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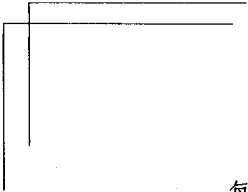
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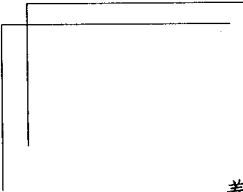
前言

学英语需要朗读,这是不争的定论。很多成功的英语学习者都有自身的体会。朗读可以培养语感,体会文化差异;朗读可以提高思维速度,张扬个性;朗读可以提高审美水准,体会优美的音韵。朗读可以让您在一种优雅的语言交融中不知不觉地体会到英语水平的渐进过程。而朗读的最好时间就是在早晨,一天的开始,您的能量最富集,思维最活跃,心境最纯洁,语言感悟力最强。每天晨读 30 分钟,让您的一天沉浸在美好的语境中、优雅的韵律中,让您刚刚读过的美文、佳句在一天中慢慢浸润、消化、吸收。让您在潜移默化之中学会了地道英语,体会了斑斓的人生。《英语精典美文早早读》就是集提高英语赏析能力、阅读能力、口语能力为一体的英语学习励志书和英语学习审美书。所选的文章都是目前西方最受欢迎的经典短篇,其中包括励志故事、幽默、散文、悖论、诗歌等,既有趣味性,又有启智性;既可以开拓视野,又可以提升心性,篇篇文章都值得您去背诵和模仿,完全满足了年轻读者的兴趣。赏读励志美文不但会激发学习英语的动力,还会点燃学习英语的热情,而且把英语学习提高到审美的层次上,达到一种至高的人生境界。



每篇文章之前我们还选配了名人名言,供您欣赏、引证;文章的结尾我们留下了自己阅读后的感悟与您分享。为了方便您的学习,我们对文中的一些词汇做了必要的注释。文章的语言地道,可读性强,且篇幅适中,特别适合高中和大学学生进行晨读。为使学生学到纯正的英语,我们特别为您配制了一盘 mp3 光盘,以便您在朗读时有标准参照,从而在模仿的过程中,练就地道的语言表达能力。

早早读美文,朝朝读美文,会使您早早获益,朝朝收获。它将是提高您学习英语的兴趣与热情、激发您冲出逆境、战胜自我的最佳精神读本。这无以伦比的阅读精品将给您或许是沉闷的生活带来清新的空气、和煦的阳光和新的希望,甚至会从此改变您的人生。每天早晨利用半个小时左右的时间大声朗读英语美文,使英语学习成为心神愉悦的经历。用心去朗读那些激励人生、启迪灵感、明喻事理的篇篇美文,会给你带来意想不到的收获和欣喜。



养成良好的早读习惯,最难能可贵之处在于持之以恒。当阅读以优美的语言来体现,朗读通过心声去彰显,则单调将化作神奇,枯燥将化作生机。您会感觉到您在与高尚的人交谈,您在与自己的灵魂对话。您只要开始朗读这本书,相信您就不忍割舍,甚至在节假日您也不会例外,它会像挚友不弃不离,朝朝与您相伴。

早早朗读这一篇篇充满了真诚、充满了灵性、充满了睿智、充满了挚爱的故事、散文、诗歌,您会感悟到人生的智慧,生命的真谛和世间的真情。她会像轻风吹开我们郁闷的心胸;她会像清流荡涤我们被浸染的灵魂。她会像挚友陪伴我们迎接充满希望的每一天新的太阳。不知不觉中,会提高我们双语的能力;潜移默化中,会提升我们的欣赏品味。

“一天之计在于晨”。每天清早起来,轻轻拿起床头这本《英语经典美文早读》,迎着冉冉升起的朝阳,伴着徐徐吹来的晨风大声朗读吧!

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