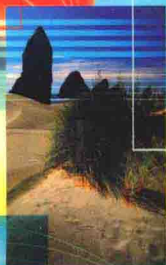


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前 言

《特别英语新闻听力训练》第十二辑收录了《美国之音》英语新闻广播 91 条。内容涉及政治、外交、经济、军事、科技、文化、教育、历史、语言学习、生活保健、灾害事故、社会暴力以及环境保护等。其中包括第二次海湾战争和“非典”病毒的有关报道。同时还收入了大量知识性题材,不受时间限制,经久耐听。本教材题材广泛,编排合理,既有词语注释,又有练习题和必要的背景介绍。编者特别强调对每篇材料的复述练习,因为复述是学习英语十分有效的方法之一。

本教材可供大学英语专业、非英语专业学生和其他英语爱好者自学使用,也可作为大学英语教学外台听力训练使用,对大学英语四、六级考试和英语专业四级考试听力训练有一定的针对性。

由于编者水平有限,错漏之处在所难免,敬请专家和广大读者批评指正。

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Workbook

News Item 1

Background Information

这条消息报道一架美国空军 B-1 飞机在前往阿富汗执行任务途中坠入印度洋。B-1 飞机是美空军最先进的远程重型轰炸机之一,能在不用空中加油的情况下进行洲际作战任务,能携带大弹量以高亚音速低空突防。

Words and Expressions

1. crew member 机组乘员
2. Indian Ocean 印度洋
3. Diego Garcia 迪戈加西亚岛[印度洋中部](查戈斯群岛的主岛,1810 年被英国占领,1966 年英美协议后成为美国在印度洋的重要海空军基地)
4. Afghanistan n. 阿富汗[西南亚国家]

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. How many crew members were on board the military plane? 4
2. What caused the crash of the plane? several device failed
3. When and where did the plane crash?

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 2

Words and Expressions

1. terrorist n. (尤指政治性的)恐怖(主义)分子
2. Parliament n. 议会;议会两院;下院
3. New Delhi 新德里[印度首都]
4. explosive n. 炸药

Exercises

I. Fill in the blanks with what you have heard from the tape.

In India, the government says it will find the

terrorists _____ for killing 12 people in an _____ on Parliament in New Delhi. Indian television reports that five _____ men broke through a _____ near Parliament. They used _____ and _____. Officials say six _____, the five terrorists and a Parliament worker were killed. At least 17 people were _____. The Indian Vice President was _____ at the time, but was not injured. No group has _____ for the attack.

II. Summarize the news in one sentence.

News Item 3

Words and Expressions

1. Euro n. 欧元(欧洲通用货币单位)
2. legal a. 合法的;法定的;法律认可的
3. territory n. 领土,领地;属地
4. Réunion n. 留尼汪岛[印度洋西部](马斯克林群岛中的一个火山岛,1767年沦为法国殖民地,1946年改为法国的海外省)
5. franc n. 法郎(法国货币单位;简写 FF)
6. mark n. 马克(德国、芬兰等的货币单位)
7. European Union (abbr. E. U.) 欧洲联盟,欧盟

Exercises

I. Decide whether the following statements are true or false according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. () All European Union members have agreed to use the Euro.
2. () The tiny French island Réunion followed Finland and Greece to use the Euro bank notes and coins.
3. () From January 1, the Euro will thoroughly replace the French franc, the German mark, and the money of 10 other countries.

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 4

Words and Expressions

1. Yasser Arafat (巴勒斯坦领导人) 阿拉法特
2. load n. 一车(或一船、一飞机等的)装载量
3. Secretary of State Colin Powell (美国) 国务卿鲍威尔
4. diplomat n. 外交家, 外交官

5. tension n. 紧张(局势), 紧张 状况

Exercises

I. Fill in the blanks with what you have heard from the tape.

1. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat says he knows nothing about a _____ on a ship that Israel says was _____ the Palestinian _____ from Iran.
2. The _____ American soldier has been killed in _____ in Afghanistan.
3. Secretary of State Colin Powell says the United States may send a _____ to South Asia soon to deal with _____ between India and Pakistan.

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 5

Words and Expressions

1. New South Wales 新南威尔士州 [澳大利亚州名]

2. firefighter n. 消防队员
3. put out 熄灭
4. Celsius a. (温度)摄氏的
5. Sydney n. 悉尼[澳大利亚东南部港市](新南威尔士州首府)

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from on the tape.

1. How many fires are crews battling?
2. What is making it harder for firefighters to put the fires out?
3. How could the fires affect Sydney in terms of the city's temperature?
4. What caused most of the fires, according to Australian officials?

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 6

Words and Expressions

1. investigation n. (官方)调查; 调查研究

2. financial a. 财政的;金融的
3. Enron n. 安然(美国一公司名)
4. retirement n. 退休;退休时期
5. saving n. 救助;[~s]储蓄金,存款
6. Attorney General John Ashcroft (美国)司法部长
约翰·阿什克罗夫特
7. examiner n. 检查人;审查人
8. Arthur Anderson Company 阿瑟·安德森公司
9. employee n. 受雇者,雇员
10. document n. 公文;文件;证件
11. share n. 股份;[~s]<主英>股票

Exercises

- I. *Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the tape.*
1. What has President Bush promised?
2. How did the financial failure affect the company workers?
3. When did Enron declare failure?
4. Will Attorney General John Ashcroft be involved in the investigation? Why or why not?
5. What did the Arthur Anderson Company admit?
6. How does the financial failure affect Enron shares?

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 7

Words and Expressions

1. frozen a. 结冰的; 冰冻的
freeze vi. 冻结; 结冰; 凝固
2. particle n. 微粒; 粒子
3. crystal n. 水晶; 晶粒; 结晶体
4. platelike a. 盘状的
5. columnar a. 柱状的, 圆柱状的; 列柱(式)的
6. raindrop n. 雨点
7. sleet n. 冻雨; 雨夹雪; 雨夹雹
8. snowflake n. 雪花, 雪片
9. centimeter (abbr. cm) n. 厘米

Exercises

I. Fill in the blanks with what you have heard from the tape.

1. Snow is a form of _____ water. It _____ many groups of tiny _____ called snow crystals.
2. The _____ of a snow crystal may change