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# PREFACE

The importance of learning English as an international language affecting international trade, tourism industry, economic and political relations is no secret. The use of English in today's world is not an issue to be ignored or denied.

As a matter of fact, communicating through an international language can be considered both as an opportunity and – at the same time – a threat for children, adolescents and the youth of our country. Any language, including English, can be regarded as an effective way to promote the *culture*, *vision* or the *ideology* of the nation whose language is widely presented through books, videos and web pages and negligence in this respect has some devastating impacts on our *native culture* and *religious originality*. Consequently, there has always been the concern that English teaching, may bring with it manifestations of Western culture, some parts of which are contrary to the moral and religious values of our **Islamic** and **Iranian** culture. Obviously, presenting such books written on the basis of a foreign culture can provide the opportunity of the mentioned permeation.

**Khat-e Sefid Press**, as a specialized publication center in the field of creating English textbooks and teaching aids, aiming at eliminating aforementioned concerns, and even more, trying to use the English language to promote the **Islamic-Iranian culture**, has decided to compile a series of complementary books (**Prospect Plus**) for students studying at "National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents (NODET)" schools.

The supplementary books which has been used to be taught in NODET schools are no longer efficient for the new generation of English learners due to an alteration in teaching approach and methodology as well as the students' English course books. With this in mind, in Prospect+ we have included all the themes and topics of the Education Ministry textbooks and, concurrently, tried to strengthen the students' language skill and sub-skills with a special focus on their communicative proficiency.

What distinguishes **Prospect Plus** complementary books from the foreign ones is the special attention paid to the traditions, as well as scientific, religious, artistic, and athletic features of our country, in addition to a number of informative texts about other nations around the world.

**Prospect Plus** is principally compiled for gifted students, and teachers can decide on the proper time for teaching these books.

## The most important features of Prospect Plus

1. Introducing extensive complementary vocabulary in addition to what students learn in their textbooks.
2. Introducing functional differences between *formal* and *informal* usage of sentences and phrases.
3. Providing written and audio comprehension texts related to the topic(s) of each lesson.
4. Offering various exercises aimed at strengthening the four skills in language learning.
5. Involving all five senses in learning English.
6. Taking Gardners "eight intelligences" into account.

7. Using the communicative approach in designing practices.
8. Presenting real life conversations and task-based exercises.
9. Paying worthwhile attention to Iranian-Islamic culture.

### Organization of the book

The first unit called "**Welcome**" is an introduction to this English course containing the basic concepts of English, as well as the most practical *classroom language* in order for the teachers to persuade their students to use English as the prevalent language in class.

The main body of **Prospect Plus** is made up of six 8-page units. Each unit is divided into four 2-page lessons **A, B, C** and **D**. In most cases the left-hand pages introduce a grammatical point or the vocabulary of a certain topic followed by some exercises – all based on CLT – to reinforce the learned material. The right-hand pages aim at giving the students the opportunity to fortify language skills and sub-skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Vocabulary, Grammar ...) via various types of exercise.

In "**Phonics**" the pronunciation of some problematic sounds is taught. The audio files and beautiful pictures make it easier for the students to improve their pronunciation.

We hope that **Prospect Plus** series can help our dear students learn an International language besides preserving their religious and national beliefs and viewpoints. We warmly appreciate our knowledgeable teachers' constructive comments and suggestions.

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