

## FURTHER REFERENCES AND PRACTICE – BOOKS AND INTERNET SOURCES

### Reading

- <http://www.oup-bookworms.com/find-your-reading-level.cfm#top> graded readers in simplified versions of the original writings, recommended levels: B1 towards B2, C1
- **General Reading Comprehension – some tips for contemporary English fiction writing (AmE, BrE)**

**Minette Walters:** The Shape of Snakes- prejudice, racism

The Devil's Feather – Iraq, journalist, their job, violence

**John Grisham:**

The Appeal

The Pelican Brief

The Client

The Partner

The Firm

**Kate Atkinson:** Case Histories

**Stephen Clarke:** A Year in the Merde

**Ian Rankin (BrE):**

Fleshmarket Close

The Naming of the Dead

Bleeding Hearts (writing as Jack Harvey)

Mortal Causes

Blood Hunt (writing as Jack Harvey) for more see "Ian Rankin" at .org

**Robin Cook (AmE)** – referred to as a the founder of medical thriller genre novels such as Critical, Outbreak, Toxins and others, some of them made into feature films, for more see "Robin Cook" at wikipedia.org

British English medical reading and news at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/health>

### Vocabulary

- English Vocabulary in Use Upper-Intermediate to Advanced McCarthy and O'Dell, Cambridge Uni Press
- English Vocabulary Organiser, Chris Gough, Thomson publ. house
- Professional English in Use: Medicine, Glendinning and Howard, Cambridge University Press
- English Vocabulary Organiser

### Writing

- iWriter – additional material to Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary CD-ROM

## Listening

- FCE Past Examination Papers (tests used in previous years in the exam itself)
- Skills for FCE Listening and Speaking, Malcolm Mann and Steve Taylore-Knowles, Macmillan Publishing House, 2003
- any popular or medical-popular series Gray's Anatomy, Scrubs, House etc. to be watched over the internet or elsewhere  
for more check [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical\\_drama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_drama)

## Grammar

Raymond Murphy – English Grammar in Use, Cambridge University Press with answers and CD-ROM

**All skills** - First Certificate in English Past Examination Papers (tests used in previous years in the exam itself including answers) to be borrowed with a CD /cassette pack

## Academic English

**Akademická angličtina: průvodce anglickým jazykem pro studenty, akademiky a vědce;**  
Libor Štěpánek, Janice de Haaff a kolektiv, Grada Publishing, 2011

## Pronunciation

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/>

## Dictionaries

**Free Online Dictionary** <http://www.thefreedictionary.com> one of many online monolingual dictionaries offering complex explanations to individual dictionary entries

**Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary** <http://oald8.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com>  
offers vocabulary items with explanations and example sentences

## Grammar

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/200/grammar/> by Canadian University of Victoria, presents English grammar practical activities aimed at university students

**Angličtina online zdarma** <http://www.e-gramatica.com/> presents grammar rules with a special interest in verbs and word order as perceived by Czech speakers

**Seven Ways of Looking at Grammar** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp8QSGcS0QI>  
shows a presentation by Scott Thornbury, an internationally recognized academic and teacher trainer in the field of English Language Teaching (ELT), looking at basics of the English grammar

## Reading

**UEFAP** <http://www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm> academic reading guide for university students including theory as well as practice

**Reading skills for university** <http://www.yorku.ca/cds/lss/skillbuilding/reading.html> offers a great variety of advice to university students in terms of text analysis and comprehension (by York University, Canada)

**Project Gutenberg** <http://www.gutenberg.org/> a database of about 33,000 books to be accessed free

**Google Scholar** <http://scholar.google.cz/> an easy-access database comprising professional literature

### **Listening**

**UEFAP** <http://www.uefap.com/liste/listfram.htm> theory plus practice in listening comprehension and note-taking

**Academic Earth** <http://www.academicearth.org/> a series of lectures on various topics as well as a range of course material from prestigious universities from around the world. The videos are listed according to the university of origin or scientific field, sometimes accompanied by transcripts

**TED: Ideas Worth Spreading** <http://www.ted.com> a great variety of presentations on a spectacular number of topics, comes with transcripts in a language of your choice including Czech/Slovak/English and many others

### **Speaking**

**Text-to-Speech** [http://www.oddcast.com/home/demos/tts/tts\\_example.php](http://www.oddcast.com/home/demos/tts/tts_example.php) webpage helping with pronunciation in case we are not certain about the sound of individual words

**Speaking Situations** [http://www.eslgold.com/speaking/giving\\_instructions.html](http://www.eslgold.com/speaking/giving_instructions.html) a webpage offering practical activities to train typical phrases for selected situations. Comes with a number of difficulty levels and it is based on repetition

**UEFAP** <http://www.uefap.com/speaking/spkfram.htm> speaking practice in academic contexts