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INTRODUCTION

编写说明

Reading expands my world.

在我们的英语学习中,阅读不但是培养语感,提高英语综合能力的必经之路,也是丰富人生、培养美感、促进素质全面提高的钥匙。

阅读能力的提高没有一蹴而就的飞跃,但也不需要长时间过度地煎熬。突破不同学习阶段的阅读瓶颈,需要在兴趣的引导下循序渐进地推进。一方面,量的积累很重要。每天课外阅读一两篇容易做到,只要循序渐进,就能通过阅读量的积累,在大量文章中实现词汇从新到熟悉的过渡,在不同语境中准确判断单词的意思,真正掌握并运用,最终摆脱词汇量浅陋,阅读时苦苦猜测仍然一头雾水的状态。同时,量的积累也包括文化积淀,通过阅读英语国家教育、环境、科技等种种题材的文章,了解英语国家语言背景,能开阔视野,逐渐培养我们的英语思维能力,跨越陌生感带来的理解障碍。另一方面,质量要求不能忽视。光有数量没有质量也不行。通过阅读理解,完形填空等试题测试,可以及时检查我们阅读理解的正确程度,发现并改正问题,这既促进阅读质量的不断提高又直接提高在各种考试中阅读理解试题的得分率。当然,阅读对文章的质量也有要求,应注意我们选择的阅读材料切合自身水平,在题材与体裁上对真实生活的覆盖率高,生词量适当,因为过难过易、落后古旧或枯燥乏味的文章都不利于英语水平提高。

本着以上理念,依据普通初级中学英语新课标中对阅读各级具体目标的规定,我社对资深作者资源进行了深度挖掘,适时推出《一课一读·英语》系列丛书。图书围绕单元教学,以阅读为主线,在栏目上以方便学生学习为前提,做了相应贴心的设置:

背景篇——阅读离不开背景。此部分依据各单元不同主题,安排一至两篇相关阅读材料并设计了开放性的思考题,既可帮助学生拓展文化知识,培养世界意识,加深对单元主题的理解,又可作为单元学习活动的话题素材。

乐趣篇——兴趣是学习的原动力!此部分提供单元主题范围内具有强烈时代感、谐趣性的阅读文章一到两篇。体裁多样,题材丰富,知识性和生活性兼具。其中的美

文赏析,更是篇篇精华,可领略语言文化之美、异域风景之美以及世间真情之美。

技能篇——结合各单元词汇、语法、功能的学习目标,通过单项选择、短语翻译、完形填空、阅读理解、短文改错等常见题型,训练、巩固所学语言知识,帮助学生及时将其内化为自身的技能,夯实理解基础。

提高篇——针对语言能力测试,提供完形填空、阅读理解两大主要块面的模拟试题,加强训练针对性,帮助学生在阅读的过程中熟悉测试方式,提前热身,消除畏惧心理。

交流篇——语言学习的最终目的是为了表达与交流。此部分结合单元话题及阅读内容,提供真实的语境和场景,鼓励并引导学生在看过之后,所感所想“想说就说”,摆脱“哑巴英语”的尴尬。

名师解析——参考答案编排在每个单元的最后一部分,方便学生在做题后查阅。各单元的阅读篇目,参考答案部分均附有精要的解析,点拨阅读思路,使知其然,更知其所以然。

本丛书严格按照英语新课标的各项要求设计篇幅,各分册提供约 90 篇文章,保证一学期中每次新授课后有一篇的练习。累计阅读量初中 6 本达到 6 万词,高中 4 本 15 万词。可分别配套牛津译林版或人教版普通中学课程标准实验教材使用,也可以独立使用。

阅读是看世界、是分享,不是辛苦的不断重复。希望《一课一读》能伴随你漫步在多姿多彩的英语天地!

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Star signs



背景篇

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As an astronomer, teacher, lecturer and all-around science junkie, I am exposed to all sorts of people and their ideas about what goes on in the sky around them. I have been delighted to find that most people are very curious about the night (and day!) sky, but unfortunately a lot of misinformation is spread about astronomy. Sometimes this information is just plain silly, but many times it makes just enough sense that people believe it. Sometimes the news media help spread these ideas (like the one that you can spin or stand an egg on end during the Vernal Equinox), sometimes it's TV and sometimes it's plain old word of mouth, but the misinformation does get around.

