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Introduction:

Amidst various branches of Law, Public International stands the one in serious need of mastery in English.

Now that English has found a significant importance as a second language in the world and since it is one of the languages officially recognized by the U.N. Charter, approximately all international legal documents can be found written in English while a few of them have been translated to other languages including Persian. Note that not all translated documents are correctly compiled into destination languages and this might cause serious problems for non-English speakers.

What is most needed in studying English documents is ability to read, understand and finally comprehend them and this could not be done unless readers are mastered in English because no translation can transfer the whole ideas in a text. So the first thing to accept is that you need to be fully mastered in English to comprehend an English text.

As mentioned above, ability to peruse and comprehend international legal documents needs a mastery in English and how can one get mastered in this case has been a most controversial questions ever asked by nonnative English speakers.

Here is the answer to our paraphrase :

The process of learning any foreign language, including English, starts with learning and indeed comprehending vocabulary. It is vocabulary that constructs a language and trying to learn a language destitute of learning and comprehending a vast related vocabulary will result in vain. So the first step to learn a foreign language is to master in a large vocabulary, and what gets a student to such a mastery, is specifically worked out vocabulary books.

Have you ever wondered what grammar is ? Probably not.

Grammar is the way you learn how to use your comprehended vocabulary properly in speaking, writing , et al ; but is learning grammar the second step of learning other languages ? The answer is negative. This is a common mistake that people make in learning languages and its only outcome is getting confused and wasting time.

Actually the second step is starting to study texts. When you know the meaning of any word in a text, you will automatically comprehend the meaning of the text.

It is time to mention another common mistake in learning languages. It is been mentioned in many English books that you do not need to know the meaning of every word in a text, and when you encounter an unknown word, you can try to guess its meaning in accordance with the context !

This is merely an attempt to justify their flaccidity and lack of knowledge in vocabulary because a foreign word has several parts of speech and as such, may have several meanings in our mother tongue, so what can immunize a reader from making mistakes in coping with an unknown word and trying to speculate its meaning ? Nothing but a vast mastery in vocabulary. So try and try to boost your vocabulary and never believe such words.

After getting mastered in vocabulary and therefore easily reading and comprehending texts, it will be time to study grammar. When you start studying grammar after gaining mastery in vocabulary and reading texts, you will wonder to discover that you have already learned grammar without even trying to do so. This is a great saving in your time.

You may ask that so why do we need to take the third step and work on grammar while we have already learned it ?

The answer lies in the nature of academic learning of English. You need to take the third step to learn English academically and succeed in various examinations.

The last note about learning other languages deals with comprehension. Again you may have been ill advised to watch English movies to fortify your comprehension and again to make another blunder !

The only way to avert such an egregious error in learning English, as we mentioned before, is nothing but learning and comprehending more and more vocabulary. First just widen your vocabulary and seriously avoid watching any English movies, second, after getting mastered in vocabulary, start watching them. That will be the time to witness another marvel !

After taking the steps we mentioned above, you will be readied to start working on various sorts of English exercises. When you reach this point, you will discover to that you know any dimension of English without wearing yourself out.

We hardly recommend that you try to follow the method we said to learn English and always remember that: ENGLISH IS VOCABULARY.

In compilation of this book we have followed the route mentioned above therefore at the beginning of every lesson, in parts A, 25 legally common words, phrases and terms are introduced to you to learn by heart following the above method and then in parts B, law text related to the introduced vocabulary is offered to learn how the new words can be used in practice. The last part of any lesson is allotted to vocabulary exercises aiming to making you retrieve what you have learned before.

In accordance with the mass of information suggested in this book, it is offered in two volumes, each volume covering separate topics of Public International Law.

The vocabulary in any lesson are explained in accordance with the related context and Public International Law terminology.

In this volume these topics are covered in 14 lessons :

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This book is a result of a mutual work and is not considered comprehensive. We will be grateful to get any point of view from honored readers.

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