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前 言 Preface

英语的学习不仅是脑力活,也是体力活,它不光需要用脑筋去"攻读",更需要花时间去"熟练"。英语听力和阅读的输入训练是英语学习的关键环节,这是很多成功的英语学习者的亲身体会。有效地进行输入环节听和读的学习和积累,有助于我们对英语单词、句型及习惯用法的积累,有助于我们提高英语口语的流利程度,提高听、说、读、写、译多方面的能力。每天拿出来30分钟,走近名人,亲历访谈,与各界精英面对面,感悟他们的智慧,领略他们的风采。

本系列丛书《每天30分钟轻松听懂读懂名家访谈》,是精选自国外报刊、杂志、电视等权威媒体对各界精英的访谈实录选编而成,是您不可错过的具有"英语学习+人生励志"双重功用的英汉对照读物。

我们将这些名人访谈分为四册:

《每天30分钟轻松听懂读懂名家访谈: 财经名人面对面》: 这里的每个人都是足以影响世界经济的财经领袖。他们中,有戴尔、谷歌、通用、宝洁、沃尔玛这些世界500强公司的CEO, 也有美国财政部长、美联储主席、股神巴菲特这样对世界金融界举足轻重的人物。阅读他们睿智理性的分析,我们将经历一场头脑风暴。

《每天30分钟轻松听懂读懂名家访谈:大牌明星面对面》:这里星光熠熠,既有汤姆•克鲁斯、妮可•基德曼、安吉丽娜•朱莉、布拉德•皮特、尼古拉斯•凯奇等影视明星,也有里奥•梅西、大卫•贝克汉姆、林书豪、迈克尔•乔丹、科比•布兰恩特这样的体坛巨星。带您走进25位全球顶级明星的内心世界。

《每天30分钟轻松听懂读懂名家访谈:政界精英面对面》:这里是英美政坛精英的聚集地,17位英国和美国政界精英各自为您阐述对于全球政治的独特见解。

《每天30分钟轻松听懂读懂名家访谈:创业领袖面对面》:创业者是这个时代最闪耀的潮流引领者。24位举世公认的杰出创业成功人士,讲述他们创业中的艰辛,分享成功的经验教训。站在巨人的肩膀上,这是您不可错过的人生一课。

本套丛书具有以下特色:

1. 榜样的力量

本书所选的访谈对象世界知名、形象健康、都是大家公认的某一领域的精英人士、中国

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读者非常熟悉。阅读他们的访谈,读者会有更多的亲切感和认同感,学习兴趣自然高涨。

2. 内容的力量

本书编选的访谈内容,尽量避免过于生僻的专业领域知识,着重选择体现被访者智慧、人生理念、社会价值观等方面的信息。另外,对于某些过于晦涩难懂的内容,也做了适当调整。更加便于广大读者进行英语学习。

3. 知识的力量

编者将访谈的内容详细梳理加工,精准控制每篇访谈的篇幅,便于读者更有计划地学习。同时把每篇访谈的英文都做了全文翻译,并将重点词汇标注于中、英文旁边。在正文后,还辅以本文内应知应会的知识点睛,使广大读者能学有所获。

4. 方法的力量

按照编者设置的学习时间段使用本书, 学习效果将更好。

- 轻松输入十分钟: 在仅有关键词(页面左栏)提示下,尽量不借助其他工具边阅读 英文边听音频,了解文章大致主题思想(8分钟左右)。复习单词(2分钟左右)。
- 有效学习十分钟:对照中文译文和关键英文单词(页面右栏),边看中文译文,边 听英文音频。可以根据自己的英文水平,以句子、句群甚至段落为单位停顿15~30秒。通 过巩固和强化,听懂和读懂文章的意思(8分钟左右)。复习单词(2分钟左右)。
- 自由输出十分钟:每篇访谈之后都有关键知识点的提炼,编者以数十年的英语学习经历、海外见闻、教学经验针对每一个话题倾囊而出,这是全书的精华所在(10分钟左右)。即使前面环节未能达到我们预期的效果,只要认真学习本环节,都会有所收获。

5. 科技的力量

编者投入大量的资金、时间和精力,开发了iPhone、iPad平台的配套学习APP。相比纸质图书,APP可以更便捷地查询、记忆;有更丰富的内容和更生动的互动学习形式。有iPhone、iTouch、iPad的读者可以到APP Store搜索"名人访谈录"下载本书配备的互动APP应用,随时随地学习。

我们不希望您仅仅成为某个成功者的粉丝去了解他们,而是为了将他们身上独特的闪 光点挖掘出来。他们的睿智、勇敢、持之以恒和敬业精神是广大读者学习的榜样。对比成 功者,再对照自己,每个读者都会在人生的成长中获得更多的感悟。

祝大家每天都有新收获!

