

ENGLISH GRAMMAR SKILLS

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

CHAPTER 1

Key topics: parts of speech, nouns—common, proper, singular, plural, concrete, abstract, collective, compound, possessive; verbs—action, state-of-being, phrases, conjunctions, principal parts, irregular, past participles, lie and lay, rise and raise, sit and set; parts of speech—nouns, subjects and predicates, complete subject, direct objects, predicate nominatives, indirect objects, objects of prepositions, pronouns, versatile parts of speech, adjectives and pronouns

CHAPTER 2

Key topics: adjectives—predicate, proper, articles, comparative and superlative, irregular; adverbs—affirmative and negative, groups, comparative and superlative; prepositions—tricky, phrases, phrases that act like adjectives and adverbs, analyzing phrases; verbal—infinitives, split infinitives, phrases, participles, gerunds

CHAPTER 3

Key topics: capitalization—proper nouns and new sentences, dialogues and titles, proper adjectives and “I”, poetry, calendar, letters and outlines; punctuation—end, commas, appositives, commas that set apart certain words, quotation marks, apostrophes, colons, semicolons; word emphasis—italics, underlines

CHAPTER 4

Key topics: word-building—roots, prefixes that show negation, time, quantity, direction, position; suffixes that form nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs; comparative and superlative suffixes; nouns (special cases)—titles, direct address, dependent and independent clauses, and clauses that act like nouns

CHAPTER 5

Key topics: verbs—action and being, linking, auxiliary and main, transitive, intransitive, tenses (present, past, future), state-of-being, using have and has; principal parts—simple tenses, participles, perfect tenses, progressive tenses, perfect progressive tenses; irregular—parts of speech—noun/verb agreement, coordinating conjunctions, compound subjects and agreement, collective nouns, interjections; special words—*here* and *there*, *every* and *many*