I feel obliged to right these wrongs when I can. The Bad Astronomy web pages are devoted to airing out myths and misconceptions in astronomy and related topics. At the moment, I have no desire to tackle here such thorny topics as astrology, alternate views of the universe that are clearly in contradiction to observations, and the like. I may add something like that eventually, when I have more time (translation: "never"). But enough from me. Mark Twain said it best:

In the space of one hundred and seventy-six years the Lower Mississippi has shortened itself two hundred and forty-two miles. Therefore... in the Old Oolitic Silurian Period the Lower Mississippi River was upward of one million three



hundred thousand miles long... seven hundred and forty-two years from now the Lower Mississippi will be only a mile and three-quarters long... There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact.

Think and answer :

1. Why is lots of misinformation spread about astronomy?
2. The Bad Astronomy web pages are devoted to airing out myths and misconceptions in astronomy and related topics. What can we do?

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The most idealistic, romantic and highly-strung sign, Pisceans are only too happy to lose themselves in their relationship. Being loved is central to their well-being. They are very caring, and make compassionate partners.

Deeply sensitive and soft-hearted, Pisceans revel in highly-charged relationship. Unfortunately, they are so easily hurt that they often emerge battle-scarred from a relationship with their dreams shattered. Many Pisceans also view their loved ones through rose-coloured spectacles, refusing to admit that their idealized lover is only human after all.

As a result, they sometimes turn a blind eye to transgressions that would provoke some of the more down-to-earth signs. Some Pisceans become willing victims in destructive relationships, without realizing it.

However, if Pisceans become involved with those who are too realistic and unable to stimulate a vivid imagination, they may well start to stray to pastures new through sheer boredom.

Love affairs are the essence of romance for Pisceans. They like nothing better than to escape from their everyday routine into a dream-world. Probably the only occasion on which they will be unfaithful is in their imaginations, for they may fantasize about dramatic love affairs that in reality do not exist.

When in love, Pisceans are filled with aspirations. Often seeking a spiritual life with their partner, they are probably the most romantic sign of the zodiac and can be



very caring and sensitive. But the fact that they are dreamers can cause problems since expectations may be too high.

Think and answer :


1. What do you think of Pisceans?

2. What do Pisceans do with love affairs?



乐趣篇

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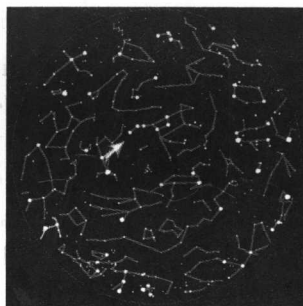
Astrology (Greek meaning: Science of the Stars) studies the influence of stars on human behavior, traits, and experiences.

Since the earliest times people have divided the Zodiac into 12 equal parts, called Houses. These Houses are known as the 12 signs of the Zodiac. The 12 signs are then divided into two groups: 6 being masculine, and 6 being feminine.

People with a masculine sign are known to be straight forward and energetic.

People with a feminine sign are known to be self-contained and have inner reserves. Masculine: Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius and Aquarius. Feminine: Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces. Although the Sun and the Moon are actually luminaries, in astrology, they are known as planets. The Sun provides us with warmth, energy, and gives us vitality.

Spending approximately one month in each sign throughout each year, its dominant influence has the most penetrating control over our horoscopes. The position that the Sun was in when we were born rules our personality, and how we go about everyday life. It determines our many characteristics and how others may perceive us. Of course, the Moon and the other planets have their constant effects on us, too. This keeps us forever evolving and experiencing new insight in our lives.



