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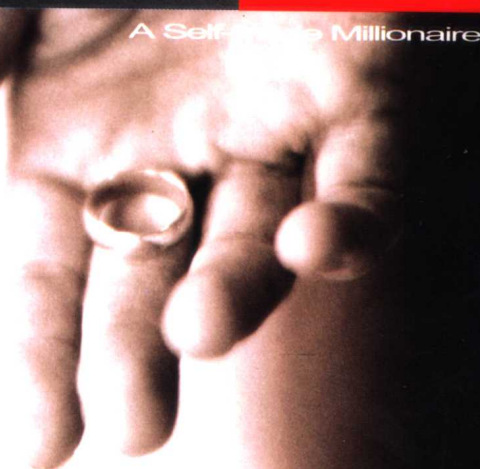


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April 27 is Take Our Daughters to Work Day, the first in the United States and brought to Britain in 1992. Daughters to Work Day has become a special day for girls between 11 and 15. On that day thousands of girls take a day off school and go together with one of their parents to work places. The purpose of this day is to broaden girls' horizons (眼界) and raise their self-confidence (自信).

For many girls people may think that being away from their parents is scary. But actually, "girls' minds" require they must be just like boys' studies. It is a good chance for girls to learn more. "It is," says the chairman of Our Sons and Daughters of Canada (OSDC), an organization which supported the activity of the day. "Now the girls

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# 开头的 话

《高中英语新课标趣味阅读》是专为高中学生编的一套课外读物。

长期以来很多同学视学英语为畏途：生词记不住，语法用不上，文章读不懂，考试不及格，多么令人沮丧呀！这个问题，我们认为可以通过加强课外阅读来解决的。试想，一个学期只读课本上所提供的那么 20 多篇课文，课堂上所学的单词、语法、句型、用法等知识如何得以巩固呢？如果，配以有计划有目的而又有选择的课外阅读训练，情况就不一样了，上述令人沮丧的被动局面就会逐渐得到改变。这是因为在课外阅读过程中，所学知识会反复出现，不断应用，使所学的单词、语法、句型、用法等课堂知识得以巩固、加深以至扩展。如此持之以恒，我们相信英语学习就不再那么困难，就会轻松起来，成为愉快的事情，自觉的行为。所以可以肯定地说，课外阅读是课本知识的补充，它在学习英语的过程中是十分重要、不可缺少的。在学好课本知识的同时，配以适合的阅读训练，在学好英语、提高成绩方面会提高效率，起到事半功倍的作用。

人们在学习活动中，兴趣是十分必要的。有了兴趣就有了动力，就会变被动为主动。兴趣是怎样来的呢？除了对学习英语有正确的认识以外，课外阅读是培养学习兴趣的重要手段。试想，你在阅读一篇优质文章时，这篇文章对你充满吸引力，使你读得津津有味、爱不释手，这不就是兴趣的表现吗？

在听、说、读、写、译五会中，阅读是掌握语言知识、打好语言基础的重要手段，是展示一个人语言能力的主要方面。我们进行阅读训练的目的在于培养阅读能力，巩固课堂知识，在考试中取得优异的成绩，这是其一；而最关键也是最根本的还是为了进行

