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## Introduction 序 言

美国 TIME《时代》周刊是世界上发行量最大、最权威的英语杂志之一，有着数以百万计的读者。周刊所选文章合乎潮流，信息量大，并附有图片说明。

《时代》周刊不仅提供了一个看美国和美国人的独特视角，也为英语学习者提供了阅读全真英语的机会。我们精选了《时代》周刊最具代表性的经典范文，这些范文分为7个主题：生活方式、教育、自然与环境、科学与技术、健康与医疗、娱乐与运动、流行与时尚。这些文章介绍了美国当代生活的方方面面。

虽然文章按主题分为不同的类别，但它们并不是按照难易程度来排列的，所以读者可以按任何顺序来阅读本书。通过全真经典范文和精心设计的文前、文后语言练习，我们提供了一个加强独立阅读全真英语文章技能的桥梁。每篇文章都设有帮助读者理解的阅读解析和词汇注释。阅读解析部分是对文章主题和阅读思路的提炼；词汇注释部分是就较难的单词进行注解。在文章的后面有词汇和阅读理解练习。词汇练习能够加强读者对文中重点单词的理解和运用；阅读理解练习帮助读者加深对文章内容的理解和提高阅读技巧。

本书可帮助学生培养快速阅读技能，实现从原来有限的词汇量中突破，从而成功地独立阅读任何具有挑战性的全真英语材料。希望所有的读者都能像英语为母语的人一样享受阅读的过程。

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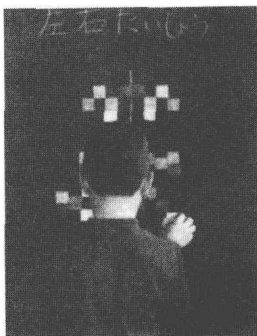
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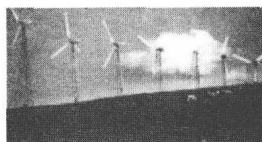
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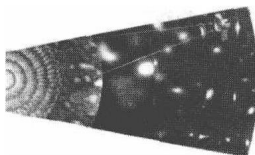
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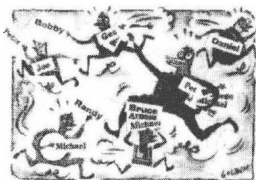
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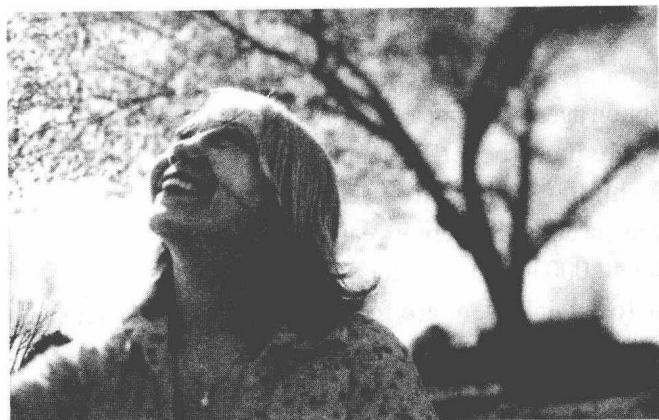


## Teens wanted

### 谁来领养我们呢

#### 阅读解析

文章第一段由Amber的例子引出在美国十几岁的孤儿想要被领养是一件很困难的事。一些寄养社区已经开始意识到青少年同样需要家庭。第五段讲述了寻找寄养家庭的一些新途径,包括制作视频登在电视新闻上或网络上。在寄养的过程中,青少年和养父母们都需要鼓励。并提到青少年的矛盾心理,一方面他们想要一个家庭,另一方面他们又不希望和亲生父母断绝往来。



A get-to-know-her video shown on local TV and on the Internet should help this Idaho teen find a home.