Think and answer :

1. What are the twelve Houses?

2. What are people with a masculine sign known to be?

3. What are people with a feminine sign known to be?

B

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ARIES (Mar. 21—Apr. 20)

You may think gifts will win their heart, but it could add stress from lack of funds. You will be overly sensitive when dealing with your personal life. Everything is moving quickly, just the way you like it. Get back down to earth and to basics. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21—May. 21)

Entertainment should include your whole family. Turn your present relationship around or start a new one. You must avoid gossip and focus on what you have to do. You will feel compelled to do some traveling. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May. 22—Jun. 21)

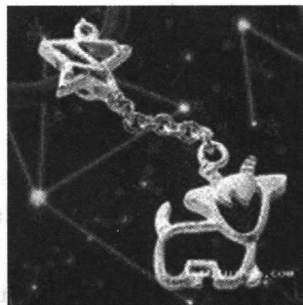
Get involved in groups and organizations that are of a distinguished nature. Be careful not to get involved in other people's personal affairs. You should get out and meet some of those clients that you only speak to on the phone. Listen to the advice given by those with experience. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (Jun. 22—Jul. 22)

You may not be that popular at home but you should be able to shine at social gatherings. Try not to use emotional blackmail; it will only make matters worse. You can make major accomplishments while on short trips. Financial investments that deal with joint money can be extremely prosperous. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (Jul. 23—Aug. 22)

Avoid any hassles. Don't rely on others to handle the workload. Self-deception





regarding your own worth may lead you down the wrong path. You will have a great deal of insight when dealing with others. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23—Sep. 23)

You may have the day off but your thoughts will be on your work and your cash situation. Jealous coworkers may try to sabotage your attempts to get ahead. Opportunities to meet new lovers will evolve through your interaction with groups or fundraising functions. Money problems will be difficult to deal with if you have a partner. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sep. 24—Oct. 23)

Don't hesitate to talk to your partner about rekindling your relationship. Get out and experience the spice of life. Look into joining groups that can give you hands-on advice about business. You can meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24—Nov. 22)

You can make money if you get involved in real estate deals. Take time to reevaluate your motives regarding friendships. Curb the impulse to make lavish purchases and maybe spend some time with good friends. You need to be sure that you aren't in your present relationship because it is convenient. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23—Dec. 21)

Look into ways to make your home more comfortable. Risky financial ventures will result in unrecoverable losses. Don't push your luck with authority. You will take on too much if you aren't careful. Stick to basics. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan. 20)

Property deals look good. You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. You will be a real chatterbox this week. Socializing will be more than just entertaining. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21—Feb. 19)

Remember; talk to them, not at them. Overexertion and negligence will be your worst enemies. You will meet some interesting people if you attend promotional functions. Leave things as they are for the moment and focus on reaching your highest potential at work. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20—Mar. 20)

Work quietly behind the scenes for best results. Although it does look promising, be careful not to overextend yourself or you will lose in the long run. Confusion could result when communicating with others. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



Think and answer :



1. What should a Gemini be careful to do?

2. Why shouldn't a Cancer use emotional blackmail?

3. What will a Virgo deal with if he or she has a partner?

4. What can Scorpios do if they get involved in real estate deals?

美文赏析

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If I Were a Boy Again

If I were a boy again, I would practice perseverance more often, and never give up a thing because it was hard or inconvenient. If we want light, we must conquer darkness. Perseverance can sometimes equal genius in its results. "There are only two creatures," says a proverb, "who can surmount the pyramids—the eagle and the snail."

If I were a boy again, I would school myself into a habit of attention; I would let nothing come between me and the subject in hand. I would remember that a good skater never tries to skate in two directions at once. The habit of attention becomes part of our life, if we begin early enough. I often hear grown up people say "I could not fix my attention on the sermon or book, although I wished to do so", and the reason is, the habit was not formed in youth.

If I were to live my life over again, I would pay more attention to the cultivation of the memory. I would strengthen that faculty by every possible means, and on every possible occasion. It takes a little hard work at first to remember things accurately; but memory soon helps itself, and gives very little trouble. It only needs early cultivation to become a power.

If I were a boy again, I would cultivate courage. "Nothing is so mild and gentle as courage, nothing so cruel and pitiless as cowardice," says a wise author. We too often borrow trouble, and anticipate that may never appear. "The fear of ill exceeds the ill we fear." Dangers will arise in any career, but presence of mind will often conquer the worst of them. Be prepared for any fate, and there is no harm to be



feared.

