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This book is a collection of research reports and concept papers on the teaching and learning of English as a Second Language (ESL). The book attempts to highlights certain issues that are considered critical in improving the teaching and learning process of English Language. The topics discussed in this book include the training of pre-service teachers, the teaching of literature component in Malaysian schools, note-taking strategies as useful tools for language learners, the use of authoring software in English Language teaching and the practice of assessment for students' placement purposes. The strength of this book lies in the wide-ranging topics of its content and the easy-to-read manner the book is written. This makes the book a suitable reading material for teachers, language instructors and tertiary students.

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Throughout the years, the literature has been consistent in discussing issues related to the teaching and learning of English as a Second Language (ESL). This could be attributed to the ever increasing number of second language learners around the world. Be it for instrumental or practical purposes, people are not content with the mastery in one language only. A person who is proficient in English Language in addition to his or her mother tongue is seen as being more versatile in communication than a person who does not. And this is the quality that is pertinent to one's career in order to be successful in today's world.

Even with the emergence of other second languages like Spanish, French and Japanese, English Language still enjoys the luxury of being the most sought after language of communication which could be largely due to historic and economic reasons. Commonwealth countries, for instance, still regard English Language highly where, in most cases, it is given the status of a second language. In terms of economy, most business transactions around the world are done using English Language. Not to be outdone, popular culture and media also play important roles in promoting the use of English Language especially with the younger generations. Songs and movies are just two examples of the main exporters of English Language. All these indicate how much English Language has influenced and affected our lives.

As far as the learning of ESL in academic curricula is concerned, the interest in English Language is usually nurtured and fostered in schools. In situations where English Language is not the mother tongue, it is normally taught in schools as a second or foreign language and in some cases as a compulsory subject. Subjects, directly or indirectly, are given the impression