

BARRON'S

ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

**BARRON'S
GUARANTEE:**

This book will improve
your grades in 30 days
or you can return it
to Barron's for
a full refund.

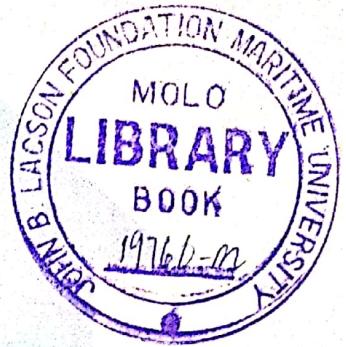
**Your Key to
Learning**
by Christina Laddie, M.A.

If you want to learn
English...
If you want
to learn it
The Easy Way

If you want to raise
your grades...
Read this book!
It was written for you.

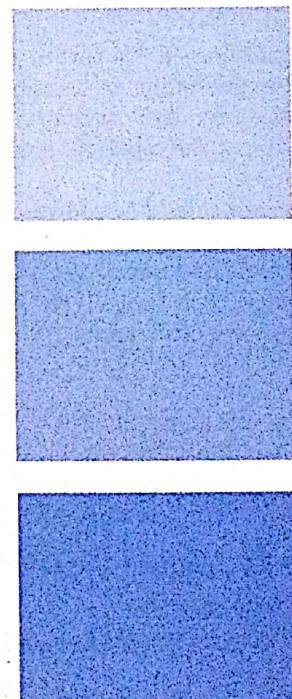
428-24
1189
2008
6-1

BARRON'S



ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

THE EASY WAY



Christina Lacie, M.A.



© Copyright 2008 by Barron's Educational Series, Inc.

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form, by photostat, microfilm, xerography, or any other means, or incorporated into any information retrieval system, electronic or mechanical, without the written permission of the copyright owner.

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Barron's Educational Series, Inc.

250 Wireless Boulevard

Hauppauge, New York 11788

www.barronseduc.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-7641-3736-5

ISBN-10: 0-7641-3736-0

Library of Congress Control No. 2007025834

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Lacie, Christina.

Barron's English for foreign language speakers : the easy way / by Christina Lacie.

p. cm.—(Barron's Educational series) (The easy way)
Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN-13: 978-0-7641-3736-5 (alk. paper)

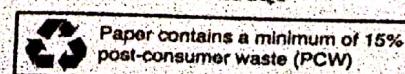
ISBN-10: 0-7641-3736-0 (alk. paper)

1. English language—Textbooks for foreign speakers. 2. English language—Examination—Study guide. 3. English language—Ability testing I. Title.
II. Title: English for foreign language speakers.

PE1128.L336 2008
428.2'4—dc22

PRINTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

2007025834



CONTENTS

Introduction	vii
1. English Pretest	1
2. Nouns	15
Vocabulary Development	15
Classes of Nouns	16
Number of Nouns	20
Gender of Nouns	22
Usage of Nouns	23
Gerunds	24
Chapter 2 Review Quizzes	26
Real-World Practice Activities	32
3. Pronouns	34
Vocabulary Development	34
Antecedents	36
Pronoun Types	37
Miscellaneous Pronouns	38
Forms of Personal Pronouns	45
Pronoun Cases	47
Personal Pronouns: Number, Person, and Case	49
Pronoun Genders	51
Chapter 3 Review Quizzes	52
Real-World Practice Activities	57
4. Verbs	60
Vocabulary Development	60
Action Verbs	60
Linking Verbs	61
Verb Numbers	63
Person of a Verb	64
Voice of a Verb	66
Tenses of a Verb	67
Verb Conjugation	69
Mood Forms of a Verb	72
Classes of Verbs	74
Irregular Verbs	76
The Verbal or Special Verb Forms	79
Chapter 4 Review Quizzes	81
Real-World Practice Activities	88
5. Subject + Predicate = Simple Sentences	91
Vocabulary Development	91
The Subject	92
The Predicate	94
Direct Object	97
Indirect Object	98
Simple Sentences	99
Chapter 5 Review Quizzes	100
Real-World Practice Activities	104
6. Subject-Verb Agreement	107
Vocabulary Development	107
Agreement in Number	108
Delayed Subjects	111
Pronoun Agreement	112
Chapter 6 Review Quizzes	114
Real-World Practice Activities	119
7. Adjectives	120
Vocabulary Development	120
Articles	121
Common and Proper Adjectives	122
Demonstrative Adjectives or Pronouns Used as Adjectives	123
Nouns Used as Adjectives	123
Forms of Adjectives	124
Chapter 7 Review Quizzes	126
Real-World Practice Activities	130
8. Adverbs	132
Vocabulary Development	132
The Position of the Adverb	132
Adverbs That Modify Verbs	133
Adverbs That Modify Adjectives	134
Adverbs That Modify Other Adverbs	135
Other Adverbs	136
Forms of Adverbs	137
Chapter 8 Review Quizzes	138
Real-World Practice Activities	141

9. Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections 143

Vocabulary Development 143
Prepositions 143
Conjunctions 145
Interjections 147
Chapter 9 Review Quizzes 148
Real-World Practice Activities 151

Exclamatory Sentences 196
Imperative Sentences 196
Interrogative Sentences 196
Chapter 13 Review Quizzes 198
Real-World Practice Activities 200

10. Phrases and Clauses 153

Vocabulary Development 153
Phrases 153
Clauses 159
Chapter 10 Review Quizzes 163
Real-World Practice Activities 167

14. Capitalization Rules 202

Vocabulary Development 202
Capitalization Rules 202
Chapter 14 Review Quizzes 207
Real-World Practice Activities 209

11. Sentence Structure and Classification 169

Vocabulary Development 169
Compound Sentences 170
Complex Sentences 171
Compound-Complex Sentences 172
Chapter 11 Review Quizzes 174
Real-World Practice Activities 177

15. Writing Paragraphs 211

Vocabulary Development 211
The Beginning: The Topic Sentence 212
The Middle: Support Sentences 213
The End: Concluding and Transitional
Sentences 215
Chapter 15 Review Quizzes 220
Real-World Practice Activities 222

16. Pronunciation Review 224

Vocabulary Development 224
Vowels 225
Consonants 229
Chapter 16 Review Quizzes 235
Real-World Practice Activities 240

17. Prefixes, Suffixes, and Spelling Improvement 242

Vocabulary Development 242
Prefixes 243
Suffixes 244
Spelling Improvement 245
Chapter 17 Review Quizzes 251
Real-World Practice Activities 254

18. Word Roots and Vocabulary Improvement 256

Vocabulary Development 256
Word Roots 256
Vocabulary Improvement 259
Chapter 18 Review Quizzes 262
Real-World Practice Activities 265

13. Sentence Purpose 195

Vocabulary Development 195
Declarative Sentences 195

19. Homonyms, Synonyms, Antonyms, and Confusing Words 267

- Vocabulary Development 267
- Homonyms 268
- Synonyms 278
- Antonyms 279
- Confusing Words 280
- Chapter 19 Review Quizzes 282
- Real-World Practice Activities 285

20. Idioms 287

- Vocabulary Development 287
- Alphabetical List of Idioms 288
- Chapter 20 Review Quizzes 303
- Real-World Practice Activities 306

21. Allusions 307

- Vocabulary Development 307
- Literary Allusions 307
- Mythological and Folkloric Allusions 310
- Biblical Allusions 314
- Chapter 21 Review Quizzes 318
- Real-World Practice Activities 320

22. Study Skills, Reading and Writing Improvement 322

- Vocabulary Development 322
- Study Skills 323
- Reading Skills 325
- Writing Skills 329
- Chapter 22 Review Quizzes 332
- Real-World Practice Activities 334

23. Academic Writing 335

- Vocabulary Development 335
- Formal Letters 335
- Addressing an Envelope 338
- Journalistic Writing 338
- Autobiographical/Personal Essays 342
- Comparison/Contrast Essays 343
- Problem/Solution Essays 345
- Narrative Essays 346
- Descriptive Essays 346
- Expository Essays 348
- Persuasive Essays 349
- Chapter 23 Review Quizzes 351
- Real-World Practice Activities 356

24. Basics of Writing a Research Paper 358

- Vocabulary Development 358
- General Format and Style 358
- The Twelve-Step Research Paper 359
- Chapter 24 Review Quizzes 365
- Real-World Practice Activities 367

25. Comprehensive Vocabulary Review Exercises 369**26. Comprehensive English Exam 383****Appendix 396****Index 457**

INDEX

A

academic writing
addressing envelope, 338
autobiographical/personal essay, 342–343
comparison/contrast essay, 343–345
descriptive essay, 346–347
expository essay, 348–349
formal/business letter, 395–397
journalistic writing, 338–341
narrative essay, 346
persuasive essay, 349–350
problem/solution essay, 345–346

active voice, 66

adjective

clause, 161
common, 122
comparative form, 125
defined, 120
definite article, 121
demonstrative, 123
indefinite article, 121
phrase, 156
positive form, 124
proper, 122, 203
superlative form, 125

adverb

as adjective modifier, 134
as adverb modifier, 136
as verb modifier, 133–134
clause, 161
comparative form, 137
defined, 132
phrase, 156–157
positive form, 137
sentence position, 132
superlative form, 137

allusion

biblical, 314–317
defined, 307
literary, 307–310
mythology/folklore, 310–313
antecedent, 36

antonym, 279

apostrophe, 184
appositive phrase, 154
article, 121

B

bibliography, 360–361, 364

C

capitalization, 202–205

clause

adjective, 161
adverb, 161
defined, 163, 159
dependent/subordinate, 160
independent, 160, 181, 182
noun, 161

colon, 183

comma, 181–182

conjunction

coordinate, 145, 181
correlative, 146
defined, 145
subordinate, 146

consonant

blend, 232–233
digraph, 234
pronunciation of *qu* combination, 231
silent, 230–231
sound, 229–230

contraction

D

dash, 188
definite article, 121
diacritical marks, 224
diagonal/forward slash, 188
digraph, 226, 234
diphthong, 227
direct object, 28, 97

