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前言



加缪曾经说过,“故事”是读者永恒的需要。读者的阅读习惯,从根本上说,就是对“故事”的渴望。莎士比亚说:“故事可以治好耳聋。”沈从文说:“我怎么创造故事,故事怎么创造我。”本书撷取 80 篇英语小品故事,融哲理、智慧、情感、生活、学习、幽默为一体,以轻松简易的笔触勾勒英语表达的大厦。

全国各省中学考试都从这 80 篇故事中出过无数阅读试题。本次结集出版,是献给广大中学生朋友的一份珍馐。本书特色如下:

选文“真”。物有真假,文章亦然。假文章虽然也有文字,但却没有思想,更不是真理。只有真情方能感人,只有真话才能服人,本书选文充分反映学生在西方文化和社会背景下的真实生活。

选文“新”。王羲之诗云:“群籁虽参差,适我无非新。”没有新意的文章,不是克隆就是垃圾。本书所选文章思想新、内容新、语言新、手法新。它是汨汨淙淙的泉溪,喝一口沁人心脾;它是顶花带刺儿的黄瓜,咬一口颊齿留芳;它是敷满白霜的葡萄,吃一颗“余音绕梁”!

选文“深”。狄德罗说:“深刻的思想就像铁钉,一旦钉在脑子里,什么东西也无法把它拔出来。”本书所选文章力透纸背,入木三分,一针见血,掷地有声!而不是走马观花,蜻蜓点水,隔靴搔痒,轻描淡写!且在语言、内容、形式、技巧等方面都要有相当的深度,知识点密集,而不是人云亦云、人云亦云的老生常谈,入口即化的语言棉花糖。道理很简单,取法乎上,仅得其中。譬如练毛笔书法,须以二王及欧柳颜赵等大家法帖为楷范,倘以学生的习作为模本,势必力巴(外行)学力巴,越学越力巴。

选文“精”。孔子云:“言之无文,行而不远。”塞缪尔·约翰逊说:“最优秀的书籍是由美好的语言和闪光的思想所构成的财富。”沃夫纳格说:“深奥的思想是用凝练的语言来表达的。”本书所选文章内容精准、精辟、精治、精微,语言精练、精美、精彩、精妙,篇幅短小精悍。

《初中英语经典听力》绝对是英语故事中的奇葩,英语学习的精品。

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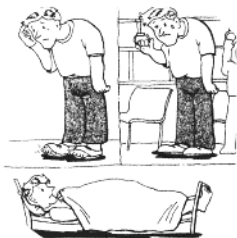


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Mr. Guppy was a very large man. He had a **loud voice** and a **bad temper**. He was not a **giant**, but he was much bigger than most men.

Life was not easy for Mr. Guppy. He could seldom find clothes big enough. His feet were too large for most shoes.

In buses, trains and planes, he could not stand up straight. The **roofs** were too low.

In cars he could not move his legs. There was not enough room. At home, his bed was too short. Chairs were always too small.

In fact, wherever he went and whatever he did, Mr. Guppy had problems because of his size.

These problems were so bad that Mr. Guppy stayed at home most of the time. Life was easier at home.

Then one day, a friend said, "You spend too much time at home. You should go out more. There's a good movie at the theater."

"I can't sit in theater seats," Mr. Guppy said. "I'm too big."

"That is no problem," his friend said. "I'll buy you two tickets. You can get them at the theater when you go."

The friend reserved two tickets for Mr. Guppy. When the day came, Mr. Guppy put on his best clothes and went to the theater.

"You have two tickets for me," he said to the woman in the ticket office. "My name is Guppy."

"Oh, yes, Mr. Guppy," the woman said. "Here you are, seats G4 and P12. I'm sorry, you and your friend can't sit together because we are very full this evening."

Poor Mr. Guppy. He smiled sadly, walked out of the theater and went home.

Comprehension

从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

1. Mr. Guppy's life was hard because
 - a. he was so fat.
 - b. he was so ugly.
 - c. he was so small.
 - d. he was so big.
2. What did he do about his problem?
 - a. saw doctors
 - b. told his friends
 - c. stayed home most of the time
 - d. went on holidays
3. How did his friend try to help him?
 - a. He sent him for a holiday.
 - b. He bought him tickets for a soccer game.
 - c. He bought him tickets for a movie.
 - d. He gave him some money.
4. Why was Mr. Guppy sad at the end of the story?
 - a. Mr. Guppy was too big to sit in only one seat.
 - b. He could not sit with his friend.
 - c. The woman in the ticket office was rude.
 - d. Mr. Guppy's friend was rude.

Word

loud /laʊd/ *adj.* 大声的;吵闹的

temper /'tempə/ *n.* 脾气;性情

roof /ru:f/ *n.* 屋顶;车顶

voice /vɔɪs/ *n.* 声音;嗓音

giant /dʒaɪnt/ *n.* 身材高大的人,巨人

in fact /ɪn-fækt/ 事实上

• 理解测试答案

1. d 2. c 3. c 4. a

The Package

One morning a **mailman** walked up to a house. He rang the bell.

A few seconds later a window of the house opened, and a woman put her head out.

"What is it?" she wanted to know.

"I've got a **package** for Mrs. Smith," the mailman said.

"Is it **registered**?" the woman asked.

"Yes," the mailman said.

"Is it a big package or a small package?" the woman wanted to know next.

