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This is of particular importance for those who need every day English and can, at a later stage, join a workforce that uses English as a corporate language. The material used caters to a wide range of ages: for example, young people can relate to it in terms of topics used to teach different points, such as Instagram and Facebook. In addition, older people will find it interesting because they are exposed to the modern world and have the opportunity to learn more about modern technologies. The course uses a variety of topics that are important and relevant to the modern world. Examples include how to write a travel blog and reading material using the movie Fast and Furious. The wide range of interesting topics used to represent grammar and Lexis also exposes students to a huge range of vocabulary, both formal and informal. Every teacher knows that it is important for students to be presented with real authentic material. The authors of the book have gained access to a wide range of sources, including newspapers such as the Guardian and the New York Herald; books by publishers such as Oxford University Press; interviews with organizations such as the Nelson Mandela Foundation; Websites such as www.biography.com as well as movies such as Harry Potter. I especially liked the depth of color and photography once again used in the student book. It really helps to keep students interested. The material in Empower's books is very engaging and allows students to personalize speaking sessions. In addition, the Student Book and workbook both have online CDs, which means students don't have to worry about scratching or losing a CD! An added benefit of an online drive is that students can easily access it class and thus maximize their learning time. One negative point, however, is that the length and depth of the student book is such that it works well for teachers and student classes running for a long period of time. For those who work with students for a shorter period, the teacher will spend time selecting themes and exercises very carefully from the large range available. I was very impressed with the way the work book was created. Unlike other workbooks I've used, Empower Workbook focuses on providing students with practices for each unit, as opposed to the entire unit. The extension section is configured to provide a general unit practice, and this gives the teacher the flexibility to return at a later stage to adjust more changes. It is quite common for the teacher to look for additional material in order for students to revise the material again at different stages of the course. For new teachers, the Teacher's Book provides more detail and helps ease the burden in lesson planning. The lessons are described in such a way that you don't have to spend hours and days planning a course and appropriate lessons. Online progress tests are included to help you keep track of how well your students are doing and assess whether or not they need additional help with any section. These tests are designed and included in the course to facilitate the theory of learning-oriented evaluation (LOA). For new teachers, the book provides a wide range of tips on how to incorporate LOA into teaching practice. The only downside I found in the Teacher's Book is that so much material has been included that sometimes you have to plough through sections until we find the necessary content. However, it is a slight inconvenience compared to the positives that have been included to help the teacher deliver an exceptional learning experience. For those looking for an attractive course for today's B1 student, this is definitely the one to choose from. It will keep them interested, using themes that cover countries other than the UK and cover different cultures. Grace Hutter The Language Factory St. Gallen Cambridge English Empower is a general adult course that combines the content of a course from Cambridge University Press with a proven assessment by Cambridge English Language Assessment experts. The advance intermediate student book gives students a direct sense of purpose and clear learning goals. It provides basic

