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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7册，可供初中四年级上学期使用。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 Thief and the Policeman**

One day the policeman, John, was asked to take the thief, Jack, to the city police station. On their way, they came to a shop where bread was sold.

Jack said: "We have no food to eat on the train. It is far away and it will take us much time to get there. I'll go into this shop and buy some bread, so we can eat it on the train."

John was very happy. He thought that he would have something to eat on the train, so he said to Jack: "We don't have much time. Be quick!"

The thief, Jack, went into the shop, and the policeman waited for him in the street for a long time. At last he went into the shop and asked, "Where's that man who came in here to buy some bread?"

"Oh, he went out by the back door," said the shop keeper.

John ran out quickly but he couldn't find the thief, so he had to go back to his own station where he told this story to the others. All the others were very angry and he was

unhappy.

All the police of the town began to look for the thief and the thief was caught very soon. The officer asked John to take the thief to the city police station again. On their way, they came to the same shop. The thief said to John: "I'll go into this shop again and buy some bread."

"No," said John. "You did that once and you ran away. This time, I'll go into the shop and buy some bread, and you must wait for me here."

Notes

1. policeman [pə'li:smən] n. 警察。
2. police station 警察局。
3. shop keeper 店主。

Exercises

Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. Jack went into the shop because he wanted to _____.
 A. buy some bread for himself
 B. buy some bread for John
 C. run away
 D. steal some money
2. John was asked once again to take the thief to _____.
 A. another police station
 B. the same police station

C. the railway station

D. the shop-keeper

3. Which of the following statements is true?

A. Jack was very clever.

B. John was very clever.

C. Both of them were very clever.

D. Both of them were very stupid.

4. John was unhappy because _____ .

A. the thief was caught again

B. all the other policemen were angry with him

C. he was asked to take the thief to another police station

D. the thief didn't want to go to the police station

5. We can infer from the passage that _____ .

A. John lost the thief for a second time

B. John had bought a lot of bread, so they could eat it on the train

C. Jack didn't want to run away again

D. Jack waited for John in the street for a long time

Passage 2**Returning Home at Late Night**

It must have been about two in the morning when I returned home. I tried to wake up my wife by ringing the doorbell, but she was fast asleep, so I got a ladder from the shed in the garden, put it against the wall, and began climbing towards the bedroom window. I was almost there when a sarcastic voice below said, "I don't think the windows need cleaning at this time of the night." I looked down and nearly fell off the ladder when I saw a policeman. I immediately regretted answering in the way I did, but I said, "I enjoy cleaning windows at night."



"So do I," answered the policeman in the same tone. "Excuse my interrupting you. I hate to interrupt a man when he's busy working, but would you mind coming with me to the station?"

"Well, I'd prefer to stay here," I said. "You see, I've

forgotten my key.”

“Your what?” he called.

“My key,” I shouted.

Fortunately, the shouting woke up my wife. She opened the window just as the policeman had started to climb towards me.

Notes

1. wake up 唤醒。
2. doorbell ['dɔ:bel] n. 门铃。
3. asleep [ə'sli:p] a. 睡着的; fast asleep 酣睡。
4. ladder ['lædə] n. 梯子。
5. shed [ʃed] n. 棚子。
6. sarcastic [sɑ:'kæstik] a. 讽刺的。
7. Excuse my interrupting you. 对不起, 打扰你了。

8. ... would you mind coming with me to the station? 请您与我去一趟警察局, 行吗? 此处the station指的是 police station(警察局)。

Exercises

Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. The policeman _____.
 A. believed the narrator was going to clean the windows
 B. suspected that the narrator was a thief
 C. arrested the narrator

- D. interrupted the narrator when he was busy working
2. The narrator got a ladder and began climbing towards the bedroom window, because _____.
- A. his wife was fast asleep and couldn't be waken up by the doorbell
 - B. he saw a policeman
 - C. he enjoyed cleaning windows at night.
 - D. he was a thief
3. None of this would have happened if the narrator _____.
- A. hadn't been rude
 - B. hadn't fallen off the ladder
 - C. had remembered his key
 - D. hadn't shouted at the policeman



Passage 3

Lincoln's Beard

It is well known that the picture of Lincoln is wearing a beard. But Lincoln didn't wear a beard at first. When he was running for the presidency he got a letter from an eleven-year-old girl. The letter said:



"I'm girl of 11 years old, but I want you to be the president of the United States very much.... If you will let your whiskers grow, I will try to get the others to vote for you. You would look much better, for your face is so thin."

Lincoln read the letter and was moved by the little girl's words. So he began to grow a beard after he was elected the president.

Notes

1. Lincoln ['lɪŋkən] 林肯。
2. beard [biəd] n. 胡须。

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3. presidency ['prezidənsi] n. 总统职位。

4. whisker ['wiskə] n. 胡须。

5. vote [vəʊt] vi.n. 投票；选举。

6. thin [θin] a. 细的；瘦的。

Exercises

Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. Lincoln wore beard _____ .

A. after he got married

B. when he was still a lawyer

C. after he was elected president of the country

D. when he was running for the presidency

2. The reason the little girl gave for Lincoln's wearing a beard was that _____ .

A. she thought Lincoln's face was too thin, and that it would look much better with a beard

B. Lincoln would become president of the country

C. she like a face with much whiskers

D. she wanted to make friends with Lincoln

3. The girl promised in her letter, if Lincoln wore a beard, she would _____ .

A. vote for him

B. get others vote for him

C. come to see him

D. vote for him and try to get the others to vote for him

4. Lincoln began to grow a beard because _____ .
- A. he felt the same as the little girl did
 - B. he felt cold without a beard
 - C. he was moved by the little girl's words and decided to take her advice
 - D. he wanted to please his people by wearing a beard
5. Lincoln was elected the president of _____ .
- A. France
 - B. the United States
 - C. England
 - D. Italy



Passage 4**The Lost Books**

David Moore taught science at the City School. He needed some expensive books, and so he bought them. He put the books in his car in a quiet street. Then he went to other shops to buy something else. At six he came back to the car. One door was open and the books were not there! David drove home to Fry Road.

That night he wrote a letter to a newspaper. The next day he went to the police station.

On Friday people read this in the newspaper.

Books: Have you any old books? I buy old and modern books. Open all day on Saturday. David Moore, 26 Fry Road.

David stayed at home on Saturday. The first man came at eight. David took him to the kitchen. At half past nine another man arrived. He had a bag under his arm.

“Mr Moore?” the man asked.