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SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT 1 PSYCHOLOGY

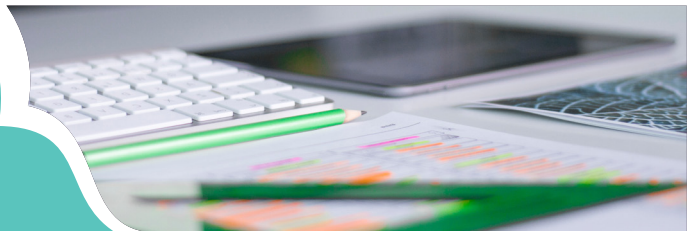
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READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dreams • Coping with Stress • Islamic psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use a dictionary effectively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predicting

UNIT 2 EDUCATION

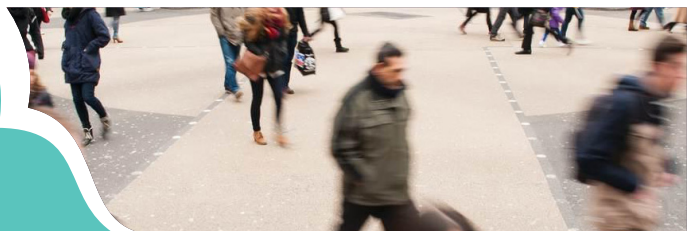
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READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Schooling Systems • Good Language Learners • Islamic Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affixes (Prefixes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making inferences

UNIT 3 SOCIOLOGY

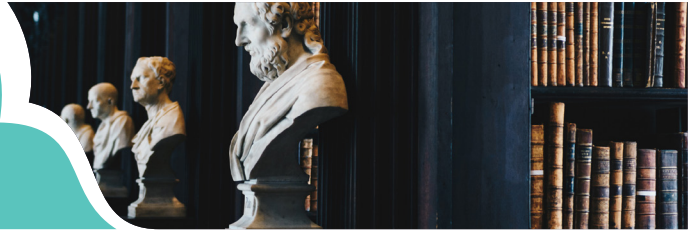
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READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Class • Racism • Islamic and Social Values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerical Prefixes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skimming

UNIT 4 HISTORY

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READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oldest Ancient Civilisations • Great Women in History • Islam, Christianity and Judaism: A Historical Perspective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation Clues (part 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequence of events

UNIT 5 POLITICS

Pages 81-102



READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Nations • Passport • Islam as a Political system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation Clues (part 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scanning

UNIT 6 LAW

Pages 103-122



READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights • Consumer Rights • HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE VIEW OF IMAM SAJJAD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying the main idea of each paragraph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying the main idea of each paragraph

UNIT 7 ECONOMICS

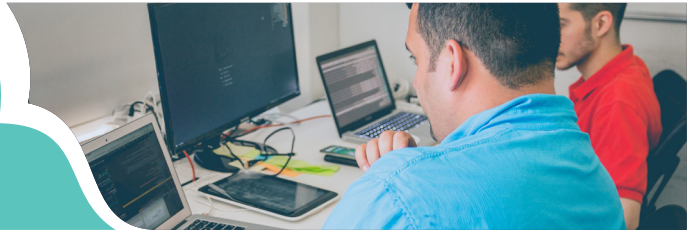
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READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Economic Concepts • Guidelines for Better Money Management • Islamic Economy versus Capitalist and Socialist Economies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context Clues (part 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guessing meaning from context

UNIT 8 MANAGEMENT

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READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Science or Art? • Time Management • Decision-Making on the Basis of Islamic Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signal Words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying pronoun reference

UNIT 9 RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Role of Religion in everyday Life • Some Scientific Miracles in the Holy Quran • Seven Dimensional Model of Religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Latin Roots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying facts and opinions

UNIT 10

**PHILOSOPHY
AND THEOLOGY**

Pages 187-206



READING	VOCABULARY SKILL	READING SKILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major Schools of Philosophy• Logical Fallacy• Islamic Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some of the Most Common English Idioms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying cause and effect

TO THE LECTURERS

In **Glocal English** (*Developing Effective English Reading Comprehension Skills*), authentic and interesting reading passages serve as foundations for developing reading skills, vocabulary building and thought-provoking discussions and writings.