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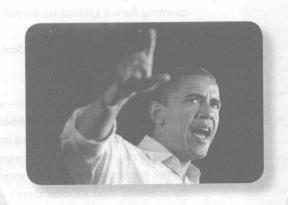
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巴拉克·奥巴马(Barack Obama),美国民主党,第44任美国总统和第一位非 裔美国总统,也是首位同时拥有黑白血统,且童年在亚洲成长的美国总统。1961年生 于美国夏威夷州火奴鲁鲁,1991年从哈佛法学院毕业。1996年,当选伊利诺伊州参议 员。2000年,竞选美国众议院席位失败后一直从事州参议员工作,且于2002年获得连 任。2004年11月,以70%的选票当选代表伊利诺伊州的美国联邦参议员。

2007年2月10日正式宣布参加2008年美国总统选举。同年6月赢得民主党初选,成 为美国历史上首位被主要政党提名的非洲裔总统候选人,并于11月4日正式当选。他全 面实施恢复美国经济的经济复兴计划,对能源、移民、公民医疗保健、教育、税政等领 域进行变革;军事上主张从阿富汗和伊拉克撤军,并向伊斯兰世界表示友善而非以武力 相伴,还和核武大国俄罗斯签署削减核武器的《布拉格条约》。2009年10月9日,获得 诺贝尔委员会颁发的诺贝尔和平奖。



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We Can Solve the Problem of Economy



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Reporter: Hello, again. In nine days he will be President of the United States. This morning Barack Obama is our exclusive-headliner. Welcome back to *This Week*.

Obama: Thank you, George.

Reporter: Does it feel like you're President already?

Obama: No.

Reporter: This is on quite a pace.

Obama: All of those bells and whistles—as much we are working hard in the next couple of weeks, I think that when you're actually in the Oval Office making decisions, I think that's going to be different.

Reporter: You know, we asked our viewers what they wanted to hear from you, and we got hundreds of pages of questions, thousands of questions, almost all about the economy. And it's clear there's a lot of pain out there, a lot of fear. And if I could sum up the questions, it would be very simple: can you fix this?

Obama: I think we can fix this. But it's going to take some time. It's not going to happen overnight. And what we tried to do this week was, first of all, explain where we are in the economy. That the job numbers this week were terrible. That means we've lost 2.5 million last year. That's the most since World War II. You've got another 3.4 million people who have gone from full-time work to part-time work, or want full-time work. So the underemployment rate is extremely high. And, you know, whether it's retail sales, manufacturing, all of the indicators show that we are in the worst recession since the Great Depression. And it's going to take some time to fix it. What we tried to do was put forward a plan that says let's act boldly. Let's act swiftly. Let's not only provide a jumpstart to the economy and immediately save 3 million jobs, but let's also put a down payment on some of the structural problems that we have in our economy.

Reporter: It has been pretty well-received in the Congress. But you're getting some pushback as well, especially from Senate Democrats on the tax cut portions. Senator Tom Harkin said this is trickle-down economics all over again. They're focused especially on the business taxes. Do you really believe those

exclusive-headliner adj. 独家的

headliner n. 头牌人物

bells and whistles 华而不实,附加的 修饰物

Oval Office 美国总统办公室

full-time adj. 全职的

underemployment rate 未充分就业率

indicator n. 指标

boldly adv. 果敢地, 大胆地

jumpstart n. 快速重新启动

well-received adj. 受到欢迎的, 受到款待的

pushback n. 阻力,反对

trickle-down 涓滴效应



我们能解决经济问题





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记者:大家好。9天后巴拉克·奥巴马将成为美国总统。今天早上巴拉克·奥巴马是我们独家报道的头牌²人物。欢迎再次来到《本周》节目。

奥巴马:谢谢你,乔治。

记者: 现在是不是觉得自己已经是总统了?