E

ellipsis, 180
essay. *See academic writing*

exclamation point, 181

F

first person, 46, 50, 64–65
footnotes/endnotes, 364

G

gerund, 24, 79, 158

H

homonym, 268–277
hyphen, 187–188

I

idiom, 287–302
imperative mood, 72–73
indefinite article, 121
indicative mood, 72
indirect object, 98
infinitive, 79, 158
interjection, 147
italics, 189

N

nominative case, 23, 47, 50
noun
 abstract, 16
 case, 23
 clause, 161
 collective, 17, 109
 common, 18
 compound, 21
 concrete, 16
 defined, 15
 gender, 22
 irregular, 249
 object, 23
 phrase, 154
 plural spelling, 248–249
 possessive, 23
 predicate, 23
 proper, 19, 203
 singular vs. plural, 20
 subject, 23
 used as adjective, 123

O

object, 23, 97–98
objective case, 23, 49, 50
outline, 362–363

P

paragraph, 211–218, 330
parentheses/brackets, 186
participle, 79, 158
passive voice, 66
period, 179–180
phrase

adjective, 156

adverb, 156–157

appositive, 154

defined, 153

gerund, 158

infinitive, 158

noun, 154

participial, 158

preposition, 155–156

verb, 155

verbal, 158

possessive case, 23, 48, 50

predicate

 complete, 95

 compound, 96

 defined, 91, 94

 direct object, 97

 indirect object, 98

 nominative, 23

 simple, 95

prefix, 242–243

preposition

 compound, 144

 defined, 143

 phrase, 144, 155–156

 simple, 144

pronoun

 antecedent, 36

 compound, 37

 defined, 34

 demonstrative, 43

 gender, 51

 indefinite, 42, 113

 interrogative, 43

 master list, 35

 nominative case, 47, 50

 objective case, 49, 50

 person, 46, 50

 personal, 38, 49–50

 phrasal, 37

 possessive case, 48, 50

 reflexive, 38

 relative, 39

 simple, 37

 singular vs. plural, 45, 50, 112–113

subject-verb agreement, 112–113

used as adjective, 123

which vs. that, 41

who vs. whom, 39–40

punctuation

 apostrophe, 184

 colon, 183

 comma, 181–182

 dash, 188

diagonal/forward slash, 188
 ellipsis, 180
 exclamation point, 181
 hyphen, 187–188
 italics, 189
 parentheses/brackets, 186
 period, 179–180
 question mark, 180
 quotation mark, 185
 semicolon, 182
 underlining, 189

Q

question mark, 180
 quotation mark, 185

R

reading skills, 325–328
 relative clause, 41
 research paper, 358–365
 root words, 256–257

S

second person, 46, 50, 64–65
 semicolon, 182
 sentence
 complex, 171
 compound, 170
 compound-complex, 172
 concluding, 215–216
 declarative, 195–196
 exclamatory, 196
 imperative, 196
 interrogative, 196
 simple, 99, 169
 support, 213–214
 topic, 212, 330–331
 transitional, 216–218

spelling

 common misspellings, 250
 numbers, 250
 plural noun forms, 248–249
 rules, 246–248
 suggestions, 245
 study skills, 323–324

subject

 complete, 93
 compound, 93, 110
 defined, 91–92
 delayed, 111
 simple, 92

subject-verb agreement

 collective noun, 109
 compound subject, 110
 defined, 107

delayed subject, 111
 pronoun, 112–113
 singular vs. plural, 108–109, 112–113
 subjunctive mood, 72
 suffix, 244
 synonym, 278

T

tense

 future, 68, 69
 future perfect, 68, 69
 past, 67, 69
 past perfect, 68, 69
 present, 67, 69
 present perfect, 68, 69

thesis statement, 330–331, 361
 third person, 46, 50, 64–65
 transitional expressions, 217

U

underlining, 189

V

verb
 action, 60, 75
 active voice, 66
 conjugation, 67–68
 defined, 60
 helping/auxiliary, 74–75
 imperative mood, 72–73
 indicative mood, 72
 intransitive, 75
 irregular, 76–77
 linking, 61–62
 passive voice, 66
 person, 64–65
 phrase, 155
 singular vs. plural, 63–64, 69, 109
 subjunctive mood, 73
 tense, 67–69
 transitive, 75

See also subject-verb agreement
See also tense

verbal, 79, 158

vocabulary improvement, 259–260, 327–328

vowel

 digraph, 226
 diphthong, 227
 letter y, 229
 long sound, 225
 r-controlled, 227–228
 short sound, 225

W

writing skills, 329–331

See also academic writing