If I were a boy again, I would look on the cheerful side. Life is very much like a mirror: if you smile upon it, it smiles back upon you; but if you frown and look doubtful on it, you will get a similar look in return. Inner sunshine warms not only the heart of the owner, but of all that come in contact with it. "who shuts love out, in turn shall be shut out from love."

If I were a boy again, I would school myself to say no more often. I might write pages on the importance of learning very early in life to gain that point where a young boy can stand erect, and decline doing an unworthy act, because it is unworthy.

If I were a boy again, I would demand of myself more courtesy towards my companions and friends, and indeed towards strangers as well. The smallest courtesies along the rough roads of life are like the little birds that sing to us all winter long, and make that season of ice and snow more endurable.

Finally, instead of trying hard to be happy, as if that were the sole purpose of life, I would, if I were a boy again, I would still try harder to make others happy.

假如我又回到了童年

假如我又回到了童年,我做事要更有毅力,决不因为事情艰难或者麻烦而撒手不干。我们要光明,就得征服黑暗。毅力在效果上有时能同天才相比。俗话说:“能登上金字塔的生物,只有两种——鹰和蜗牛。”

假如我又回到了童年,我就要养成专心致志的习惯;有事在手,就决不让任何东西让我分心。我要牢记:优秀的滑冰手从不试图同时滑向两个不同的方向。如果及早养成这种专心致志的习惯,它将成为我们生命的一部分。我常听成年人说:“虽然我希望集中注意听牧师讲道或读书,但往往做不到。”而原因就是年轻时没有养成这种习惯。

假如我现在能重新开始我的生命,我就要更注意记忆力的培养。我要采取一切可能的办法,并且在一切可能的场合,增强记忆力。要正确无误地记住一些东西,在开始阶段的确要作出一番小小的努力;但要不了多久,记忆力本身就会起作用,使记忆成为轻而易举的事,只需及早培养,记忆自会成为一种才能。

假如我又回到了童年,我就要培养勇气。一位明智的作家曾说过:“世上没有东西比勇气更温文尔雅,也没有东西比懦弱更残酷无情。”我们常常过多地自寻烦恼,杞人忧天。“怕祸害比祸害本身更可怕。”凡事都有危险,但镇定沉着往往能克服最严重的危险。对一切祸福做好准备,那么就没什么灾难可以害怕的了。

假如我又回到了童年,我就要事事乐观。生活犹如一面镜子:你朝它笑,它也朝你笑;如果你双眉紧锁,向它投以怀疑的目光,它也将还以你同样的目光。内心的欢乐不仅温暖了欢乐者自己的心,也温暖了所有与之接触者的心。“谁拒爱于门外,也必将被爱拒诸门外。”

