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## Preface

**General English** sets out to make students obtain major part of the information about their particular fields of study through reading in English. The book is designed in such a way that it enjoys the use of interesting reading passages. It tries to develop the readers repertoire of vocabulary to a significant extend. Also ,since grammar is believed to be a very important factor in reading comprehension ,attempts have been made to incorporate essential grammatical points into the textbook. Moreover, to strengthen the students learning of the grammatical points ,each chapter is provided with some grammar exercises

The writer of the present textbook hope that the text would come really handy for the readers and any other person that goes about using it.

As a final note ,the author would welcome any suggestions ,comments, or corrections on behalf of the instructors and readers and would try to consider them in later revisions of the book.

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# Lesson 1

## Vocabulary Explanations

**mosquito** [mə'ski:təʊ]

n. a small flying insect that bites people and animals, and sucks their blood

**shark** [ʃɑ:k]

n. a large fish that has sharp teeth and a triangular fin

**biter** ['baɪtə]

n. one who bites (as in a dog)

**transmit** [trænz'mɪt, -s-]

v. transfer, transport, send, convey

**saliva** [sə'laɪvə]

n. watery liquid in the mouth

**deadly** [dedli]

adv. fatal, causing death

**minor** ['maɪnə(r)]

adj. lesser in size, small; secondary

**itchy** ['ɪtʃi]

adj. need to scratch

**bump** [bʌmp]

n. a round, raised area on the body, swelling

**yellow fever**

untreatable tropical disease that is transmitted by mosquito stings

**dragonfly** [dræɡənflaɪ]

n. insect with long slender wings and a sticklike body

**poisons** [pɔɪzn]

n. a substance that can make people or animals ill or kill them if they eat it

**scary** ['skerɪ / 'skeəri]

adj. frightening, causing fear