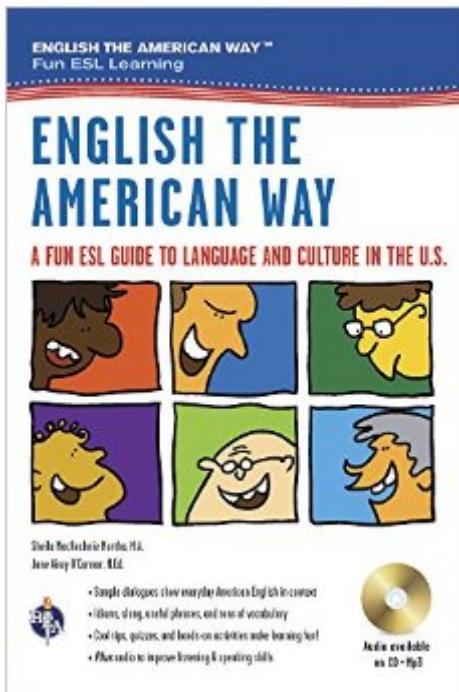


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# English The American Way: A Fun ESL Guide To Language & Culture In The U.S. W/Audio CD & MP3 (English As A Second Language Series)



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This book is great for our students. Although they get grammar and vocabulary practice in class, the dialogues are very good at putting the language of everyday life into the American cultural context, colloquial speech included. They get better exposure to English as they will actually hear it. The CD lets them listen to the dialogues at home to practice their listening skills. Although we've just started using the book, I'm pleased with how it's going. I'm looking forward to progressing through it in the coming months. I view this book as more of a supplemental resource for our students since it assumes a working knowledge of basic English. That working knowledge is what our classes are developing. It would not be appropriate for true beginners. After three semesters of our once-a-week class, I find our students are ready to start with the book, albeit moving slowly at first. If you are working with English learners at an intermediate level, I would recommend you take a look at this book. Whether or not you use it as your primary resource, I think you'll find it's useful. Overall, it's a good value considering it includes the CD with the book.

English the American Way is exactly what the subtitle promises: a FUN ESL guide to Language and Culture in the U.S. The authors clearly enjoy their subject matter, and their classes must be excellent as well. The dialogues are witty and in real-life language, designed to smooth out bumpy areas in daily discourse. I work at a parish church that is 50/50 English/Spanish, where children are embracing English rapidly, but sometimes are called upon to interpret for their parents. This book would be a great tool for families as well as classes--the dialogues won't sound forced to the kids, and the families can have fun together improving their grasp of idiomatic American English. Many of the Spanish-speaking adults I work with are unsure of themselves in English (though their English is always far better than my Spanish!), and have trouble finding time for classes. This book would be a great resource for people to start to learn on their own, and have a really good time doing it. I also appreciate the effort taken to explain certain idioms and structures (why "I'll" is pronounced eye-ll and not ill, for example; or why "hanging around" doesn't literally mean hanging from rafters)--it's given me a greater love for my own native tongue (and a real sense of its complexity for those coming to the language for the first time). I love this book, and am recommending it to people in my parish and in the social service agencies around town. It's a real gift to the ESL canon!

I bought this book a few weeks ago to use to teach my ESL class. Unfortunately, the English that's

presented in this book is the everyday English that we native speakers speak to our friends. There is just too much slang, dropping of letters, and other shortcuts that are unsuitable for the beginning ESL student. I will have to look for another book, which is too bad as I had high hopes for this one. Take care.

I purchased this to study and tutor my student.(I'm not from U.S) After I came to U.S, I had a real hard time to learn about the culture, idioms or phrases that are used in everyday conversations. This book has not only useful dialogue examples, but also tons of tips and information that will help people who just moved to US. I only wish this book came out early when I was trying to understand and adapt myself to the culture.. Hopefully other students will learn fast with this book, so they can survive in the new country with less suffering. :P

This book is exactly what I needed to work with my ESL adult student. He has had 12 years of English language in a mid-eastern country, but needs the American English. The dialogue between 2 people about different situations of American life is an excellent way to improve pronunciation. The definitions at the end of each dialogue are an excellent starting place for writing compositions. There are many tips throughout the book, plus the verb lesson at the end of each dialogue. The audio disc of each dialogue is a good daily exercise to improve the American language with all its idioms.

Easy to follow guide to master daily American English. I give 4 stars because target audience is unclear. I don't know my English level. Probably I am somewhere between Upper Intermediate and Advanced but if I were a complete Beginner or just beginner, I wouldn't understand many of the sentences in this book.

I am a teacher and researcher, working with curriculum and learning for ELLs. This is an excellent supplementary resource for the high school, college, or community ESL classroom or for use by individuals who are learning English and American culture. It is a wonderful and fun exposition of idioms and slang as well as culturally unique usage of language in the U.S. It also gives contextual understanding for various usage of terms. LAC, PhD

This is a great book for helping non-native English speakers sound more native. I use the book to tutor Chinese people that already have an intermediate level of English ability. Many ESL folks think

that the way to sound more native is to add more words to their vocabulary, the intent of teaching from this book is to focus on allowing them to communicate more like the native American English speakers do. You do this by understanding more of the idiosyncrasies in how we contract words or pronounce them a little differently than it's spelled. The book is chock full of well thought out dialogue that exposes new vocabulary that is useful for common situations (transportation scenarios in the big city, meeting old friends or new neighbors across the street for instance). Each dialogue is followed by tips and more detailed explanation of new concepts introduced in the dialogue.

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