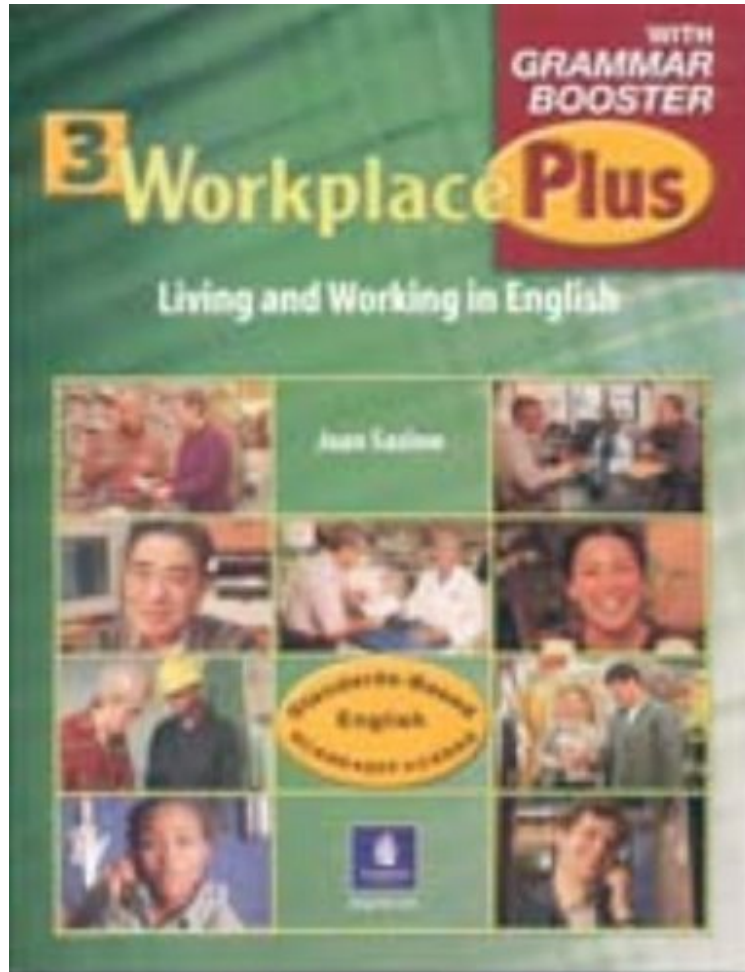


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Joan M. Saslow, Tim Collins : Workplace Plus 3 with Grammar Booster before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Workplace Plus 3 with Grammar Booster:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good Classroom Series for Emphasizing Functional English By B. Mandel I am a teacher of English as a Second Language. One of the schools I teach at uses the Workplace Plus series with their lower and intermediate level students. I have taught several classes using this green book. Workplace Plus 3 Advantages: -teachers and students will find the book easy to use (especially suitable for students who normally struggle with vocab and grammar) -vocabulary and grammar are always presented in context of chapter theme -focuses on practical, real world issues that newcomers to the USA might appreciate (i.e. understanding medicine labels, identifying the best prices and shopping bargains, managing money, job hunting, work and relating with co-workers, making difficult requests, asking people to be more considerate, etc.) -provides many opportunities for students to work in pairs and groups -easy for teachers to incorporate extension activities -a teacher's manual is available for purchase -a

workbook is available for purchase and it is good (I recommend using both the book and workbook along with supplemental materials)-a CD is available to purchase, and the voices on the CD are very clear and natural with excellent intonation (teachers will want the CD to use with the book in the classroom, but students don't need to purchase it)-the vocabulary and language represent the way people actually speak to one another at home, at work, in the store, and in the street, and includes common expressions / informal speech

WorkPlace Plus 3 Disadvantages:-lacks long stories for reading practice (although a good teacher will simply supplement with outside reading material related to chapter themes)-not enough grammar for my taste (each chapter introduces one or two grammar points, and the back of the book contains a booster section which breaks down the structure in a reasonably clear manner and provides practice exercises; however, a good teacher will provide a much more detailed explanation and breakdown of the grammar function and form on the board, as well as provide several examples explicitly highlighting form and function.)-exceptionally bright students will find this book way too easy (if most of your class falls into this category - I suggest another series) and average students will equally find few challenges (the teacher will need to expand and provide appropriate challenges)

Overall: This book is reasonably good for functional English and covers the life skill competencies required for intermediate ESL learners. While the book is not boring, it isn't extremely interesting either. However, it does hold students' attention and fosters a collaborative learning environment. While I personally wish it presented more grammar, many teachers and students would appreciate that the focus on grammar is more subtle than other books. On the plus side, all grammar is presented in context (as it always should be). Finally, while students do not love the book (and it isn't challenging at all), it does hold their attention and they seem to like it. I recommend it for classroom use (if you are a student planning to study on your own without any teacher -don't buy this book without purchasing the CD -really this book is intended for use with a teacher and classmates).