The readings all include texts which were all written by a group of TEFL experts including native and non-native speakers of English.

General Approach to Reading Instruction

The following principles have guided the development of Glocal English.

- **Selecting high interest topics is one of the main challenges of many teachers.** Care has been taken to choose topics of high interest to both male and female students, and provide a wealth of opportunities for personalisation and discussion, and promoting the development of not only linguistic but also communicative skills.
- **Exposing students to a variety of general and Islamic text types and genres helps them develop more effective reading skills.** Students learn to handle the richness and depth of different texts, especially Islamic ones they may encounter in different contexts while reading a variety of text types or genres.
- **Readers become engaged with reading selections when they are requested to respond personally both in pair and group works to requested items.** While comprehension questions help students to see if they have comprehended the information in reading, discussion questions ask students to consider the issues raised by passages throughout the units of this book.
- **Good Readers are good writers.** Reading a variety of genres helps students develop writing skills, while writing experience helps students become better readers. This book is one of the four-volume series which moves from EGP (English for General Purposes) towards ESP (English for Specific Purposes) and helps readers to fulfil their needs in reading comprehension and writing.
- **Readers improve their reading through reading and vocabulary-building skills and strategies when skills are closely tied to the content and language of reading passages of the book.** This book introduces students to different reading and vocabulary-building skills and strategies such as word formation, understanding prefixes and suffixes, skimming, scanning and previewing. These skills were chosen by a group of experts to make sure that they are the most applicable and appropriate ones for learners of English.
- **Background Knowledge plays a pivotal role in reading comprehension.** An important goal of this book is to illustrate how thinking and activating background knowledge about a topic can prepare learners to better understand a reading text and interact with it.

Chapter Overview

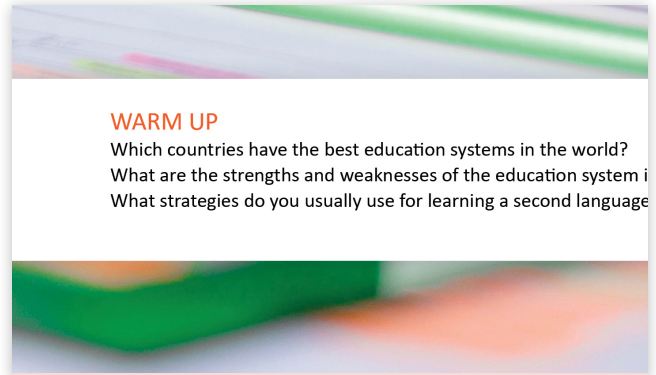
Each chapter in **Glocal English** includes the sections described below.

1. Warm Up

The Warm Up provides students with questions to think in advance about a topic in order to better interact with reading text.

Teaching Suggestions:

- By raising some questions, have students think in advance about the topic in order to prepare them for the questions.
- Students can work in pairs or groups to answer the questions and then report their answers to the class.

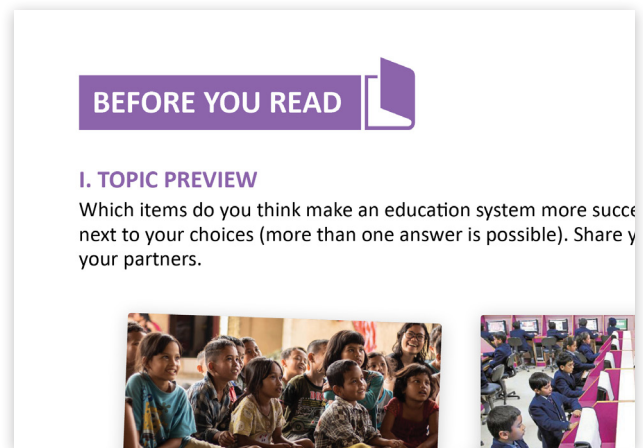


2. Before You Read

The activity in this section introduces important vocabulary items related to the topic of each unit. Where appropriate, visuals are used to illustrate these important words.

