

PREFACE

Pattern English Basic 1 is a speaking skill book designed for Level 1 students. The goal of this book is to help students enhance their speaking and conversational skills. With the use of patterns in speaking, students will be able to express themselves in a more natural and spontaneous manner. Although its design is primarily basic, it covers conversations that are encountered daily, so that they can be applied in various situations.

The vocabulary and dialogs used in this textbook are taken from *Basic Tactics for Listening* for Level 1 students. *Basic Tactics for Listening* follows a thematic approach to teaching various words and expressions. Following the same approach to teaching patterns will enable students to proceed smoothly from basic patterns to more complex ones. Repetition of the same vocabulary and expressions from their listening class will lead to a longer retention, and will enable students to further hone their communication skills.

In this book, the teacher gives the corpus of the expressions. The corpus shows the grammatical patterns that the vocabulary forms. This is very helpful in determining what part of speech usually follows a particular expression. The usage of the patterns will be provided by the teacher during the discussion. Also, there are four (4) example sentences that follow a specific pattern, and a dialog that shows how the pattern is used which has been extracted from the students' listening class.

Pattern 1: **Can I borrow...** ? + *noun/pronoun*

Usage:

Examples:

1. Can I borrow your dictionary?
2. Can I borrow your tennis racket?
3. Can I borrow your golf clubs?
4. Can I borrow your baseball cap?

Dialog:

- A: **Can I borrow** your eraser?
- B: Sure. Here it is.
- A: And a red pen if you don't mind?
- B: I'm sorry, I only have blue and black pens.



Construct your own sentences:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Pattern 2: Can you lend me... ? + noun/pronoun

Usage:

Examples:

1. Can you lend me the TV program guide?
2. Can you lend me your magazines?
3. Can you lend me your car?
4. Can you lend me today's newspaper?

Dialog:

A: **Can you lend me** \$50.00?

B: Sorry, I'm broke.

Construct your own sentences:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____