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Preface (序)

刘润清

2014年春天,清华大学出版社请我去作了个讲座。我讲的是外语教学科研的发展趋势,强调了以学习者为中心、以知识和文化带动外语教学,以及多媒体将给外语教学带来的巨大变化等。报告后,该社外语分社负责人感到,我讲的观点与他们引进的一套英语教材中的教学观点十分接近,想让我给他们这套教材写个序。我说,如果教材的路子真的与我的讲座精神那样吻合,我一定竭力推荐。于是,他们给了我一大包教材,我抱回来认真地翻阅起来。

的确,这套书的编写宗旨与我讲到的发展趋势基本一致。所以,就有了这以下几段文字,作为丛书的序。

整套教材冠之以 The Tapestry Approach。Tapestry 本来是“壁毯”的意思,在这里是指结构复杂、绚丽多彩的东西,也就是词典上讲的 a situation or sequence of events that is considered to be colourful and complicated because it is made up of many different kinds of things or people (*Collins Cobuild English Language Dictionary*)。清华大学出版社把它翻译为“博采英语”也就比较恰当地传达了作者原来的意思。

丛书除了包括听、说、读、写等各个技能的教学课本之外,主编还专门写了《博采英语教师必读》(*The Tapestry of Language Learning: The Individual in the Communicative Classroom*)。此书不是中国意义上的教师用书,因为它不包括具体教案、练习答案、试题等等,而是全套教材的编写宗旨,或者说是指导思想,讲出编者对外语教学与学习中一系列重大问题的观点和看法。编者对最近30年的研究成果旁征博引,苦口婆心地阐述自己认为值得借鉴的观点,无非是希望使用这套教材的教师能够对这里隐含的教学路子加以认同,以便更好地体会教材的内容、编排顺序、练习重点等,保证收到最佳的教学效果。这本教师指南性的书我读了一遍,又反复读了一些重要章节。我基本上同意作者的观点,并且愿意推荐给中国的英语教师和英语学习者。我们国内有些作者编写英语教材时,不敢“亮明旗帜”,不讲清自己的教学理念,更多的是夸自己的书怎么好。那样是不合适的。作者的编写理念不深刻、不先进,说明他对外语教学和学习知之甚少,等于“以其昏昏,使人昭昭”。

如果允许我只用几条来概括本套教材的指导思想,我认为可以这样讲:

1. 以学习者为中心,教师扮演的角色是引导着、助学者、鼓励者、高质量输入的提供者、咨询者、学习者的好朋友、反馈的提供者。教师要非常关心学习者,同时又懂自己的专业,包括对学习者的特征了解得一清二楚。

2. 研究学习者个人之间的差异,例如他们的不同动机、态度、焦虑感程度(及其产生原因、消除方法)、自尊心、对歧义的容忍度、敢于冒险的程度、学习策略、学习方法、文化背景等。优秀的教师不仅了解每个学习者的特征,而且能够针对不同人的特征采取不同教授方式,并帮助学习者逐步调整自己的不利于外语学习的某些特征。

3. 外语教学要以内容为基础(content-based)。一切脱离内容的教学都是不可取的。内容可以是表达基本人际关系或最简单的语言功能到专业性很强的学术讨论(如生态学、生命科学)。一部分语言是内容要求必用的(如谈美国历史时用的 Boston Tea Party),一部分语言是与特定内容“兼容”的。以内容为基础的材料使用相关的、自然的、生动活泼的语言。学习者在吸收内容的同时不知不觉地学会了相关的语言。这样的语言才是真实的、地道的。这就是说,教学内容不要依靠语法练习为指导。

4. 听、说、读、写四种技能要一起培养,不可决然分开。任何只教一种技能的课型都是欠妥的。即

使分别教授,也不可排斥其他技能的联系和培养。四种技能通过“完成某项任务”(task-based)和“谈论某个主题”(theme-based)的各种活动可以有机地结合起来。这样才能保证练习技能的语言都是有意义的语言。这是强调在情景中教授语言,反对教孤立的句子。