Teaching Suggestions:

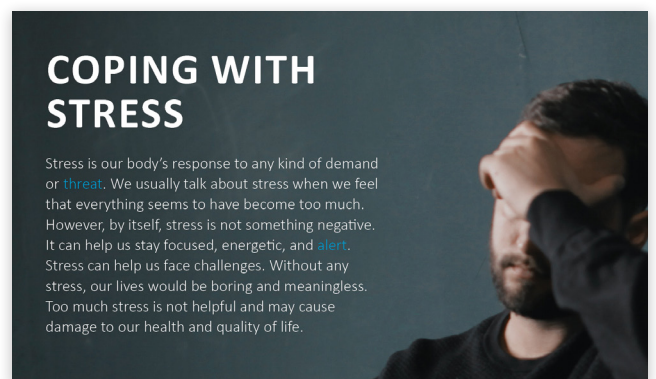
- Have students describe what they see in photos.



3. Reading passage

In general, each unit includes two reading passages along with reading comprehension questions and one Islamic reading passage at the end of each unit as a self-study reading for students. To help students successfully tackle each passage, the following support tools are provided:

Vocabulary glosses: Challenging words and expressions are glossed throughout the



readings. This approach helps students develop a better understanding of how important context is to understanding the meaning of new words. These words appear in blue colour.

Recorded reading passages: Listening to someone reading a text aloud helps language learners see how words are grouped in meaningful chunks, thus aiding comprehension.

Teaching Suggestions:

- Encourage students to read actively. Circling words, writing questions in the margins, and taking notes are three ways in which students can make reading a more active and meaningful experience.
- Play the recorded version of the reading passage and ask students to listen to how the reader groups words together. As they listen to the recordings, students can lightly underline or circle the groups of words.

4. After You Read

Following each reading passage, there are some activities that give students the chance to (a) explore the reading passage in more detail, (b) interact with the text several times, (c) check their understandings of the text, (d) discuss the issues raised in the reading, and (e) use the introduced vocabularies in a new context.

AFTER YOU READ

I. Reading Comprehension

A. Read the text and choose the correct answers for the following questions.

1. According to the passage, which question is difficult to answer?

a. How long do ordinary people's dreams last? c. Which dreams are more memorable?
 b. Do blind people dream like other people? d. What do our dreams really mean?

2. Which people were the first ones who tried to understand what dreams really mean?

a. Ancient Egyptians b. Babylonians c. Mesopotamians

Teaching Suggestions:

- Have students refer back to the reading passages. Encourage them to use their notes to retell important information from the reading. Together, students can discuss any differences in their answers.
- Encourage students to show where in the reading passage they found the information to support their answer. Doing this gives students the opportunity to discuss the text in greater detail and to clarify any comprehension issues.
- Have students work in pairs or small groups to discuss questions and share their answers with the rest of the class.

5. Vocabulary Skill

The vocabulary skills and strategies provide a resource for students who are ready to explore

II. VOCABULARY PREVIEW

A. Read the word list. Put a check next to words that you are not familiar with in a notebook.

auditory (adj) /'ɔ:dit(ə)ri/ cor
 differentiate (v) /,dɪfə'renʃieɪt/ thi
 famine (n) /'fɑ:mɪn/ float (v) /'fl
 healing (n) /'hi:lɪŋ/ indoor (adj
 interpret (v) /ɪn'tɜ:pɪt/ out

these skills and strategies in greater depth.

Teaching Suggestions:

- Teachers should draw students' attention to vocabulary skills and strategies in order to guide them through their way to improve and expand vocabulary knowledge.
- Teachers should make students become conscious of their vocabulary building strategies and ask them to share their experiences with each other.
- Teachers are recommended to make students aware of what they already know about the reading skill and then encourage them to guess how using this skill might help them become better readers.
- After students do an activity, ask them to reflect on how using the skill affected the way they read and improve their vocabulary.

6. Reading Skill

The vocabulary skills and strategies provide a resource for students who are ready to explore these skills and strategies in greater depth.

Teaching Suggestions:

- Ask students to read the passage of this part at home in order to broaden their reading comprehension.
- In the following session, students will be required to discuss the passage with their partners and in groups.

