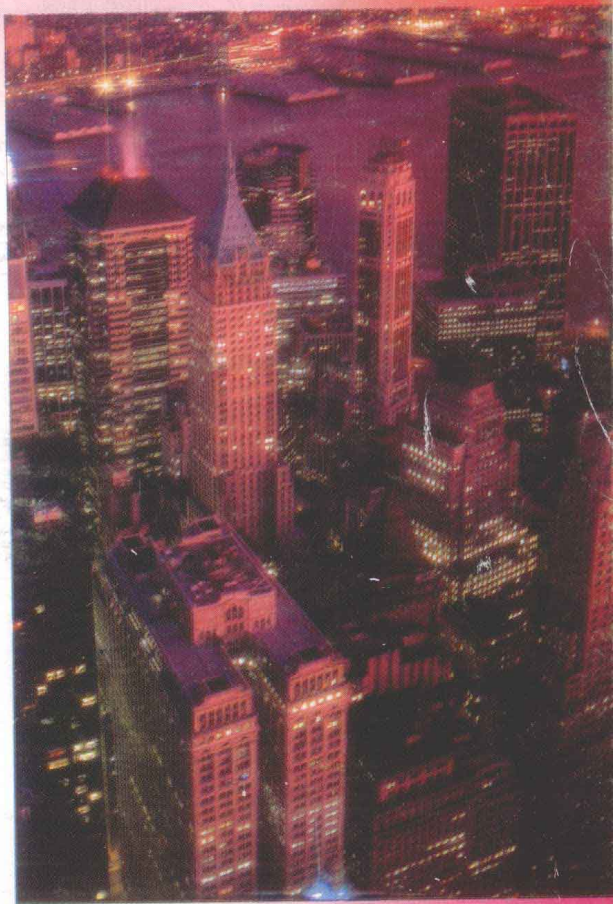


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出版说明

阅读训练在初中英语教学和学生英语学习过程中具有极其重要的意义。

首先，初中英语教学大纲指出：起始阶段以后，在继续发展听说能力的同时，要重视读写能力；英语教学必须增加语言实践的量，使学生获得充分语言实践的机会，获得为交际运用英语的能力，提高英语教学质量。

其次，我们必须关注这样的现实：近年来，在全国各省和地市中、高考英语测试中，都十分注重对学生阅读能力的考查，语篇阅读量在试题中所占比例高达 30%~55%。

再则，我们应当看到，在日常生活中，人们除日常见面通过听、说、会话了解信息外，更多的信息则是通过阅读各类书籍、报刊等文字材料而得到的。在信息时代，更是如此，如网络上的大量有用的信息是需要我们通过阅读来获取的。

最后，在学习英语过程中，阅读训练是提高英语水平的一个重要手段。阅读不仅丰富着学习的内容，增强学习的趣味，同时，与听、说、写、译等语言能力有着密不可

分的联系。阅读可以帮助我们培养语感，拓宽视野，扩大词汇量，巩固与扩展所学知识。阅读不过关，其他能力的发展是难以想像的。只有阅读能力提高了，才能为其他能力的发展打下坚实的基础。

由此可见，一个人英语阅读能力的高低，不仅是衡量其英语水平和整体素质的重要尺度，而且对其一生的发展起着重要的作用。

然而，在课堂教学中毕竟课时不多、阅读量有限，仅靠课本中有限的课文阅读材料来提高阅读能力是不现实的。鉴此，我们根据初中英语教学大纲的精神和对各年级学生阅读能力的要求，特组织编写了这套《中学英语阅读训练》。

《中学英语阅读训练》共分 8 册，每册供一学期使用。在选材方面，力图融思想性、知识性、趣味性、科学性于一体，激发学生的学习兴趣和语言能力。每篇阅读材料分阅读、注解和训练三个部分。可与现行初中英语教材配套使用，以丰富和扩充知识，也可单独使用，或作为课外自学教材及阅读书籍。

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Unit 1

Passage 1

How to Learn English

When you are learning English, you find it not clever to put an English sentence, word for word, into your own language. Take the sentence “How do you do?” as an example. If you look up each word in the dictionary, one at a time, what is your translation? It must be a wrong sentence in your own language.

Languages do not just have different sounds, and they are different in many ways. It's important to master the rules for word order in the study of English, too. If the speakers put words in a wrong

order, the listener can't understand the speaker's sentence easily. Sometimes when the order of words in an English sentence is changed, the meaning of the sentence changes. But sometimes the order is changed, the meaning of the sentence doesn't change. Let's see the difference between the two pairs of sentences.

"She only likes apples." "Only she likes apples."

"I have seen the film already." "I have already seen the film."

When you are learning English, you must do your best to get the spirit of the language and use it as the English speaker does.

