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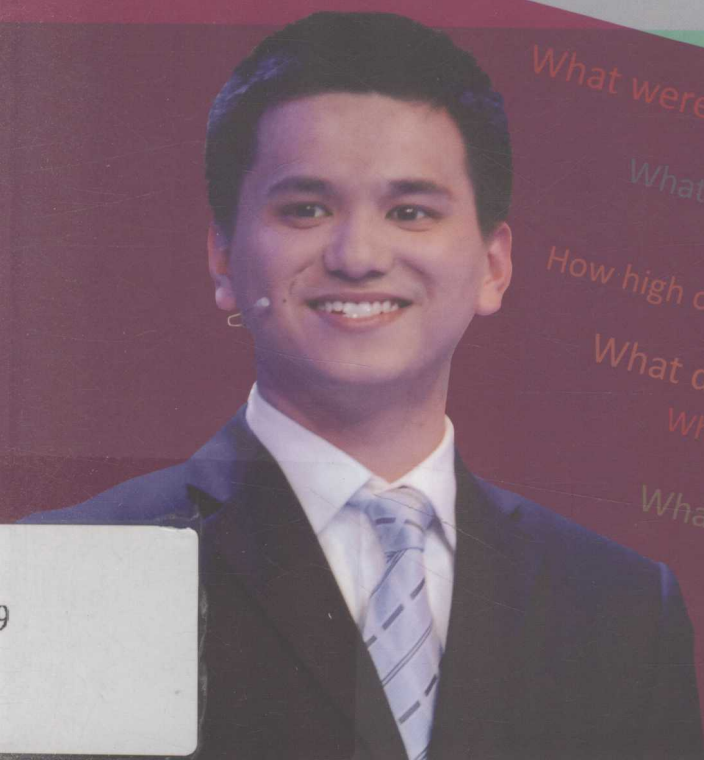
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What were kites originally used for?

What does the word “android” literally mean?

How high can you jump on the moon?

What does PM2.5 refer to?

What is the modern name for Constantinople?

What is the English expression for “乌龙球”?

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# 前言

外语教学与研究出版社从2002年开始举办“全国英语演讲大赛”，迄今为止已有十余年。十多年来，大赛已经成为响亮的品牌，并以其权威性、专业性和学术性不断推动着高校外语教学的创新与发展。无数的年轻人在这个舞台上点亮自信的人生，走向世界的舞台。

2010年起，外研社开始与教育部高等学校大学外语教学指导委员会和教育部高等学校英语专业教学指导分委员会联合举办大赛，并更名为“外研社杯”全国英语演讲大赛。大赛不仅考查和锻炼选手的英语语言应用能力，并强化对选手知识文化素养、逻辑思维能力、创新思维能力、跨文化沟通能力的考验，丰富和提升了大赛的内涵。

大赛决赛第二阶段的“综合知识速答”环节成为比赛备受瞩目的亮点之一。选手在本环节中需要在规定时间内完成4道速答题目，题目题材广泛，内容丰富，对选手的综合能力与素质提出了挑战。

为了给热爱英语演讲大赛、有志提升个人素养的学习者创造学习的机会，实践高校外语教学传承优秀文化、促进中西交流的使命，大赛组委会秘书处特别策划了这部图书。本书收录了大赛自2008年至2012年的千余道英语速答题目，分为语言文字、文学创作、历史哲学、艺术创想、生活娱乐、社会百科、体育竞技、科学技术、生命健康、天文地理十大类。这些题目汇聚了多方智慧，博古纵今，海纳万象，体裁多元，角度新颖，不仅考查当代大学生的知识涵养，更传递着培育批判思维、创新人才的教育使命。

在编辑这本书的过程中，我们对历年的题目加以仔细归类，以便学习者分类查找、提高效率。在图书版式上，我们尽量统筹美化版面，使学习者在愉悦的阅读感受中掌握知识。随书配备的CD-ROM光盘以多媒体方式呈现试题，模拟演讲大赛现场答题体验，并统计答题正确率。对于含有音频、视频的题目，我们在图书中分别以、符号进行标注，读者可以在光盘中输入相应题号听、看音频和视频，并进行回答。利用现代化技术，融入精心编排，我们希望带给您一部生动、立体、互动的“知识百科”。

