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前言

中国经济的飞速发展,给各行各业带来新的机遇和挑战,与各国之间的交流日益频繁,对于英语口语的需求也日益扩大。但是长期以来,聋哑英语一直困扰国人。教育部最新颁布的《大学英语课程教学要求》(2006)中也明确指出:"大学英语的教学目标是培养学生英语综合应用能力,特别是听说能力,使他们在今后工作和社会交往中能用英语有效地进行口头和书面的信息交流"。针对这一形势及要求,结合我国大学英语教学的实际,即学生急需提高英语听说能力的强烈愿望,我们编写了这本英语口语教程,奉献给广大师生和英语爱好者。

本书是一本旨在塑造地道的英语思维,解决语言“输入”和“输出”问题,帮助学习者提高口语水平的口语教程。

主要特点如下:

1.话题新颖,题材广泛,内容贴近生活,容易引起学生的兴趣,激发学生用英语进行口头交际的欲望。

2.每单元一个热点话题,配以相关三个子话题,以方便学生围绕话题进行输入性训练,加以模仿和话语输出,达到锻炼口语的目的。

3.课文编写匠心独运,突破传统的口语教材编写模式,给每个话题配上形式多样的导入,并辅以生动活泼的图片及测试题。除对话之外,每个子话题都提供了相关的信息资料供学生参考,丰富口语表达的内容。另外,每个单元的万花筒栏目中,主题相关的人间百态世间趣事尽

收眼底,中英文对照可以让学生反复操练,拓宽视野,规范表达。

4.本书配套光盘录音清晰,语音语调真实自然,语速及口音、停顿、干扰等会话特征与真实交谈一致,有助于学生适应真实场景的语言交际,提高学生的听说能力。

全书共有十个单元,分别为假日狂欢、流行前线、风云人物、激情体育、社会焦点、情感驿站、科技动态、经济纵横、美妙世界、职场宝典。每个单元分为话题导读(Lead-in)、子话题(Follow Me, Dialogue, Information Links, Task)和万花筒(Kaleidoscope)三个栏目。每个子话题下面配有相关词汇表达、对话范例、信息链接及形式多样的口语任务。其中,信息链接(Information Links)是该书的特点之一,考虑到学生不仅需要掌握口语对话,还需要掌握和话题相关的信息,才能有更多的语言输出,每个子话题后面精选了十个中英文对照的相关信息点,可以让学生在讨论时引用或借鉴,丰富口语表达的内容。最后一部分万花筒(Kaleidoscope)不仅趣味横生,还为学生提供了锻炼口语表达的材料,学生可以进行中英文互译练习,可谓一举两得。英语口语的流利关键在于熟读背诵,持之以恒,尽可能了解英语的会话技巧,以及外国文化的特点和风俗习惯,这样才能真正熟练自然地运用语言。

总之,衷心希望本书能满足广大学生和英语爱好者的需求,提高他们的口语表达和交际能力。

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Unit 1 Festivals

假日狂欢

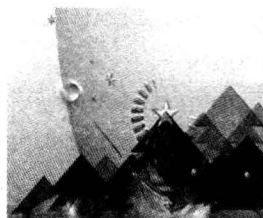
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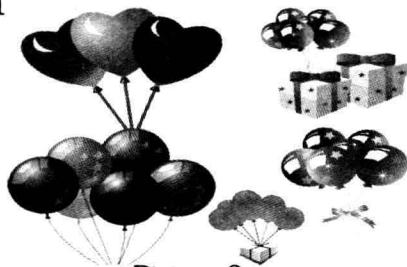
Holidays are mostly a time of joy and togetherness, to be with family and friends, for the common cause of enjoying a cultural or religious event. Take a small quiz to test your holiday mood and see how you would like to celebrate holidays. Look at the following pictures and choose one according to your first intuition.



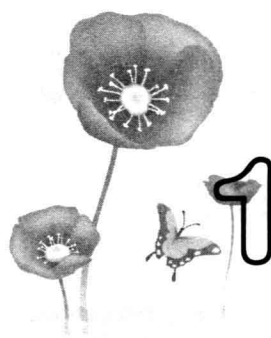
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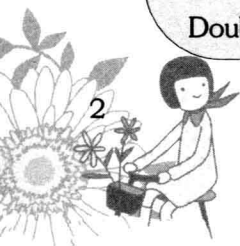
Chinese Traditional Festivals

我爱春节



 Follow Me

fireworks	[ˈfaɪəwɜːks]	<i>n.</i>	烟花
firecracker	[ˈfaɪəkrækə]	<i>n.</i>	爆竹
commemorate	[kəˈmeməreɪt]	<i>v.</i>	纪念
corruption	[kəˈrʌpʃən]	<i>n.</i>	腐败
despair	[diˈspeə]	<i>n./v.</i>	绝望
scatter	[ˈskætə]	<i>v.</i>	撒
distract	[diˈstrækt]	<i>v.</i>	分散(某人的)注意力
dumpling	[ˈdʌmplɪŋ]	<i>n.</i>	饺子
riddle	[ˈrɪdl]	<i>n.</i>	谜语
Spring Festival			春节
Spring Festival couplets			春联
gift money			压岁钱
family reunion dinner			团圆饭
pay New Year's visit			拜年
Lantern Festival			元宵节
sweet dumpling / Tang Yuan			汤圆
Qing Ming Festival			清明节
Dragon Boat Festival			端午节
rice dumpling / Zong Zi			粽子
Double Seventh Festival			七夕节
Mid-Autumn Festival			中秋节
Double Ninth Festival			重阳节





Dialogue One

A: Hi, Linda, what's up?