Notes

1. clever ['klevə] adj. 机灵的; 聪明的。
2. translation [træns'leiʃən] n. 翻译; 译文。
3. master ['mɑ:stə] vt. 掌握; 精通。
4. difference ['difərəns] n. 差异; 差别。
5. spirit ['spirit] n. 精神, 灵魂; 实质。

Exercises

Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. When we are learning English, it is important for us
_____.
 A. to put every word in our own language.
 B. to get the spirit of the language and use it as the English speaker does
 C. to look up each word in the dictionary
 D. to put the words in a wrong order
2. The sentence "She only likes apples" _____.
 A. is the same as "Only she likes apples"
 B. means that she doesn't like apples
 C. is different from "Only she likes apples"
 D. means that she likes apples and other fruits
3. If you want to study English well, you must _____.
 A. do more listening and speaking
 B. do more reading
 C. do more writing
 D. do all of the above

Passage 2**Returning Home at Late Night**

It must have been about two in the morning when I returned home. I tried to wake up my wife by ringing the doorbell, but she was fast asleep, so I got a ladder from the shed in the garden, put it against the wall, and began climbing towards the bedroom window. I was almost there when a sarcastic



voice below said, "I don't think the windows need cleaning at this time of the night." I looked down and nearly fell off the ladder when I saw a policeman. I immediately regretted answering in the way I did, but I said, "I enjoy cleaning windows at night."

"So do I," answered the policeman in the same

tone. "Excuse my interrupting you. I hate to interrupt a man when he's busy working, but would you mind coming with me to the station?"

"Well, I'd prefer to stay here," I said. "You see, I've forgotten my key."

"Your what?" he called.

"My key," I shouted.

Fortunately, the shouting woke up my wife. She opened the window just as the policeman had started to climb towards me.

Notes

1. wake up 唤醒。
2. doorbell ['dɔ:bel] n. 门铃。
3. asleep [ə'sli:p] a. 睡着的; fast asleep: 酣睡。
4. ladder ['lædə] n. 梯子。
5. shed [ʃed] n. 棚子。
6. sarcastic [sɑ:'kæstik] a. 讽刺的。
7. Excuse my interrupting you. 对不起, 打扰你了。
8. ... would you mind coming with me to the

station? 请您与我去一趟警察局, 行吗? the station 指的是 police station (警察局)。

Exercises

Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. The policeman _____.
 - A. believed the writer was going to clean the windows
 - B. suspected that the writer was a thief
 - C. arrested the writer
 - D. interrupted the writer when he was busy working
2. The narrator got a ladder and began climbing towards the bedroom window, because, _____.
 - A. his wife was fast asleep and couldn't be waken up by the doorbell
 - B. he saw a policeman
 - C. he enjoyed cleaning windows at night
 - D. he was a thief
3. None of this would have happened if the writer _____.
 - A. hadn't been rude
 - B. hadn't fallen off the ladder
 - C. had remembered his key
 - D. hadn't shouted at the policeman

Passage 3**The Same Composition**

Alice and Jim were born on the same day and they look the same. Their father drives a bus. He's busy with his work and has no time to concern with their studies. They study in the same class. Alice works hard at her lessons and listens to the teachers. And she gets on well with her classmates and they're friendly to her. But Jim likes nothing except playing. He wants to drop maths and is afraid to write compositions.

One day Miss Smith, their English teacher, told her class to write a composition "My Mother". After supper Alice wrote on in her exercise-book and went to help her mother to do some housework. Jim was sitting at the desk. He wrote a few words on a page, but didn't know how to go on writing and tore it off, then tore another off. He didn't finish it until the football match on TV began. He hurried to bring Alice's exercise-book out of her

bag and copied her composition in his. Then he went to watch TV until it was over.

Two days later Miss Smith asked in class, "Can you tell me why yours is the same composition as Alice's, Jim?"

"Yes, I can, Miss smith," answered Jim. "We have the same mother, you know."

Notes

1. He's busy with his work and has no time to concern with their studies. 他忙于自己的工作，没有时间关心他们的学习。

2. ...but didn't know how to go on writing and tore it off... 但不知道怎样写下去，于是就把它撕了。

3. football match 足球赛。

Exercises

Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. All her classmates are friendly to Alice because _____.

A. she's a good girl

- B. she works hard
C. she listens to the teachers
D. she's good at writing compositions
2. Jim is weak in _____.
A. maths
B. English
C. writing compositions
D. all his subjects
3. Jim can't catch up with his classmates because _____.
A. he doesn't like to study
B. Miss Smith is bad to him
C. he likes to watch football matches
D. his father has no time to look after him
4. Alice could write the composition because _____.
A. she knows her mother well
B. she does well in her lessons
C. she wanted to help her mother
D. she didn't like to watch TV
5. As _____, he copied Alice's composition.
A. Jim and Alice have the same mother
B. Jim didn't like to use his head
C. Jim wanted to watch the football match on TV
D. Jim was tired and wanted to go to bed

