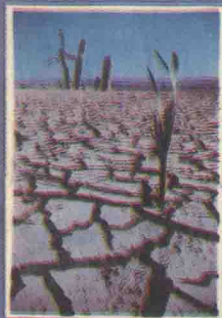


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INTRODUCTION

The Voice of America in Washington broadcasts several slowspeed radio programs known as SPECIAL ENGLISH. The program THIS IS AMERICA reports on life in the United States. It tells about America's people, places, government and culture. SCIENCE IN THE NEWS reports on the latest developments in technology, medicine, health-care and the environment. SPACE AND MAN reports on research of both outer space and the inner space of the human body. The program THE MAKING OF A NATION tells the history of the United States. AMERICAN MOSAIC is a radio magazine. It includes reports on the American music groups, writers, sports and students' life in the United States. AMERICAN STORIES are adaptations of short stories written by American authors. And TUNING IN THE USA by Maxwell MacMillan is a program to help you improve your English.

前 言

听懂美国之音特别英语新闻节目是学习英语口语必须掌握的基本功之一。国家教委颁发的《高等学校英语专业基础阶段教学大纲》也要求学生在基础阶段达到听懂美国之音特别英语中的新闻和文化节目播音(其中包括 Space And Man, Science Report, Agricultural Report, Environment Report, American Mosaic, The Making of A Nation 等)。为了帮助广大英语学习者掌握收听美国之音英语特别节目的技巧,我们编写了这本《特别英语新闻听力训练》,并录制了一盘与其相配套的录音带。录音带是从 1992 年—1993 年美国之音特别英语广播节目中选录编制的。

全书共分六个单元:航天新闻(Space News);事故与自然灾害(Accidents And Disasters);军事冲突与战斗(Fighting);会议、会见、会谈(Meetings);联合国及国际社会对波黑共和国的紧急援助(Emergency Aid To Bosnia-Herzegovina)和国际贸易(International Trade)。各单元均附有大量的练习题,其中有回答问题、填空、多项选择等。

本书和录音带适合于广大英语自学者及英语专业低年级学生学习使用。

由于我们水平有限,书中错误和不妥之处在所难免,欢迎广大读者批评指正。

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Practical Exercises

Unit One Space News

News Item 1

【背景介绍】

Space Shuttle 航天飞机

亦称太空穿梭机或空间渡船。它是把宇宙飞船和飞机的技术结合起来的一种新型空间运载工具。过去的宇宙飞船通常只能使用一次。而航天飞机可反复使用 75—100 次。航天飞机载荷量大,使用灵活,具有广范的军事和民用用途。1972 年美国开始研制航天飞机。1981 年底,美国的第一架航天飞机“哥伦比亚”号首次试飞成功。截止 1985 年 1 月 27 日,航天飞机已先后 15 次翱翔太空。按上天的顺序,它们是“哥伦比亚”号、“挑战者”号和“发现”号。航天飞机前四次飞行,除进行某些科研活动外主要是技术试验,考察航天飞机能否经受实际飞行的考验。

1982 年 11 月,“哥伦比亚”号进行了首次商业性飞行;1983 年 6 月,“挑战者”号的机械手首次成功地进行了施放和收回一颗卫星的试验。在 1984 年 2 月的飞行中,人类第一次

不系安全带,借助微型推进装置,在太空中“行走”成功;同年4月,“挑战者”号在太空中成功地“抓住”故障卫星,修好后重新施放,从而结束了卫星“用了就扔的时代;同年11月,“发现”号在8天的飞行中,不仅成功地施放了两颗卫星,而且还“追赶”和“抓住”了两颗已经失效的通信卫星,将它们运回地面维修。1985年1月“发现”号作“美国第一次军用飞行”,在太空施放了“讯号情报”间谍卫星。这15次航天飞机的成功和科研成就标志着人类已迈入一个新的时代——航天飞机时代。据报道,英国,日本,苏联等国目前也在研制的称作“HOTEL”的卫星发射机既具备航天飞机的长处,又将克服其短处。苏联已造出航天飞机,正准备进行着陆试验。美国已造出第四架航天飞机“阿特兰蒂斯”号。

Words and Expressions

1. astronaut ['æstrəʊnɔ:t] n. 宇航员
2. space shuttle [speɪs 'ʃʌtl] 航天飞机
3. Columbia [kə'lʌmbiə] (美国)哥伦比亚号航天飞机
4. drug [drʌg] n. 药物
5. AIDS [eɪdz] acquired immune deficiency syndrome 爱滋病即后天免疫力失效症或获得性免疫力缺乏综合症
6. cancer ['kænsə] n. 癌症

Exercises

Listen to News Item 1 and fill in the missing words.

