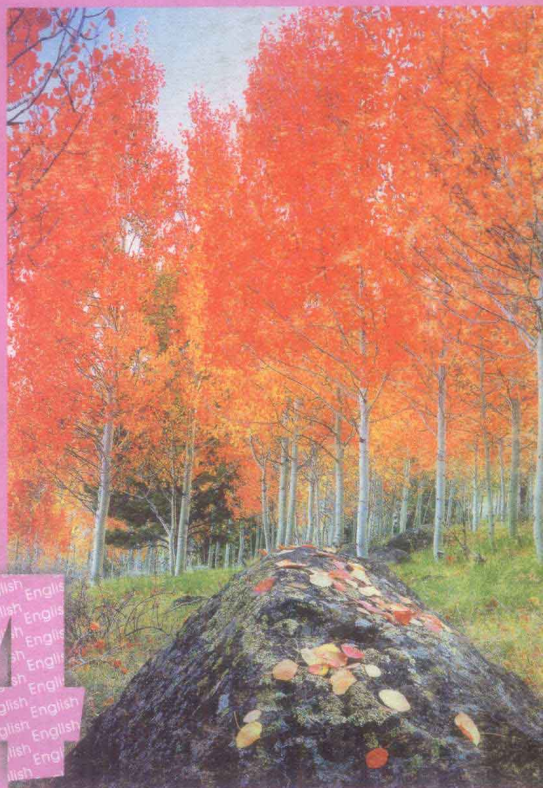


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出版说明

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，在全国各省和地市的中、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。本册是第4册，可供初中二年级下学期使用。在选材方面，该书力图融思想性、知识性、趣味性、科学性于一体，激发学生的学习兴趣 and 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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Passage 1

The Weekend Cook

My dad works in a bank. He works there from Monday to Friday. He counts money, and he uses the computer. His job is important. He is an important man at the bank.

Dad also works at home. On weekends he cooks dinner. Usually he fixes Italian food. On Saturdays he makes spaghetti. On Sundays he makes pizza. Sometimes he fries chicken or fixes Chinese food. My mother watches and helps. She cuts the vegetables. She tosses the salad. I wash the dishes.

Some people say it is strange for a man to cook. My dad enjoys his hobby. Cooking relaxes him. His father was a weekend cook, too.

Notes

1. count [kaunt] v. 计算, 数。
2. fix [fiks] v. 做 (菜)。
3. spaghetti [spə'geti] n. 意大利式通心粉。
4. pizza [pi:zə] n. 意大利馅饼, 比萨饼。
5. toss the salad 拌色拉。
6. relax [ri'læks] v. 放松。

Exercises

Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. My father _____.
 - A. works from Monday to Thursday
 - B. does not use the computer
 - C. has a job in a bank
 - D. works only at the bank
2. What does my father do on weekends?
 - A. He goes swimming.
 - B. He enjoys fishing.
 - C. He plays tennis.
 - D. He cooks dinner.
3. My father can cook _____.
 - A. spaghetti
 - B. pizza
 - C. Chinese food
 - D. all of the above
4. My mother _____ when my father is cooking.
 - A. cuts the vegetables
 - B. tosses the salads
 - C. both A and B
 - D. neither A nor B

Passage 2**A Long, Hard Trip**

Han married a woman in the camp. He and his new wife lived there for several years. One day a doctor from the United States visited the camp. Han was in the office that day, and the doctor asked him some questions. Then she met Han's family and heard their story.

A few weeks later, Han received a letter from the doctor. She agreed to sponsor him, his wife, and their new baby. Some officials helped them, but sadly, he had to leave his mother and sister in the refugee camp.

Their sponsor met them at the airport in the United States. She helped Han and his family a lot. They moved into a small apartment, but they had nothing. The people at a church gave them some food, clothing, and things for their new home. They started their new life.

