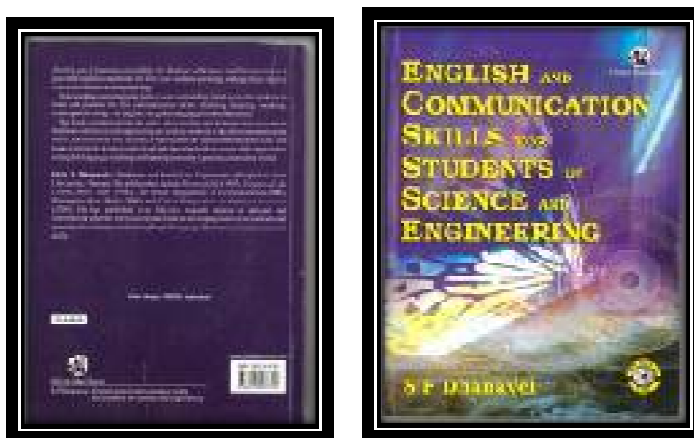




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The importance of thinking skill in language learning has been recognized for the first time in the ESP course material. English and communication skills for students of science and Engineering course book has been prepared with a view to providing ample scope for students to learn and practice the five communication skills - thinking, listening, speaking, reading and writing –in



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English. The author is strongly believed that the main skill “THINKING” integrates the other skills in the ESP context.

This book is organized into ten units where reading and listening texts relevant to the fields of science and engineering are used as contexts to develop communication skill. Each unit has five sections with a section on each communication skill. Each section has sub-sections on interaction, word power, comprehension, oral and written communication and language activities. The ‘Insight’ and ‘Food for Thought’ sections in the book encourage students to think and reflect on the theme discussed.

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Key features of the book include:

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- Mainly focus on development of thinking skills in English.
- Flexibility: the course can be tailored to the needs of mixed-ability classes.
- Clarity: clear organization makes the course really easy to use.

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