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Editorial

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Forthcoming topics: Materials evaluation; English for Academic Purposes; Pedagogic grammar.

In the next issue: Testing by Peter Skehan, Part I.

Special feature in this issue

Review article 'Research in applied linguistics relevant to language teaching: 1987' by Christopher Brumfit and Rosamond Mitchell. The first of an annual series to be published in the July issue covering research published in the previous year, and including reference to abstracts published in this journal.

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