Notes

1. refugee camp 难民营。
2. marry ['mæri] v. 结婚。
3. agree [ə'gri:] v. 同意。

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4. sponsor ['spɒnsə] v. 赞助 n. 赞助人。

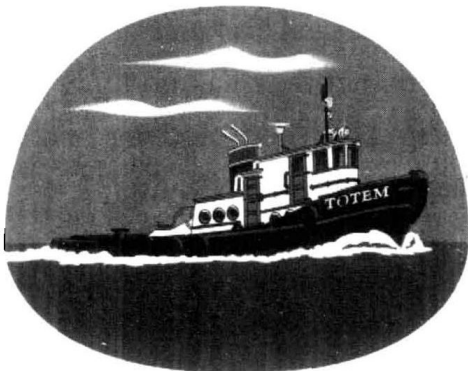
5. official [ə'fiʃəl] n. 官员。

6. a small apartment 一个小公寓房。

Exercises

Fill in the blanks with T for true or F for false:

- () 1. Han got married in the camp, and his wife had a baby.
- () 2. A doctor from the United States came to the camp.
- () 3. Han's wife and child didn't go to the United States because they couldn't find a sponsor.
- () 4. Han's father, mother, and sister went to America with him.
- () 5. With the help of their sponsor, Han and his wife and child found a small apartment.



Passage 3

A Place to Live

Just then, Enrique saw a church with many people in it. He went in. He had a conversation with the sponsor of a refugee family from another country. A couple lived with their children and some relatives in an abandoned building. People from the church fixed up the building, but they didn't finish it. Enrique asked, "Do they need help with the house? Can I work on it?"

The sponsor introduced Enrique to the man and his wife. They invited him to their place. He stayed with the refugee family for almost a month and helped fix up the building. They didn't speak much English, but Enrique got to know them anyway. He became friends with the two sons. They often went places together. So he got to know San Francisco, too.

After a while, Enrique saw a newspaper ad for a room in the home of an American couple. He moved into the house and paid the family rent.

Notes

1. have conversation with 与……交谈。
2. a refugee family 一个难民家庭。
3. relative ['relatɪv] n. 亲戚。
4. introduce [ɪntrə'dju:s] v. 介绍。
5. abandoned [ə'bændənd] a. 被抛弃的。
6. San Francisco 旧金山(美国城市名)。
7. a newspaper ad 一条报纸上的广告。
8. rent [rent] n. 租金。

Exercises

Fill in the blanks with T for true or F for false:

- () 1. In a church, Enrique met the sponsor of a refugee family.
- () 2. The family lived in a big, new house.
- () 3. Enrique moved into their place, and he helped them fix it up.
- () 4. He didn't have time to get to know the sons because he had a job in a restaurant.
- () 5. But he married the daughter, and they moved to a camp.
- () 6. Then he rented a room in the house of an American couple.

Passage 4

A Bus Ride

At that moment, Mei Ling heard a loud noise. There was an accident in the middle of the street. She saw a Chinese boy on the ground with his bicycle and thought, "He may need help. What should I do?" The driver of the car got out. She tried to talk to the boy, but he couldn't understand English. He began to cry.

With her baby on her back, Mei Ling went to the boy. She translated the woman's questions into Chinese and then translated his answers into English. She and the woman helped the boy into the car, and Mei Ling and her baby went with them to the emergency room of the hospital a few blocks away.

At the hospital, Mei Ling called the boy's mother and told her about the accident. She also called her husband. Soon the boy's mother arrived, and Mei Ling's husband picked her and the baby up.

Notes

1. accident ['æksɪdənt] n. 事故。

- 2. translate [træns'leɪt] v. 翻译。
- 3. emergency [i'mə:dʒənsi] n. 紧急情况。
- 4. the emergency room 急救室。
- 5. a few blocks away 几个街区之外。

Exercises

Fill in the blanks with T for true or F for false:

- () 1. Mei Ling went into the market and bought some food.
- () 2. She saw an accident. A car hit a boy on a bicycle.
- () 3. She helped the boy because he couldn't understand the driver of the car.
- () 4. She translated for the boy and driver.
- () 5. Mei Ling and her baby went with the boy and the driver to the emergency room of the hospital.
- () 6. She called her husband, but he wasn't home, so the driver of the car took them home.



Passage 5**A Story about a Giraffe**

In African I heard a story about a giraffe that did not believe in himself.

The giraffe's mother had left him when he was a few days old because she couldn't feed him. For three years he lived in the warden's house and played with the children. Then he grew too larger for the house.

The family decided that he should return to his fellows. They took him to join a herd of wild giraffes.

One look was enough for the giraffe's small brain. He could not believe that such extraordinary animals existed. Or that he was one of them! He turned and bolted.

The family took him back several times. In the end they

