

Introduction

This book, EN 204 : Controlled Conversation has been written for Ramkhamhaeng undergraduate students who have already studied a variety of fundamental English courses. The main objectives for them and future students are to help them develop English language skills and especially listening and speaking skills and also to lay out the foundations that are necessary in order to enter more advanced English speaking courses.

This book has been designed on the underlying functional principles of the language which are the communicative needs of the learners and their functional skills. The focus is, thus, on conversational exercises that demonstrate how a particular function or speech act is expressed. The exercises used throughout this book involve practice of particular function in a controlled conversation and then a normal practice in a real situation in order to stimulate the students' confidence in communication.

It is expected that the students who have successfully studied this book will, somehow, acquire certain basic functional skills and be enabled to engage in actual communication.

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