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PREFACE

THIS book has been prepared for the use of Filipino students in the intermediate schools for the study and practice of the general principles of English Grammar and Composition.

To the Filipino student, English is a foreign language. English Grammar must, therefore, be taught to him as a foreign language, as well as with a full recognition in details of his own special difficulties in learning that language. This book has been carefully planned and worked out to meet these requirements, and at the same time to fit into its proper place in the established educational system.

The method is generally inductive, but often deductive. There is a minimum amount of exposition and work for the teacher, with a maximum amount of illustration and work for the pupil. The emphasis is upon *use*. Only one thing at a time is presented, and this is clearly and simply stated, well illustrated, and thoroughly and variously applied. The logical as well as the psychological order is followed in general and in detail. Topics which present most difficulty receive special treatment according to their importance.

This book presents a study of the parts of speech, their relations and uses in the sentence, their general inflections, and the elements of the sentence. Sentence structure and analysis are taught gradually in relation to the parts of speech and their uses in the sentence.

Each important topic in Grammar is followed by exercises in Composition, in application of the more important topics or of those more difficult for the Filipino student. Letter writing and the general elements of the various forms of composition are also developed with models, conversation, and outlines.

The author has had the assistance of a number of American teachers and Filipino teachers and students, and is especially indebted to Miss Charlotte Neale of the Manila High School for outlines and many suggestions.

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ELEMENTARY ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION

STATEMENTS

1. *Copy the following groups of words:—*

1. The earth is round.
2. The sun is much larger than the earth.
3. The earth is larger than the moon.
4. The sun gives light and heat to the earth.
5. The moon reflects the light of the sun.

Each of these groups of words tells or states something, and is called a Statement.

With what kind of letter does each statement begin? What mark is placed at the end of each statement?

The first word of a statement should begin with a capital letter.

A period should be placed at the end of a statement.

2. *Write statements about these things:—*

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A heron | 5. My father |
| 2. My pencil | 6. My home |
| 3. Frogs | 7. Mangoes |
| 4. The bamboo | 8. The cocoanut |

3. *Write statements, telling—*

1. What you have done in school to-day.
2. How to make a kite.

QUESTIONS

4. *Copy the following questions:—*

1. How many wings has a butterfly?
2. Is the butterfly an insect?
3. Have you ever seen a caterpillar?
4. Do caterpillars change into butterflies?
5. What do butterflies eat?

With what kind of letter does each question begin?
What mark is placed at the end of each question?

The first word of a question should begin with a capital letter.

A question mark should be placed at the end of a question.

5. *Write questions about these things:—*

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The white ant | 5. Salt |
| 2. The Negritos | 6. The volcano Mayón |
| 3. Sugar cane | 7. Cebú |
| 4. Tobacco | 8. The praying mantis |

6. *Write statements in answer to these questions:—*

1. Which island is the largest in the Philippines?
2. On what island is the city of Iloilo?
3. On what island do you live?
4. What is the largest city on this island?
5. What city is the capital of the Philippines?
6. In what province do you live?

COMMANDS AND REQUESTS

7. *Copy these commands and requests:—*

1. Please show me your new pencil.
2. Please let me read from your book.