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# 前言

学习英语的四种基本技能中,听是非常重要的一个环节,是其他几种技能的基础。在国人都在讨论如何才能学好英语的今天,听力能力的培养无疑已成为公认的最重要方式之一。

新闻英语以其明晰的叙事和表达、地道而恰当的用词、精练的语言而一直为国内广大英语学习者爱好,VOA 和 BBC 的新闻英语节目一直是国内广大英语学习者的首选,但由于受时间,环境等种种限制,再由于没有一定量的辅助练习,英语学习者们无法进行精听,从而无法在**短时间内掌握新闻英语的特点,达不到迅速提高听力的目的**。鉴于此,在广泛征求广大英语学习者意见的基础上,我们从 VOA 新闻报道中选编部分材料,编写了《美国之音标准英语听力·新闻英语 II》,选材时主要考虑了如下因素:

**1. 尽可能选编较新的资料,但首要是选编能体现新闻英语特色的资料;**

**2. 尽可能拓宽报道内容,以使知识面更加丰富;**

**3. 练习的编排以考查、训练功能性材料为主,资料性为辅。**

本书由练习、答案、听力原文和参考译文四部分构成。

**由于语速较快,每课录音播放两遍。**

本书适用于英语专业本科生或非英语专业的研究生作为听力教材或辅助教材使用,也可供具有一定基础的学习者训练听力、拓宽知识而使用。

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# Part I

# Exercises







# Lesson 1

## US Military Apologizes for Killing of 3 Unarmed Afghans

### Key words

1. apologize 道歉 2. checkpoint 检查站  
3. vehicle 车辆 4. jointly 共同地  
5. circumstance 情况 6. tragedy 悲剧  
7. strain 使紧张 8. resentment 不满, 怨恨

### Exercises:

I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the news.

1. The U. S. military is apologizing for the \_\_\_\_\_ of three \_\_\_\_\_ civilians at a checkpoint in \_\_\_\_\_ Afghanistan, and says it is investigating the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In addition to the three killed, \_\_\_\_\_ other passengers were \_\_\_\_\_ wounded in the incident, and \_\_\_\_\_ evacuated to a military \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Relations between the U. S. military and Afghan \_\_\_\_\_ have sometimes been strained, in part due to \_\_\_\_\_ resentment over U. S. raids on houses \_\_\_\_\_ tied to anti-government militant \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Decide whether the following statements are True(T) or False(F).**

(     ) 1. The three civilians were shot dead in their vehicle Sunday night in rural Ghazni Province.

(     ) 2. The checkpoint where the civilians were shot was manned by U. S. troops.

(     ) 3. The United States currently has more than 70, 000 troops in Afghanistan to assist the transitional government with security.



# Lesson 2

## Heavy Fighting in Baghdad

### Slum Kills at Least 34

#### Key words

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. slum 贫民区     | 2. insurgent 叛乱分子 |
| 3. hostility 敌意 | 4. erupt 爆发       |
| 5. shrine 神殿    | 6. ambush 伏击      |
| 7. convoy 护送队   | 8. headscarf 头巾   |

#### Exercises:

I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the news.

1. Meanwhile there has been \_\_\_\_\_ new information about the \_\_\_\_\_ of two French \_\_\_\_\_ held captive for more than two \_\_\_\_\_.

2. U. S. commanders say they \_\_\_\_\_ tanks and armored \_\_\_\_\_ carriers into Sadr City in \_\_\_\_\_ to an attack by militants on a \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. patrol.

3. Iraqi health officials say Tuesday's \_\_\_\_\_

was the \_\_\_\_\_ in a series of \_\_\_\_\_ between U. S. forces and the militants in the last \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

**II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the report.**

1. Last month aides to Mr. al-Sadr announced a nationwide ceasefire, but it appears not to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Witnesses say gunmen opened fire on the convoy and a bomb was detonated. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Militants have since released videotapes \_\_\_\_\_ that prohibits Muslims from wearing headscarves to school.



# Lesson 3

## US, Israel to Confer on

## Settlement Plans

### Key words

1. confer 会谈, 商谈
2. stance 态度, 立场
3. aerial 航空的
4. photography 摄影术
5. complicate 使复杂, 使难弄
6. hardliner 强硬派
7. flatly 断然地
8. placate 安抚

### Exercises:

I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the news.

1. The visit comes amid \_\_\_\_\_ that the Bush administration has \_\_\_\_\_ its stance and now supports Israel's policy of \_\_\_\_\_ new housing in \_\_\_\_\_ West Bank settlements.

2. The American team of experts \_\_\_\_\_ here next month is to be \_\_\_\_\_ by Constance Meyer, a

\_\_\_\_\_ analyst with the U. S. State Department ' s  
Bureau of \_\_\_\_\_ and Research.

3. *The New York Times* report also said Bush  
administration officials \_\_\_\_\_ that the last thing  
President Bush \_\_\_\_\_ to do as he faces a \_\_\_\_\_  
campaign for re-election is to \_\_\_\_\_ Israel.

**II. Answer the following questions with the  
information you have heard from the news.**

1. What are the team of American diplomats and  
Israeli officials going to talk about?

2. What was the U. S. ' s previous position on Israel ' s  
settlement plans?

3. According to *The New York Times* report, why  
did Bush administration change its policy?



# Lesson 4

## Najaf Quiet After 3 Week Standoff

### Key words

1. standoff 僵局
2. mosque 清真寺
3. radical 激进的
4. patrol 巡逻
5. barrage 掩护炮火
6. debris 碎片
7. depose 免……的职
8. compensate 赔偿

### Exercises:

I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the news.

1. The Iraqi city of Najaf is \_\_\_\_\_, after militants \_\_\_\_\_ to a radical cleric, Moqtada al-Sadr, \_\_\_\_\_ the Imam Ali mosque, one of the holiest \_\_\_\_\_ in Shia Islam.

2. The streets of Najaf were largely \_\_\_\_\_ late Friday, \_\_\_\_\_ a busy time after prayers that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day at the Imam Ali shrine.

3. Hours earlier, thousands of people had \_\_\_\_\_





into the mosque after an \_\_\_\_\_ by Iraq's most \_\_\_\_\_ Shia leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, to go to Najaf to help \_\_\_\_\_ about peace.

**II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the report.**

1. But despite the peaceful encounter between Mr. al-Sadr's and the Grand Ayatollah's loyalists, not everyone in Najaf is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Salah, 35, says that he is certain a third party is trying to disrupt the situation, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Mr. Haqim says that some officials from the government of deposed President Saddam Hussein are working with Moqtada al-Sadr, \_\_\_\_\_.