每一年的全国英语演讲大赛都是见证中国当代大学生优秀风采的契机；每一部演讲大赛相关图书都是回顾和展示这一经典赛事的“窗口”。相信这部书不仅会成为英语演讲学习者准备比赛的必备图书，更将成为学子们开拓视野、锻炼思维、通晓文化、提升素养的“宝典”。

感谢为“外研社杯”全国英语演讲大赛、为这本图书付出智慧与汗水的每一个人。祝当代学子通过这本书能够真正充实、反思、提高。

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# 语言文字类



# 2008

1. English people tend to use pet names to show intimacy, such as *Bob* for *Robert*, *Ed* for *Edward*, and *Mike* for *Michael*. *Liza* is the pet name for \_\_\_\_\_.

2. It is believed that \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time translated "humor" into the Chinese term "youmo" (幽默) in 1924.

- A. Lu Xun                      B. Lin Yutang                      C. Qian Zhongshu

3. What is the meaning of the sentence "That's his Achilles' heel"?

- A. That's his excuse.    B. That's his weak point.    C. That's his punishment.

4. The English equivalent of "美名胜过美貌" is: A good \_\_\_\_\_ is better than a good face.

- A. figure                      B. fame                      C. future

5. In Chinese, which of the following words can be used to describe a man's age of 100 years old?

- A. *Guxi* (古稀)                      B. *Maodie* (耄耋)                      C. *Huajia* (花甲)                      D. *Qiyi* (期颐)

6. In English, there are quite a number of figurative expressions derived from animals. We often use "as poor as a church \_\_\_\_\_" to describe someone who is poverty-stricken.

- A. dog                      B. mouse                      C. cat

7. In Chinese, a friendship despite significant age difference is described as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 忘年之交                      B. 莫逆之交                      C. 总角之交

8. Which of the following Chinese words is NOT a kind of transliteration of an English word?

- A. 贴士                      B. 引擎                      C. 博客                      D. 宗教

9. Which of the following words is NOT related to the color "red"?

- A. Scarlet                      B. Crimson                      C. Azure                      D. Ruby

10. If something costs a pretty penny, it means it is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cheap                      B. expensive                      C. of a reasonable price

11. London's subterranean train system is the world's oldest underground railway system. It is usually referred to as the Underground or the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Tube                      B. Tunnel                      C. Channel

12. We know that a \_\_\_\_\_ is a person that prepares food for consumption, and a \_\_\_\_\_ is a kitchen appliance designed for the purpose of cooking food.  
A. cook, cooker      B. cooker, cookie      C. cook, cookie
13. What does DIY stand for?
14. The Pentagon serves as the headquarters of the US Department of Defense. What does the prefix "pen-" mean here?  
A. Five      B. Six      C. Seven
15. The idiom "talk like a parrot" means repeating and echoing another person's speech. Where did this set phrase originate from?  
A. Fables      B. Literary classics      C. Buddhist quotation books
16. There are a lot of borrowed words in contemporary Chinese. From which language comes the word "沙龙"?  
A. Indian      B. French      C. English      D. Japanese
17. What does the sentence "He has a good humor" mean?  
A. He is very humorous.      B. He is kind-hearted.      C. He has a good temper.
18. People usually use "Don't let the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the bag!" to mean "Keep the secret!"  
A. rat      B. cat      C. bat
19. "Time and \_\_\_\_\_ wait for no man" is often quoted to encourage people to cherish time or seize opportunities.  
A. tide      B. tiger      C. tie
20. What should you say in English if someone sneezes?  
A. Bless you!      B. Good luck!      C. I'm sorry!
21. George Bernard Shaw once said that America and Britain were "two countries divided by a common language". There are differences in spelling, vocabulary and idioms between American English and British English. Which of the following words is spelt in British style?  
A. Color      B. Tyre      C. Check      D. Woolen
22. The English proverb "Carry \_\_\_\_\_ to Newcastle" means "to do something pointless and superfluous".  
A. football      B. coal      C. iron

Key: 1. Elizabeth 2. B 3. B 4. B 5. D 6. B 7. A 8. D 9. C 10. B 11. A 12. A 13. Do it Yourself 14. A 15. C 16. B 17. C 18. B 19. A 20. A 21. B 22. B

23. We usually use the English proverb "Don't poke your \_\_\_\_\_ into other's business" to mean "Mind your own business".