"It's quite a small package," the mailman told her.

"I see."

The woman thought for a minute, then she said, "Who is it from?"

The mailman looked at the **return address** on the back of the package.

"It's from Jones and Jones in London," he said.

Now the woman was very interested. "From Jones and Jones, eh?" she said. "That's a very expensive shop. What's in the package?"

"Madam," the mailman said, becoming quite angry with the woman, "I don't know. Why don't you come down and take the package from me? Then you can open it and find out."

"Oh, I can't do that," the woman said.

"Why not?" the mailman asked.

"Because I'm not Mrs. Smith," she said. "You've come to the wrong house. Mrs. Smith lives next door."



Comprehension

从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

1. What size was the package?
a. big
b. small
c. quite big
d. quite small
2. What sort of shop was Jones and Jones?
a. a dress shop
b. a furniture shop
c. an expensive shop
d. a market
3. Why was the mailman angry?
a. He was in a hurry.
b. The woman was asking so many questions.
c. It was the woman's package.
d. He was bad-tempered.
4. Why did the woman want to know all these things?
a. She was Mrs. Smith's friend.
b. She was collecting the package for her friend.
c. She was curious.
d. She knew the mailman.

Word

mailman /'meɪlmæn/ *n.* 邮递员

package /'pækɪdʒ/ *n.* 包;包裹

register /'redʒɪstə/ *v.* 登记;记名

return address /rɪ'tə:n-ə'dres/ 回信地址

• 理解测试答案

1. d 2. c 3. b 4. c

Sad Story



Jim met two friends on the street. "Come back to my **apartment** for a meal," he said. "You can see the whole of the city from my bedroom window."

His two friends agreed and they went back with Jim to the apartment building where he lived on the fortieth floor.

When they arrived, however, the **elevator** was **out of order**.

"I'm sorry," Jim said, "we'll have to walk."

"But it's forty floors!" his friends said.

"We'll talk as we climb," Jim said. "You can tell me the new **jokes** you've heard and when we get to my apartment I'll tell you a story."

His friends agreed and they started to climb the forty **flights** of stairs.

At last they reached the top floor and were standing outside the door of Jim's apartment.

"Now tell us a good story," his friends said.

Jim looked at them sadly and said, "Once upon a time there was a man who met two friends. He invited them to his apartment on the fortieth floor. The elevator wasn't working and they had to climb forty flights of stairs. When they reached the fortieth floor, he put his hand in his pocket for the key to the door of his apartment. It wasn't there. Then he remembered where it was. It was in his car."



Comprehension

从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

1. Jim met two friends on
 - a. a bus.
 - an airplane.
 - an elevator.
 - the street.
2. Jim wanted his friends to see
 - his bedroom.
 - the city.
 - a picture in his bedroom.
 - his car.
3. Jim and his friends climbed forty flights of stairs because
 - they were telling jokes.
 - the elevator was not working.
 - Jim did not have his keys.
 - his apartment was on the fortieth floor.
4. When they reached the fortieth floor, Jim told his friends
 - a joke.
 - his name.
 - that his door key was in his car.
 - his address.



Word

apartment /ə'pɑ:tment/ *n.* 公寓住宅

out of order 坏了;失灵了

flight /flaɪt/ *n.* 一段楼梯

elevator /'elɪveɪtə/ *n.* 电梯

joke /dʒəʊk/ *n.* 笑话; 玩笑

● 理解测试答案

1. d 2. b 3. b 4. c

The Best Salesman in the World



Harry saw an **ad** in a window. It said:
"Wanted. The Best Salesman in the World. **Top Pay.**"

"I'm a great salesman," Harry told himself. "I can sell anything. I'll go in and ask for that job."

He went into the building and spoke to the **manager**.

"I'm the best salesman in the world," he said. "Give me the job."

"You must **prove** you're the best," the manager said.

"I'll pass every test you give me," Harry told him.

"Good."

The manager took a box of candy out of his desk.

"Last week, I bought a thousand boxes of this candy. If you can sell them all before the end of the week, you can have the job."

"That's easy," Harry said.

He took the box of candy and left the office.

Every day and all day, he went from shop to shop, trying to sell boxes of the candy.

He couldn't sell one.

The candy was so bad he couldn't even give it away.

At the end of the week he went back to the manager.

"I'm sorry, sir," he said. "I was wrong about myself. I'm not the best salesman in the world, but I know who is."

"Oh," said the manager. "Who?"

"The person who sold you a thousand boxes of this candy," Harry said.



Comprehension

从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

- The manager told Harry
 - he was the best salesman in the world.
 - he wasn't a good salesman.
 - he had to show how good he was.
 - he could start work immediately.
- Harry could have the job if
 - he sold a thousand boxes of candy.
 - he sold a hundred boxes of candy.
 - he gave away two hundred boxes of candy.
 - he gave away a thousand boxes of candy.
- Harry could not sell the candy because
 - he was a very bad salesman.
 - the candy was very bad.
 - he didn't try to sell it.
 - nobody liked candy.
- Who was the best salesman in the world?
 - Harry
 - the manager
 - nobody
 - the man who sold the candy to the manager



Word

ad /æd/ *n.* (informal) 广告

top pay /top-peɪ/ 高薪

manager /'mænɪdʒə/ *n.* 经理

prove /pru:v/ *v.* 证明

• 理解测试答案

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d