

## What Hasn't Changed?

**Language Work.** The odd-numbered skills units continue to provide the intensive language-based reading practice that teachers and students have come to rely on.

**Authentic Reading.** The text continues to provide authentic reading passages and tasks. From the menu to the Internet to textbooks to science reporting to fiction, the fifth edition of *Reader's Choice* continues to provide realistic literacy tasks.

**Integrated Skills.** The activities in *Reader's Choice* encourage integrated skills work with a focus on reading. The text provides thoroughgoing opportunities for speaking, listening, and writing in the context of the issues raised in the readings. At the core are literate activities that afford opportunities for task-based work.

**Respect for the Students.** Throughout *Reader's Choice*, students are addressed as intelligent language users who bring to their tasks a great deal of knowledge about learning and about the world. Instructions explain to students the rationale for activities and provide options for productive ways to approach the task at hand.

**High-Quality Work.** In all activities, students are stretched to interact with texts in challenging and meaningful ways. The book assumes intelligent, engaged students who will be stimulated to do their best work.

**Humor and Whimsy.** Throughout the text we continue to provide light-hearted moments. In the fifth edition, we have sprinkled the Internet convention of the winking face to key some of those moments. 😊

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