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This is an introduction to the teaching of English. Its emphasis is on practical issues and it is appropriate for self-study and for use with classes of trainee teachers. The early chapters address such issues as How can we be good teachers?, What makes a good learner? and how can teachers make classes better?. The book suggests a way of looking at a variety of teaching methods according to a single model of teaching and goes on to offer a concise theoretical guide to the description of language. Subsequent chapters look at specific teaching methods, particularly in relation to the four skills, as well as offering ideas on textbook use, lesson planning and coping with the unexpected. For each chapter a range of tasks is provided to stimulate debate and further thought.

## **How to Teach English Details**

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### Phoenix says

Necessarily tedious. Great information and relatively easy to read. A good read and useful read, but not exactly a fun ride (just because I see the merit doesn't mean I didn't want to pull my hair out for large chunks of this).

Would recommend for prospective ESL/TEFL/etc teachers and *no one* else (omg, you'd be bored to tears, why would you do that to yourself?)

I'm glad I read it. I'm also glad it's over.

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### Narmin Hajizadeh says

One teacher cannot apply all of this in the classroom: her brain may explode! Though it was okay for me to read all the instructions and guides in this book and its language was quite understandable, but how I felt when I wanted to apply them on practice! I was totally mixed, my students were totally mixed with the weird attitude of their teacher — class was stupefied.

My conclusion: teaching is probably the inborn quality. No matter how much you will be reading about *correct* teaching, it will never replace the real-life learning from your own experience. Let it go with its own flow instead of behaving like robots in order to achieve this *correctness*. Students appreciate teacher's natural and sincere conduct more than her teaching's ideality.

So... Relax!

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### Samar Almosa says

I will add it later on

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### Sandi Medina says

Used with online TEFL course

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### Miranda says

After teaching English as a Second Language for the past four years, I thought it was high time to read about all of the things I was doing wrong. I really appreciated Harmer's voice and knowledge of language learning. I have a more well-rounded understanding of language teaching with plenty more ideas to work with now. This was a wonderful book to read.

### **Rim Khiari says**

One of the best ELT books, full of ' Magic moments' of learning.

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### **Danilo says**

If you want to become an English teacher, this book is a must-read book indeed!

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### **James says**

Total snooze fest: overly broad topic that barely scratches the surface; writing style lacks any character, so it feels like you're reading an endless number of Wikipedia entries; assumes students are all highly to fairly motivated go-getters.

My first reading many years ago, I gave it 3. Upon rereading, I'm giving it a generous 2.

Read and study only if you've never set foot in an EFL classroom or you just don't know what the hell you're doing.

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### **Maya says**

A really good book for beginners. It goes over the theory of teaching, and if you have no idea what you're doing then it can be really helpful, but if you're more hands-on than theoretical then this isn't the book for you. Another problem is that this book is really idealistic and assumes that whatever it's suggesting will probably work. That definitely isn't the case.

All in all, boring read, but you'll suffer through it because you have to. :)

p.s.: I may have neglected the last chapters a little bit.

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### **Csaba Berger says**

An excellent guide to everyone who is new in the field of English language teaching. It gives you a glimpse of all the areas and the amount of examples and appendices help you develop. I am positive I will use this book whenever I want to check something or look for additional resources because there is a long list of works to be consulted categorised into the theme of each chapter.

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### **Nightfalltwn says**

I've just taken a TESOL/TEFL class through Oxford Seminars and this was the text that the class used. I found the dvd addition to be very helpful because you had a chance to see real ESL teachers put into practice the what the book has talked about, plus you got to hear their opinion on teaching methods.

Three stars only because it was a textbook and not *that* of an enjoyable read, but I would recommend it for people who are looking to teach English overseas.

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### **Linda says**

Well written but short introduction to the field of English language teaching. I was glad I read this book, but after reading LEARNING TEACHING by Jim Scrivener, this didn't add much information. The one section that was outstanding however, was the chapter on how to describe language. Harmer manages to cover the basic points of English grammar in a very concise way. Since understanding and explaining grammar is a challenging part of teaching ESL, this chapter alone is worth the price of the book.

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### **liza h says**

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### **Maud says**

If you are someone with a ton of experience teaching English and you are looking to improve your craft, this is NOT the book for you.

If you are a student hoping to be a teacher one day or a teacher who has just started, this book could be a great read for you. As the synopsis tells you, it gives practical introductory information within a clear theoretical framework. A ton of things are discussed in short, easy to read sections. The author only talks about the important bits, there is no useless information in this one. Some things you might already know, how could you not after studying to get your degree? But nonetheless, everything is important and it never hurts to refresh things.

If you are a new teacher and you are looking for a book that globally discusses all the important things of teaching English, pick this one up.

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### **Abeer Mohamad says**

Unless as a reader needs more Practical Explanations, it indulges the reader into the mood of teaching .  
It's Excellent (y)

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