5. 语言能力包括四个方面的能力:语法能力(包括发音、拼写、标点、词汇、句法等),社会语言学能力(如在完成某些言语行为时如何才算得体,对社会文化的预示和对言语行为的理解),语篇功能(如观察和使用衔接和照应手段等,也就是如何理解和产生符合规范的语篇)和策略能力(也就是交际策略,如在交际有困难时使用释义、造新词、迂回表达、直译、求助、使用手势、回避难题等等)。四种能力同等重要。后三种能力特别加以强调,因为它们在传统上是受到轻视的。

6. 语法是交际能力的基础。语法不是不要教,而是要在地道的、自然的语言中和“完成任务”的过程中去教授。不要只教语法而不教语言的运用。用句型操练教语法并不理想。学习语法本身不是目的,学会语法是为了更好地交际。

7. 评估和测试对教师和学习者都有用。不幸的是,许多测试的目的是引诱学习者表现出最差的学习行为。测试应该为学习者提供充分表现自己的机会,显示出最佳学习成绩。一次考试决定终身命运是不公平的。更合情合理的做法是对学习者进行多次、多种、任务不同的测试或让他们完成多种语言活动来全面评估一个学习者的表现。

8. 文化教学是外语教学的重要组成部分。学习语言而不学习其文化是徒劳之举。脱离文化的语言学习则会堕落成单纯研究形式和词汇。理解所学语言的文化对得体地使用语言和确切地理解语言都十分重要。学习者同时也要了解自己的文化和其他同学的文化(如果是多元文化学习班),提高文化意识。这里不仅是讲掌握文化知识,而是要从感情上容纳文化差异,在社会交往中减少文化差别造成的误解。

以上8点概括有过于简化之嫌,但是基本精神是对的。我认为,这几条基本原则是正确的,体现了最近二三十年外语教学研究成果给人们的启示,也正在逐渐变成越来越多的外语教师、外语教材编写者、外语教育家等的共识和行为准则。本丛书的作者博采众长,具有不“褒一家贬一家”的宽宏气度,再加上他们既看到某些研究的优点又指出其内在的弱点的中肯、公正的学风,使他们最后建构的教学理念和框架没有一处失之于偏激或偏爱。

作者讲,在以上原则指导下,他们编写的教材具有以下功能:

1. “主题教学”和“任务教学”:教材给学习者提供使用真实的语言进行交流的机会。

2. 会照顾到学习者的个人差异,包括外语水平、学习风格、学习策略、文化背景、学习需要、兴趣、目标等方面的差异。

3. 教材把听、说、读、写技能有机地结合起来。

4. 教材使学习者大量接触真实的(非硬造的)语言,并为使用这种语言提供机会。

5. 教材为学习者提供各种各样的帮助,帮助他们理解和运用真实的语言。

6. 教材鼓励“学生为中心”的活动,尽量避免“教师为中心”的活动。

7. 教材鼓励学习者自己管理自己,提倡“自主学习”。

8. 教材助于提高学习者的能力。(不是只关注通过什么考试。)

应该讲,这几条原则都是好的,代表了目前和今后几年教材建设的大方向,能够达到这八条要求的教材并不多见。

下面,简单介绍本套丛书中的四项语言技能的教学原则:

