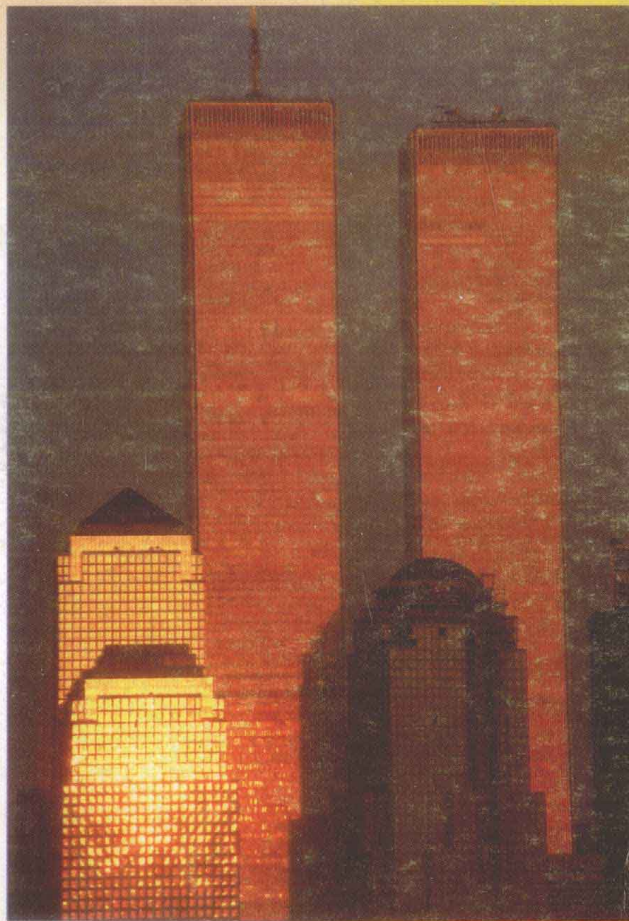


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## 出版说明

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。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*

### **We Are Back to English Class**

In schools throughout the world, boys and girls are studying foreign languages. Everyone knows his own language, but the foreign language is of great help when you want to communicate with the people of other countries.

There are about three thousand languages in the world. English is one of them, but it is very important one, because so many people use it.

Now the new semester begins, and we are back to English class again. From now on, we must

do our best to learn English well.

*Notes*

1. throughout [θru(:)'aut] prep. 遍及; 贯穿;  
adv. 到处; 始终; 全部
2. communicate [kə'mju:nikeit] v.i. 交际; 交往。
3. semester [si'mestə] n. 学期。

## Exercises

**Choose the right answer for each blank:**

1. Why do people study foreign languages?
  - A. Because they want to communicate with the people of other countries.
  - B. Because they don't like their own languages.
  - C. Because they like other languages.
  - D. Because foreign languages are better than their own.
2. How many languages are there in the world?
  - A. About one thousand.
  - B. About two thousand.
  - C. About four thousand.
  - D. About three thousand.
3. Why is English important?

- A. Because English is strong.
  - B. Because so many people use it.
  - C. Because America is strong.
  - D. Because English is easy to learn.
4. What shall we do as the new semester begins?
- A. We must communicate with the people of other countries.
  - B. We must study English well.
  - C. We just go to school.
  - D. We only study our own language.

## ***Passage 2***

### **The Rich and the Poor**

One afternoon, a rich man walks on a road. He sees two men. They are eating grass by the roadside. So he looks at them and asks one man, "Excuse me, why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have food to eat, we are poor," the

man answers.

“Oh, come to my home please,” the rich man says.

“But, I have a wife and two children!” The poor man says.

“Bring them along. And you, come to my home too!” The rich man says to the other man.

“But I have a wife with six children!” The other man says.

“Bring them along too.”

They all come to the rich man's home. One of the poor men says to the rich man, “You are so kind. Thank you very much!” The rich man answers, “No, you don't understand, the grass at my home is two meters tall!”

### *Notes*

1. walk [wɔ:k] vi. 走; 步行。
2. grass [grɑ:s] n. 草。They are eating grass by the roadside. 他们正在路边吃草。
3. bring [brɪŋ] vt. 拿来; 带来。
4. along [ə'lɒŋ] adv. 一道; 一起。Bring them along. 带他们一起来。

5. understand [ˌʌndə'stænd] vt. 懂得；理解。

例：Do you understand? 你理解了吗？

6. meter ['mi:tə] n. 米。two meters tall: 两米高。

## Exercises

**Choose the right answer for each blank:**

1. When does the rich man walk on a road?
 

A. In the morning.	B. In the afternoon.
C. In the evening.	D. On Sunday.
2. Two men are eating grass, because \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. they like grass	B. they are very rich
C. they are very poor	D. the rich man asks them to eat
3. How many people are there in the other man's family?
 

A. There are three.	B. There are seven.
C. There are four.	D. There are eight.
4. How many people does the rich man take to his home?
 

A. There are ten.	B. There are two.
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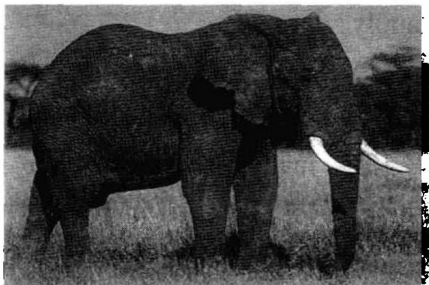
- C. There are thirteen.      D. There are twelve.
5. Why does the rich man bring them to his home?
- A. Because he is very rich.  
B. Because he wants to give them some food.  
C. Because he likes them.  
D. Because he wants them to eat the grass at his home.

### *Passage 3*

## **Elephants**

Elephants are the biggest animals that live on land. They have very long noses and we call their noses "trunks". No other animals have trunks as long as elephants.

The elephant can use its trunk to smell things and it can also pick up things with the tip of its



trunk. Can you pick up something with the tip of your nose?

Elephants have very strong legs. Their legs are like trees. They usually walk slowly because they are so big, but they walk very quietly.

Elephants are kind animals. When one of them is hurt and cannot pull itself on to its feet, the other elephant lift it up and help it to walk.

## Notes

1. elephant ['elifənt] n. 大象。
2. trunk [trʌŋk] n. 树干; 象鼻。
3. quietly ['kwaiətlɪ] ad. 安静地。

## Exercises

**Choose the right answer for each blank:**

1. An elephant's long nose is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. tusk                      B. truck  
C. trunk                     D. tree
2. The elephant can use its nose to \_\_\_\_\_.



A. smell things

B. pick up things

C. eat grass

D. both A and B

3. Elephants walk\_\_\_\_\_.

A. fast and quietly

B. slowly but not quietly

C. fast but not quietly

D. slowly and quietly

### **Passage 4**

## **Mr. Watt and Mr. Knott**

Mr. Knott is a teacher. He teaches in a big school in London. He lives a long way from the school, so he is usually quite tired when he gets home. At nine o'clock one evening, when he is in bed, the telephone rings in the hall of his small house, so he goes downstairs, picks up and says, "This is Whitebridge 3165. Who's speaking, please?"

"Watt," a man answers.

"What's your name, please?" says Mr. Knott.