奥巴马:没有。

记者: 很快就是了。

奥巴马: 所有这些华而不实的³东西——我们在接下来的几周也同样要努力做,我想当你真正是在白宫做决定时,事情就会有所不同了。

记者: 您知道,我们问我们的观众⁴,他们想要从您这了解什么时,我们拿到了数百页的问题,有数千个提问,几乎都是与经济相关的。显然经济方面有很多损伤,很多令人担忧之处,而如果我简单<u>总结</u>⁵一下这些问题,那就是一句话:您能不能修复⁶经济?

奥巴马: 我想我们能。但是这需要时间。这不是一夜之间⁷就能发生的事。我们这周首先要做的事是解释一下我们现在究竟处于什么样的经济形势下。这周的就业率很低。这就意味着去年我们失去了250万个就业机会。这是自二战后失业人数最多的一次。我们还有340万人被迫从全职工作者,或者是想要做全职工作的人变成了兼职⁸工作者。所以未充分就业⁹的比率非常高。而且你知道,不管是零售业¹⁰还是制造业,所有的指标¹¹都显示此次危机是自大萧条¹²后最严重的经济衰退。现在需要时间来恢复。我们现在想要推行¹³的计划就是让我们果敢¹⁴行动起来,迅速行动起来。我们不能只是重振经济一次或者只是立即挽救300万个工作岗位,我们也应该在我们经济存在的结构问题上进行投资。

记者:这在国会收到的反响很好。但是也受到了阻力¹⁵,特别是民主议会在减税¹⁶议题上的阻力。汤姆·哈金议员说这是再度玩弄涓滴经济学¹⁷。他们尤其<u>关注¹⁸商业税问题。您真的认为减少商业税就能创造就业机会吗?或者您提出这一项是为了得到共和党的支持吗?</u>

奥巴马:好的,让我们看一下经济一揽子19计划,总的来说,大多数是政府直接投资

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- 2. headliner n.
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- 8. part-time *adj*.
- 9. underemployment n
- 10. retail n.
- 11. indicator n.
- 12. Great Depression
- 13. put forward 14. boldly *adv*.
- . . .
- 15. pushback n.
- 16. tax cut
- 17. trickle down economics
- 18. focus v.
- 19. package n.





the bulk of 大多数,大部

alternative energy 替代能源,新能源

weatherize v. 使适应气候条件

ramification n. 后果,衍生物

drain n. 消耗

update v. 更新,使现代化

bang for the buck 钱花得值, 货真价实

stimulus n. 刺激

propose v. 认为

accelerate v. 加速,促进

depreciation n. 贬值

authorship n. 原创作者

lay out 摆出,陈列

deficit n. 赤字,不足额

abuse v. 滥用

provision n. 条款, 规定

collaborative adj. 合作的,协作的

consultative *adj*. 咨询的

partisan *adj*. 党派的

wrangling n. 纷争,争吵

pet project 宠物计划

bartering n. 物物交换 business tax cuts are going to work to create jobs? Or do you put them in so you could get Republican votes?

Obama: Well, let's look at the package as a whole, the bulk of the package is direct government spending. And here are a few things we're going to do. We're going to have alternative energy production. We are going to weatherize 2 million homes. We are going to create a much more efficient energy system. And that's going to have enormous ramifications for the economy as a whole down the line. I think we can create a new green economy. And that's going to be one of the keys to the 21st Century. Health care, which is a drain on our economy, both families and businesses, we're going to make investments in information technology, update our system work, reduce medical error, that's going to save people money. Education, we want to create a classroom on the 21st Century for every child, as well as community colleges and public universities. So we're making a series of investments that point to the future as well as just dealing with rebuilding our roads, bridges, etc. Now there is no doubt that that probably gives you the most bang for the buck in terms of stimulus, in terms of getting the economy started, putting people back to work. But there are only so many spending projects that you can do quickly of that sort. And so then the question becomes, do tax cuts also provide a stimulus? Do they also help? And they may not help as much as some of the direct spending projects do, but they still provide a stimulus, especially if they are targeted towards people who are really in need. And there are a lot of families hurting out there. So what we've done is design the bulk of our tax cuts...

Reporter: But you might give up on some of the business tax cuts?

