

幽默英語

閱讀測驗

序

要提高英文實力只有多閱讀。

有效的閱讀英文的方法：

1. 選擇適合自己的程度，內容又有趣的文章或段落。
2. 閱讀全文一遍先明白大意。
3. 閱讀第二遍，把不明白的地方徹底弄明白。
4. 再將全文朗誦二、三遍（次數視個人的需要增減）。
5. 把大意用口頭或文字敘述一遍。

用上述的方法讀英文既簡單又有效。可是很多同學對學校中的英語卻感到厭惡和害怕。原因之一是有些教師上課補充一大堆零零碎碎的知識，語言的學習是一種“能力”的獲得，要靠練習才有效，而不是記住一堆“知識”。很多相關的用法、成語、單字，不必急於讓學生一次吞下。只要多閱讀課文或其他文章，將來自然會學到。而且單字、成語的每一個用法只有在文章中學習才能真正學會。第二個原因是考題太繁雜難深。一課課文的考題往往比課文本身多好幾倍，或者題變化太大應用得太離譜。所以即使熟讀課文也考不好。因而逐漸對英語失去信心和興趣。

凡是目光遠大以聯考為目標或以培養真正的實力為目標的同學，請不要把時間浪費在鑽研那些知識與考題上，用那些時間用我上面提到的方法念課內或課外的文章，你可以比別人念得多。當然本書也希望你用這個方法閱讀。

市面上出售的閱讀材料很多，但是如果讀來索然無味或看不下去的東西，再怎麼好也沒有用。首先，你得選擇有趣的東西，讓自己樂意讀下去。本書“幽默英語閱讀測驗”便是基於這個信念而寫的。本書不僅趣味性高，而且它的取材

範圍更是包括生活中的各個層面——食、衣、住、行、娛樂、教育、科學、醫藥、經濟、法律、藝術等無所不包。能使讀者獲得極廣泛的字彙及各種的用語。除了提高閱讀能力外，對於應付聯考“作文”及“翻譯”也有很大的助益。

同樣的字彙，同樣的用語在別的書出現也許你記不住，但在本書出現將使你忘不了。因為這些單字、成語或用法將隨著有趣的故事深植在你的腦海中。而且當你要用到它們時更可藉著有趣的內容很容易加以回憶或聯想。

本書可使程度好的同學在一個月內實力大進。更可使不喜歡英語的同學一個月內起死回生。本書更可緩和高三人緊張的情緒。凡是高三人不可不看。

本書主要為高中生而寫，但也適合具有高二以上程度的其他學校學生或社會人士閱讀。

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1. The Laundryman

A poor man owned a small laundry next door to a successful restaurant. Each day at lunchtime, he took his crust of bread and sat next to the restaurant's kitchen door, so he could sniff the aroma while he ate his meager meal.

Finally, the restaurant owner sent the laundryman a bill: "For the smell of my food."

Next day the poor man walked into the restaurant carrying a money box which he rattled in the ear of his neighbor.

"Observe, my friend," he said, "I pay for the smell of your food with the sound of my money."

1. The restaurant owner was _____.
 A. a money-grubber B. charity itself
 C. a miser D. a digger
2. The laundryman _____.
 A. returned good for good
 B. gave the sack to the restaurant owner
 C. slapped the restaurant owner on the face
 D. gave the restaurant owner a dose of his own medicine

[[Notes]]

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1. laundry ['ləʊndrɪ] 洗衣店
2. crust [krʌst] 麵包皮
3. sniff [snɪf] 以鼻吸氣
4. aroma [ə'romə] 香味
5. meager ['mɪgə] 貧乏的
6. bill [bɪl] 帳單
7. rattle ['rætəl] 嘎嘎響
8. observe [əb'zɜ:v] 看；觀察
9. pay for 付……錢
10. a money-grubber 唯利是圖的人
11. charity itself 非常慈善的
= all charity = very charitable
抽象名詞 + itself = all + 抽象名詞 = very + adj.
12. miser ['maɪzə] 守財奴
13. digger 淘金者
14. return good for good 以德報德
15. to give the sack to sb. 開除某人
16. to slap sb. on the face 打某人耳光
17. to give sb. a dose of his own medicine
以牙還牙 (dose 一劑藥)

〔 Answers 〕 1. [A] 2. [D]

〔 Translation 〕

有一窮人在一家成功的飯店旁邊開了一間小洗衣店。每天吃午飯時他坐在飯店的廚房旁邊吃他的麵包屑，這樣子他可以在吃那貧乏的午飯時吸吸香氣。

最後，飯店老闆給他一張帳單要他為“食物的香味”而付錢。

第二天，這位窮人拿了一盒錢走入飯店並且在這位芳鄰的耳邊搖得嘎嘎作響。

“看，朋友，”他說，“我用我的錢的聲音來付你的食物的香味的錢。”



2. A Newly Rich Lady

The newly rich lady was advised to acquire some culture. So she visited a Madison Avenue art gallery. The first painting she encountered showed a bum in ragged clothing seated on a park bench.