一、听

1. 要把听力看作是独立的重要技能,而不是辅助技能。

2. 要使用真实的、自然的听力任务(task)。学生根据自己的兴趣参加选择听力材料;教师帮忙,加以指导。

3. 学生利用一切线索去猜测意义。

4. 教师教给学生如何决定一项听力任务的目的，以及如何集中精力去达到目的。教师给学生提供各种文体的听力课文和任务。

5. 教师对有困难的学生给予帮助。

二、说

1. 鼓励学生在各种各样的场合下讲英语。

2. 学生要在课上课下用英语交往。

3. 既强调准确，也强调流利。

4. 教师帮助学生学会一些有用的讲话策略。

5. 学会正确的重音和语调。

三、读

1. 阅读是一种愉快的经历。

2. 选择阅读材料时，教师要注意学生的阅读能力、文化背景、兴趣、学习需要和学习目标。

3. 通过大量的阅读，学生要学会进行交际性的阅读（不为考试），而且读得越多越好。

4. 教授阅读技巧和策略有助于阅读能力的培养，这种教授要贯穿阅读课的始终。

5. 有效的阅读教学是以内容为基础的阅读，而且语言和情景都是真实的。阅读的重点是在于理解意义。（阅读不是为了回答四项选择的问题。）

四、写

1. 写作是一个有目的的过程（指学生之间的多次讨论）。写的东西应该是真实的，要为完成一定功能而写。

2. 写作是一个社会过程，分许多阶段，包含许多活动，所以学生要相互配合，互相帮助。

3. 写作中，阅读是个重要的组成部分。写作课中不少的时间要花在阅读上——通过阅读来收集材料、思想、内容、风格和有用的语言；还要阅读自己写的东西和别人写的东西。

对以上四套教学原则，我不一一加以评论。我只想指出两点：第一，该套教材强调的东西与传统的中国英语课堂上的活动不尽相同，很有创新意识。第二，该套教材强调语言的真实和地道，强调语言运用的功能和内容，强调以学生为中心，强调在交往中学习语言。这几套教学原则是前面八大原则的具体体现，而且都具体落实到了《博采英语——听说》、《博采英语——阅读》和《博采英语——写作》教材上去。我认为教材编排得相当成功，编者真是用心良苦，千方百计地为学习者和教师清扫一切障碍，创造最好的学习条件和环境。

我没有亲自去教几课书，试一试这几套课本在中国学习者身上的可行性。但自从本套教材首版十多年前被清华大学出版社引进我国以来，我了解到已有近百所高校采用了这套课本，并且这么多年来一直坚持在使用。教师们真正的教学实践证明：这套教材理念的先进性和实践的可行性是非常经得起推敲的。质量过硬可靠的全球性优秀教材，确实值得我们广大的教师一试。

谨供诸位教师和同学参考。

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Foreword (前言)

《博采英语——听说》(第二版)教材带学生在广阔的英语天地里遨游

语言学习就像用许多五颜六色的线永不停息地编织一幅精美的壁毯。这幅壁毯的构成与诸多因素相关,如听说、阅读和写作等各项技能,教师的特点,学生的学习愿望,对所学语言的重要程度及他们各自的背景,以及第二语言习得的一般发展规律。当所有这些因素有机并高效地结合在一起时,学生的语言能力就会不断增长,从而编织出一幅令师生都引以为自豪的、图案精美的语言壁毯。

《博采英语》的编写指导思想是不但要使学生精通英语,还要培养他们在今后的学术发展和社会工作中所需要的各项能力与综合素质。下面是《博采英语》教材在各部分各项训练的教学过程中坚持贯彻的几条原则:

- ◆ 激发学生学习的主动性
- ◆ 通过“语言学习方法”和“学习能力培养”促进学生课内外的学习
- ◆ 提供充分调动学生积极性、适应各种学习方式的练习与活动
- ◆ 利用真实、有意义的语言材料来丰富和加强语言的学习与交流
- ◆ 使学生学会理解和尊重不同的文化
- ◆ 将各个单项语言技能融会贯通起来,以提高交际能力
- ◆ 提出目标并进行不间断的自我测试,以便学生监测自己的学习进展情况

本教材是一套既适合高等院校英语专业及研究生英语教学,又适合国际办学和对外汉语专业英语教学,以及中、高级英语培训的系列教材,具有如下特色:

- ◆ 教材编写思路明确,编写人员水平出众

第二版教材在原版教材的基础上,由中方作者结合我国学生的特点改编而成,主要是在原版教材的基础上作了如下微调:增补或替换了少量练习,以适应中国学生的应试需要;更换了少量陈旧、过时或不清晰的图片;改写或更换了少量中国师生难以操作或不好驾驭的任务场景。使得本套教材在保持了其先进的编写理念和原汁原味的特点的基础上,更加符合我国的教学需求。

- ◆ 语言知识、学习策略、文化交流与应用能力培养交融贯通

素材时代感强、内容丰富、语言地道。使学生置身于真实、现代的语言环境当中。

- ◆ 课堂活动“花”而又实

以学生为中心,设计巧妙生动、有的放矢;注重培养学生良好的学习习惯,巧妙传播语言文化知识。

- ◆ 配有与教学内容相关的 CNN 节目录像材料

特别要指出的是,本教材的最终目的是帮助非英语国家的学生真正学好英语,并培养独立学习能力。我们认为这些对于 21 世纪的学生尤为重要。鉴于中国英语教学面临的重大改革,为了满足新的教学需求,加速教材本土化,使教材朝着更新、更权威、更地道的方向发展的要求,《博采英语》(第二版)系列教材适时面市。相信广大师生能从该套教材中得到最大的收获。

