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Preface

前言

曾几何时，一个字，触动你的心弦；一句话，让你泪流满面；一篇短文，让你重拾信心，勇敢面对生活给你的考验。这就是语言的力量。通过阅读词句优美的英文短文，不仅能够扩大词汇量，掌握单词用法，了解语法，更会让你的心灵如沐春风，得到爱的呵护和情感的滋养。

本书共有五章，内容涉及哲理、励志、生活、情感和休闲。其中哲理类的文章都是从各种容易忽视的小事中让你体会到人生的哲理，具有见微知著的效果；励志类的文章能让你体会励志回声，在生活、学习、工作中激起继续前行的力量；生活类的文章讲述生活各方面的事情和道理，通过各种生活的体现，给阅历尚浅的读者增加生活阅历；情感类的文章或讲述友情，或讲述亲情，或讲述爱情，或讲述对情感的领悟，内容丰富，情感细腻；休闲类的文章可谓包罗万象，糅合了各种题材和内容，精彩纷呈。本书包含的每一篇美文都适合背诵记忆。如你能在日常的学习中信手拈来书中的优美词句，肯定会帮助你在英语学习中脱颖而出。

本书里面的每一篇文章都有词汇详解和译文。词汇详解部分对单词标注音标和释义，配有相应的例句，最后还列举了一些衍生词，很大程度上扩大了学习者的词汇量，同时加强记忆。希望每一位读者都能好好利用本书，增强学习能力，学习单词不要一味地死记硬背，掌握应用才是关键。千万别把英语学习当做是沉重的体力活，要尽可能

地多去接触英语环境，用真实的生活经历来学英语是最明智的英语学习方法。也希望读者能从这些精美短文中汲取正能量，充满激情地去追求人生的梦想！

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第一章

Philosophy of Life

人生哲学

Lesson 1



美文赏析

Poor or Rich

One day a rich father took his young son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They **spent** a day and night in the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"Very good, Dad!"

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Yeah!"

"And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that **reaches** to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a whole horizon."

When the little boy was finishing, his father was speechless.

His son **added**, "Thanks, dad, for showing me how poor we are!"

Isn't it true that it all **depends** on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humor and a positive attitude toward life, you've got everything!



词汇详解

1. **spend** [spend] *n* 预算; 花销 *v* 花费; 浪费; 度过; 用尽 (气力等)

典型例句 Obviously, we don't want to spend too much money.

很明显, 我们不想花太多的钱。

最常用法 spend money/time on sth. 在某方面花多少钱/时间

spend money/time (in) doing sth. 在做某事方面花多少钱/时间

联想记忆 take **v.** 拿；取；花费

cost **n.** 费用；成本；代价 **v.** 花费

pay **v.** 支付 **n.** 薪资

2. **reach** [ri:tʃ] **v.** 到达；伸出；达成 **n.** 范围；影响力

典型例句 They didn't reach the border until after dark.

他们天黑以后才到达边境。

最常用法 reach an agreement 达成一项协议

reach for 伸手取，想得到

联想记忆 arrive **vi.** 到达；到来

3. **add** [æd] **v.** 加；增加；补充说

典型例句 If the tea is too strong, add some hot water to it.

如果茶太浓，加点开水。

最常用法 add to 增加

add up to 总计

add ... to ... 往……里添……

联想记忆 addition **n.** 增加；加法；附加物

additional **adj.** 附加的；额外的

increase **v.** 增加；增强；提高

4. **depend** [dɪ'pend] **vi.** 依赖；依靠；取决于

典型例句 You can depend on him to make a right choice.

你可以依靠他作出正确的选择。

最常用法 That depends /It all depends. 得看情况

depend on/upon 依赖；依靠

depend on (upon) sb. to do sth. 依靠某人做某事

联想记忆 dependent **adj.** 依靠的；依赖的

rely **vi.** 依靠；信任



参考阅读

贫富的真意

一天，一位富有的父亲带着他的小儿子去乡下旅行，打算让他见识一下穷人的生活。他们在一户非常贫穷人家的农场里住了一天一夜。旅行回来之后，父亲问儿子：“你觉得这次旅行怎么样？”

“棒极了，爸爸！”

“你看到穷人的生活了吗？”父亲问道。

“是的！”“那你从中学到了什么呢？”

儿子回答道：“我看到我们家只有一只狗，而他们家有四只。我们的游泳池一直延伸到花园中间，而他们的小溪没有尽头。我们在花园里装了进口灯具，而他们有满天星斗。我们的天井接着前院，而他们拥有整个地平线。”

当小男孩说完的时候，他的父亲目瞪口呆。

他的儿子接着又补充道：“谢谢爸爸让我看到我们是多么贫穷！”

贫富的真意完全取决于你看待事物的角度，难道不是吗？如果你拥有爱人、朋友、家庭、健康、幽默感和对生活的积极态度，你就拥有了一切！

读书笔记



Lesson 2



美文赏析

Three Fish Brothers in Shallow Water

Three fish lived in the sea. When they were **young**, their parents **died**. They had to look after each other. Finally, they grew up and to swim deeper and further.

