

ESL 244 Intermediate (Revised Winter 11)

MULTI-SKILL FOCUS	COMMENTS
<p>Title: Focus on Grammar 3 w/ CD Student Book Author: Fuchs, Marjorie, Margaret Bonner and Miriam Westheimer ISBN-13: 978-0131899858 Title: Focus on Grammar 3 Workbook ISBN-13: 978-0131899902 Publisher: Pearson Longman</p>	<p>Each unit begins with a reading using the target structure in context. The grammar presentations are clear and concise with wonderfully succinct charts and grammar notes. The practice sections offer a variety of exercises, including sentence writing and editing sections. There are also listening exercises followed by communicative activities. Each unit contains a Review or Self Test as well as a "From Grammar to Writing Section." The text also includes a wealth of supporting information in an invaluable Appendices section. Additionally, there is a lab component in ATC 103 that can be used.</p> <p>This text covers all the grammar we need to teach at the 244 level and the green grammar explanation charts are good. There is also not an overabundant amount of exercises.</p> <p>The accompanying workbook (can be either required or recommended) contains additional exercises with an answer key, which makes it a valuable support and self-study text.</p> <p>Maria Marin, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Marcy Betlach and Kathy Flores use and recommend this text.</p>
<p>Title: Grammar in Context 2 Author: Elbaum, Sandra ISBN-13: 978-1424079018 Title: Grammar in Context 2 CDs ISBN-13: 978-1424079032 Title: Grammar in Context 2 Teachers Edition - Intermediate, 3rd Ed. ISBN-13: 978-1424079056 Publisher: Heinle ELT</p>	<p>Dina Poggi has been using Grammar in Context for many years. She likes the grammar-in-context passages along with the audiocassette for each chapter. The exercises are many and varied so you can pick and choose. The explanation sections are helpful. The layout is clear. There are end of chapter review tests and expansion activities. The students really work through this book with satisfaction.</p>

<p>Title: Interactions 2 Reading Author: Hartmann, Pamela and Elaine Kirn ISBN-13: 9780077403348 Writing Author: Pavlik, Cheryl and Margaret Segal ISBN-13: 9780073533865 Grammar Author: Werner, Patricia and John P Nelson ISBN-13: 9780073258607 Listening/Speaking Author: Tanka, Judith and Lida Baker ISBN-13: 9780077201579 Publisher: McGraw-Hill</p>	<p>The books are accompanied by excellent instructor manuals and tapes. The students seem to enjoy the exercises and the easy to follow instructions. Alejandro Molino Torres recommends this series.</p> <p>Additionally, when making this list, most of the texts come paired with e-course materials, which students appear to be able to do at their own pace and which teachers can monitor. I haven't used them before, but from the site this seems to be another advantage of the series. –Michelle M</p>
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GRAMMAR/WRITING	COMMENT
<p>Title: Write Ideas: A Beginning Writing Text Author: Shoemaker, Connie and Susan Polycarpou ISBN-13: 9780838439876 Publisher: Heinle ELT</p>	
<p>Title: Fundamentals of English Grammar w/ Online Workbook Author: Azar, Betty ISBN-13: 9780132465366 Publisher: Pearson Longman</p>	<p>Comes with answer key in the student book. Also available without the online workbook (9780130494474) and answer key (9780132353359). The best deal is the one listed on the left.</p>

LISTENING/SPEAKING	COMMENTS
<p>Title: Connect with English Episodes 25-36 Author: Sokolik, Maggie, Linda Butler, Michael Berman, Pamela McPartland-Fairman ISBN-13: 9780072927603 Title: Connect with English Episodes 37-48 Author: Sokolik, Maggie, Linda Butler, Michael Berman, Pamela McPartland-Fairman ISBN-13: 9780072927627 Publisher: McGraw-Hill</p>	<p>Videos are available online at: http://www.learner.org/resources/series71.html?pop=yes&pid=942 Make sure your students know which episode to watch. The comprehension books are not recommended. Most just use the video.</p>
<p>Title: English Interactive Level 3</p>	<p>Available online for a fee. Software available in ATC 103. A</p>

Publisher: Pearson Longman	supplemental activity book is in the ESL Department Library in the LA Conference room.
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READING/NOVELS	COMMENTS
Title: Rethinking America 1: A Intermediate Cultural Reader Author: Sokolik, M.E. ISBN-13: 9780838447505 Publisher: Heinle ELT	Mary Ellen says the readings are challenging, but allow for interesting discussions. Exercises focus on critical thinking and analysis. A CNN video is available, providing opportunities for exploring themes beyond the text. Does require additional supplemental activities to be built in for vocabulary practice.
Title: Issues for Today – 3 rd Ed. Author: Smith, Lorraine C., Nancy Nici Mare (a.k.a. Reading for Today 3) ISBN-13: 9781111033576 Publisher: Heinle ELT	
Title: Breaking Through Author: Jimenez, Francisco ISBN-13: 9780618342488 Publisher: Sandpiper	Jimenez (now a professor at Santa Clara University) tells his story of how he struggled as a teenager to get an education while also helping his poor immigrant family earn enough money to survive. Jimenez is likable and driven. You can't help but cheer for him.
Title: Reading Explorer 3 Author: Douglas, Nancy ISBN-13: 9781424029389 Publisher: Heinle ELT	
Title: Easy English Times Where to get it: www.easyenglishtimes.com	Online newspaper geared towards ESL students based out of Napa.
Title: What Every ESL Student Should Know Author: Flores, Kathy ISBN-13: 978-0472032860 Publisher: University of Michigan Press/ESL	It's Kathy's book (need we say more). But in all honesty, this book is a book that every ESL student should read. It's wonderfully accessible for the 244 level, and since 244 is the first level for many of our students, it sets them up to be successful in college.