

# Inside Spotlight

*Communication Spotlight: Speaking Strategies & Listening Skills, Pre-Intermediate* is the second book in a three-book series. This series is designed to focus student attention on the *skills* of listening and the *strategies* and *skills* of speaking. Each unit in this book has sub-sections which draw student attention to and facilitate important aspects of language use: *Spotlight on Listening*, *Spotlight on Memory*, *Spotlight on Speaking* and *Spotlight on Vocabulary*. Helping students notice important elements of language will help them improve their abilities to communicate in English beyond the classroom.

## **Spotlight on Listening**

This section draws student attention to how English is actually spoken. It is designed to help students move from classroom English to English in the real world. This section looks at features of natural pronunciation and through the sequences of activities promotes useful listening strategies.

## **Spotlight on Memory**

This section helps students stretch their short term memory abilities. Research has shown a connection between short term memory, language processing and second language acquisition. In this section, students will listen to and remember a short dialogue, which they then reproduce in pairs.

## **Spotlight on Speaking**

This section draws student attention to the use of speaking strategies, strategies which help students compensate for and overcome the communicative obstacles that all second language speakers face. Good second language communicators use such strategies effectively. This section aims to help all students be aware of these strategies.

## **Spotlight on Vocabulary**

This section helps students review new words and expressions and also teaches aspects of word use to help students deepen their knowledge of words. In addition, it points students to the vocabulary notebook that comes with the book.

## **Organization**

*Communication Spotlight: Pre-Intermediate* has 18 units. In addition, there are four units for classroom review and a vocabulary notebook for students to record vocabulary items for self-study and review. The book also has an audio CD. This CD has the recordings for use in class. It also has recordings for the *At Home* section at the end of each unit.

## **At Home**

Learning a second language is not difficult but it does take time. Most students find that their English improves much more quickly if they use the language outside of class. For this reason we've included an *At Home* section for each unit. It is strongly recommended that students do this between lessons. Students should also use their vocabulary notebooks outside of class.

## **In Short...**

*Communication Spotlight* is designed to draw student attention to important aspects of English while practicing and using the language. It is designed to give students the means to control their communication.