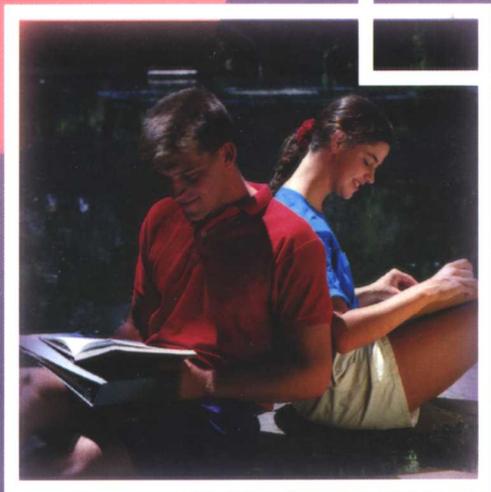


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前 言

《大学英语优秀作文一百篇》一书终于问世了,这是四年来我们在教学实践中长期积累的成果。我们在教授英语阅读与写作这门课的过程中,不断布置学生习作。在认真批改学生作文的过程中,我们收集了大量的资料,并了解了学生的生活、学习和思想情况。然后我们重新整理,重新写作,完成了本书 1—4 部分,共 36 篇作文。内容包括校园生活、真实故事、个人随感和问题探讨。这些文章的基本素材来源于学生,但文章的质量高于目前学生的写作水平,可供学生学习参考。

四年来,当我们承担大学英语六级考试综合课程的教学任务时,我们布置了几十个作文题目让学生练习,从中我们重新整理编写了 26 篇考试作文。这些文章短小精悍,密切结合考试要求,为学生提供了高质量的作文样板。

近年来,学生对 GRE 作文颇感兴趣。为满足学生的需要,我们模拟 GRE 作文的题目,经命题和写作,共完成了 8 篇作文,供学生体会 GRE 作文的写作要领。

为扩大读者视野,提供更多内容丰富,写作精彩的作文,我们收集了部分留学生的作文,经修改整理,共有 8 篇文章供读者欣赏。

为使读者读到原汁原味的优秀作文,我们收集了国外报刊杂志上的文章和由外国人撰写的涉及各种写作文体和各种题材的文章。

本书汇集优秀文章 101 篇。我们相信,读者在仔细阅读这些文章的过程中,认真体味每篇作文的优点,充分吸收、大胆模仿,在写作能力方面一定会有显著的提高。

我们不主张学生熟背几个过渡词和几句开头结尾语,我们主张学生踏踏实实地学习,认真地实践;我们不主张应试教学,不为学生押题猜题;我们主张学生多看多练,要掌握真本事,切实提高英语的书

面表达能力。

目前我国大学英语教学正处在改革阶段,我们希望本书能成为献给大学英语教学改革的一朵小花。我们深信本书对各个学校贯彻执行教育部颁布的大学英语教学的基本要求和较高要求时有所裨益。

本书1—7部分由美籍教师 Carol Depuix 和徐齐平教授逐字逐句地推敲、润色,在此,我们向他们表示最诚挚的感谢。

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1. When I First Spoke To A Foreigner

I had studied English for almost ten years, but I seldom had a chance to practice it orally. I could answer teachers' questions in English and could talk to my classmates using English words, but it was hard for me to say complete sentences in English fluently. If I spoke to a foreigner, I would feel awkward and uncertain what to say.

Last year a friend of mine told me that one of his American friends would come to visit him, and he invited me to join them and to give some information about the Chinese history to the American friend. After I accepted the invitation, I was so excited that I would have a chance to practice my spoken English. And meanwhile, I was very nervous. When the day came, I was introduced to the American friend. I greeted him by searching for the right words in my poor vocabulary. Then I was in silence. I was afraid to make mistakes. Anyway, I didn't want to lose face.

The American friend seemed to know what I was thinking. He began to ask questions about the Chinese history. He spoke slowly and clearly and encouraged me to express what I wanted to say. I understood what he meant and I tried my best to answer his questions. At first, I spoke quite slowly and always paid attention to my pronunciation and grammar. Gradually, I forgot about all these things. I felt that the pro-

nunciation and grammar were unimportant and the most important thing was to convey my ideas. Unaware of the rules learned in the classroom, I began to speak fast and freely. We talked to each other smoothly.

Time passed quickly. Soon, it was time for us to say goodbye. Before they left, the American friend said to me: "You speak English quite well!"