目标设定把学生的注意力集中
在各章应掌握的知识与技能上。

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SCHOOL DAZE

Being a student is often overwhelming. Many requirements, expectations, and procedures may be unfamiliar to you. This may be your first experience in this environment. You may be accustomed to doing things differently. You may feel frustration and confusion, and you may be unable to communicate effectively in academic situations. This situation can result in misunderstandings. There are ways that you can overcome these obstacles. In this chapter, you will focus on some of the listening and speaking skills you need to survive the beginning of school. You will learn how to prepare for the beginning of school and how to adapt to new experiences in the classroom and on campus. As you develop specific skills and strategies, you will be able to increase your chances for academic success.



Setting Goals

In this chapter you will learn how to:

- ◆ overcome confusion and frustration at the beginning of school.
- ◆ communicate about academic procedures and requirements.
- ◆ increase your listening comprehension by predicting the language you will hear in a specific situation.
- ◆ ask about alternatives and state preferences.
- ◆ identify the parts of a lecture as you're listening.
- ◆ understand teachers' objectives and expectations.


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PART 1: "What Did You Say? What Did I Say?"



You have seen how the impact of culture can influence the way you communicate with other people. You have learned that something may be understood in one culture but may not be understood at all in another. It can be difficult to realize this because you begin your cultural learning at a very early age, and by the time you are an adult you have already formed set ideas about how to behave. Some psychologists and sociologists are taking this idea of cultural learning one step further. They believe that boys and girls learn different lessons about how to behave beginning when they are very young children. Then, when they become adults, they have communication problems just like two people who come from different cultures!

LANGUAGE LEARNING STRATEGY



Take notes as you observe and listen to a conversation, and you will increase your comprehension. Focus your attention on what you see and hear during the conversation by taking notes. Notice nonverbal clues such as facial expressions and gestures, which add to the meaning. This will help you to understand the communication more clearly. Follow these steps to take notes as you observe:

- 1 Focus on specific information in the conversation rather than trying to understand everything at once.
- 2 Write down the specific information that you are focusing on.
- 3 Observe nonverbal clues that show the feeling of the speakers.
- 4 Write down the nonverbal clues and the feelings they show.

In the scenario activity that follows, take notes as you observe the scenarios. Follow the steps given in the "Language Learning Strategy."

Apply the Strategy

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What Would You Say?

Choose two of the previous situations that caused you to feel threatened or angry. What would you say in each of these situations? What do you think would happen after you said that? With your group, discuss some of your ideas. In the grid below, write down two or three of your favorite choices. An example is provided for you in the first box.

Situation	What Would You Say?	Expected Result
Situation 2: The Coffee Shop	"Would you mind moving? I need this space so that I can work."	The stranger would apologize and move.



The example in the chart uses a request form: "Would you mind moving?" However, the speaker is actually making a demand. Do people also phrase demands as requests in your native culture? Why would someone do this? People from the United States consider it extremely rude to give someone a direct order to do something. Therefore, a request is often made when, in fact, the speaker is implying a demand. In the next part of the chapter, you will focus on this language.

Write About It.

Think about a time when you had a conflict with someone. What was the conflict? How did it feel to have that conflict? How did you resolve the conflict? Did you have a mediator? Do you think you could have resolved the conflict more successfully if you had known about some techniques of conflict resolution? Write about this on the lines below.

REAL PEOPLE/REAL VOICES

Getting Ready to Listen

The world is so fast that there are days when the person who says it can't be done is interrupted by the person who is doing it.
—Anonymous

You are going to hear two people talking about the stress in their lives. Andrew is a student who has just finished his first semester at college. Henry is a working man with children. For each of them, make one prediction about what causes them stress. Write down your prediction on the line.

Andrew—college student

I think _____ causes Andrew stress.

Henry—working parent

I think _____ causes Henry stress.

Listen



Listen Listening 1: Andrew's and Henry's Experiences

Write A if the statement is true about Andrew and H if the statement is true about Henry.

