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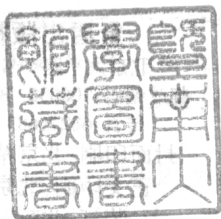
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内 容 提 要

本书围绕现实生活中流行的热门话题精心选取最地道、最常用的英语口语句子编排成情景对话,英汉对照。全书分为8章45个单元,内容涉及“环保”、“食品安全”、“健身”、“吸毒危害”和“网上购物”等热门话题。每个单元还包括“重点链接”和“拓展阅读”,以帮助广大读者扩大知识面。

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前

言



就在几年前,我们提起“信息爆炸”、“海量信息”之类的词汇时,还只是存在于人们脑海中的一种概念。而现在,我相信每一位坐在联接着互联网的计算机前学习或工作的人都会对类似的概念有着切身的体会。例如:在任何一个搜索引擎中输入“英语口语”之类的词汇,立刻就会出现成千上万的网页,使你无所适从;驻足于大大小小书店的英语类书籍书架前,各种装帧精美、内容丰富、编排新颖的英语口语书籍也会让你由衷地感叹,改革开放后的中国,其文化事业是何等的发达。

随着改革开放的不断深入和发展,我国对外科技、文化、贸易、学术交流日益频繁,需要使用英语口语的人群也日渐庞大,在学习和工作之余迅速掌握并运用英语交流自如的技巧就成了很多人的美好愿望之一,但能够轻松达到这个目标的人却寥寥可数。原因甚多,不一而足。其主要原因,也是作者身为英语教师多年的一点经验,归纳为以下三点:

一、正确的重复:对正确的读音、句法及地道口语不厌其烦的重复是熟练掌握英语口语的最好方法。当然,这个方法在学习任何一项知识和技能时都适用,堪称真理。

二、出色的引导:这一引导者可以是专门的英语老师,也可以是你的一位外国朋友或者是其他精通英语口语的学者,他能够在你的英语口语学习遇到瓶颈时稍加点拨从

而引领你快速通过,达到运用自如的境界。

三、优秀的书籍:涵盖了地道的口语,采用了易于接受的编排,设置了多样的语言环境,内容丰富又妙趣横生,使人不知不觉沉迷其中并很快把书中的知识谳记于心。

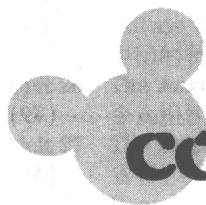
上述三点,第一条只要有恒心与智慧都可以轻易做到,第二条也不再是那样可遇而不可求,只要第三条会让我们陷入本文一开始提到的窘境。

为了满足广大读者快速提高英语口语水平的需求,作者汲取多家英语口语书籍之长,结合自身多年教学的经验,编纂出此套《热门话题英语口语》系列丛书,以期能够使陷于信息泥淖的读者尽快脱身,并尽快习得地道、流利的英语口语,以助学业、事业蒸蒸日上。

由于作者水平有限,书中不足之处在所难免,恳请广大读者批评指正。

编者





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Chapter 1

Unit 1 A Brief Introduction of Confucius

孔子简介



Words and Expressions 生词与短语

1. sage *n.* 圣人, 圣贤; 智者
2. master *n.* 师傅; 名家; (男) 教师
3. contribution *n.* 捐献, 贡献; 投稿
4. archery *n.* 射箭, 箭术
5. calligraphy *n.* 书法, 书写
6. promote *vt.* 晋升, 提升; 促进



Situational Dialogue 情景对话

Zhao Lin: Miss Wang, can you tell me something about Confucius?

赵林: 王老师, 你能不能给我介绍一下孔子?

Miss Wang: Of course. What would you like to know?

王老师: 当然可以, 你想知道什么内容?

Zhao Lin: Please introduce him to me briefly.

请简单地介绍一下他吧。

Miss Wang: Well, he was born in a poor family in 551 BC in Qufu of Shandong Province. He was best known as the Sage Kong, or the Master Kong, Confucius in Chinese. His main contribution lies in his teaching.

好的。他公元前 551 年出生在山东曲阜的一个贫苦家庭。人们都尊称他为孔圣人或者孔夫子。他在教育事业上贡献很大。

Zhao Lin: What do you mean by saying that?

为什么这么说呢?

Miss Wang: Before his time, there were only the official schools for the sons of rich people. He thought that everyone should have the chance of education and he set up the first large private school for the common.

在他之前只有给富人孩子办的官立学校。他认为每个人都应该有受教育的机会,并为普通人开办了第一所大型私人学校。

Zhao Lin: What did he teach in this school?

他在学校里都教什么内容?

Miss Wang: Such as rites, music, archery, charactering, calligraphy and mathematics to promote all-round development.

例如礼、乐、射、御、书、数,促进全面教育。

Zhao Lin: Did he have a lot of students?

他有很多学生吗?

Miss Wang: It's said to have more than 3,000, 72 of whom became well known in history. And they wrote down their memories of conversation with him, which became well known as *the Analects*, *Lun Yu* in Chinese.

据说他有 3000 多个学生,72 贤人。这些学生记录下了记忆中和孔子的谈话,编成了《论语》。



Focal-point Linkage 重点链接

★ **private** *adj.* 私人的;不公开的,保密的

A private car gives a much greater degree of comfort and mobility.

私人小汽车能给人很大的舒适程度和机动性。

This is for your private ear.

这件事只对你个人说。

★ **promote** *vi.* 提升;促进,激起

The young army officer was promoted to the rank of captain.