Obama: Well, you know, there are a range of different business tax cuts that we proposed, that we looked at. Some of them, for example, accelerating the depreciation, accelerating the losses that can be written off by businesses, it turns out those are short-term, temporary measures that actually can have an impact. But our general philosophy and I said this yesterday when I was asked at a press conference, is we don't have pride of authorship. There are a couple of basic principles that I laid out. We've got to move quickly. We've got to make sure that any investments that we make have good long-term benefits for the economy, not just short-term. We can't set up a situation where we're adding to the structural deficit over the long-term. We can't have waste and abuse in it.

Reporter: Well, let's look at some...

Obama: But—just to finish the point, if people have better ideas on certain provisions, if they say, you know, this is going to work better than that, then we welcome that. And so we're going to have a collaborative, consultative process with Congress over the next few days. But what we can't do is get involved in the typical partisan wrangling or pet project, you know, bartering that takes place.

Reporter: Well, that's what I wanted to ask you about, because like one of the



的。对此我们要做一些事情。 我们要生产新能源。我们要使 200万家庭适应气候²⁰变化。 我们要创造一个更有效的能源 系统。这就将从整体上给经济 带来巨大的效果。我认为我们 能建立一个新的绿色经济。这 将是我们21世纪的重要任务之



一。关于消耗²¹我们家庭经济和商业经济的医疗保健问题,我们也将在信息技术
²²方面进行投资,更新²³我们的体系,减少医疗过失²⁴,从而为人们省钱。在教育方面,我们想要在21世纪为每个孩子建一个教室,当然还有社区学院和公立大学²⁵。我们要为未来进行一系列投资,并应对道路、桥梁等的重建问题。现在,毫无疑问,可能在刺激美元和重启经济方面最直接的回响²⁶就是让人们重新就业。但是只有那么多投资计划可以迅速地起到立竿见影的作用。那么问题就出现了,减少税收也能刺激经济吗?真的有用吗?可能并不会像直接投资的计划一样有效,但是仍然会起到刺激作用,特别是如果减税能直接针对那些真正需要帮助的人们的话。而且很多家庭在受税收之苦。所以我们所做的就是确定好减税的尺度……

记者: 但是你可能会放弃某些商业减税措施?

奥巴马: 嗯,你知道,我们关注并提议²⁷了很多不同的商业减税措施。其中的一些,如加快²⁸贬值²⁹、提高公司注销³⁰造成的损失等这些措施,都证明这些只是暂时起到一定作用的短期措施。但是昨天在新闻发布会³¹上我被问到这个问题时也说了,我们的理念是我们没有原创³²的骄傲。我摆出了几条根本原则。我们必须迅速行动。我们必须确定我们所做的任何投资都是长期对经济有利的而不仅是短期的。我们不能让经济长期处于结构赤字³³的形势下。我们的经费不能被浪费或者滥用。

记者: 嗯, 让我们看一些……

- 奥巴马: 但是——让我把刚才的观点说完,如果人们在某些条款³⁴上有更好的意见,你知道,如果他们说他们的想法会比那些条款更有效,那我们欢迎他们多提意见。而且我们在接下来的几天里将和国会开始协作咨询³⁵的进程。但是我们不能参与典型的党派纷争³⁶或者是"宠物"的项目,你知道,发生物物交换³⁷的那种。
- 记者:嗯,那也是刚才我想问您的,因为像其中已经有的一个签名提议来自拉斯维加斯的有组织犯罪问题博物馆。我上周在节目中和米奇·麦康奈尔讨论了这个问题,他嘲讽说,你知道这就是我们不想要的那种猪肉。但是提议的拥护者³⁸说,等一下,这是一个建设工程,马上开工了,会创造就业机会的。这是您想要投

- 20. weatherize v.
- 21. drain n.
- 22. information technology
 - 23. update v.
 - 24. medical error
 - 25. public university
 - 26. bang n.
 - 27. propose v.
 - 28. accelerate v.
 - 29. depreciation n.
 - 30. write off
 - 31. press conference
 - 32. authorship n.
 - 33. deficit n.
 - 34. provision n.
 - 35. consultative *adj.*36. partisan wran-
 - 37. bartering n.
 - 38. advocate n.

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signature proposals already is this Museum of Organized Crime out in Las Vegas. I had Mitch McConnell out on the show last week and he ridiculed it, saying that, you know, this is an example of the kind of pork we don't want. Yet its advocates say, wait a second, it's a construction project, it's ready to go, it's going to create jobs. Is that the kind of project that you want to fund or not? Obama: Well, let's be clear, that was a project that was proposed as part of the

Obama: Well, let's be clear, that was a project that was proposed as part of the mayors' project. The country's mayors put together—here are a range of projects we can do, we didn't include that.