- A. nose                      B. finger                      C. foot

24. The English equivalent of the Chinese proverb "吃一堑，长一智" is: A fall into a \_\_\_\_\_, a gain in your wit.

- A. pool                      B. pit                      C. hole

25. The English equivalent of the Chinese proverb "不雨则已，一雨倾盆" is: It never rains but it \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. pours                      B. snows                      C. falls

26. *Friends* is a popular American sitcom originally broadcast from 1994 to 2004. Sitcom is a compound word of "\_\_\_\_\_ comedy".

- A. sitting-room                      B. situation                      C. site

27. Which three-letter word can go before all of the following words:

\_\_\_\_\_ flower, \_\_\_\_\_ glasses, \_\_\_\_\_ rise, \_\_\_\_\_ set?

28. The word "禅" (Chan) is derived from the ancient Indic language. It means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. quietness                      B. meditation                      C. happiness

29. If someone comes from a royal family, or a family of high social class, we can say that he/she has \_\_\_\_\_ blood.

- A. red                      B. yellow                      C. blue

30. Which of the following expressions means "forever, permanently"?

- A. For good                      B. Ever and again                      C. For all

31. The English word "culture", as a verb, means "to \_\_\_\_\_".

- A. cultivate                      B. communicate                      C. calculate

32. If you can't finish what you ordered in a restaurant, you can put the leftovers in a "\_\_\_\_\_ bag" and take them home.

- A. doggy                      B. kitty                      C. piggy

33. Which of the following family names does NOT come from occupation?

- A. Blacksmith                      B. Carpenter                      C. Taylor                      D. Williamson

34. "The \_\_\_\_\_ hour" is an expression referring to the last moments before a deadline or a decisive or final moment.

- A. eleventh                      B. twelfth                      C. last

35. A person who spends most of his or her free time sitting or lying on a couch is called a couch \_\_\_\_\_. This stereotype often refers to a lazy and overweight person who watches a lot of television.

- A. tomato                      B. potato                      C. onion

36. What is it called when you take on an additional job to supplement your income?

- A. Shift work                      B. Moonlighting                      C. Jobbing

37. Language is full of paradoxes, and English is no exception. Which of the following statements about English words is FALSE?

- A. "Tomboys" are girls.  
B. "A greenhouse" is green.  
C. "Hot dogs" can be cold.  
D. "Midwives" can be men.

38. In English, sentences like "Betty Botter bought a bit of butter" are called tongue-\_\_\_\_\_.

39. "I think, in the end, Betty and John just didn't hit it off." The expression "hit it off" here means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to hate each other                      B. to like each other                      C. to fight each other

40. Interjections are words used to express strong feelings. Emotions such as fear, surprise, anger, love and joy can all be expressed with an interjection. Which of the following interjections is used to show a feeling of sudden pain?

- A. Oops!                      B. Ouch!                      C. Shh!                      D. Yum!

41. In Chinese, some characters have different pronunciations when used as a family name, e.g. "查" (cha) should be read as "zha" when it serves as a family name. Which of the following does NOT have a different pronunciation when serving as a family name?

- A. 仇                      B. 区                      C. 朴                      D. 齐

42. The expression "as alike as two peas" is used to describe two people who look, behave, or think exactly the same. An expression with the opposite meaning is "as different as chalk and \_\_\_\_\_".

- A. cheese                      B. pen                      C. pencil                      D. butter

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# 2009

1. In translation studies, who put forward the criteria of “信达雅”?

- A. Yan Fu                      B. Lu Xun                      C. Lin Yutang

2. A mandarin duck (鸳鸯) is a beautiful bird given state protection in China. How would you explain “鸳鸯” to foreigners in order to give the fullest understanding?

