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Tried using this as the primary textbook for a conversational English class at church and found out that it is best used to supplement other teaching methods. Its does provide a thorough covering of conversational English but many of the words are no longer used (at least in this generation). Even the slang words were not as up to date as I would have liked but we were able to contextualize some of the phrases as being more appropriate to different age groups. In the end, I still use this to determine a topic for each week, such as "Making Friends" or "Expressing Forgiveness" but then either develop my own lessons or use many of the free ESL worksheets and activities available online.

In my view, this book can be very useful for these non-native English speakers who need to make their English more conversational and more American. Perhaps it is good to be complemented by listening experience - in the impossibility of a real conversational partner You tube, films, audio conversations may suffice.

I bought this book to be used at an English club. I think it’s well organized and covers all the basics to learn the language. I’ll recommend it for my friends.

I use this for a filler when I have finished my ESL lessons and have more time to kill. The students find it entertaining.

This book is phenomenal. You should totally buy this book if you want to improve your skills in English language, especially if you are studying it as a second language.

Good for reference, but would be much better with an activity book or something to go with it. Maybe there’s something out there that I haven’t found yet, though.

Good for beginners and for reference. The content is well organized, but was expecting more out of this book so a little disappointed.

This is not I wanted for my class. How can I return this?