“Well,” said the woman. “I’ll never give those beggars another cent. He’s too broke to buy a decent suit, but he’s got money enough to get his picture painted.”

- △ The lady thought that the beggar paid money to _____.
- A. have a rich meal
 - B. have his picture painted
 - C. buy a decent suit
 - D. visit the art gallery

〔 Notes 〕

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| 1. acquire | [ə'kwair] | 得到；獲得 |
| 2. culture | ['kaltʃə] | 文化；精神文明 |
| 3. gallery | ['gæləri] | 畫廊 |
| 4. encounter | [in'kauntə] | 碰見；邂逅 |

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| 5. | bum | [bʌm] | 流浪者；游手好閒者 |
| 6. | broke | [brok] | 破產的 |
| 7. | decent | ['di:ənt] | 體面的 |
| 8. | suit | [sjut] | 一套衣服 |

[[Answer]] [B]

[[Translation]]

有一位新致富的女士被勸說去獲得一些文化陶冶。所以她就去看麥迪遜大道上的一家畫廊。她所見到的第一幅畫上有一個衣衫襤褸的流浪漢坐在公園的長板凳上。

“唔，”這女人說。“我再也不給那些乞丐一分錢。他窮得沒錢買一件體面的衣服卻有錢請人畫畫。”



3. A Gentleman And A Lady

Venturing into Central Park at dusk, a man was attacked by gangsters, who took his money, his wristwatch and, in a final humiliation, stripped him bare, leaving him nothing but his hat. He crept through the park, positioning his hat for maximum concealment. As he reached his apartment house, he was spotted by a woman who promptly burst out laughing.

“If you were a lady, you wouldn't laugh,” said the man.

“If you were a gentleman, you'd tip

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- 12. maximum ['mæksəmə] 最大量；最高點
- 13. concealment [kən'silmənt] 隱藏
- 14. vagabond ['vægə,bənd] 流浪者
- 15. lunatic ['lunə,trik] 瘋人
- 16. talk through one's hat 吹牛
- 17. take his hat off to her 向她表示敬意
take his hat off 脫帽

〔 Answers 〕 1. [C] 2. [A] 3. [D]

〔 Translation 〕

有一個膽敢在黃昏的時候到中央公園的人，受到歹徒的攻擊，他們搶走了他的錢、手錶。最後更使他很沒面子，剝光他的衣服，全身除了帽子以外空無一物。他盡力用帽子遮住身體爬行過公園。當他到達公寓房子時被一女人看到，她立刻笑起來。

“如果你是個淑女，你就不會笑，”這個人說。

“如果你是個紳士，你應該舉帽致敬（向淑女），”這女人說。



4. Train Sickness

Mr. Lin got off an express train, his face tinged with green. A friend who went to the station to meet him asked what was wrong.

“Train sickness,” said the traveller. “I am always sick when I ride backwards on a

train."

"Why didn't you ask the man sitting opposite you to change seats with you?" asked his friend.

"I thought of that," said the traveller, "but there wasn't anybody there."

1. Mr. Lin _____ sitting on the seat opposite his without asking for the permission of anybody, for there wasn't any there.
 A. must have thought of
 B. should have thought of
 C. shouldn't have thought of
 D. thought of
2. Not having taken the seats opposite his, Mr. Lin was _____.
 A. a gentleman from top to toe
 B. a jackass
 C. a well-behaved passenger
 D. a hypocrite

[[Notes]]

1. be tinged with 微染

his face tinged with green (他的臉微帶青色，

主詞 分詞(p.p.) 即臉色發青)

◎有主詞的分詞片語 (即獨立構句)

2. train sickness 暈(火)車
3. to ride backwards on a train
 (乘火車時面向和火車前進的方向相反。)
 to ride on a train 乘火車