语言实践。通过大量的原汁原味的文章来获取语言信息、提高语言运用的技能和素养,学到真正的英语。

古人云:“读书破万卷,下笔如有神。”又云:“熟读唐诗三百首,不会作诗也会吟。”这“万卷书”“三百首”是要说明什么?坚持,不懈地坚持。

但是,若要阅读效果好,必须有可行的阅读材料:既要程度相当,又要生动有趣;既要能读懂,又要津津有味。亲爱的读者,现在呈现在你眼前的这套《高中英语新课标趣味阅读》就是这样的一套能给你带来乐趣、寓英语学习于快乐之中、促进你提高英语水平、使你受益匪浅的阅读丛书!本丛书所收集编选的文章不但富有时代感,而且知识性和趣味性俱佳。文章涉及各类题材:故事、传记、史地、社会风情、科普文化、学习方法、幽默趣事、议论描述,等等。在内容上你可以读到世界文学大师马克·吐温、华盛顿·欧文的作品,丹尼尔·笛福的《鲁滨孙漂流记》的片段,K·E·罗兰兹的《维也纳惨案》,约翰·巴顿的名著(已拍成电影)《三十九级台阶》的精彩章节,等等。同时,从这套书中你可以了解到如音乐家李斯特、文学家莎士比亚、巴尔扎克、富兰克林等人的事迹。你可以读到姚明和罗纳尔多驰骋球坛的趣事、伊拉克战地风云、基辛格外交秘史、9·11灾难、切尔诺贝利事故、百万富翁白手起家、侏儒夫妇迷倒美国、乡村医生的贡献流芳百世、和死神擦肩而过的人、特伦顿之战、迪斯尼乐园、冲浪、柔道、空手道、情人节和上班节、年龄、性别和害羞……总之,上至天文,下至地理,欧风美雨,心理人文,纷纷陈陈,供你品味。

本书全套三册,分别适合高中各年级学生阅读。本书选生词量适中,为了便于理解,生词均注出汉语,对文章的背景知识作了必要说明;文中比较生僻的语句,在文后附有简明注释;每篇文章都编有思考题(答案附书后),以利于学生自我检测。

衷心欢迎广大读者多提意见和建议,以便进一步改进。

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# 1. An Untold Story

## 一个鲜为人知的故事



### 提示

玛丽莲·梦露是20世纪美国最有名的女演员之一，被誉为“性感明星”和“银幕女神”。有一次在海滩休假时，被崇拜她的青少年影迷所追逐，差一点丧生，最后虽然得救，但还是令人虚惊一场。

Marilyn Monroe was sitting on the beach, one day in the summer of 1955, with a friend Norman Rosten. A group of teenagers started to surround her, first in wide circles<sup>①</sup>, then, moving in closer, and finally about 50 worshippers(崇拜者) came together towards the umbrella under which she quietly sat.

“Hey, Marilyn, I saw all your movies!”

“You’re my favorite!”

“You look terrific!”

“Marilyn, let me kiss you!”

She shook their hands. They brought stones for her to sign her own name. The boys circled her tightly, and the girls screamed.

They reached for her with wild little cries, touching her, uttering pleas(发出恳求), begging favors while she laughed and tried to keep them away.... Finally, the only escape was the water, and with an

appreciative(有欣赏力的)wave, she started swimming. With a barrage of (连珠炮似的一阵) cheers, 50 sunburned young bodies plunged in(跳入)after her and gave chase(追逐)...

"Hey," she called to me faintly, "get me out of here!"

I managed to plough through to her side, shouting at the young people, "get away at once, go home!" I struck at them blindly, angrily<sup>②</sup>, and seizing her by the arm, started swimming out into deeper water. I threatened(威胁)the stronger ones who followed. They watched, laughing, as we swam on difficulty.

Suddenly Marilyn stopped, "I can't swim any more," she begged.

"What do you mean, you can't?"

"I'm not a good swimmer even when I'm good," she said...

She was breathing hard, her chin(下巴)just above water.

"Listen," I said. "Can you float? Try it. Take a deep breath and lean back."

She tried, but swallowed water and began to cough. I circled her, gasping(喘气)a bit, and tried to get her to lie back on the water. "Boy, what a way to go!" she gasped, clutching me...

How else would we be saved if not by a Hollywood ending? The roar of a motorboat on the sound track. Real boat on wide-screen water. This crew-cut(平头)young man snaked up alongside, idled the motor(使发动机空转). We both grabbed the side. I climbed into the boat, and there was the sudden problem of pulling Marilyn over the side. She was not then nor had she ever been a thin slip of a girl(苗条的少女)<sup>③</sup>. I finally pulled up, and she fell heavily into the boat.