7. Beyond Reading

In this section, students have an opportunity to read an Islamic text related to the topic of each unit. This extensive reading with a religious attitude allows them to become more familiar with that topic in a religious context. Demanding words and expressions of this part are also listed in Glossary appearing at the end of the book.

Teaching Suggestions:

- Ask students to read the passage of this part at home in order to broaden their reading

BEFORE YOU READ

Reading Skill: Predicting

Predicting involves the ability of the reader to get making good predictions. Predicting is a way to con information from a text. Looking at the title, subhe help the reader to predict the topic and main point

BEYOND READING

ISLAMIC PSYCHOLOGY

At first look, 'Islamic psychology' seems to be a puzzling term. It suggests the idea of the possibility of a religious science. Scholars in the Islamic and Western cultures have discussed Islamic psychology for a long time.

It is important to note that until the late nineteenth century people did not think of psychology as a science. Like most other subjects in ancient times,

psychology was a part of philosophy, including theories about human nature. These theories lasted until the

According to certain Islamic scholars, the concept of the soul (nafs) was used to refer to the human mind and spirit, intellect and will. The term covered a wide range of human activities directly or indirectly related to the 'self'. Their studies in psychology, neuroscience and psychiatry. One of the most famous Islamic scholars in these fields was al-Razi. He

comprehension.

- In the following session, students will be required to discuss the passage with their partners and in groups.

8. Critical Thinking

At the end of each unit, students have an opportunity to talk about issues raised in the unit. This activity provides students with a chance to broaden their views on the topic of reading.

Teaching Suggestions:

- Encourage students to discuss questions in this part with a partner or in a group. This allows them to apply what they have learned in the passages.

Islamic and modern psychology?



Critical Thinking
Discuss the following with your partner(s).

1. We always have dreams but what are they trying to tell us?
2. People have different ways to cope with their stress. How do you deal with your stress?

PHONEMIC SYMBOLS

CONSONANTS

1. /p/ as in pen /pen/
2. /b/ as in big /bɪg/
3. /t/ as in tea /ti:/
4. /d/ as in do /du:/
5. /k/ as in kat /kæt/
6. /g/ as in go UK /gəʊ/, US /goʊ/
7. /f/ as in four UK /fɔ:(r)/, US /fɔ:r/
8. /v/ as in very /'veri/
9. /s/ as in son /sʌn/
10. /z/ as in zoo /zu:/
11. /l/ as in live /lɪv/
12. /m/ as in my /maɪ/
13. /n/ as in near UK /nɪə(r)/, US /nɪr/
14. /h/ as in happy /'hæpi/
15. /r/ as in red /red/
16. /j/ as in yes /jes/
17. /w/ as in want UK /wɒnt/, US /wɑ:nt/
18. /θ/ as in thanks /θæŋks/
19. /ð/ as in the /ðə/
20. /ʃ/ as in she /ʃi:/
21. /ʒ/ as in television UK /'tel.ɪvɪʒən/
22. /tʃ/ as in child /tʃaɪld/
23. /dʒ/ as in German UK /'dʒɜ:.mən/, US /'dʒɜ:r.mən/
24. /ŋ/ as in English /'ɪŋ.glɪʃ/

VOWELS

25. /i:/ as in see /si:/
26. /ɪ/ as in his /hɪz/
27. /i/ as in twenty UK /'twen.ti/, US /'twen.tɪ/
28. /e/ as in ten /ten/
29. /æ/ as in stamp /stæmp/
30. /ɑ:/ as in father UK /'fɑ:.ðə(r)/, US /'fɑ:.ðər/
31. /ɒ/ as in hot UK /hɒt/, US /hɑ:t/

DIPHTHONGS

(two vowels together)

32. /eɪ/ as in name /neɪm/
33. /əʊ/ as in no UK /nəʊ/, US /noʊ/
34. /aɪ/ as in my /maɪ/
35. /aʊ/ as in how /haʊ/
36. /ɔɪ/ as in boy /bɔɪ/
37. /ɪə/ as in hear UK /hɪə(r)/, US /hɪr/
38. /eə/ as in where UK /weə(r)/, US /wer/
39. /tʊə/ as in tour UK /tʊə(r)/, US /tʊr/