假如我又回到了童年,我就要养成经常说“不”字的习惯。一个少年要能挺得起腰,拒绝做不应该做的事,就因为这事不值得做。我可以写上好几页谈谈早年培养这一点的重要性。

假如我又回到了童年,我就要要求自己对伙伴和朋友更加礼貌,而且对陌生人也应如此。在坎



坷的生活道路上,最细小的礼貌犹如在漫长的冬天为我们歌唱的小鸟,那歌声使冰天雪地的寒冬变得较易忍受。

最后,假如我又回到了童年,我不会力图为自己谋幸福,好像这就是人生唯一的目的;与之相反,我要更努力为他人谋幸福。



技能篇

I. 语言训练

选择填空

- Where _____ are you going to visit there?
A. other B. another C. else D. also
- Some young people are now _____ to buy private(私人的) cars.
A. rather rich B. very rich C. rich enough D. enough rich
- It is very important _____ us _____ it.
A. to... to remember B. for... to remember
C. for... remembering D. to... remembering
- Half of the class _____ done most of the work. The left _____ rather difficult.
A. have, is B. has, is C. have, are D. has, are
- _____ Lei Feng went, he was always ready to help others.
A. When B. Where C. Wherever D. Whenever
- That's very kind _____ you _____ me.
A. of... help B. of... to help
C. to... to help D. for... helping
- It's good for you to keep _____ when you have something difficult _____.
A. trying... to do B. doing... to do it
C. to try... to do D. trying... to be done
- "You must keep _____ in the hospital," the woman said to me _____.
A. quietly; quiet B. quietly; quietly C. quiet; quietly D. quiet; quiet
- The river is too wide for the swimmers _____.
A. to swim B. to swim in C. to swim across D. swimming
- He didn't think the shirt _____, so he didn't buy it.
A. enough cheap B. enough expensive
C. cheap enough D. expensive enough
- The factory has been _____ for two years.
A. open B. to open C. opening D. opened

12. —It's too cold. Would you mind _____ the window?
—_____. But don't do it now.
A. to close; Sure B. closing; Good idea
C. closing; Better not D. closing; Of course not
13. The headmaster stopped _____ to me because there was a call for him.
A. talking B. to talk C. saying D. to say
14. Teachers often ask us _____ make any noise in class.
A. to try not to B. not try to not C. not to try to D. try not to
15. I can't _____ it in English because I can't _____ English. Can I _____ you the story in Chinese?
A. speak... say, tell B. say... speak, tell
C. tell... speak, say D. say... tell, speak
16. —Mum, I think I'm _____ to get back to school.
—Oh, my dear. You'd better stay at home for another day.
A. so well B. so good C. well enough D. good enough
17. Which sign tells us the way out of a building?
A. EXIT B. PUSH C. ENTRANCE D. PULL
18. If $a=3$, $b=4$, what's the answer to the problem; $a+2ab+1=?$ The answer is _____.
A. twenty-eight B. twenty-eighth C. thirteen D. eighteen
19. Many girls go to your house. They bring all their pet dogs. In all, there are 22 heads and 72 feet. How many girls and dogs are there in the room?
A. 6 girls and 16 dogs. B. 7 girls and 15 dogs.
C. 8 girls and 14 dogs. D. 9 girls and 13 dogs.
20. He is businesslike and is often _____. I hope he will have more _____ at his business.
A. success, successful B. successful, success
C. successfully, successful D. successful, successful
21. Do you mind _____?
A. I smoking B. my smoking C. my smoke D. me to smoke
22. Don't be _____, this is not a _____ traffic.
A. surprise, surprising B. surprise, surprise
C. surprised, surprising D. surprising, surprised
23. You each _____ good sense of humour.
A. with B. has C. have D. are



24. The room is safe to _____.
 A. live in B. living in C. live D. live with
25. Hobo has lots to eat and drink. "lots" is _____.
 A. subject B. object C. attributive D. predicative
26. It's _____ for us _____ polite in class.
 A. interesting... to become B. important... to
 C. good... to D. necessary... to be
27. When you feel _____ to watch TV by then, you are all right.
 A. enough good B. enough well
 C. well enough D. good enough
28. If it isn't yours, it must be _____.
 A. somebody else B. somebody else's
 C. else somebody D. else's somebody
29. Some people _____ that people born under the same star sign _____ share similar characteristics.
 A. don't believe... / B. believe... don't
 C. don't hope... / D. believe... doesn't
30. Thanks for _____ the new chairperson.
 A. recommend me as B. recommending me as
 C. recommend me for D. recommending me for

II. 应用发展

一、完形填空

Light travels 1 a speed 2 is about a million times faster than the 3. In a second, light travels about 30,000 km, 4 sound travels only 0.334 km. You can get some 5 of this difference 6 the start of a race. If you 7 some distance 8 the starter, you can see smoke 9 from his gun before the sound 10 your ears.

This great speed of light produces (产生) some strange facts. Sunlight takes about 8 minutes to reach us. If you look at the light of the moon tonight, remember that the light rays left the moon 1.3 seconds before they reached you. The nearest star is far away that the light 11 you can see from if tonight started to travel 12 you four years ago at a speed of about 20 million km. per minute. In some cases (情况), the light from one of tonight's started 13 journey to you before you were born.

Thus, if we want to be honest, we can not say, "The stars are shining tonight." we have to say, "The stars 14 pretty. They were shining four years