

## About the Author

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Catherine E. Keeney, M.A., CCC-SLP has been a speech-language pathologist for 13 years. She has worked in rehabilitation hospitals, long-term care facilities, and in public schools. For the past three years, she has worked with middle school and high school students in the Joplin, Missouri school district.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Missouri Southern State College with majors in elementary and special education. Her academic credentials also include a Master's Degree in Communication Disorders from Southwest Missouri State University. Language has always been an area of interest for Catherine, and she feels that the adventure

of raising three children—Michelle, Abbey, and Paul—provided a great deal of hands-on experience in the observation and nurturing of language development.

Catherine is an avid reader and lover of nature and animals. Her other interests include cooking, baking, gardening, listening to bluegrass music, and writing the occasional poem. *No Glamour Language: Middle School* is Catherine's first publication with LinguSystems.

### Dedication

To my husband Charlie, who has always been there for me.  
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