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# Foreword

## 序

拒绝四六级考试复习备考的沉重负担,轻松搞定四六级考试是本套丛书编写的宗旨。

本系列丛书具有下列 5 大特点:

1. 针对性强:按试卷测试项分 8 个类别编撰,能让学生针对自己的弱项自由选择其中一项或几项,在短时间内进行强化训练,达到预期效果。

2. 语料新颖:本系列中的 16 本书均选自国内外最新材料。材料大多出自国外原版期刊和原版英语网站。

3. 短小精悍:将试卷复杂内容分解编撰成短小的单行本,符合考生心理需求,能让考生以轻松心情应对,在轻松之中将四六级备考之繁重任务各个击破。

4. 内容充实:本系列丛书短小精悍,却不失容量充足。四六级训练书籍通常为十套试卷,而本系列丛书每本的容量一般都超过 10 套:《作文与翻译》作文 30 篇,翻译 25 套;《快速阅读》10 套;《听力对话》12 套;《听力短文与填空》各 12 套;《外台英语新闻》42 篇;《选词填空》25 套;《简短回答》25 套;《仔细阅读》10 套 20 篇;《完形填空》15 套。

5. 实用性与前瞻性:认真分析最近两年的四六级考试真题试卷,可以发现听力短文的测试已经将外台英语新闻的内容纳入了测试范围,故本系列丛书专门编撰了《外台英语新闻》,以提高该书的针对性和实用性,强调英语新闻在大学英语听力测试中的地位。同时也凸显其前瞻性,英语新闻也是正在试点的大学英语四六级机考的主要内容。

愿“轻松搞定四六级考试”系列丛书助备考大学英语四六级的考生一臂之力,祝朋友们以轻松之心情快快搞定四六级考试!



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外台英语新闻

Part I

命题特点与应试策略







# 一、英语新闻听力命题特点



## 1. 英语新闻与六级听力测试的关系

**英语新闻已成为六级听力考试的内容！**

从 2009 年开始,全国大学英语六级考试已连续两年将英语新闻的内容纳入听力测试的范围。这意味着从现在起,参加大学英语六级考试的考生不得不重视英语新闻的听力训练。2009 年 6 月举行的六级考试中在段落听力部分就使用了一段英语新闻。

This is Ray McCarthy with the news. Reports are coming in of a major train crash in Japan. A passenger train carrying hundreds of workers home from the center of Tokyo is reported to have hit an oncoming goods train. Both were traveling at high speed. Figures are not yet available but it is believed that the death toll could be as high as 300, with hundreds more injured. Emergency and rescue services rushed to the scene. But our reporter says it will take days to clear the track and to establish the numbers of the dead and injured. There was a similar accident on the same stretch of track four years ago.

There was another bomb scare in a large London store last night during late night shopping. Following a telephone call to the police from an anonymous caller, hundreds of shoppers were shepherded out of the store while roads in the area were sealed off. Police dogs spent hours searching the store for a bag which the caller claimed contained 50 pounds of explosives. Nothing was found and the store was given the all-clear by opening time this morning. A police spokesman said that this was the third bomb scare within a week and that we should all be on our guard.



And finally, the motoring organizations have issued a warning to drivers following the recent falls of snow in many parts of the country. Although the falls may be slight, they say extra care is needed.

32. What accident happened recently in Japan?
33. What do the reports say about the recent accident in Japan?
34. Why did people have to leave the London store last night?
35. What did motoring organizations advise drivers to do?

2010年6月六级考试听力短文 Passage One 也考了一段英语新闻的内容:

The time is 9 o'clock and this is Marian Snow with the news(现在时间九点整,由玛丽安·斯诺播报新闻).

The German authorities are sending investigators to discover the cause of the plane crash late yesterday on the island of Tenerife. The plane, a Boeing 737, taking German holiday makers to the island crashed into a hillside as it circled while preparing to land. The plane was carrying 180 passengers. It's thought there are no survivors. Rescue workers were at the scene.

\* \* \*

The British industrialist James Louis, held by kidnapper in central Africa for the past 8 months, was released unharmed yesterday. The kidnappers had been demanding 1,000,000 pounds for the release of Mr. Louis. The London Bank and their agents who had been negotiating with the kidnappers have not said whether any amount of money has been paid.

\* \* \*

The 500 UK motors workers who had been on strike in High Town for the past three weeks went back to work this morning. This follows successful talks between management and union representatives, which resulted in a new agreement on working hour and conditions. A spokesman for the management said they'd hope they could now get back to producing cars, and that they lost lots of money and orders over this dispute.



