

Introduction

This textbook is devoted to the use of modal and phraseological units in the English language. It is designed for students of the first and second courses of studying at National Research Tomsk Polytechnic University, the institutes of foreign languages and those people who are interested in this theme.

It consists of two main parts: Modal verbs, Phrasal verbs. The first part includes the rules of functioning modal verbs in English, exercises for developing the skills in using modal verbs in English. Moreover, the exercises that combine modal and set phraseological verbs are presented in the first chapter: translation of sentences from Russian into English or English into Russian, filling in the gaps, commenting on the meanings of the modal verbs, writing own sentences with modal verbs, forming dialogues, etc. They help to practise and reinforce the skills of using modal verbs: can, may, might, must, should, ought to, to be to, to have to, need, shall, will, would, dare. This part also includes the chapter with the table of the main functions of the modal verbs that are considered in this book, and the chapter of revision about above-mentioned modal verbs, which is aimed at further reinforcement of the skills.

The second part embraces key points about the most frequently used phraseological units with their specific prepositions. It consists of eight sections with the corresponding exercises for practising and reinforcing the skills: translation of sentences from English into Russian, filling in the gaps, matching the parts of the sentences, etc.

This textbook represents the chapters dedicated to the keys to most of the exercises, irregular verbs, forms of the infinitive, tense forms.

The contents of this textbook can be used in the lecture rooms or as a self-study reference. It is also meant for all potential learners of the English language.