**There are loving families anxious to adopt<sup>1</sup> teens.**

**A**mber has been in four foster-care homes<sup>2</sup> in two years. Now, she is getting a makeover<sup>3</sup> at the mall. Not that she needs one. She is picture pretty already with blond<sup>4</sup> hair and green eyes. Why is she doing this? Because this is a special occasion, and Amber, 16, wants to look her best. She is being filmed for a Wednesday's Child segment<sup>5</sup> on KTVB, a television station in Boise, Idaho. Being seen on TV may help her find a permanent<sup>6</sup> family that does the ordinary things families do — go on picnics, eat out, and watch movies together. "I just want a mom and dad who will love me the way I am," she says.

Ten years ago, teenagers such as Amber were so hard to place with adoptive families that hardly anyone tried. "If you talked about finding a home for an older child, that meant the kid was 7 or 8," says Chester Jackson, associate<sup>7</sup> executive director of You Gotta Believe!, a New York City adoption agency that places teens. But today, the odds<sup>8</sup> are much better for teenagers. Of the 119,000 children waiting to be adopted in the United States, about half are 9 years old or older and about 40,000 are 11 or older. In 2002 — the last year for which there are federal statistics<sup>9</sup> — about 10,000 such kids found adoptive families. That's up sharply from 1998, when 6,000 were adopted, and most experts believe that the annual number has continued to rise. "The miracle is not that it's possible to place teens,"

1. **adopt** *v.* 领养
2. **foster-care home**  
寄养家庭
3. **makeover** *n.* 改头换面
4. **blond** *adj.* 金黄色的
5. **segment** *n.* 片断, 环节
6. **permanent** *adj.* 永久的

7. **associate** *adj.* 副的
8. **odds** *n.* 机会
9. **statistic** *n.* 统计

says Jackson. “The miracle is that it’s not so difficult.”

There are several reasons for the change. One of these is the 1997 Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), which says states that increase the number of kids who are moved out of foster care and placed in adoptive homes. Another is the Dave Thomas Foundation, an important source of funds, started by the late founder of Wendy’s, the fast-food chain. Thomas was an adopted child himself and wanted to promote the adoption of foster kids.

Within the foster-care community, there is a growing awareness that teenagers need families, too, and that this need does not go away at 18, when kids “age out” of the foster-care system. “It’s pretty sad,” says Jackson, “when I get a call from a 24-year-old guy who’s got no one to ask for help or advice except his former social worker, or from a young woman who is having her first baby and there are no grandparents in the picture.”

There are some new ways to recruit<sup>10</sup> families, even for kids in their late teens. One of them is televised videos such as the one Amber was filmed for. Wednesday’s Child, a nonprofit organization that places teens in Oregon and Idaho, helps make the videos. They air<sup>11</sup> as a weekly feature on the local news and on a website. One of these videos worked for Jason, 18. Jeri and George Soulier of Weiser, Idaho, saw a profile of Jason on the Wednesday’s

10. **recruit** v. 招收

11. **air** v. 播送

Child website last summer and quickly arranged to meet him. They have since taken him into their home and are planning to adopt him. “Parenting is stressful,” admits George, a computer engineer and a first-time father at age 50. “But when we have breakthroughs — and we have breakthroughs every week — it’s the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done.”

Ron Hancock was sure he wanted to adopt a young child. Told he would be great with teens, Hancock, 42, who is unmarried and lives in Tampa, Florida, was against the idea. But then a caseworker<sup>12</sup> showed him a photo of Steven, 16, who had been in foster care since he was 6. Hancock and his sister-in-law, who was providing moral support during the process, were charmed by a certain family resemblance<sup>13</sup>. “He’s one of us,” they concluded. When Hancock and Steven met a week later, they got along right away. As he drove back home, Hancock phoned the caseworker to say, “You can close Steven’s file. He’s mine.”

Joe and Marilyn Franzi of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, went through a similar change of heart. While looking into adopting a 12-year-old boy, they noticed a polite 17-year-old who lived at the same group home and who, Joe recalls, “always had a book in his hand.” That was Truman, a college freshman, and the Franzis are adopting him instead. “Truman’s got a good heart. He’s very easy to love,” says Joe.