\* \* \*

And finally the weather. After a code start, most of the country should be warm and sunny. But towards late afternoon, rain will spread from Scotland to cover most parts by midnight.

26. What does the news say about the Boeing 737 plane?
27. What happened to British industrialist James Louis?
28. How did the 3-week strike in High Town end?
29. What kind of weather will be expected by midnight in most parts of the country?

为了顺应大学英语四、六级考试改革的潮流,参加大学英语六级考试的广大考生从现在起必须重视对英语新闻这种时效性很强的听力材料的训练。只有了解新闻英语的特点,掌握新闻英语听力训练的方法和技巧,坚持新闻英语的听力训练,才能适应变化了的听力测试,才能在六级考试中取得好成绩。



## 2. 英语新闻在四六级机考中占听力的 66%, 占卷面的 27%

从目前试点实施的四六级机考来看,实行上机考试后,总的考试时间缩短为 2 小时,由于做每道题目的时间是不固定的,所以可以由考生自己来选择花多少时间来做,做完可以直接提交进入下一题。考试形式共分为五个大部分,其中,音频英语新闻(1-6 题)和视频英语新闻(13-18 题)在第一部分 18 题的“听力理解”测试题中占 66%。听力测试总共 44 题,按题数权重看,新闻英语所占比例为 27%。比例如此之高,可见其重要性非同一般。



## 二、英语新闻听力应试策略

备战六级新闻英语,除了要知道与其它听力考试相同的技巧之外,还要针



对新闻英语自身的文体特点做更细致的准备。只有了解新闻英语的结构、句型和词汇特点之后,再有针对性地做题,才会有有的放矢地帮助考生有效地应对这部分的考题。



## (一) 把握英语新闻的结构特点

### 1. 抓听开头

一篇英语新闻开头的一句应该包括了该新闻的主要要素:人物、事件、时间、地点和结果。(即所谓的“倒金字塔”结构,先出现主题性概述,然后具体展开谈论人物和事件的细节。)因此,在短文听力部分一开始的时候,考生就要注意听清新闻的大致内容是政治或体育等等,以便对下面的主要内容做出预测。

### 2. 学会速记

英语新闻的第一句话通常都很长,考生要有这样的心理准备,训练快速地做笔记,将重要信息随手记下,以避免出现听了前面忘后面的情况。

### 3. 抓听重点

新闻注重时效性,很多新闻是现场的采访录音,有时背景音较嘈杂。在使用录音之前(有时候是之后)一定会有对该人物身份的简单介绍,这时听力的重点要放在人物的身份上面,通常其具体的名字反而不太重要。采访录音中的语言会有被访者的个人口音,甚至是非英语,这时新闻播报员一定会转译其讲话内容的。



## (二) 把握英语新闻的句型特点

新闻英语要在最小的篇幅里纳入最多的信息,因此句子一般都比较长,但是都是比较好理解的松散句(loose sentences),只要耐心地跟着它一个意群一个意群地理解,再把意思累加起来就可以了,所以,碰到长句子,还是要注重听清楚每一个细节内容。其次,因为英语新闻中经常要出现大众不那么熟悉的人名、地名、各种组织机构名称等,对大部分这样的专有名词,新闻中都会给出



简单的介绍,这样,英语新闻中就会使用很多的同位语作为插入成分,以增加信息量。但这样会使整个句子显得比较零碎。我们在听这样的句子时要有耐心和判断力,弄清楚词与词之间的同位关系,把打断的句子结构进行整合。



### (三)把握英语新闻的词汇特点

新闻按其内容大致可以分为政治、军事、经济、体育、娱乐、科技、历史和文化、大众生活等,涉及面虽然广,但程度不会很深,一些常用词汇使用的频率很高,大家只要多听一些新闻材料,就可以在每一个体裁内发现和积累出自己的常见新闻词汇表,比如,at the scene, administration, facility, deficit and surplus, ballistic missile 和 anti-missile defence 等,这个新闻英语的核心词汇一般就是五、六百个英语中的常用词汇,我们如果掌握了这些词汇就能听懂大部分的英语新闻了。新闻英语中涉及到的专有名词很多,要训练出一套快速简单的方法记录它们。但是对于新闻中出现的不太著名的人物和地方名,我们在听的过程中不必太纠结,把注意力放在对它们的身份和地位的介绍上面就可以了。

