

A Shared English Textbook as Basic Information for English Learners

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As one of the members of the textbook committee of the Institute of Languages and Cultures at Kyushu University, the author has been concentrating for the past two years on editing a new English textbook. This textbook, which every freshman is expected to use, is supposed to provide basic knowledge of the English language and essential information needed in learning English.

The present study aims at making a contribution to the editing process by providing an opportunity for the committee members to give careful consideration to the possible content of the textbook. The author hopes this paper will be useful to those trying to edit a shared English textbook of a similar kind.

Our textbook is expected to consist of the following chapters:

1) Essays:

Chapter 1 How to study English

Chapter 2 English sounds

Chapter 3 How to increase your vocabulary

Chapter 4 How to be proficient in English expressions

Chapter 5 Common grammatical errors

Chapter 6 How to write English e-mail messages

Chapter 7 Essays on the English language

Chapter 8 Essays on British culture

2) Data:

Chapter 9 Everyday vocabulary

Chapter 10 Abstract vocabulary

Chapter 11 Groups of words

Chapter 12 Idioms

Chapter 13 Everyday expressions

Chapter 14 Complements

Chapter 15 Technical terms in various research fields

3) Reading materials: 20 chapters