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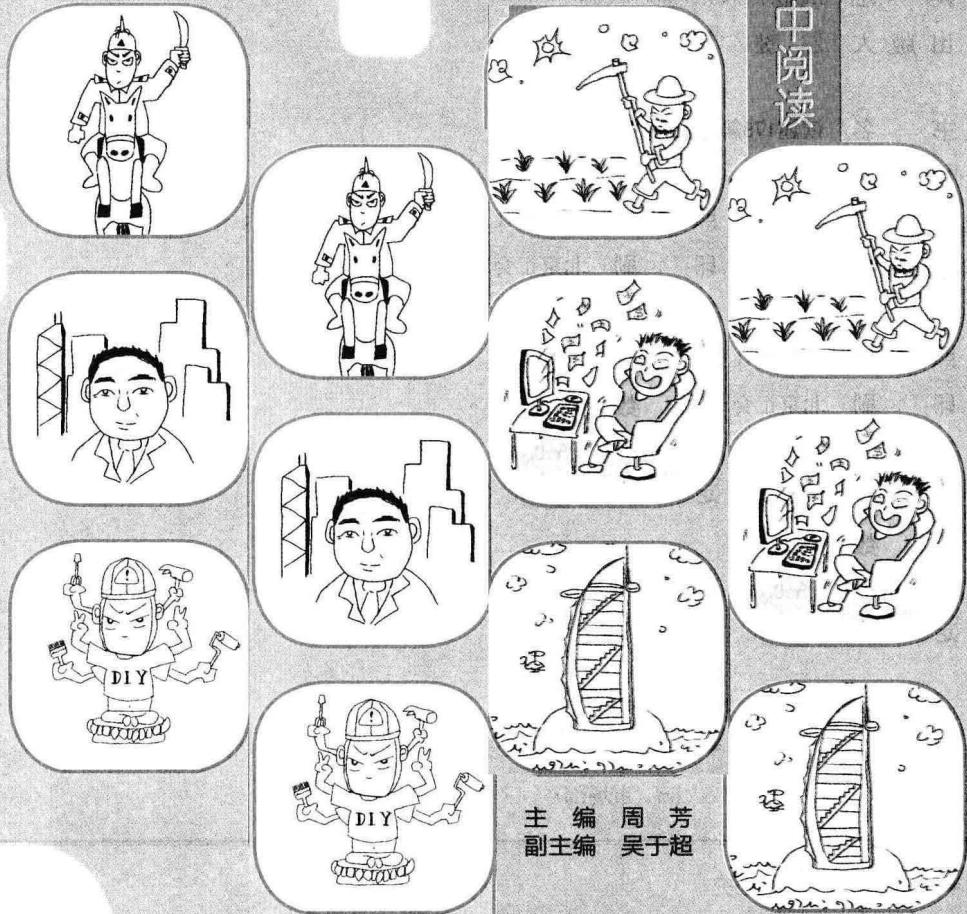
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前 言

英语的核心内容是阅读和写作，而阅读又是写作的基础，基于此，我们推出《初中阅读178篇》。

本书分生活、兴趣、学习、工作、旅行、故事、体育、人物、社会、风俗、经济、科技、自然、动物、教育、环保、历史、文化、健康、地理、新闻广告等单元，收集了近178篇适合初中生阅读的短文。文章内容丰富，题材广泛，语言规范，难度适中，可帮助读者扩大知识面，提高阅读水平，增强应试能力。

为加深读者对阅读中的难点和语言点的理解，每篇短文后有针对性地配以适量练习，题型以选择为主，同时也有判断、问答、填空等，起到了巩固知识、指导学习的目的。书末附有全部练习的参考答案及中文译文。

本书可作为参加中考复习的初中学生及指导教师的阅读材料，也可供广大初中生及具有同等英语水平的学习者课外阅读。

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奇早的未來

On Sunday morning, you usually go outside to a park or a forest to have a walk. You can see many birds and animals there. You can also find some flowers and plants. You can also hear the sound of birds singing. This is a good way to relax and enjoy nature.

