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本册取材广泛,语宫丰富有趣,是一本较好的中级英语读物,又是丰富文化生活、缓解读者紧张学习氛围的一本必不可少的参考书。



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New Principal

As a new school principal, Mr. Mill was checking over his school on the first day.

Passing the stockroom, he was surprised to see the door wide open and teachers bustling in and out, carrying off books and supplies in preparation for the arrival of students the next day. The school where he had been a Principal the previous year had used a check-out system only slightly less elaborate than that at Fort Knox.

Cautiously, he asked the school's long time Custodian, "Do you think it's wise to keep the stockroom unlocked and to let the teacher take things without requisitions?"

The Custodian looked at him gravely… "We trust them with the children, don't we?"



Note:

principal ['prinsəp(ə)l],['prinsip(ə)l] n. 校长

Mill [mil] n. 米尔 check over 到处检查、巡逻





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stockroom n. 仓库
surprise v. 惊奇、惊讶
bustle ['basl] v. 忙活、奔忙
supplies n. 物品
previous adj. 以前的
check-out system 检查制度
elaborate [i'ləbərət] v. 详述
Fort Knox 诺克斯堡(位于美国肯塔基州)
cautiously ['kɔ:ʃəsli] adv. 小心谨慎地
custodian [kas'toudjən] n. 保管员
wise adj. 明智的
unlock v. 没锁门
requisition [rekwi'ziʃən] n. (物品)调拨单
gravely adv. 严肃、庄重



Just To Get Some Fresh Air

One night, he was passing by a graveyard. Some horsemen galloping in the same direction made him suspicious that they might not be up to anything good. So he lowered himself into a freshly dug grave and hid there. But the horsemen had seen him slip down and were wondering in turn what he was up to. So they came up and shouted at him: "Who are you?"

He put his head out of the grave and answered them: "Oh, I'm one of the deal men buried in this graveyard."

"And what does a dead man want to be up for at this time of night?" "Just to get some fresh air."





Note:

pass v. 路过 graveyard ['greivja:d] n. 坟场 gallop v. 骑马奔跑 direction n. 方向 suspicious adj. 怀疑的、有疑虑的 lower v. 俯身跳进 slip down 跌下 wonder v. 想知道 shout v. 大喊

Conduct And Courtesy

Mother: The school report gives you a D for conduct and an A for courtesy. How did you manage that?

Lilly: Whenever I punch someone, I apologize.



Note:

conduct ['knndakt], ['knndakt] n.
品德、品行
courtesy ['kə:tisi], ['kɔ:tisi] n. 礼节、礼貌
the school report 学校成绩单
manage v. 处理
punch [pʌntʃ] v. 用力打……
apologize [ə'pɒlədʒaiz] v. 道歉



Bishop Tutuman

Tutuman was going along the square when he saw a little fellow trying to reach the knocker of a large house.

"Can't you reach up so high?" queried the Bishop kindly.

"No, sir," said the small youngster.

"Well, then, let me help you," and the Bishop mounted the three steps and gave a splendid rat-a-tat.

The little boy glanced hastily at the gentleman of the cloth. "Come on," he yelled, "we must boaf run far."



Bishop ['bifəp] n. 主教
Tutuman ['tutumən] n. 吐吐曼
square n. 广场
knocker n. 门环
query v. 问
kindly adv. 仁慈地
youngster n. 年轻人



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mount v. 登上
step n. 台阶
splendid adj. 显著的
rat-a-tat n. (敲门的)砰砰声
glance v. 扫视、递眼色
hastily adv. 匆忙
the cloth 牧师、教士
come on 快点
yell v. 大喊
boaf=both 两个