This was the first time I spoke to a foreigner. This experience tells me that to speak good English, you have to be brave. Don't be afraid of making mistakes. Don't be afraid of losing face.

点评

这篇文章把作者的心理活动、内心世界,以及与美国朋友交谈的具体过程描写得十分真实、亲切,写出了中国学生与外国朋友在接触过程中的真实感受。在文章结尾处作者总结了练习口语必须做到的三件事,值得英语学习者借鉴。文章用词朴素,语言流畅,能正确把握时态的变换,这是许多学生在写作时不易做到的。

2. Shopping In The Supermarket

Every time I go to the supermarket, I tend to spend more money than I planned. So last week I decided to cut down the expenses by bringing less money with me. In a good mood, I went by bus to the supermarket.

Entering the supermarket, I was dazzled. There was a collection of so many fine and exquisite things. I picked one thing I liked, and then came upon another I was eager to get. Take it! As I browsed here and there, my basket was getting full. Finally I came to the checkout with a full load. When the cashier calculated the total amount, I suddenly remembered the money I had brought with me. Presently the young lady told me the amount of money I had to pay. I tried my best to calm down, pointing at one item and saying loudly, "Oh! I don't want this one, please take it out." She did it without a single word. I watched the cash register. My God! I still couldn't afford it. I had to take out another item. The cashier looked at me with surprise. With my face blushing and sweat flowing, I didn't know what to say. The young lady smiled at me and asked kindly, "Is it all right, now?" "Yes, that's okay!" At that moment, I just wanted to pay off the money and left the supermarket as soon as possible.

Back at my dorm, I went over the embarrassing scene and decided that whenever I went to the supermarket, I should take more money with me. I would not play the game again.

点评

文章写的是作者自己的亲身经历,写得细腻、真实。作者能自如地

描写自己在超市中购物的细小动作和遇到尴尬局面时自己应付的策略,给人的感觉是作者具有相当的语言表达能力。作者的用词较为丰富,如:dazzle; exquisite; browse等。另外,文章中句型的变化较多,有时用分词短语,有时用状语从句,如:“With my face blushing and sweat flowing, I didn't know what to say.”这一句子中的分词短语用得非常精彩。本文最大的特点是结构完整,用词恰当,描写细腻,思路活跃。

3. Why I Sit For CET- 6?

Three years ago, I became a student of Medical College at Nankai University. Not long after I began my study, I came to know that Wang Hong, a senior student, had taken CET-6 twice, and was preparing for it again.

“How did you do it for the first time?” I asked him.

“58.”

“What a pity! How about the second try?”

“59,” he sighed.

“Oh, my God!!”

He was disappointed and I didn't know how to comfort him. The situation is that he must pass CET- 6, otherwise he couldn't get the degree and graduate. All the medical students at Nankai University face the same situation.

For us now, CET- 6 is a threshold that we must jump over, but on the second thought, I think to have a good command of English is helpful for our career in the long run.

Mr. Zhao, a friend of my father's is a doctor. Very often he needs to read some articles on medicine in newspapers or magazines. Most of the articles are written in English. As his English is not good enough, he finds it difficult to read them. “ I wish I had studied English harder when I was at college,” he said to my father one day. “Now I have no time to improve my English, ” he added.

My mother also works in a hospital. She told me a joke happened several years ago. One day, a foreigner rushed into the hospital, and looked worried. As no one could speak English, he just pointed to his stomach. Then the doctors and nurses thought that he was suffering from

a stomachache. They examined him carefully, only to find there was nothing wrong with him. What's the matter? They were puzzled. At the same time, the foreigner was in such a hurry that his face turned pale. Fortunately there came a patient, and he could speak English. After exchanging a few words, the patient said: "He's fine. He just wants to know the way to the toilet."

Of course, communication is important, especially for doctors. They must know the exact effect of a new medicine, and the exact feeling of any patient. Any small mistake made by doctors will result in serious consequences. Therefore we must learn English well and master the most popular language in the world. And CET-6 is a step toward it.

点评

这篇作文的题目出得好,它能真实地反映目前大学生对全国大学英语六级考试的态度和想法。作者分别从学校的规定,所学专业的需要和与国际友人的交流等三方面来说明她为什么要参加大学英语六级考试。理由陈述得有逻辑,有条理。作者运用了举例说明的写作手法,使文章生动活泼,很有说服力。整篇文章给人以轻松幽默的感觉,同时又深刻严肃地阐述了学习英语的重要性,不失为一篇好文章。