1. 生活

Life



奇早的未來

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The Fastest Breakfast

最快的早餐

One Sunday morning, my family and I went to a popular restaurant for breakfast. Just as we were about to begin our meal, we heard someone shouting for the proprietor.

"What is this? A dead fly in my food!" a man with a deep scar across his face roared angrily. He banged his fist on the table and swept the plates and cups off it. His companion, a huge man stared angrily at the proprietor who stood nervously in front of the two gangsters.

The proprietor apologized repeatedly and tried to pacify them by offering to replace their food. He even told them that they could have their meal for free.

The commotion affected the business of the restaurant. Fearing that a brawl would ensue, many customers paid for their meals and left the restaurant quickly. Some of them had not even finished their breakfast.

My father told us to eat our food quickly and not to look at the two angry men. We obeyed him and finished our food within minutes. *That was probably the quietest and fastest breakfast my family ever had.*

Although my father warned us not to look at the two unruly customers, I could not help stealing a glance at them. I saw that the proprietor had to pacify the two angry customers. Fresh food and drinks were brought to their table. They sat down again and continued their breakfast.



疯狂注释

proprietor [prə'priətə] *n.* 所有人；业主；经营者
companion [kə'mpæniən] *n.* 同伴，伴侣
gangster ['gæŋstə] *n.* 罪徒，歹徒

commotion [kə'məʊʃən] *n.* 混乱，喧闹，骚动
brawl [braʊl] *n.* 争吵，打架



轻松大练习

Read the passage and choose the best answer.

① The third paragraph tells us that the owner of the restaurant was _____.

- (A) sorry for what had happened
- (B) angry with the two customers
- (C) unsure of what to do to calm the two customers
- (D) disappointed that the men created problems in the restaurant

② The word “*ensue*” in the fourth paragraph can best be replaced by _____.

- (A) occur
- (B) debut
- (C) initiate
- (D) take off

③ The sentence “*That was probably the quietest and fastest breakfast my family ever had*” tells us that the writer and his family _____.

- (A) may often talk while they ate
- (B) ordered a lot of food each time they ate out
- (C) often ate silently and that day was no exception
- (D) usually did not like to be disturbed while they ate

④ The following statements are TRUE EXCEPT _____.

- (A) the two customers did not have to pay for their food
- (B) the writer and his family ate their food without a word
- (C) one of the waitresses cleared up the mess on the floor
- (D) many customers ran out of the restaurant without paying

⑤ Which word describes the atmosphere at the restaurant when the angry customer found a dead fly in his food?

- (A) Sad
- (B) Tense
- (C) Happy
- (D) Distracted

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难句过关

【难句】 Although my father warned us not to look at the two unruly customers, I could not help stealing a glance at them.

【分析】 此话中could not help的意思不是“不能帮助”，而是“禁不住，情不自禁”。后面常接动词的-ing形式。此外，warn sb. (not) to do意思为“提醒或警告某人（不）做某事”，后面的动词用不定式结构。

A Special Christmas Present

一份特别的圣诞礼物

David wants to buy a Christmas present for a very special person, his mother. David's father gives him \$5.00 a week for pocket money and David puts \$2.00 a week into his bank account. After three months David takes \$20.00 out of his bank account and goes to the shopping mall. He looks and looks for a perfect gift.

Suddenly he sees a beautiful brooch in the shape of his favourite pet. He says to himself, "My mother loves jewelry, and the brooch costs only \$17.00." He buys the brooch and takes it home. He wraps the present in Christmas paper and places it under the tree. He is very excited and he is looking forward to Christmas morning to see the joy on his mother's face.

But when his mother opens the present she screams with fright because she sees a spider.



疯狂注释

christmas [ˈkrɪsməs] *n.* 圣诞节；圣诞节时期
account [əˈkaʊnt] *n.* 账单，账目
perfect [ˈpefekt] *adj.* 完美的，理想的，全然的
suddenly [ˈsʌdnli] *adv.* 意外地；冷不防；忽然

brooch [brəʊtʃ] *n.* 胸针；领针
favourite ['feɪvərɪt] *adj.* 特别喜爱的 (也写成 favorite)
fright [frait] *n.* 惊骇；吃惊