此外,新闻中会使用到数字以增强可信度,而数字一直是听力考试传统的考点,要训练自己的一套记录数字的方法。国内的英语听力考试中使用的多半是 BBC 和 VOA 等新闻机构的新闻做听力素材,因此,我们既要熟悉某些单词的英式发音也要知道其美式发音,比如 often。英式发音和美式发音在许多元音上的区别还是挺大的,我们如果平时掌握了它们不同的发音,不仅可以帮助自己听懂标准英语播报的新闻,也有助于理解用其它口音播报的英语新闻。

如果长期用心训练听英语新闻,大家还会发现它的很多其它大大小小的特点,只有掌握了它的规律性,并形成自己的一套行之有效的应对手段,我们才能最终信心百倍地战胜它。希望这本小书能够帮助大家有效地走进英语新闻这扇丰富多彩的大门。

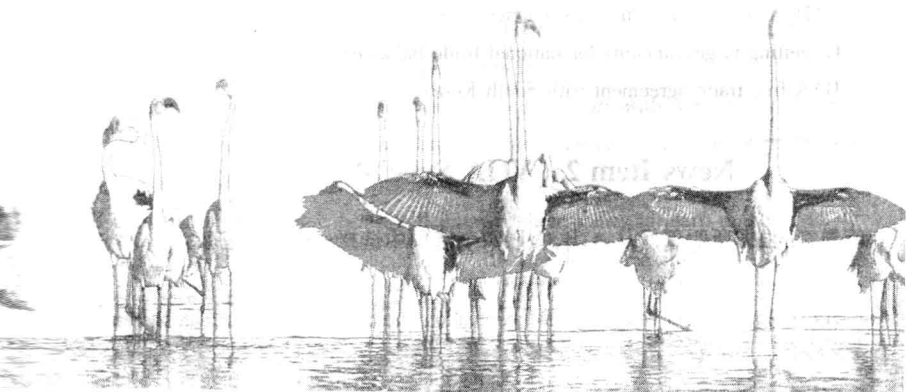


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外台英语新闻

Part II

外台英语新闻模拟训练





# Unit 1



## News Item 1 (VOA Special)

听录音,根据所听新闻从 A、B、C、D 四个选项选择一个最佳答案。

- Leaders of the world's twenty largest economies agreed \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) to interfere with currency devaluation  
B) not to interfere with currency devaluation  
C) to let market forces drive currency exchange rates  
D) not to let market forces drive currency exchange rates
- A lower currency is \_\_\_\_\_ to a country's exports.  
A) favorable      B) unfavorable      C) related      D) unrelated
- Which of the following countries agreed the idea of setting target amounts for national trade balances? \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) South Korea      B) China      C) Japan      D) Germany
- Who will develop a set of "indicative guidelines"? \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) The G-20 leaders.      B) The finance ministers of the G-20.  
C) The US.      D) The Group of 20.
- Which of the following is not one of the problems discussed by all during the meeting? \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Competitive devaluation of currencies.  
B) Disorderly movements in exchange rates.  
C) Setting target amounts for national trade balances.  
D) A free trade agreement with South Korea.



## News Item 2 (VOA Special)

听录音,根据所听新闻从 A、B、C、D 四个选项选择一个最佳答案。

- Which of the following statements is true? \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) The government calmed down the situation one day after the rebellion had started.



- B) The government calmed the situation down in one day.  
C) The government calmed the situation down in one day as usual.  
D) The government did not calm the situation down in one day.
2. A group of military officers announced they were \_\_\_\_\_ the transitional government of Madagascar's President Andry Rajoelina.  
A) suspecting      B) suspending      C) arresting      D) seizing
3. The military council was seizing power because the political situation \_\_\_\_\_ after 18 months.  
A) has already been resolved      B) has still not been resolved  
C) will be resolved      D) will not be resolved
4. \_\_\_\_\_ were talking to the mutineers.  
A) Prime Minister Camille Vital      B) President Andry Rajoelina  
C) Loyalist officers      D) Colonel Charles Andrianasoavina
5. The mutiny took place \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) to adopt a new constitution      B) to consolidate Mr. Rajoelina's power  
C) to consolidate Mr. Rajoelina's power      D) at the time of a referendum



### News Item 3 (VOA Standard)

听录音, 根据所听新闻从 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选择一个最佳答案。

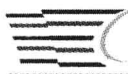
1. One person in five has some sort of \_\_\_\_\_ disability.  
A) numerical      B) numerous      C) numerable      D) digital
2. A normal person knows which number, seven and six, is bigger almost by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) a glance      B) instinct      C) distinction      D) impression
3. The purpose of Cohen Kadosh's experiments is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) understand what goes on in the brain when we work with numbers  
B) see how electrical brain stimulation can affect the process of our brain in working with numbers  
C) see if stimulating their brain will improve their ability to learn numbers  
D) understand if stimulating their brain will damage their ability to learn numbers
4. The scientists recruited 15 people to \_\_\_\_\_ in an experiment.



