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How To Survive In The USA: English For Travelers And Newcomers



Synopsis

Adults travelling in the United States on business, for pleasure, or for study often need help with the language of 'survival'. This text for intermediate students presents the American English needed for dealing with real-life situations, such as arriving in the United States, communicating by phone and mail, getting around, handling money, finding somewhere to stay, getting something to eat. It also covers entertainment and hospitality, and what to do if you get sick. *How to Survive in the USA* offers a wealth of practical information about living in the United States. Each unit starts with informative reading material and then provides language practice exercises. Short recorded conversations in each unit help students understand a wide variety of American accents. Throughout the book the emphasis is on understanding authentic language and communicating clearly in American English. *How to Survive in the USA* consists of a Students Book and a cassette. Students in class will be able to participate in pair and group work activities, but the book may also be used for self-study.

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Review. The texts are excellent though a bit outdated. There was no audio cassette! But I am glad I got the book.

This book is about the reality of American English. The book presents everyday vocabulary, different American accents and normal (if not fast) speaking style to the users so that they are not overwhelmed when they face with reality in America. Among many ways to study this book, I found one that is useful to me. Before you start to listen to the cassette, read the content of the tape in advance (the content of the tape is located near the end of the book.) If you can memorize the content before even listening to the tape, that is great. Then listen to the tape and figure out how each word is pronounced. Imitate the speaker. Speak fast. Imitate and imitate. That really help. By the time you get to the middle of the book, you can speak with confidence. This book is recommended to users with strong basic English vocabulary and grammar. Not good for beginner because it is too fast, and it provides no "foundation" grammar lessons. By KHUE NGUYEN waynekhue@hotmail.com 11/28/2000

This is a good book for those planning to visit or live in the USA. It shows numerous situations about American way of life. It has some curiosities too. The book covers since before your departure to USA and has a rich glossary at the end of each chapter. 4 out of 5, because it needs a good background in English.

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