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海 狼

杰克·伦敦（1876—1916）是美国小说家、短篇小说作家。他于1906年写了《海狼》。

故事讲的是关于渥尔夫·拉尔森的事，他是一位海豹猎捕船上的可怕船长。水手们非常痛恨他，他们企图杀掉他，但渥尔夫·拉尔森太强壮了！当哈姆夫雷·万·维德恩，一位年轻绅士，被渥尔夫从海里救起后，他没有被送回家，却是被迫在船上干活！

致 读 者

许多家长常常抱怨自己的孩子不爱学习英语。为了孩子学好英语,送他们参加各种学习班,甚至请家庭教师。但是,孩子的成绩还是上不去,往往事倍功半。

一位心理学家说过,学习的最大动力是兴趣。没有兴趣的学习,学什么也是注定学不好的。

说惯了自己的母语去学习英语,最大的困扰是枯燥、乏味。除了课堂上学过的单词和课文,什么也看不到,或者看不懂。在书店里买不到适于少年儿童初学英语可以阅读的书籍。

现在,我们出版的《AAA 精释英语阅读系列》,就是一套能激起学生学习兴趣的阅读书。这套引进 Libreria Meravigli Edirrice 的简化英语读物,全都是由英语专家根据世界名著,简化词汇量,编辑而成的。所选编的故事都十分生动有趣,为世界各国孩子们所喜爱,书上提供的练习也颇具趣味性。

全套书共分4级。1级的词汇量为300个单词,就是说只要掌握300个单词就可以阅读;2级的词汇量为500个单词;3级的词汇量为600~1000个单词;随着词汇量的增多,就可以阅读4级了。在结构设计上,

本书也独具特色。1~3级左边是故事,右边是练习;4级左边是故事,右边是生词,书后是练习。设计这些练习和游戏,帮助学习语法知识,检验理解能力,不再需要多余的作业,一扫学生学习英语通常出现的恐惧感,使学生在不知不觉中克服了畏难情绪,增加了安全感(Assurance)。

每篇故事短小精悍,既保留了世界名著的原貌,又使孩子们能一睹名著风采。每个故事独立成册,不要用多少时间就能读完一册。“瞧,今天我又读了一本世界名著!”孩子们多高兴啊!这种学习上的成就感(Achievement),无疑是学好英语的强大动力所在。

从阅读1级开始吧!你只要掌握300个词汇就足够了。再增加200个词汇,就奔向2级;再增加100个词汇,就奔向3级……当你进入了AAA精释英语系列,就像踏上了高速行驶的列车,用难以置信的加速度(Acceleration)闯入英语世界。

祝你成功!

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The Sea Wolf

Jack London

Jack London (1876-1916) was an American novelist and short story writer. He wrote *The Sea Wolf* in 1906.

The story is about Wolf Larsen, the terrible captain of a seal-hunting ship. The sailors hated him so much, they tried to kill him but Wolf was too strong! When Humphrey van Weydon, a young gentleman, was rescued from the sea by Wolf, he wasn't helped to go home, he was forced to work on the ship!

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THE SEA WOLF

"Help, Help," shouted the man in the sea.

He was very, very, frightened¹! The water was freezing² and there was a lot of fog. A fishing boat hit the ferry he was on in San Francisco Bay. The ferryboat sank³ very quickly. At first, there were a lot of people in the water screaming⁴ for help. Now he was alone. He couldn't see or hear anybody!
"Am I the only survivor⁵?" he thought.

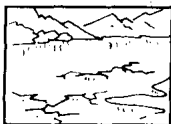


1. **to be frightened:** to be afraid.
2. **freezing:** very cold.
3. **sank** is the past tense of to sink; to go under water.
4. **screaming:** shouting.
5. **survivor:** the only person alive.

ACTIVITY

 Put the following words under the pictures.

*Alone – freezing – help – survivor –
frightened – screaming.*



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Now write a sentence about the pictures.

The water is freezing.

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He saw¹ a schooner² pass very close to him. He was too cold to shout for help. Then a man on the deck³ noticed⁴ him. "Man over board⁵!" he shouted and the schooner stopped. The man in the water was soon⁶ on the boat drinking hot coffee.

"What's your name?" asked the captain. "Humphrey van Weydon," the rescued man answered. "Thank you for saving me. When will we arrive in San Francisco?"



1. **saw** is the past tense of to see.
2. **schooner**: type of ship.
3. **deck**: the floor on a ship.
4. **to notice**: to see.
5. **over board**: in the sea.
6. **soon**: quickly.

ACTIVITY



Write the questions for these answers.

What's your name?

It's Humphrey Van Weydon.

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In San Francisco.

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Tomorrow.

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Six o'clock.

.....?

Yes, I am.

.....?

No, I can't.

.....?

Thank you.

"We are not going to San Francisco," answered Wolf Larsen, the captain. "We are going towards¹ Japan to catch² seals³!" "JAPAN!" Humphrey exclaimed. "But, I can't go to Japan. I DON'T want to go to Japan."

"Ha, ha, ha," laughed the captain.

"Now you are on my ship, you must work. What can you do?"

"I don't work," Humphrey answered, "I'm a... gentleman!"

"Well, Mr Gentleman," said the captain.

"You have a job now. You work in the galley⁴!"



1. **towards:** in the direction of.
2. **to catch, caught:** to hunt and kill.
3. **seals:** pinniped mammals that live in the sea and on land.
4. **galley:** the kitchen on a ship.

ACTIVITY

 What can they do? Look at the pictures and write sentences.

YES

NO

He can swim but
he can't cook.



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Humphrey watched Wolf Larsen walk away. The captain was a very handsome¹ man. He was a tall, strong man with blonde hair and blue eyes. He had an accent when he spoke².

"I think he is Swedish, Norwegian or Danish," thought Humphrey.

The captain didn't seem³ a wicked⁴ man but Humphrey saw that the sailors⁵ were afraid of him.



1. **handsome:** good-looking.

2. **spoke** is the past tense of to speak.

3. **to seem:** to appear.

4. **wicked:** bad.

5. **sailors:** the men who work on a ship.

ACTIVITY



What are their nationalities?

Complete the sentences with one of the words below.

*American – Italian – Norwegian – French –
Swedish – Australian – Finnish – Japanese.*

He lives in Oslo. He's

I'm sure he's from Sweden. He's

.....

His names Mario. He's

• • They're from Paris. They're

He lives in Helsinki. He's

She lives in New York, not York. She's

.....

Kenji's from Tokyo. He's

John and Jane live in Sydney. They're

.....

"Excuse me," Humphrey asked a sailor. "Where is the galley?"

"It's downstairs, at the front of the ship," the sailor answered.

"What do you do in the galley?" Humphrey asked.

"You cook and clean," laughed the sailor.

Humphrey spent¹ his time peeling potatoes, washing saucepans² and cleaning the floor³. Cooky, the cook, told Humphrey about the ship.

"This is 'The Ghost'! It's the best sailing schooner in the area," he said. "But the captain is the worst!"



1. **spent** is the past tense of to spend; to pass.

2. **saucepan**: containers we use to cook in.

3. **floor**: we stand on the floor.

4. **the worst** is the opposite of the best.