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*To Ema, Mina and Marta
my beloved granddaughters*

PREFACE

This concise English grammar book is the combination of a traditional approach to grammar, based on rules for constructing sentences out of words, and a contemporary approach to grammar, which takes account of what words and sentences mean and how they are used.

It is primarily designed as a coursebook for my first-year students, studying English at the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering in Belgrade, and is created to help them prepare *English Language 1* examination and follow my lectures on grammatical elements which cause difficulties to the foreign learner of English. Special attention is paid in the textbook to forms that are frequently used in technical and scientific English.

The book can also guide traffic professionals through English grammatical forms and usage in order to improve their knowledge of English grammar as employed in current-day engineering communications.

An engineering student is supposed to acquire correctly the English tenses in both active and passive forms, direct and indirect speech, conditional sentences and participles, modal verbs and phrasal verbs, gerunds and compound nouns, articles and adjectives, as well as adverbs, prepositions and numerals in use. All explanations are illustrated by examples, and exercises are provided to make students see what they should focus on to broaden their language knowledge and skills.

Being a continuation of the textbook *Some Elements of English Grammar*, issued in 2010 and 2012, this book offers exercises and answers to exercises to help my students and engineers better understand the main characteristics of English grammar as reflected in transport and traffic engineering settings. In most exercises, grammar is related to other levels of language, such as meaning and vocabulary making it part of a communication system. Some exercises relate English grammar to the Serbian language through tasks that require translation of sentences, or words and phrases. A short chapter on acronyms is also incorporated into the book, since the appropriate use of acronyms makes engineers competent users of English for specific purposes.

This volume may be used independently or in combination with the two textbooks, *English in Transport and Traffic Engineering* (6th edition, 2015) and *Testovi, zadaci i teme iz engleskog jezika* (6th edition, 2015), written by the same author and published by the same publisher.

In a nutshell, any one who would like to enhance the command of English grammar in specialised transport and traffic discourse might be a potential reader of the book.

