerobics helps me to improve my stamina.

Yoga really stretches my limbs and keeps me supple.

My father usually plays golf at the weekends.

Rollerblading is the latest fitness fad.

○ Dialogue

Jason and Jim are taking a break from exercising in the café at Lotsasweat Fitness Centre. As they drink some coffee they talk about a football match they saw at the weekend and keeping fit:

Jason: I thought Tommy Graham did quite well to get that goal within the first 20 minutes.

Jim: Yeah, United were just warming up, that's why Japp managed to beat the defence.

Jason: I thought Barnsley was the best team on the day even though we only got a draw.

Jim: It's a pity that Roth couldn't complete his shot in the last minute otherwise we'd have won. It's a sad day when Rotherham draws with Barnsley.

Jason: They say that Graham has a special exercise routine. Have you heard about it?

Jim: No, I don't remember hearing about it. I thought he just did the basic stretches and running that all footballers do.

Jason: Yeah, he does some running and stretching but he's also into power yoga and karate. He believes that karate improves his kicking technique.

Jim: I'm sure it would although I'm not sure what you mean by "power yoga".

Jason: It's just like normal yoga but with the emphasis on developing strength as well as flexibility and suppleness, using weights. Graham does it about three times a week.

Jim: I don't know much about these new fitness fads. I prefer good old fashioned weight training. You get good results in a short time and don't need to learn any complicated moves, and if you follow that with a bit of jogging on the treadmill that's all you need.

Jason: It's all you need. But Graham needs to be in peak condition, professional football is a highly competitive sport. You've got to have an edge, an advantage over your opponents.