- A. Bird of paradise      B. Bird of love              C. Bird of peace

3. What term is used to describe a little-known person who wins a competition to everyone's surprise?

- A. A dark horse              B. A black horse              C. A white elephant

4. What does the Chinese character “廿” mean?

- A. Two                      B. Twenty                      C. The second

5. “To learn and at due times to repeat what one has learnt, is that not after all a pleasure?” is quoted from Confucius. What is it in Chinese? \_\_\_\_\_, 不亦说乎?

6. You invite Dan to have dinner with you tomorrow, but Dan is preparing for a test and can't come. However, he promises to have dinner with you next week. In other words, Dan takes a \_\_\_\_\_ check.

- A. wind                      B. rain                      C. snow

7. When an American says “you are a smart \_\_\_\_\_”, it means you are very clever.

- A. cat                      B. fox                      C. cookie                      D. pie

8. A word in the computer language begins with “J” and shares its name with an Indonesian island. What is the word?

9. “Wikipedia”, an interactive website, contains information on almost all branches of knowledge. From which word does the root “-pedia” come?

10. English has vocabulary derived from many other languages. Which language does the word “restaurant” come from?

- A. French                      B. Spanish                      C. Russian                      D. German

11. Nowadays, some foreigners make their home in China and learn a lot about the country. Some of them earn the title “中国通”, which can be translated into \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. China Ink                      B. China Hand                      C. China Blue

12. In a football match and some other sports, a goal that is scored by mistake by a player against his/her own team is called “乌龙球” in Chinese. What is the English expression for the term?

- A. Own goal                      B. Self goal                      C. Anti-goal

13. In Chinese, “AA制” is a newly coined term meaning each person participating in a shared activity pays for himself or herself. What is the English equivalent for this?

- A. Two by four                      B. In two twos                      C. Going Dutch

14. If somebody is soaked through, we call him/her a “落汤鸡” in Chinese. In English people would say “a drowned \_\_\_\_\_”.

- A. chicken                      B. pig                      C. rat

15. The phrase “彪形大汉” was created and first used by Shi Nai'an in *Water Margin*. What does the character “彪” mean?

- A. Little tiger                      B. Little bear                      C. Little lion

16. In the English language there are many compound words. A compound is a word formed of two single words, for example, “greenhouse”. Which of the following is NOT a compound word?

- A. Blackboard                      B. Hotdog                      C. Dislike                      D. Worldwide

17. Some people become depressed when they have to return to work after a holiday. Which of the following can best describe such a syndrome?

- A. Pre-holiday depression                      B. Ex-holiday depression                      C. Post-holiday depression

18. In English, the phrase “man of letters” refers to a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. writer                      B. typist                      C. postman

19. There is a saying: A bird in the hand is worth two in the \_\_\_\_\_. It means it is better to keep something you already have than to risk losing it by trying to get more.

- A. sky                      B. bush                      C. cage

20. Many Chinese words come from foreign languages. Some of them are given similar pronunciations to those of the source languages. This is called transliteration. Which of the following is NOT a transliteration?

- A. 基因                      B. 盖世太保                      C. 游击                      D. 逻辑

21. The English language has been borrowing words from other languages. Which of the following words is NOT borrowed from Italian?

- A. Piano                      B. Sonata                      C. Pizza                      D. Salon

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22. According to the formation of Chinese characters, “武” is made up of “止” and “戈”. “止” means “stop”. What does “戈” refer to?

23. Which of the following best explains the meaning of the Chinese proverb “千里之行，始于足下”?

- A. No bricks, no mansion      B. Get a foot in the door      C. Walk somebody off their feet

24. In the English language, the family name is also called the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. given name      B. first name      C. last name

25. If a person gets on well with people but doesn't have any deep friendship, people may call him/her a social \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cat      B. fox      C. butterfly

26. A pentagon has five sides. How many sides does a quadrangle have?

27. Some Chinese words are derived from English, such as “阿司匹林”, “布丁” and “保龄”. Likewise, some English words are of Chinese origin. Which of the following English words is NOT borrowed from Chinese?

