

Contents

page

Inside front cover :

Key to the phonetic symbols

Abbreviations used in the text

Inside back cover :

Key to the verb patterns

Contributors vi

Acknowledgements vi

General preface vii

Preface to the phonetic information vii

Key to the entries viii

Introduction

Using the Dictionary xiii

Finding words and meanings xiv

Writing English xix

Speaking English xxi

Grammar xxiv

Style xxvi

Verb patterns xxviii

Anomalous verbs xxxix

Strong and weak forms xxxix

Contractions xli

The Dictionary 1-1002

Appendices

1 Irregular verbs 1003

2 Common abbreviations 1007

3 Affixes (prefixes and suffixes) 1012

4 Numerical expressions 1016

5 Weights and measures 1021

6 Geographical names 1024

7 Common forenames 1029

8 Shakespeare's works 1032

9 Punctuation 1033

10 Books of the Bible 1037