B: Oh, hi. I just finished the final test of Maths.

A: How did it go?

B: Just so so. Anyway, after this test, I'll go home for the winter vacation and the Spring Festival. I'm missing my family so much.

A: Me too. I haven't seen my parents for three months.

B: Time flies! The Spring Festival is only two weeks away.

A: How does your family usually celebrate the Spring Festival?

B: Every year we celebrate the Spring Festival in almost the same way. Before the festival, my father goes out to buy necessities for the New Year, and my mother gives the house a thorough cleaning.

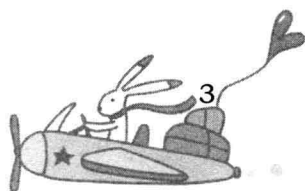
A: Then what do you do ?

B: My job is to paste Spring Festival couplets, and set off firecrackers.

A: Oh, your job is so easy and interesting. Do you have the big meal on New Year's Eve at home or in a restaurant?

B: We usually have the reunion dinner at home with my grandparents and my uncle's families. We like the atmosphere of staying together at home.

A: Yes, being together with family members is the most important thing in the Spring Festival.





Dialogue Two

A: Is this the first time you spend the Dragon Boat Festival in China?

B: Yes, it is. I just wonder why it is called the Dragon Boat Festival.

A: Simply speaking, it is because people race dragon boats on this festival.

B: Oh, I see. But why do you celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival?

A: We celebrate this festival to commemorate Qu Yuan, a minister in Chu Kingdom in ancient China.

B: What did he do?

A: He threw himself into a river for despairing over corruption at court. Then, people scattered rice on the water to distract hungry fish from his body.

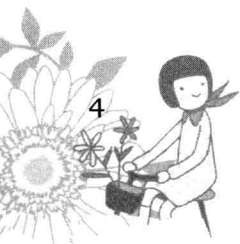
B: What a moving story!

A: Over the years, the story of Qu Yuan transformed into the traditions of racing dragon boats and eating *Zongzi* — a kind of rice wrapped in bamboo leaves.

B: I heard some foreigners are now interested in the dragon boat races.

A: That's right. Every spring there are nearly 60 dragon boat races held outside of China.

B: Maybe next year I can celebrate this festival in Canada.





Information Links

- ① The Spring Festival is the most important festival for the Chinese people and is the time when all family members get together, just like Christmas in the West.

春节是中国人心目中最重要节日。就像西方的圣诞节一样,春节也是一个全家团圆的日子。

- ② The Spring Festival Eve dinner is more luxurious than usual. Dishes such as chicken, fish and bean curd cannot be excluded, for in Chinese, their pronunciations, respectively “ji”, “yu” and “doufu”, mean auspiciousness, abundance and richness.

除夕的年夜饭要比往常丰盛些。鸡、鱼和豆腐这样的菜是不可少的,因为在汉语中它们的发音分别意味着吉利、充裕和富有。

- ③ The Lantern Festival falls on the 15th day of the 1st lunar month, just after the Spring Festival. As early as the Western Han Dynasty, it had become a festival with great significance.

每年农历的正月十五,春节刚过,迎来的就是元宵节。早从西汉开始,元宵节就成为一个具有重要意义节日。

- ④ “Guessing lantern riddles” is an essential part of the Lantern Festival. Lantern owners write riddles on a piece of paper and post them on the lanterns. Visitors who have right solutions to the riddles will get a little gift.

猜灯谜也是元宵节的一项重要活动,花灯的主人会将谜语写在纸上,然后贴在灯笼上,挂在门口,猜中灯谜的人将会得到小小的礼物。

- ⑤ The Qingming Festival (Tomb-Sweeping Day) is one of the 24 seasonal division points in China, falling on April 4–6 each year. After the festival, the temperature will rise up and rainfall will increase.

清明是中国的二十四节气之一,出现在每年的4月4日~6日间。清明节之后气温会上升,降雨增加。

- ⑥ The Dragon Boat Festival, the 5th day of the 5th lunar month, has had a history of more than 2,000 years. There are many legends about the evolution of the festival, the most popular of which is in commemoration of Qu Yuan.

农历五月初五的端午节已有两千多年的历史。关于这一节日的形成有许多的民间传说,其中最普遍的是为了纪念屈原。

- ⑦ Dragon boat racing is an indispensable part of the Dragon Boat Festival. Zongzi is an essential food of the festival. It is said that people ate them in Spring and Autumn Period.

赛龙舟是端午节不可缺少的活动,而粽子则是这一节日的主要食物,据说从春秋时期人们就



开始吃粽子了。

- ⑧ The Mid-Autumn Festival probably began as a harvest festival. It was later given a mythological flavour with legends of Chang E, the beautiful lady on the Moon.