Space News

_____ on the American space shuttle Columbia

are _____ to _____ out scientific experiments.

They hope to _____ drugs to help _____ diseases AIDS and _____. Columbia is to _____ to earth on Wednesday.

News Item 2

Words and Expressions

1. show [ʃəʊ] vt. 出现
2. celebrate [ˈselibreit] vt. 庆祝
3. Independence Day [ˌɪndɪˈpendəns dei] n. 美国独立纪念日 (7月4日)
4. land [lænd] vt. 着陆
5. satellite [ˈsætələit] n. 卫星
6. goal [gəʊl] n. 目的

Exercises

I. Listen to News Item 2 and decide whether each of the following statements is true or false.

1. This was the shuttle's ninth flight in space.
2. The shuttle Columbia was expected to stay in space for thirteen days.
3. This shuttle flight is the shortest one in American space history.
4. The shuttle will land on Thursday.
5. Today is Christmas Day.

1. Listen to News Item 2 again and fill in the key words.

Space News

_____ on the United States space _____
Columbia _____ their scientific _____ dur-
ing their _____ day in space. The _____ also were
_____ on television, _____ America's In-
dependence Day. The shuttle will _____ Wednesday af-
ter _____ days in space, the _____ shuttle fly e-
ver.

News Item 3

Words and Expression

1. official [ə'fɪʃəl] n. 官员
2. launch [lɔ:ntʃ] vt. 发射
3. Discovery [dis'kʌvəri] n. (美国的)“发现号”航天飞机
4. delay [di'lei] vi. 推迟
5. explosion [iks'pləʊʒən] n. 爆炸
6. Challenger [tʃælindʒə] n. (美国的)“挑战者”号航天飞机
7. Celsius [ˈselsiəs] a. 摄氏的
8. weightlessness [ˈweɪtlɪsnɪs] n. 失重
9. affect [ə'fekt] vt. 影响

Exercises

1. Listen to News Item 3 and complete each sentence below.

1. The American space shuttle Discovery is expected to
_____ on _____ according to _____

- _____.
2. The launch may _____ if temperatures _____.
 3. Six years ago the space shuttle Challenger _____ due to _____.
 4. How living things are affected by the weightlessness of space will _____.

I. Listen to News Item 3 again and fill in the following blanks.

The United States

American space officials are _____ to _____ the shuttle Discovery on Wednesday. However, they say they may have to _____ the launch if temperatures _____ below _____ degrees Celsius. Extremely cold weather _____ to the explosion of the shuttle Challenger _____ years ago. The _____ of the Discovery is planning to _____ how living things are _____ by the weightlessness of space.

News Item 4

【背景介绍】

Cape Canaveral [keɪp kə'nævərəl] 卡纳维拉尔角

肯尼迪航天中心的所在地。位于美国佛罗里达(Florida)的东海岸梅里特岛。面积八万八千英亩,装配大楼高 52 层。火箭及飞船先在这里安装成发射状态,再放在重型履带平台车上运到几英里外的海边发射场等待发射。

Words and Expressions

1. Atlantis [æt'læntɪs] n. (美国的)“阿特兰蒂斯”号航天飞机
2. Florida ['flɒrɪdə] n. 佛罗里达州(美国州名)
3. call for 要求
4. crew [kru:] n. 机组人员
5. flight [flaɪt] n. 飞行
6. Italian [i'tæliən] a. 意大利的

Exercises

Listen to News Item 4 and complete each of the following sentences.

1. The space shuttle Atlantis is _____ from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
2. The seven crew members are expected to _____ according to the plan.
3. An Italian satellite is _____.
4. The satellite is connected to _____.
5. The two goals of the experiment in space are to _____
_____ and to _____

News Item 5

Words and Expressions

spacecraft [ˈspeɪs ˈkrɑːft] n. 即 space shuttle

Exercises

I. Listen to News Item 5 and answer the following questions.

1. What are the astronauts on the space shuttle Columbia doing?
2. When is the spacecraft planning to return to earth?
3. How long has the Columbia stayed in space?
4. How have the astronauts spent their time in space?