- A) give them a shock                      B) answer their questions  
C) evaluate their skill with numbers      D) give them a fake treatment

5. Which of the description about the result of the experiment is true? \_\_\_\_\_

- A) All the subjects got a brief tingle caused by an electric current.  
B) Some of the subjects got a shock caused by an electric current.  
C) All of the subjects got a placebo treatment.  
D) Some subjects got a placebo treatment.



## News Item 4 (BBC)

听录音, 根据所听新闻从 A、B、C、D 四个选项选择一个最佳答案。

1. \_\_\_\_\_ mine workers are missing in New Zealand after an underground explosion.  
A) 26                      B) 39                      C) 27                      D) 38
2. Rescue efforts have been \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) build up              B) held up              C) carried on              D) set about
3. Two injured men managed to \_\_\_\_\_ from the mine.  
A) talk                      B) walk                      C) work                      D) hop
4. \_\_\_\_\_ with the missing men since the accident happened.  
A) There has been no contact              B) They have been on contact  
C) He has been contacting                  D) There has been one contact
5. Search can begin \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) several hours later                      B) several hours before  
C) in several hours                          D) in an hour

## Unit 2



## News Item 1 (VOA Special)

听录音, 根据所听新闻从 A、B、C、D 四个选项选择一个最佳答案。

1. Micro lenders give small loans \_\_\_\_\_ to start or expand businesses.



- A) to poor people                      B) to all people  
C) to some businesses                  D) to some old people
2. A series of suicides are linked \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) among borrowers                      B) to officials  
C) with poverty                              D) to debt collections
3. The feeling in the community is that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) there is connection between these deaths and corruption  
B) there is no connection between these deaths and corruption  
C) there is connection between these deaths and microcredit offers  
D) there is no connection between these deaths and microcredit offers
4. Some collection methods are banned because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) there has been corruption and abuses  
B) there has been many related deaths  
C) there will be some emergency measures  
D) there has been oppositions
5. The Asian Development Bank is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) against the microfinance institutions in the Asia-Pacific area  
B) for the microfinance institutions in the Asia-Pacific area  
C) against charging high interest by the microfinance institutions in the Asia-Pacific area  
D) for charging high interest by the microfinance institutions in the Asia-Pacific area

## News Item 2 (VOA Special)

听录音, 根据所听新闻从 A、B、C、D 四个选项选择一个最佳答案。

1. Which of the following is banned from the sport for one year? \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) The president of the European Football Federation.  
B) The president of Nigerian Football Federation.  
C) The president of the Oceania Football Federation.  
D) The president of Asian Football Federation.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ FIFA'S officers were banned and fined in the bribery scandal.



- A) Two                      B) Six                      C) Several                      D) Seven

3. Which of the following statements is not true according to the news? \_\_\_\_\_

- A) FIFA is a big organization.  
B) Public attitude is negative against FIFA.  
C) FIFA has many interests.  
D) FIFA is related to many interest.

4. Which of the following is the chairman of FIFA'S ethics committee? \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Reynald Temarii.                      B) Amos Adamu.  
C) Claudio Sulser.                      D) Joseph Sepp Blatter.

5. All the suspended officials \_\_\_\_\_ their punishment.

- A) denied                      B) can appeal                      C) didn't deny                      D) can't appeal

### News Item 3 (VOA Standard)

听录音,根据所听新闻从 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选择一最佳答案。

1. President Goodluck Jonathan ended the strike \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) on just one day                      B) just one day  
C) after just one day                      D) of just one day

2. Ending the walkout so quickly may get \_\_\_\_\_ for the president.

- A) suspicions                      B) risks                      C) praises                      D) crises

3. Which of the following statements is true according to professor Isitoah Ozoemene?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Nigerian voters are emotional.  
B) Economy is an emotional issue.  
C) Nigerian voters are frustrated by their economy.  
D) Nigerian voters are frustrated by their lawmakers.

4. Nigerian voters are angry that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) lawmakers have taken so long to raise public wages  
B) there appears to be no limit to how much money politicians make  
C) Neither A nor B  
D) Both A and B