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Kevin MacDermot has worked with Alpha Publishing for over five years and is the company's Head of ELT. After graduating from Queen's University Belfast with a Joint Honours Degree in English and Politics, he worked as an ELT teacher and examiner across a number of European countries, including the UK. He was subsequently awarded a Master's Degree (Hons) in Journalism from Dublin City University. For the last 30 years he has worked with a number of media and educational publishers ranging from the BBC World Service to Independent News and Media, Gazette Group Newspapers Ltd., Vodafone Ltd., and Alpha Publishing. He has worked as a writer, editor, managing editor and publisher and has been nominated for a number of international media and book awards as both an author and a publisher. Currently, he specialises in developing online and offline ELT programmes for global and local markets.



## **Christine Barton**

Christine Barton graduated from Exeter University with a degree in English Literature. She has nearly 30 years' experience of teaching English as a foreign language, mostly in Greece, but also in the UK and Poland. She was also a Speaking examiner for the Cambridge ESOL exams for many years. Christine has over 25 years' experience of ELT editing. She was an in-house editor for Pearson Longman in the UK from 1994–6, where she worked on Primary ELT courses. She has since worked for various publishing houses (CUP, OUP, Macmillan, New Editions) as a freelance ELT editor and writer. She currently works as a senior editor for Alpha Publishing where she has been involved in a wide range of projects, including English Vision, Go for English and Target English.



## **Jenna Dowds**

Jenna Dowds is a freelance copyeditor and proofreader with wide experience within the worlds of publishing and ELT. She has a BA Joint Honours degree in English Literature and Language from Queen's University, Belfast, and a post-graduate Diploma in Publishing from the University of Plymouth in the UK.

Jenna has worked as an ELT examiner and teacher, having taught at kindergarten, primary and secondary level in Greece, Portugal, Ireland and the UK. She has more than 25 years' experience in the publishing industry, and has worked as an editor and production manager for trade and business publishers in the UK and Ireland, including Constable and Co., (London), Wolfhound Press (Dublin) and Oak Tree Press (Dublin). A number of books she was involved in have been nominated for international awards. Among her freelance clients are Hachette, JP Morgan, Walmart and Facebook for whom she edited print and online materials. Currently, she works as a senior editor with Alpha Publishing on a wide variety of ELT print and digital programmes, including Target English, English Vision and the online platform, eAlpha.



## **Catherine Zgouras**

Catherine Zgouras graduated from the University of Sydney with a BA and Dip Ed in English Literature, History and Languages. She taught in various high schools in Sydney before moving to Greece, where she opened her own school of foreign languages. She taught all levels and trained teachers. Then, after winning competitions with Macmillan and Burlington in ELT, she moved into writing and editing on a freelance basis. She has written Teacher's Books, Assessment courses, Course Books and accompanying components for Pearson, Cambridge University, Macmillan, OUP, Kaplan and York. She has extensive experience in developing courses, syllabus planning and editing with the above-mentioned publishing houses. Currently, she is working as a senior editor with Alpha Publishing on various ELT courses and programmes. She is a Speaking examiner for Cambridge ESOL and also trains ELT teachers. She also has short works of fiction published with various online magazines.