12. **caseworker** *n.* 社工

13. **resemblance** *n.* 相似

## FACING KIDS' FEARS

The teens often need as much encouragement and counseling as the future parents do. In St. Louis, Missouri, Project Teen Plus provides a support group to help teenagers talk about their fears and doubts about being adopted. "Many have lived in institutions so long, they have no idea what life in a family is like," says Melanie Scheetz, executive director of the group that created Project Teen Plus. She accompanies<sup>14</sup> girls to a meal each Sunday with a foster mom so they know what to expect.

Teens often have mixed feelings about joining a new family. "It's hard to believe an adult will love and protect you when that hasn't been your experience," says Marti Wiser, Idaho's Wednesday's Child coordinator<sup>15</sup>. Many teens in foster care are worried that being adopted means having to reject their birth families — a painful dilemma<sup>16</sup>. One adoption expert suggests finding out what is behind the teenagers' resistance<sup>17</sup> and offering the choice of remaining in touch with their birth families after entering adoptive homes.

A teenager usually spends six to nine months with a prospective family before an adoption is finalized<sup>18</sup>. It's an important time, and studies suggest that somewhere between 10% and 24% of these placements fail — a higher rate than for younger adoptees. The key to success seems to be careful preparation of both the teen and the family. Community support also helps. When George and Jeri Soulier asked their pastor<sup>19</sup> about

14. **accompany** *v.* 护送, 陪伴

**accompany with** 附着

15. **coordinator** *n.* 统筹者

16. **dilemma** *n.* 困境

17. **resistance** *n.* 抵抗

18. **finalize** *v.* 最后定下

19. **pastor** *n.* (基督教的)本堂牧师

adopting Jason, he responded, "If we can't support you in doing this, then we are not a church."

Patience is essential. Roland and Maribel Vasquez of Worcester County, Massachusetts, had two children of their own when they decided to open their home to Michael, 17. For 10 months, the couple and the boy struggled to get to know and accept one another. Michael wondered whether it was too late to adapt to family life. But that changed when he turned 18. The big event was not only his first birthday with his adoptive family but also the first time he had ever been given birthday gifts and a cake. For Michael's new parents, the rewards have been great. "You're not just helping someone else," says Maribel. "You're making a decision to grow as a family."

## Vocabulary Exercises

1. Match the words given below under A with the meanings below under B.

A	B
___ 1 odds	a gratifying
___ 2 miracle	b description
___ 3 awareness	c wonder
___ 4 recruit	d advice
___ 5 profile	e sign up
___ 6 stressful	f chance
___ 7 rewarding	g refuse
___ 8 charm	h attract
___ 9 counsel	i recognition
___ 10 reject	j tough

2. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentences.

- 1) Their \_\_\_\_\_ were very poor after the rain.  
A. success                      B. probability  
C. odds                          D. opportunity
- 2) Every evening you could witness him \_\_\_\_\_ Tracy to a dinner.  
A. following                      B. accompanying  
C. with                              D. associating
- 3) All this poses a \_\_\_\_\_ with which the insurance company has to deal.  
A. dilemma      B. resistance      C. makeover      D. situation
- 4) The reduction in white blood-cell counts lower \_\_\_\_\_ to disease.  
A. rejection      B. resistance      C. response      D. reaction





**family before an adoption is finalized.**

- A. promising    B. prospective    C. potential    D. patient

**II. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the information given in the passage.**

- (    ) 1. Amber is a 16-year-old girl with red hair and green eyes.
- (    ) 2. Dave Thomas Foundation helps teens to find an adopted family more easily.
- (    ) 3. Hancock and his sister-in-law were charmed by Steven's politeness when they first met.
- (    ) 4. To adopt children, the family needs great financial support.
- (    ) 5. Community support can also help the process of adoption.

Vocabulary Exercises  
1. 1.f 2.c 3.i 4.e 5.b 6.j 7.a 8.h 9.d 10.g  
2. 1) C 2) B 3) A 4) B 5) D  
Reading Comprehension  
1. 1. C 2. B 3. C 4. B 5. B  
II. 1. F 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. T

Key