- ① _____ Worries give him the most stress.
- ② _____ He has a frantic schedule.
- ③ _____ Academic pressure makes him nervous.
- ④ _____ He worries about his kids.
- ⑤ _____ Sport helps him to deal with stress.
- ⑥ _____ Solving one problem at a time helps him to deal with stress.

After You Listen

For each of the two speakers you heard on the tape, give a suggestion for how he can deal with his stress.

Andrew: _____

Henry: _____

The Sound of It: Filler Sounds and Words

In spoken language, a *filler* is a sound or word that fills in the space and gives the speaker time to think before continuing. In spoken English, "um" is the most common filler. It's important to recognize this sound so that you don't confuse it with part of another word. Listen to the tape again, and count the number of times each speaker uses the filler "um."

Andrew: _____

Henry: _____

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Contribute your ideas in group activities. Actively participating in group activities helps you remember your ideas and gives your teacher a chance to see you working hard to succeed in class. There are some easy things you can do to practice speaking in group discussions:

- 1 Ask questions. Ask your teacher. Ask other students. Show that you are interested and want to learn.
- 2 Use your notes to help prepare ideas you can share.
- 3 Paraphrase—repeat in your own words an idea from a lecture, discussion, or activity.
- 4 If you have something to say but it's not a good time, make a note to yourself and save your good idea to share later in the discussion.

In small groups, discuss your observation of each simulation based on your notes in the grid. Be sure that everyone in the group contributes ideas. Compare your responses to other members of your group. Do you agree or disagree on the problem, the reason, and the perception?

Apply the Strategy

TUNING IN: "THE BILINGUAL STORYTELLER"

You will see a CNN video clip about a man who tries to help children be proud of their cultural identities. Before you watch the clip, talk with a partner and answer these questions.

Do you think it is easier for children or adults to adapt to a culture that is different from the culture of their families?

Why do you think this?

What are some of the things parents and other adults can do to help children become comfortable in a new culture?

Antonio is a teacher. He tells stories to children. He tells the stories in a mix of English and Spanish. The stories help the children feel comfortable living in a culture that is different from the culture of their families. You will see the video more than one time. As you watch the video, circle the correct answers to the questions below.

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Test-Taking Tip

Pace yourself. Don't spend too much time on any single question. If you don't know the answer to a question, move on to the next question. Allow yourself some time near the end of the exam time to go back to the questions you skipped. Keep an eye on the time throughout the test.

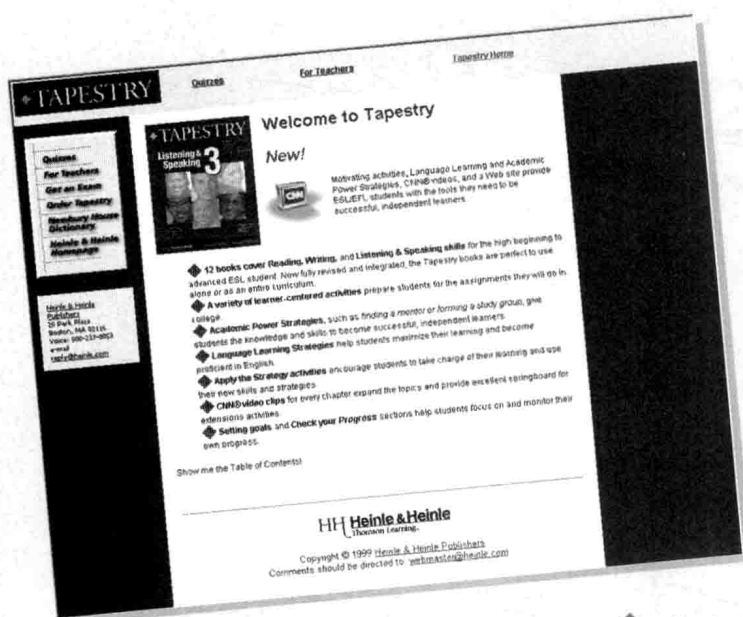
CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

On a scale of 1 to 5, rate how well you have mastered the goals set at the beginning of the chapter:

1	2	3	4	5	use specific methods to communicate effectively with people from other cultures.
1	2	3	4	5	use appropriate language to solve problems.
1	2	3	4	5	recognize and use direct speech.
1	2	3	4	5	recognize and use subtle speech.
1	2	3	4	5	contribute your ideas in group activities.