- A. Fengshui      B. Kung fu      C. Sushi      D. Wonton

Key: 22. Weapon 23. A 24. C 25. C 26. 4 27. C

## 2010

1. It is a comprehensive Chinese-Chinese dictionary. It provides near-encyclopedic coverage in such fields as science, philosophy and history. Its name comes from the old Chinese phrase “海纳百川，有容乃大”. What is the Chinese name of this dictionary?

2. This is a quotation from Shakespeare's *King John* (《约翰王》), “To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, to throw a perfume on the violet... is wasteful and ridiculous excess.” This quotation has changed over time. Now many people just use the phrase “gild the lily”. What is the Chinese equivalent of “gild the lily”?

- A. 画蛇添足      B. 锦上添花      C. 雪上加霜

3. Which four-letter word can be used as a suffix (后缀) following all these nouns to indicate “status” or “condition”?

friend \_\_\_\_\_, owner \_\_\_\_\_, leader \_\_\_\_\_, member \_\_\_\_\_

4. In expressing the meaning of an ever-present and imminent danger, we can say something “hangs over one's head like the sword of \_\_\_\_\_”. The saying comes from an ancient Greek tale, but now is used to explain the anxiety caused by a clearly dangerous situation.

- A. Damocles      B. Achilles      C. Beowulf

5. The knowledge of one generation provides the intellectual ground for the next, and education is the way to get knowledge from the previous generations. Do you know which scientist once said, “If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants”?

- A. Albert Einstein      B. Thomas Edison      C. Isaac Newton

6. The Chinese phrase “头悬梁，锥刺股” tells a story about how Su Qin (苏秦), a politician in the Warring States Period, worked hard to be a useful person. What does “股” refer to in this phrase?

- A. Arm      B. Thigh      C. Flesh

7. The following three words all describe rainfall. Can you tell the order showing the level of precipitation (降雨量) reducing?

- ① shower      ② drizzle      ③ downpour  
A. ③①②      B. ①③②      C. ②③①

8. A home for bees is called a beehive. What is a home for birds called?

Key: 1. 《辞海》 2. A 3. ship 4. A 5. C 6. B 7. A 8. Nest

9. We all know that Head & Shoulders (海飞丝) is a brand of shampoo. What does the sentence "Joe is head and shoulders above his classmates" mean?

- A. Joe has the longest hair.
- B. Joe is the tallest one.
- C. Joe is the best student.

10. We can use "take \_\_\_\_\_ leave" to express the meaning "不辞而别".

- A. Chinese
- B. French
- C. Dutch

11. "A good day for ducks" means a wet, rainy day. What does "dog days" mean?

- A. The hottest days of the year
- B. The coldest days of the year
- C. The longest days of the year
- D. The shortest days of the year

12. CHN is short for China; ROK is short for the Republic of Korea. FRA is short for \_\_\_\_\_.

13. The following names are all names for girls. Which of them is NOT a kind of flower?

- A. Lily
- B. Violet
- C. Ruby
- D. Rose

14. This phrase originated from an Arab proverb, which means "adding just a little too much can cause an already laden camel to collapse". The phrase is: the last \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. line
- B. thread
- C. straw

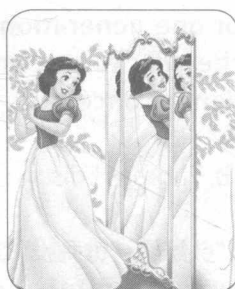
15. Fairy tales can be important in the use of the English language. For example, when we talk of an ordinary person from a poor background who achieves success and happiness, we say it is a typical \_\_\_\_\_ story.



A. Cinderella



B. Little Mermaid



C. Snow White

16. Which of the following sentences does NOT share a similar meaning to the others?

- A. You said it!
- B. You bet!
- C. I'm with you.
- D. I'm all ears.

17. Which of the following Chinese idioms is equivalent to the saying "Justice has long arms"?

- A. 天网恢恢
- B. 法不责众
- C. 徇私枉法