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前言

Foreword

英语学习者都知道,听、说、读、写是英语学习的基本要素。其中的“听”则是学习英语当中最基础、最重要也是最困难的环节之一,同时它也最能体现出一个人的英语水平。目前我国,英语学习已相当普及,从未学过英语的人屈指可数,可谓全民同学英语。然而,真正学好英语的人却为数不多,或者说相当多的人学习效果不甚理想,究其原因,主要是语言学习环境较差。我们知道,语言是思想交流的工具,其主要作用是沟通、交流,一旦达不到其作用,语言学习也随之失去了意义。为了帮助英语学习者攻克英语听力这道难关,本书编者精心挑选了 VOA 最新的新闻报道资料,供广大英语学习者巩固英语听力之用。

编者相信,如果能用心学习此书,掌握本书的所有内容,在今后收听 VOA、BBC 或使用英语交流时,定会收到意想不到的效果,使自己的听力水平跨上一个新的台阶。

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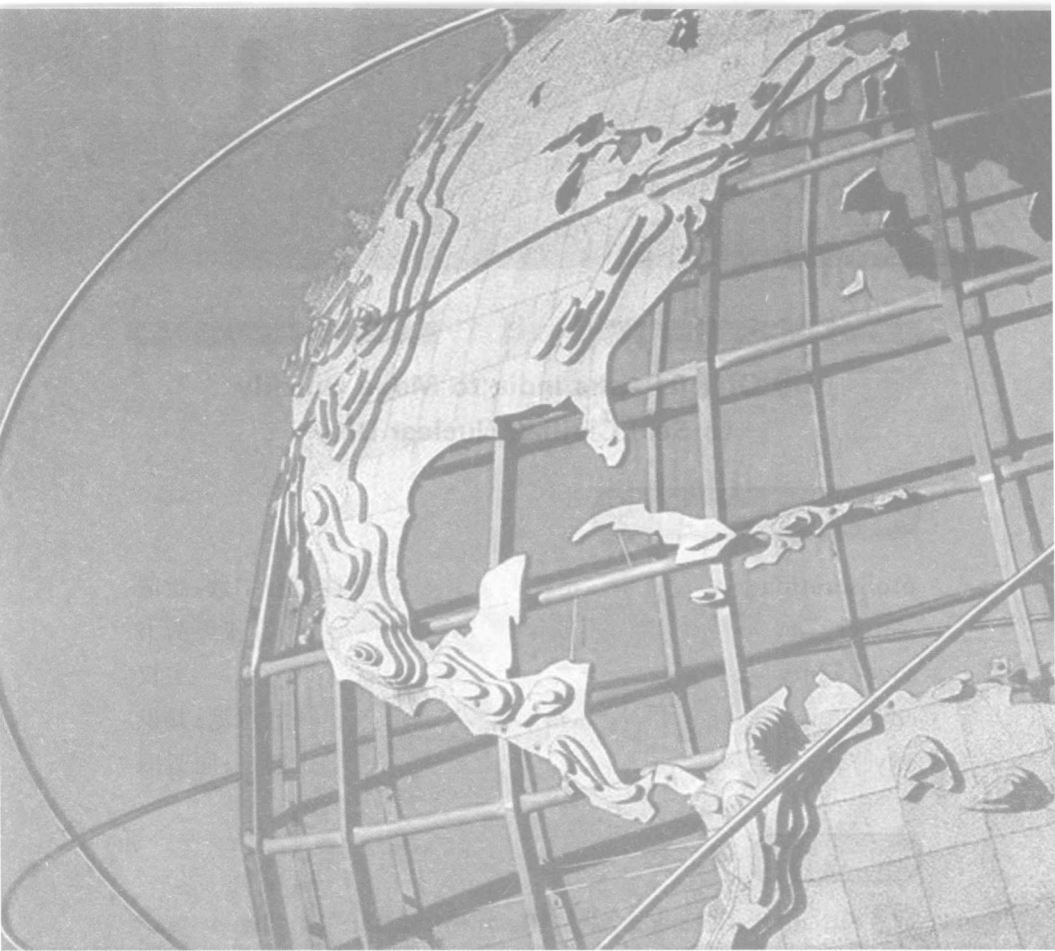
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Tests

Unit 1

US Official Asks India to Move Quickly to Seal Civilian Nuclear Deal

Words & Expressions

proliferation	<i>n.</i>	(数量)扩散;激增
waiver	<i>n.</i>	弃权声明书
sovereignty	<i>n.</i>	主权
consensus	<i>n.</i>	一致意见;共识
ally	<i>n.</i>	盟友;同盟国

Exercises

I Fill in the blanks with the information you have heard from the report.

