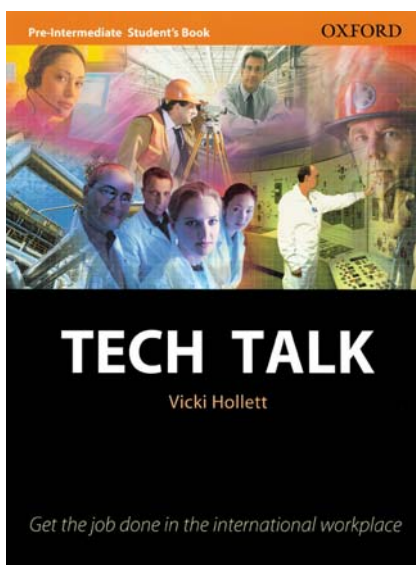

Tech Talk

Pre-intermediate
 Vicki Hollett and John Sydes
 OUP (Cornelsen), July 2005
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The authors are obviously well-seasoned English teachers themselves. The table of contents of this book clearly lines out the chapters. This is absolutely necessary for pre-intermediate students. The layout is excellent and the graphics and photos are both relevant to today's world and are often humorous and will engage the interest of the student. The choice of topics is a broad range from the personal to the professional realm, and is thus useful in the student's life. The student will find the grammar and vocabulary a solid base to continue studying English.

The focus of this student book is the workplace and it covers a lot of topics from safety hazards to company benefits. No matter what profession the student may have, the topics are bound to hit on specific terms that would apply to his or her work. The topics themselves are informative in their own right so the student will learn about the work world, new technology and interesting subject matter while at the same time getting a firm grasp on grammar and vocabulary.

Especially beneficial are the 'Review and Remember' chapters after every third lesson, which allow the student to recall the material presented in the previous three chapters. Interactive activities are suggested that are creative and fun.

The CD is not included in the book. A quick look at the transcript of the CD at the back of the book however indicates a gradual progression to the dialogues and listening comprehension exercises.

The 'Information File' at the back of the book is also useful for additional activities to supplement and enhance the various chapters. There is no glossary, however.

Would I buy this book? Yes, and I would like to have the books for the elementary and intermediate levels as well. I would recommend it to anyone teaching English, especially to those with students who are interested in learning technical terms and business English.

Denise Wade

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Hueber

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Klett

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