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«B2 Use of English: Lexical Skills Practice» is a modern coursebook designed to develop and strengthen learners' English lexical competence at the B2 level in accordance with the CEFR. The coursebook combines a systematic approach to vocabulary learning with practice-oriented tasks that promote the effective and appropriate use of vocabulary in a wide range of communicative contexts. The second, revised and expanded edition features updated learning materials covering General English, English for Specific Purposes, including English for Medical Purposes, and Business English. A distinctive feature of the coursebook is its integration of contemporary teaching approaches, including puzzle stories, which foster critical thinking, contextual vocabulary acquisition, contextual inference skills, and the practical application of newly acquired vocabulary.

The coursebook is intended for university students, teachers of English, and anyone wishing to improve their English language proficiency and prepare for international English language examinations.

«B2 Use of English: Lexical Skills Practice = Практикум з англійської мови: розвиток лексичних навичок. Рівень B2» – сучасний навчальний посібник, спрямований на формування та вдосконалення англomовної лексичної компетентності відповідно до вимог рівня B2 згідно із CEFR. У посібнику поєднано системний підхід до опанування лексики з практично орієнтованими завданнями, що забезпечують розвиток навичок ефективного використання мовних засобів у різних комунікативних ситуаціях. Друге, доповнене, видання містить оновлений навчальний матеріал із загальної англійської мови, англійської мови професійного спрямування, зокрема англійської мови для медичних цілей та ділової англійської мови. Особливістю посібника є використання сучасних методичних підходів, зокрема сюжетних мовних головоломок (puzzle stories), які сприяють розвитку критичного мислення, мовної здогадки та навичок практичного застосування лексики.

Посібник призначений для здобувачів вищої освіти, викладачів англійської мови, а також усіх, хто прагне вдосконалити рівень володіння англійською мовою та підготуватися до міжнародних мовних іспитів.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's world, few would dispute the crucial role vocabulary plays in mastering a language, particularly the importance of practicing it actively. Words matter. If you cannot express what you mean, you will never truly mean what you say. *B2 Use of English: Lexical Skills Practice* is designed to help learners enhance their language skills and communicate confidently and effectively in English.

This book is intended for teachers, students, and test takers who wish to assess and improve their vocabulary skills. It is versatile enough to be used for self-study, pair work, or as a reference guide. The exercises cover various aspects of English vocabulary at the upper-intermediate level, emphasizing diversity through formats ranging from multiple-choice questions to synonym and antonym exercises involving nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

B2 Use of English: Lexical Skills Practice features a carefully selected collection of the most useful and frequently used phrasal verbs in English. Its aim is to build learners' confidence by presenting these phrasal verbs in an engaging and straightforward manner, supported by contextualized examples.

The second edition of *B2 Use of English: Lexical Skills Practice* has been designed to provide learners with a practical, engaging, and communicative approach to vocabulary development across different fields of English usage. In addition to expanding lexical coverage in General English, ESP (English for Specific Purposes), EMP (English for Medical Purposes), and Business English, this edition introduces puzzle stories as an innovative pedagogical component aimed at enriching the learning process.

The inclusion of puzzle stories is based on the methodological principle that vocabulary is acquired more effectively when presented in meaningful and problem-oriented contexts. Through narrative engagement and problem-solving tasks, learners are encouraged to analyze situations, infer meanings, and actively apply newly acquired vocabulary. This approach not only strengthens vocabulary retention but also promotes critical thinking, learner autonomy, and communicative competence.

We recommend completing one exercise per day; however, you are free to study at your own pace. To firmly embed new words in your memory, it is beneficial to repeat each test or exercise several times. Across the 10 units, you will learn collocations that will expand your vocabulary and help your English sound more natural. Initially, synonym or antonym exercises may take between five and ten minutes to complete, but with practice, you will finish them more

quickly. We strongly encourage you to create your own example sentences, as making them as personal as possible will help you remember the expressions more effectively.

At the end of the book, you will find Answer Keys along with additional useful information, including related words such as opposites and alternative expressions not covered in the exercises themselves.

Recording new words and expressions is essential. Develop your own personal vocabulary “bank” using the section titled *A Form for Needs Analysis*, found at the end of each Answer Key. Regularly reviewing these words and expressions will help transform them into an active part of your vocabulary.

We wish you every success in learning the vocabulary presented in this book. Moreover, we hope you enjoy using these words confidently in real-life situations once you have mastered them.

It is hoped that this revised edition will serve as a valuable resource for students, teachers, and professionals seeking to develop vocabulary competence in an interactive, intellectually stimulating, and professionally relevant manner.

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