- The deal will allow _____ to get access to _____ nuclear technology, even though it has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.
- The deal has been held up by _____ politics in _____.

II Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. The pact has obtained the final approval of the U. S. Congress.
- () 2. Before that happens, India has to conclude an agree-

ment with the International Atomic Energy Agency and obtain a waiver from the 54-nation Nuclear Supplier Group, which regulates global civilian nuclear trade.

- () 3. Indian government is holding talks with the IAEA and says it remains committed to sealing the nuclear agreement with Washington.

Note:



Unit 2

Clinton Wins Ohio, Texas; McCain Clinches Republican Nomination

Words & Expressions

primary	n.	(美国推举党内候选人的)初选
contentious	a.	引起争论的;有争议的
convention	n.	大会;会议
one's losing streak		一段连输时期
straight	a.	一个接一个的
caucus	n.	(选定代表或候选人的)政党地区会议
lead	n.	(距离、得分等的)超前量;领先程度
bow out		退出;退场
maverick	n.	特立独行的人
endorsement	n.	(正式)认可;支持

Exercises

Fill in the blanks with the information you have heard from the report.

- Clinton ended her _____ streak of 12 straight defeats in caucuses and primaries to Senator Barack Obama, and told voters Tuesday in Ohio their state is known for picking _____.
- Obama has a _____ of about 90 pledged _____. He told the CBS News Early Show that he has won more states, more of the popular vote and more _____.

3. The senator from Arizona, considered a maverick by some _____ Republicans, will shortly receive a formal _____ from President Bush at the White House.

Note:



Unit 3

US Envoy Says N. Korea Needs to Send 'Clear Signal' on Nuclear Weapons

Words & Expressions

ambassador	n.	大使
disable	v.	故意毁坏(机器设备)
plutonium	n.	钚
uranium	n.	铀
sanction	n.	(对某国的)制裁
impoverished	a.	贫穷的
arsenal	n.	兵工厂;军械库

Exercises

Fill in the blanks with the information you have heard from the report.

1. In _____ talks last year, North Korea agreed to provide a complete and correct list of all its nuclear _____ and _____ before the start of 2008.
2. The North has taken steps to _____ its main plutonium-producing _____ at Yongbyon and received hundreds of thousands of tons of fuel oil from the United States and its partners.
3. Both steps would open doorways for the _____ North to receive certain types of aid and investment which are currently _____.

Notes:



Unit 4

Security, Corruption Slow Restoration of Iraqi Port

Words & Expressions

shipwreck	<i>n.</i>	失事船; 失事船的残骸
litter	<i>v.</i>	(把某处) 弄乱
dredge	<i>v.</i>	(给河道、港口等) 清淤; 疏浚
collude	<i>v.</i>	共谋; 勾结; 串通
bandit	<i>n.</i>	强盗; 土匪; 歹徒
sabotage	<i>n.</i>	故意破坏
rampant	<i>a.</i>	(犯罪、疾病等) 猖獗的; 肆虐的; 失控的
accreditation	<i>n.</i>	正式认可

Exercises

Fill in the blanks with the information you have heard from the report.

1. Iraq's government has held a conference in the _____ city of Basra Wednesday to discuss _____ at _____ the important port of Umm Qasr.
2. Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said some improvements were being made, but criminal _____ and corrupt _____ were colluding together, _____ their efforts.
3. Residents of Basra say crime and _____ have flourished since the Britain handed _____ back to Iraqi forces in December.

Note:

Dollar Drops to 75 Yen Low
Against Japanese Yen



Unit 5

US Dollar Drops to 12-Year Low Against Japanese Yen

Words & Expressions

taboo	<i>n.</i>	禁忌; 禁止接近; 禁止使用
rally	<i>v.</i>	重整旗鼓; 恢复精神
crunch	<i>n.</i>	(尤指因缺少时间或金钱而造成的) 困境
vanish	<i>v.</i>	消失; 不见了
spark	<i>v.</i>	激发; 引起
sub-prime	<i>a.</i>	次级的
mortgage	<i>n.</i>	抵押
recession	<i>n.</i>	后退; 不景气
take its toll		造成损失
plunge	<i>v.</i>	暴跌; 骤降

Exercises

I Fill in the blanks with the information you have heard from the report.

- David Mann, chief currency _____ at Standard Chartered Bank in Hong Kong, says the 100-yen level for the dollar is dangerous because it is a _____ mark for _____.
- But the gains quickly vanished because of concerns that the plan is not enough to boost the U.S. economy. Mann says investors are _____ of the Fed's plan because they worry about U.S. _____ failures.
- The U.S. sub-prime _____ crisis, together with fears that