I looked at her as she lay exhausted(精疲力竭), her legs curled

up, her pink toes gleaming in the sun. The boy pilot(领航员) also regarded her... forgetting the wheel and executing(执行) two tight turns before I realized what was happening. I shouted at him and she said, "Don't be nervous. It's a wonderful weekend!"



### 注 释

- ① in wide circle 以宽宽的圆圈
- ② struck at them blindly, angrily 盲目、愤怒地向他们打去
- ③ She was not... of a girl. 她当时不是,而且此前就已经不是个苗条的少女了。



### 思考题

1. The young people became \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. less and less controlled
  - B. angry
  - C. worried that she would get up and leave
  - D. tired of making fun of her
2. Once they were in the sea, the young people \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. attacked the writer
  - B. created a dangerous situation
  - C. started screaming
  - D. tried to help Marilyn Monroe
3. Marilyn was afraid she would \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. never get out of the sea alive
  - B. be chased even further by the group of teenagers
  - C. drown the writer by clinging onto him
  - D. get cold floating so long
4. The boy pilot with the crew-cut \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. brought his boat to them dangerously  
B. came slowly towards them  
C. splashed them  
D. circled up to them
5. The boy pilot who had saved them, started at Marilyn Monroe and then \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A. started jumping around  
B. grew nervous  
C. lost control of the boat  
D. turned the boat quickly towards home

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### 名人名言

To be successful,  
a woman has to be much better at  
her job than a man. —Golda Meir

女人想要成功，  
就必须在工作上比男人更加努力。

[以色列]梅厄夫人

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## 2. Girls and Computers

### 女孩和电脑



#### 提示

男孩和女孩谁在电脑方面更胜一筹？是生理原因还是社会的一种偏见。阅读此文，答案便见分晓。

The girls in this sixth grade class in East Palo Alto, California, all have the same chance to use computers as boys, but researchers say, by the time girls get to high school<sup>①</sup>, they may be victims(牺牲品) of what researchers call “a major new gap in technology”<sup>②</sup>.

“Girls are likely to be less comfortable than boys with the computers. They use it more for word processing rather than for problem solving rather than to discover new ways in which to understand information.

After reexamining a thousand studies, the American Association of University Women Researchers found that girls make up only a small percentage of students in computer science classes. Girls usually consider themselves significantly(效果显著地) lower than boys in their ability and confidence(信心) in using computers. And they use computers less than boys outside the classroom.

Six years ago, the software(软件) company Purple Moon noticed girls' computer usage was falling behind boys. The number one reason

girls told us they don't like traditional(传统的)computer games is not because they're too violent or too much competitive. Girls would say they're boring.

Purple Moon says it found what girls want: characters they can relate to and story lines relative to what's going on in their own lives. "But we found from girls that there's no intrinsic reason why they wouldn't want to play on the computer. It was just a content thing." The sponsor(发起人)of the study says: The technology gap that separates girls from boys must be closed if women are to compete effectively with men in the 21st Century.



### 注 释

① high school 中学

② a major new gap in technology 技术上主要的新空白



### 思考题

1. The American Association of University Women Researchers found \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. girls prefer to use word processing rather than solve problems with the computers  
B. girls are lack of ability and confidence in using computers  
C. only a small number of girls attend the computer science classes in high school  
D. the girls don't like computer games because they are too violent or competitive
2. According to the study of Purple Moon, computer games aren't considered \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. interesting                      B. violent



C. competitive

D. boring

3. If the content of traditional computer games changed, most girls would probably \_\_\_\_\_.

A. be against them

B. in favor of them

C. give up using word processing

D. learn computers quickly

4. In the sponsor's opinion, why must the technology gap be got rid of in the 21st century?

A. Because women can have an effective competition.

B. To improve the women's social position.

C. For an unknown reason.

D. Because bosses won't look down upon women.

5. The underlined word "intrinsic" in the last paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.

A. unknown

B. not coming from outside

C. strange

D. unbelievable