Reporter: But would you want to fund it or not?

Obama: Well, I think that what we have to do is evaluate whether or not these are projects that, as I said, are going to provide long-term benefits to the economy. You know, I would prefer spending money on things like making sure that all federal buildings are energy efficient, so the taxpayers are saving money over the long-term. I want to make sure that on health care we are creating the infrastructure that can make our health care system more efficient. So, you know, we want to spend the money wisely. We want to spend it prudently. In a package of this magnitude, will there end up being certain projects that potentially don't meet that criteria of helping on health care, energy, or education? Certainly. But what we don't want is this thing to be a Christmas tree loaded up with a whole bunch of "pet projects" that people have for their local communities.

Reporter: I've heard that—and your meetings on Capitol Hill, the one thing you've been most focused on is get this done now.

Obama: Yes.

Reporter: It has to be done...

Obama: Right.

Reporter: What happens if it's not?

Obama: Well, you know, then Congress was going to hear from me. And I was pleased to hear Nancy Pelosi say that if we don't get it done by the President's

Day recess, we won't have a President's Day recess.

Reporter: But what's your fear?

Obama: Well, the concern is that in a non-emergency situation, Congress exercises all sorts of prerogatives. They've got all sorts of procedures. Everybody wants to be heard. And I'm respectful of that. I'm coming from the United States Senate. I understand why that is important. And, you know, one of the things that we're trying to set a tone of is that, you know, Congress is a co-equal branch of government. We're not trying to jam anything down people's throats. Here's what we know though, that the sooner a recovery and reinvestment package is in place, the sooner we can start turning the economy around. We can't afford three, four, five, six more months where we're losing half a million jobs per month.

ridicule v. 嘲笑, 嘲弄

advocate n. 拥护者,提倡者

construction project 建筑计划,建设项目

prudently adv. 谨慎地

magnitude n. 高度

load up 装载,挂满

Capitol Hill 美国国会,美国国 会山

recess n. 休会,休息

prerogative n. 特权

respectful adj. 恭敬的,有礼貌的

jam ν. 挤进, 使塞满



资的那种工程吗?

奥巴马: 嗯,简单地说,提议的那个项目是市长工程的一部分。国家所有的市长团结在一起——我们就能做一系列工程。我们没有包括那个项目。

记者: 但是您想要资助那个项目吗?

奥巴马: 嗯,我想我们必须要做的是评估³⁹这些项目,像我之前所说的,是否对经济长期有利。你知道,我更愿意把钱花在一些能确保有效利用资源的联邦建筑上,这样<u>纳税人</u>⁴⁰就能在长期内省下更多的钱。我想要确保我们在医疗保健方面建立的基础结构可以使我们的医疗保健体系更加高效。所以,你知道,我们想要进行明智的投资。我们想要谨慎的投资。在这个高度上的经济一揽子计划,会最终成为那些在帮助健康医疗、能源或者教育方面潜在的不符合标准的项目吗?当然可能会。但是我们更不想这件事成为人们在当地社区庆祝圣诞的挂满"宠物工程"的圣诞树。

记者: 我听过——您在美国国会的会议演讲, 您一直关注的事情就是立即实施。

奥巴马: 是的。

记者:必须得做 ……

奥巴马:没错。

记者: 如果不做会怎么样?

奥巴马:嗯,你知道,那么国会很快就会收到我的信息。我很高兴听到南希·佩洛西说,如果我们不在总统日⁴¹休假前完成,我们就没有总统日休假。

记者: 但是您担心什么?

奥巴马: 嗯,我担心的是国会在非紧急⁴²情况下运用各种特权。他们有各种各样的程序。每个人都想要发言。我很尊重这一点。我来自美国参议院。我明白为什么这很重要。而且,你知道,我们想要设定一种论调,国会是政府的一个同等重要⁴³的分支。我们并不想剥夺人们说话的权利。尽管我们都明白,如果经济能尽快复苏、重新投资的一揽子计划尽快到位,经济形势就能尽快开始扭转。我们耽误不起三四个月甚至是五六个月,因为我们每月都会丧失掉将近50万的工作岗位。



39. evaluate v

40. taxpayer n.

41. President's Day
42. non-emergency

adj.

43. co-equal adj.