那个年轻的陆军军官已晋升为上尉。

Do you have any idea how to promote the sales of this product?

如何来推销这种产品你有什么好办法吗?



Material for Extensive Reading 拓展阅读

Quotations from Celebrities 名人名言(1)

If you do not learn to think when you are young, you may never learn. —Edison

如果你年轻时不学会思考,那就永远学不会。——爱迪生

Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow. —Emerson

进步乃今日之努力,明日之保证。——爱默生

If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free; if our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed. —Edmund Burke

如果我们能支配我们的财富,我们就会变得富裕而自由;如

果财富支配了我们,我们就会变得贫穷。——E·伯克

Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success. —Henry Ford

做好准备是成功的首要秘诀。——亨利·福特

Silence is not always a sign of wisdom, but babbling is ever a folly. —Benjamin Franklin

沉默并不是智慧的标志,但唠叨永远是愚蠢行为。——本杰明·富兰克林

Only the person who has faith in himself is able to be faithful to others. —Erich Fromm

只有对自己有信心的人才会对别人守信用。——埃立克·弗洛姆

Time is a bird forever on the wing. —T. W. Robertson

时间是一只永远在飞翔的鸟。——罗伯逊



Unit 2 Stories about Presidents

总统趣闻



Words and Expressions 生词与短语

1. affect *vt.* 侵袭, 使感染; 影响
2. assassination *n.* 暗杀, 行刺
3. function *n.* (隆重) 仪式; 宴会
4. credit *n. & vt.* 相信, 信任
5. fake *vt.* 伪造, 捏造; 假装
6. handsome *adj.* 英俊的, 大方的



Situational Dialogue 情景对话

Tom: There are many stories about Presidents of the United States.

汤姆: 美国总统有许多有趣的故事。

Jane: Yes, let's talk about it.

简: 是的, 我们说说看吧。

Tom: Do you know who was the largest, smallest and tallest President?

你知道哪个总统最胖、哪个总统最瘦小、哪个总统最高吗?

Jane: William Howard Taft weighted 335 pounds. James Machison was the smallest leader: 5 feet 4 inches, 100 pounds. Abraham Lincoln, 6 feet 4 inches, was the tallest.

威廉姆·霍华德·塔夫脱体重达 335 磅。詹姆斯·马奇逊是最瘦小的领导人,只有五英尺 4 英寸高,100 磅重。亚伯拉罕·林肯 6 英尺 4 英寸高,是最高的。

Tom: All right!

完全正确。

Jane: Which President's son was personally affected by three presidential assassinations?

哪位总统的儿子曾先后亲身经历三次总统刺杀事件。

Tom: Abraham Lincoln's eldest son, Robert Todd. He had to avoid functions where a President was present.

亚伯拉罕·林肯的大儿子罗伯特·托德。所以他以后不得不避开任何总统出席的场合。

Jane: Which President was credited with saving 77 lives?

哪位总统曾救过 77 条生命?

Tom: Ronald Reagan was a lifeguard in his hometown. But some of the rescues may have been young women faking it simply to get the handsome Reagan's attention.

罗纳德·里根当时是他家乡的救生员。但是其中还包括不少假装晕倒的年轻女士,为的是引起英俊里根的关注。

Jane: That's very funny!

太有趣了。



Focal-point Linkage 重点链接

★ **personally adv.** 亲自地,作为个人

Lily saw to the comforts of her guests personally.

莉莉亲自照顾客人。

Personally, I think he is dishonest, but many people trust him.

就我个人而言,我认为他不诚实,可是有许多人信任他。

★avoid vt. 避免, 逃避

I crossed the street to avoid meeting him, but he saw me and came running towards me.

我横穿马路以便避开他,但他看到了我并朝我跑过来。

To avoid the city centre, we may turn right here and take the belt highway.

我们从这里往右拐走环行道,便可避开闹市中心。

★rescue vt. 营救, 援救

We rescued a boy from drowning.

我们救起一个快要淹死的小男孩。

She was rescued from a burning building.

她被人从着火的大楼里救了出来。



Material for Extensive Reading 拓展阅读

Quotations from Celebrities 名人名言(2)

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing. —Abraham Lincoln

永远记住:你自己取得成功的决心比什么都重要。——林肯

What is the man's first duty? The answer is brief: to be himself. —Henrik Ibsen

一个人的首要职责是什么? 答案很简单:做自己。——易卜生

There is no Situational in life but has its advantages and pleasures provided we will but take it as a joke when we find it. —Washington Irving

人世间的任何境遇都有其优点和乐趣,只要我们愿意接受现实。——华盛顿·欧文

It is strange that all great men should have some little grain

of madness mingled with whatever genius they possess.

—Moliere

很奇怪,大凡伟人在他们所拥有的天分中都混杂着一些疯狂的成分。——莫里哀

We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope. — Martin Luther King

我们必须接受有限的失望,但我们绝不可失去无限的希望。——马丁·路德·金

There is no such thing as darkness, only a failure to see. — Muggeridge

没有黑暗这种东西,只有看不见而已。——马格里奇

The man who has made up his mind to win will never say "Impossible". —Napoleon

凡是决心取得胜利的人是从来不说“不可能”的。——拿破仑

(2) 名人名言 (2)

Always be true to your own resolution to succeed. —Abraham Lincoln

林——永远忠于自己的决心去取得成功。

There is no royal road to the man's first goal. The way is hard to be true.

没有通往成功的捷径。通往成功的道路是艰难的。

There is no shortcut in the way to success. The way is hard to be true.

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