II. Listen to News Item 5 again and fill in the missing words.

Space News

Astronauts on the American space shuttle Columbia are doing a _____ final day of _____
Columbia is to return to earth tomorrow after a _____
_____ flights, the _____ ever for a shuttle _____.

News Item 6

Words and Expression

1. space agency [speɪs ˈeɪdʒənsi] 宇航局
2. guidance system [ˈɡaɪdəns ˈsɪstɪm] 导航系统
3. orbit [ˈɔːbɪt] n. 轨道
4. involve [ɪnˈvɒlv] vt. 与……有关; 涉及

5. recapture ['ri:kæptʃə] vt. 回收

6. attempt [ə'tempt] vt. 试图

Exercises

I . Listen to News Item 6 and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The European research satellite has got problems before its launch from the spacecraft Atlantis.
2. The research satellite has got guidance trouble.
3. The satellite has not been released from the space shuttle Atlantis yet.
4. The space shuttle is in a lower orbit than expected.
5. The guidance trouble can not affect any experiments involving the satellite.
6. The spacecraft Atlantis is now trying to recapture the troubled satellite.

I . Listen to News Item 6 again and fill in the missing words.

Space News

_____ research satellite has _____
problems only hours _____
_____ its launch from the United States shuttle Atlantis.
Space _____ say the satellite is _____ prob-
lems with its _____ system. It is in a lower orbit
than _____. But officials say the trouble should not
_____ any experiments _____
_____ the satellite. The officials say the space shuttle will

not attempt to _____ the satellite.

News Item 7

Words and Expressions

1. halt [hɔ:lt] vt. 停止
2. deploy [di'plɔi] vt. 部署
3. wire ['waɪə] n. 金属线
4. extend [iks'tend] vt. 伸展, 延长
5. operation [ɒpə'reɪʃən] n. 行动

Exercises

I. Listen to News Item 7 and complete each of the following sentences.

1. The astronauts on the space shuttle Atlantis have been ordered to _____.
2. There was a failure in extending _____.
3. The satellite _____ to the shuttle according to _____.
4. The goal of the experiment was to _____.

II. Listen to News Item 7 again and fill in the missing words.

Space News

The American space _____ has told astronauts on the space _____ Atlantis to _____ ef-

forts to deploy an Italian satellite _____ to the shut-
 tle by a _____ long wire. The satellite was to
 _____ about _____ meters
 when the wire _____ to _____ further.
 The astronauts are planning to _____ the satellite
 back to the _____. Space _____ officials
 called the _____ most difficult ever. The _____
 _____ of the experiment was to _____ if the con-
 necting wire could be used to _____ electric power.

News Item 8

Words and Expressions

1. postpone [pəʊst'pəʊn] vt. 推迟
2. release [ri'li:s] vt. 释放
3. European Space Agency 欧洲宇航局(总部设在德国)
4. technical ['teknɪkl] a. 技术的; 技术上的
5. design [di'zain] vt. be designed to do sth 按计划干某事

Exercises

Listen to News Item 8 and decide whether each of the following statements is true or false.

1. The launching of the European satellite from the American space shuttle Atlantis has been delayed for one day.
2. Technical problems with the system was discovered by the American Space Agency in Washington.
3. The European satellite was to be released on Saturday.

4. One of the experiments the satellite will do is to study the effects of space travel on plants and animals.

News Item 9

Words and Expressions

1. military [ˈmɪləteri] a. 军事的; 军用的
2. be supposed to do sth 应该干某事
3. missile warning satellite 导弹预警卫星
4. spokesman [sˈpəʊksmən] n. 发言人

Exercises

I. Listen to News Item 9 and complete each of the following sentences.

1. The launch of the space shuttle Atlantis could be delayed again by _____.
2. The crew members will _____.
3. The problem with _____
_____.
4. It is said that Atlantis will be _____
_____.

II. Listen to News Item 9 and fill in the missing words.

The United States:

Airforce officials say _____
problems with the _____ satellite
could again _____ the launch of the
space shuttle Atlantis. Atlantis was _____ to be