

Introduction

Although *No-Glamour Language Elementary* isn't glamorous, it's far from dull! We've written each and every page knowing that students like to have fun (and so do their teachers!). *No-Glamour Language Elementary* gives students the opportunity to enjoy language while learning they can actually manipulate their environments with it. What sport!

For each of the 17 sections, you'll get 14-20 pages of activities. While most of these can be done independently, they are more entertaining and beneficial if you guide your students' work. By bringing your language expertise to these pages, you'll awaken your students' natural curiosity about the twists and turns of our unique language.

Students will learn that comparing, contrasting, using antonyms, and using synonyms are all precursors to understanding and making analogies. They'll relish discovering that words can have multiple meanings and that knowing synonyms makes paraphrasing easier and more interesting. However you approach using *No-Glamour Language Elementary*, the outcomes regarding your students' language improvement will be obvious in their academic performance.

Besides using the activities in direct instruction, try *No-Glamour Language Elementary* for:

- 10 minute take home assignments
- general classroom language improvement
- parent-student instruction (sent home with the student to improve student AND parent language skills)
- teaching English as a second language
- peer teaching
- student mentor teaching with a younger, language delayed student
- portfolio entries

Finally, we hope you find *No-Glamour Language Elementary* comprehensive. This *bunch o' book* was a great team effort so we could bring you enough language activities for years to come. Go ahead, use it like you would the Yellow Pages . . . over and over again until it's all worn out.

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