One morning, the three fish were taken to shallow water by a big wave. A small boat was taken there, too. It was hard for the fish to go back to the sea because the boat was right in front of them. The largest fish realized that they were in **danger**, and said they had to find a way to leave there as fast as possible. The second largest fish agreed with his elder brother, but the youngest one did not. He said that there was much water for their activities, so he would not at all and still swam around happily.

At last, the largest fish returned to the sea by jumping over the lowest part of the boat. The second largest fish also succeeded in joining his **elder** brother in the other side of water. But the youngest one didn't follow them and still swam joyfully.

Two hours later, when the sun rose up, the water in the small shallow corner dried up. The fish who did not try to return to the sea died of lack of water.



词汇详解

1. **young** [jʌŋ] **adj.** 年轻的; 没有经验的 **n.** 青年人

典型例句 Cities have a powerful effect on young people.

城市对青年人有着强大的吸引力。

联想记忆 youth **n.** 青年时期; 青春; 青年

youthful **adj.** 年轻的; 有青春活力的; 年轻人的

old **adj.** 老的; 过去的; 旧的

2. **die** [daɪ] **v.** 死; 枯竭; 消失; 渴望

典型例句 The boss never cared whether a worker should live or die.
老板从来不顾工人死活。

最常用法 die a ... death 死得……

die old 寿终

die away 渐渐消失

die off 相继死去

die out 灭绝

die from 因……而死

die of 因……而死

die for 极想得到

联想记忆 death **n.** 死; 死亡; 毁灭; 死因

dead **adj.** 死的; 不起作用的 **adv.** 完全地

deadly **adj.** 致命的; 如死一样的 **adv.** 非常地; 如死一般

grow **v.** 增加; 生长; 变成; 种植; 逐渐开始

3. **danger** ['deɪndʒə(r)] **n.** 危险

典型例句 Children's lives are in danger every time they cross this road.
孩子们每次过这条马路都面临着生命危险。

最常用法 in danger 处在危险中

out of danger 脱险

联想记忆 dangerous **adj.** 危险的; 不安全的

endanger **v.** 危及; 危害

safety **n.** 安全; 保险

4. **elder** ['eldə(r)] **adj.** 年龄较大的; 年长的 **n.** 长者; 长辈

典型例句 We have been told to show respect for our elder.
我们被教导必须尊敬长辈。

最常用法 elder brother 哥哥

联想记忆 older **adj.** 年长的

old **adj.** 老的; 过去的; 旧的, 破旧的; ……岁的 **n.** 旧时
 younger **adj.** 较年轻的 **n.** 少年; 儿童
 senior **adj.** 年长的 **n.** 年长者; 长辈
 junior **adj.** 年少的 **n.** 晚辈



参考阅读

浅水里的鱼兄弟

有三条鱼生活在大海里。在他们小的时候, 他们的父母就死去了。他们不得不互相照顾。最终他们长大了并可以游得更深更远了。

一天早上, 三条鱼被巨浪冲到一片浅水湾里。一条小船也搁浅在那儿。因为那条船正好堵住了去路, 他们很难回到大海。最大的那条鱼意识到他们的危险, 说他们必须要尽快找到一条路离开那里。第二大的那条鱼也同意他哥哥的意见, 但最小的一条没有同意。他说那里有许多水供他们的活动, 所以他根本不担心, 还是在那里快乐地游来游去。

最后, 最大的那条鱼从船的最低处跃过, 回到了大海。第二大鱼也成功地到了他哥哥那边。但最小的那条鱼没有跟着他们, 依然在那里优哉游哉地游着。

两小时后, 太阳升起来, 浅水湾里的水干涸了。那条没有回到大海的鱼儿因缺水而死掉了。



读书笔记

Lesson 3



美文赏析

Daughter and Daughter-in-law

Two women were chatting in a room.

One asked, "How is everything going with your son?"

"Oh, don't even mention it! **What** a huge misfortune!" The woman sighed, "He is poor enough, and **married** an extraordinary lazy daughter-in-law. She doesn't **cook**, doesn't clean the room, or even doesn't look after her own children **except** to sleep all the time. It was my son who brings breakfast to her bed ... How about your daughter?"

"She might be lucky." the woman smiled.

"She married a good husband who doesn't allow her to do any housework, and handles everything alone. The housework includes cooking, washing, cleaning and looking after the children. What's more, he brings breakfast to my daughter every day."

Facing the same situation, when we look from our own viewpoint, we will draw our personal conclusion; while standing at others' position, we may have a different sense.



词汇详解

1. **what** [wɒt] **pron.** 什么 **adv.** 多么

典型例句 You don't understand what a difficult position I'm in.
你不会明白我的处境多么困难。

最常用法 what's up 怎么了
what's more 而且; 另外

联想记忆 whatever **pron.** 无论什么; 任何事物 **adj.** 不管怎样的; 所有的
how **adv.** 怎样; 多么 **conj.** 如何; 以……方式