中秋节最早可能是一个庆祝丰收的节日。后来,月宫里美丽的仙女嫦娥的神话故事赋予了它神话色彩。

- ⑨ The Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar. It is a time for family members to congregate and enjoy the full Moon — an auspicious symbol of abundance, harmony and luck.

农历八月十五是中国的传统节日——中秋节。在这天,家庭成员们团聚在一起,共同观赏象征丰裕、和谐和幸运的圆月。

- ⑩ The custom of ascending a height to avoid epidemics on the Double Ninth Festival was passed down from a long time ago. Therefore, the Double Ninth Festival is also called “Height Ascending Festival”.

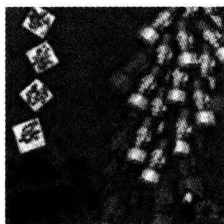
重阳节登高避灾的风俗始于很久以前,故重阳节又叫“登高节”。



Task

Discussion

Work in pairs. Look at the following six pictures and match them with the six traditional festivals in China. Then talk with your partner about the way your family celebrates these festivals.



A



B



C



D



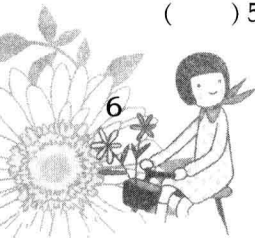
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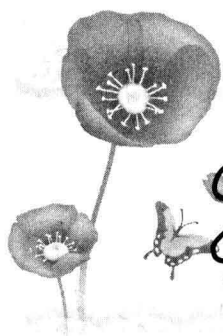


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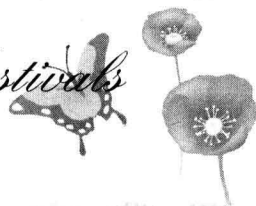
- () 1. the Qingming Festival
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- () 2. the Lantern Festival
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() 6. the Dragon Boat Festival



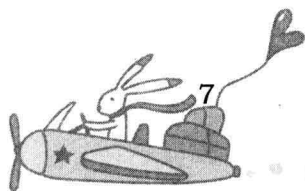


2 Western Traditional Festivals 过洋节



 Follow Me

wonderland	[ˈwʌndəˌlənd]	n.	仙境
artificial	[ˌɑːtiˈfiʃəl]	adj.	人造的
ornament	[ˈɔːnəmənt]	n.	装饰物
scarf	[skɑːf]	n.	长围巾
perfume	[ˈpɜːfjuːm, pəˈfjuːm]	n.	香水
Halloween	[ˈhæləuˈiːn]	n.	万圣节
fantastic	[fænˈtæstik]	adj.	极好的
fang	[fæŋ]	n.	尖牙
vampire	[ˈvæmpaɪə]	n.	吸血鬼
witch	[wɪtʃ]	n.	女巫
ghost	[ɡəʊst]	n.	幽灵
shopping mall			大型购物中心
dress as/like			打扮成
Santa Claus			圣诞老人
Christmas stocking			圣诞老人袜
Christmas ornament			圣诞装饰物品
Christmas rush			圣诞节前夕的购物热
Thanksgiving Day			感恩节
Thanksgiving dinner			感恩节正餐
Halloween costume			万圣节服装
Easter Day			复活节





Dialogue One

A: Christmas is coming. Have you done any shopping?

B: Yes. I went to the shopping mall yesterday and it has become a Christmas wonderland.

A: A Christmas wonderland?

B: Yes. The mall has been decorated with Christmas trees, artificial snow, flashing lights and many other shiny ornaments. It was really like a wonderland for visitors to enjoy.

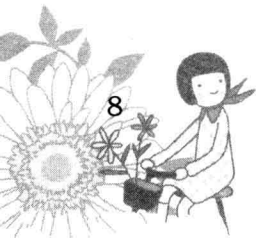
A: Sounds wonderful! What did you buy?

B: I had planned to buy presents for each one in my family, but, you know, it was so crowded and noisy in the mall, so I just bought some of them.

A: During the Christmas shopping season, the malls are always full of people.

B: I bought an electronic toy for my nephew, a scarf for my mother, a bottle of perfume for my sister, and ... a CD for my father.

A: You actually have bought a lot!





Dialogue Two

A: Hi, Jack! How did your Halloween party go?

B: It was fantastic! I played a ghost at the party and scared many little kids.

A: Really? How did you do that?

B: Well, at first I was not very much sure about the Halloween dress. Then I thought of an easy way to be a ghost. I just covered myself with a white sheet and cut out holes for eyes and mouth. I made it!

A: That was really easy. Next Halloween I will play a ghost, too.

B: Maybe you can dress as a blue ghost or a purple one — who said ghosts can't be colorful!

A: Good idea! What did your sister dress as? I heard she was good at doing that.

B: She wore black clothes and played a vampire with big fangs.

A: She was so cool!

B: Her costume was so good that I didn't recognize her.

A: Did you knock on the neighbors' doors asking for candy?

B: Come on! We are not little kids!