If you've given yourself a 3 or lower on any of these goals:

- visit the Tapestry web site for additional practice.
- ask your instructor for extra help.
- review the sections of the chapter that you found difficult.
- work with a partner or study group to further your progress.



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Pay attention to a speaker's intonation.

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CNN VIDEO CLIPS

PRONUNCIATION: THE SOUND OF IT



LISTENING OPPORTUNITIES

Seek out native speakers as conversation partners and make small talk with them.

“Singlish”
This CNN segment introduces a new dictionary of English words and idioms that are used specifically in Singapore—in other words, a dictionary of Singlish.

Understanding
intonation in tag
questions

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Keep a journal.

“Moving Day”
An interview with an American family on a day when they are moving to another city; they talk about how they feel about the move, the changes in their lives, special difficulties for the children, and so on.

Understanding
reductions

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Listening 4: an immigrant to California gives her opinion about the American lifestyle and the mobility of Americans

Make realistic goals for yourself in order to start working towards your academic and professional dreams.

“Frank McCourt”
The best-selling author Frank McCourt survived a childhood of poverty and hunger, but he is able to find humor shining through the tragedy.

Understanding
intonation in
questions with or
Understanding
reductions

Listening 1: six people talk about their interests
Listening 2: a person talks about her job
Listening 3: four people talk about their goals and their plans to reach these goals

Work in groups to help improve your English.

“Healthy Aging”
This segment explores healthy aging from an international perspective. It describes things that you can do at any age (young or old) to be healthy in the future.

Listening for stressed
words—*can* or
can't?

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Understanding
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Use new words as soon—and as often—as possible.

Notice and understand parts of words as a way to determine meaning.

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ACADEMIC POWER STRATEGIES



CNN VIDEO CLIPS

PRONUNCIATION: THE SOUND OF IT



LISTENING OPPORTUNITIES

Become aware of your stereotypes and be open-minded about changing them.

"Workplace Communication"
Some problems in the workplace are the result of the different communication styles of women and men. The CNN segment explores one possible solution.

Understanding reductions

Listening 1: a talk given by an expert on language and an expert on human culture
Listening 2: statements indicating the speakers' level of enthusiasm
Listening 3: three telephone conversations in response to notices on a college bulletin board

Share ideas and work together with your classmates.

"Romance Survey in Japan"
This segment gives the result of a survey about romance. It answers this question: What do Japanese men and women think about each other's ability to be romantic?

Listening for stressed words

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Find opportunities to practice English outside the classroom.

"Jeans for Everyone"
Commercials for relaxed-fit (larger) jeans are the topic here. A psychologist talks about image and how not all people look like the models in the commercials. There may be room for all of us (slim or not) in today's advertising.

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Use today's technology to find out about the news and practice your English at the same time.

"Violence in the Media"
This segment examines a possible relationship between violence in real life (for instance, murders at high schools) and violence on television.

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Be careful to choose the correct definition when you use a dictionary.

"Ecotourism in Brazil"
Ecotourism is becoming more popular in Brazil. This segment presents two benefits and one drawback of this trend.

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What language do these students probably use in most of their classes? What language(s) might they speak with their friends and family? What are some ways in which they can learn another language?

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THE WHOLE WORLD IS YOUR CLASSROOM

Many students need years to learn a new language. They might spend several hours a day in the classroom and more time, after class, on homework. But most people find that they can learn a lot even when they aren't in a language class. In this chapter, you'll find out how to improve your English outside the classroom, and you'll practice starting conversations, making small talk, and ending conversations. You'll also see a CNN segment about the use of language in Singapore.

Setting Goals

In this chapter you will learn:

- ◆ some good things to do to learn a language.
- ◆ to pay attention to emphasis and repetition in lectures.
- ◆ how to practice English with native speakers.
- ◆ how to begin a conversation.
- ◆ how to make small talk.
- ◆ how to understand intonation in tag questions.
- ◆ to pay attention to a speaker's intonation.
- ◆ how to introduce someone.
- ◆ how to apologize.
- ◆ how to express thanks.
- ◆ how to end a conversation.