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Introduction

This book consists of two chapters designed to improve and develop your listening and speaking ability. The first chapter gives you a general picture of speaking and listening skills, pronunciation, phonetic instruction as well as ten tips for language learning. The second chapter is a collection of 50 episodes of The Flatmates from the BBC's learning English website dealing with daily events in the lives of the same group of characters. You can follow the adventures of the main characters in different real life situations to improve your English listening comprehension. You have also been provided with English definitions for the most difficult words to help you learn more quickly.

The Flatmates is a conversational listening and speaking series for learners of English at the intermediate and advanced levels. Audio support materials provide students with the tools needed to improve their real-life English conversation skills. Its step-by-step approach allows learners to develop both speaking and listening skills by focusing on common communication situations. If you feel unprepared for everyday life in an English-speaking world, then The Flatmates could be just what you need. It is specially designed for adults and young adults wanting to communicate confidently in English. Organised around a variety of themes, the series builds confidence through conversations based on everyday situations.

The key focus in this book is listening. The importance of listening in leaning an EFL language can never be overstated. Listening always

comes first. The more English you listen to, the better you prepare your brain for making fast progress. In language learning, quality and quantity make the difference. I hope you find this book enjoyable and useful. If you have any comments or suggestions, why not write to me at: mrg872@yahoo.com

Happy listening and feel proud of your achievement!

