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Preface

The Grammar Tree 1–8 is a series developed to address the need for a graded, rule-based grammar course with extensive explanations and exercises. The series is based on the actual classroom experience of the authors and their interaction with teachers of the subject. For more than sixteen years, the series has received widespread acceptance among teachers and learners alike, and has seen three revisions based on their feedback. The third edition was published as *The New Grammar Tree*.

Each book of the series is now accompanied by Oxford Areal to meet the needs of today's young learners.

Special Features of this Edition

- The series has been revised in the light of the current ICSE and CBSE syllabi and this has necessitated the introduction of some new topics.
- Exercises have been extensively revised and new comprehension passages have been added at all levels.
- An attempt has been made to arrange the chapters, as far as possible, in such a manner that similar or inter-related topics follow one another.
- The units have been broken down into smaller and more manageable ones.
- Explanations are followed by examples and exercises to ensure that fundamental concepts are understood and assimilated before a new or related topic is introduced.
- Care has been taken to draw the attention of learners to exceptions to rules, correct usage, and common errors.

Series Design

Books

Grammar: The books adopt a step-by-step and age-appropriate approach to the understanding and learning of English grammar. Each grammatical concept is introduced and explained in a conversational tone, and reinforced with ample examples. The exercises and cross-references will help learners to assimilate and remember what is learnt at each stage.

Comprehension: The passages selected for comprehension will not only help to develop the reading skills of learners, but also familiarize them with grammar in actual use. The exercises that follow each passage are meant to develop the ability of inference, teach usage through vocabulary exercises and to help the learners remember the fundamental rules of grammar already discussed. The exercises aim at developing the writing skills of the learners through independent composition linked to the themes of the comprehension passages.

Writing: The separate units on writing are carefully structured: young learners are helped to move gradually from a given model to planning, organizing, drafting, editing and finalizing a piece of independent composition in different formats, like paragraphs, letters, dialogues, diary entries, essays, autobiographies and stories.

Teacher's Resource Book

A Teacher's Resource Book for each level is also available. Besides providing a bird's-eye view of how the same topic is graded across levels 1 to 8, it also includes teaching tips, an answer key to all the exercises in the books, and additional worksheets with answers. Also included are suggestions as to how the book and Oxford Areal resources can be put to the best use.

Oxford Areal

Oxford Areal for *The New Grammar Tree* is a user-friendly resource. It provides additional exercises for extensive practice, which could be used independently by learners or utilized in the classroom by the teacher. Importantly, the digital content is designed to make the learning of grammar interesting for the student. Grammar topics are approached in a variety of ways at each level.

These include:

- videos to further explain specific topics
- interactivities for each grammar and vocabulary chapter to provide additional practice

It is sincerely hoped that this new revised edition of the series will be found useful both by teachers and learners in the years to come. We would like to thank the users of *The Grammar Tree* whose valuable feedback has guided us in revising the series. As always, suggestions for improvement will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

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