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Preface

English Pronunciation Made Simple is designed to help students develop pronunciation skills and overcome pronunciation problems when speaking English. We understand how frustrating it is to have someone say, "I can't understand you because of your accent." We know that students of English as a second language may be afraid to use certain words because they are difficult to pronounce. Many students avoid words like *rice* and *berry*, for instance. *English Pronunciation Made Simple* gives students the fundamental understanding of pronunciation—and the confidence they need—so they no longer have to avoid certain words and phrases. Most important, students *don't* have to be misunderstood by other people.

English Pronunciation Made Simple can be used either as a classroom textbook or as a comprehensive program for self-study. It is organized so that any academic schedule can be accommodated, making it ideal for use as a course textbook. However, *English Pronunciation Made Simple* may also be used independently, by students who want to be better understood in English. Presented in clear, easy-to-understand terms, the material in this book is accompanied by an audio program that enables students to maximize their learning outside of the classroom.

English Pronunciation Made Simple is divided into three parts—Part 1: Vowels, Part 2: Stress, Rhythm, and Intonation, and Part 3: Consonants. Each part contains a series of brief lessons, and each lesson presents one or two specific pronunciation points.

Vowel Lessons and Consonant Lessons

The vowel and consonant lessons (Parts 1 and 3) follow a consistent format and are designed to provide both clear, accessible presentations of pronunciation points and ample practice. Each lesson includes:

- **Pronouncing the Sound** A simple explanation of how to pronounce the sound, with mouth drawings that show how to use the articulators (lips, tongue, etc.) for each sound.
- **Possible Pronunciation Problems** An explanation of how and why the sound may create problems for students.
- **Hints** Rules to help students remember when to produce the target sound, which emphasize the recognition of English spelling patterns as a guide to pronunciation. (NOTE: Not every lesson includes a hint.)
- **Exercises** A comprehensive wealth of productive practice opportunities using the sound as it occurs in words, common phrases, and sentences.