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## Preface

This book deals with the very basic things of English and hence its title is *ABC of English Grammar*. It describes and analyses all grammatical units and shows their use in very easy English. Obviously, my purpose is to help students learn the rudiments of English and write grammatically correct sentences. The first three editions of this book were in English and requests from all over the country kept pouring in for a Bangla edition. This edition will, therefore, cater to the taste and reading ability of all kinds of learners. The materials presented in the early editions have been thoroughly revised in this one and some essential new materials have also been incorporated into it. I believe this revised and enlarged edition will meet the basic needs of all the secondary, higher secondary and tertiary students of Bangladesh. I am sure students of every level will appreciate my new attempt.

I am sorry for any of the printing mistakes that may have escaped my eyes in spite of my utmost care. If anyone pointed out any mistakes, I would be grateful to them. Any comment on my work and suggestion for its improvement will be appreciatively accepted.

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