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**PRACTICAL GRAMMAR  
LEVEL 1**

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*Practical Grammar*, the first in a three-level series, is aimed at elementary to pre-intermediate students. It is thorough, systematic and comprehensive. Level 1 contains a staggering 100 units. Each unit is two-pages long. The book covers a typical low-level syllabus, including simple tenses, comparatives, if clauses and passives. There are two audio CDs

at the back of the book, extensive review sections, progress tests, and a pin code which allows access to extra practice material on the Internet. The traditional approach taken to grammar is appropriate for this level of learner. First, a structure is presented, within a natural context. Then, students focus on form, and finally practise the language through a wide variety of typical exercises, such as sentence completion activities. An effort has been made to ensure the language practised is not artificial, as was often the case with such material in the past. The pictures are engaging; the humour used throughout the units work well. Recommended.