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## PREFACE

THIS book is designed for the lowest grades in which a textbook of English is used. While in the majority of schools such a book is first introduced in the third grade, in some schools it may be considered advisable to use it somewhat earlier or later.

The twofold aspect of language teaching in the lower grades is recognized in the book by furnishing situations that will stimulate children to use their mother tongue in a free and natural manner, and by providing such drill in correct usage as will lay the foundations for good language habits.

The quality and variety of the material presented is unusual. It includes real and fanciful explanations of natural phenomena, historical stories, legends and myths, dramatizations, narrative poems, and descriptive and lyrical verses — all adapted to the interests of young children. The method of presentation is informal and natural. The socialized recitation is emphasized in a variety of forms.

Adequate and appropriate drill is provided in correct usage of pronouns and verbs, pronunciation, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

A unique feature consists in the arrangement of the seasonal material in a part by itself, as a supplement to the regular work in Part One. This enables the teacher to select the material opportune for classes entering either in September or in February and to gain the advantage of the special interest and enthusiasm that holiday pleasures bring to normal children.



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