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艾德加·爱伦·坡（1809—1849）出生于美国。他一生坎坷，英年早逝。他喜欢喝酒，并最终导致神经失常。本书讲述的是关于一个男人的故事，他有一只黑猫，这只猫总伴随在他的左右。他杀了这只猫，然后又杀了他的妻子，并把她的尸体藏在了地下室。这是一个可怕的故事，它会让你心有余悸，但读起来却也饶有兴趣。

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 Edirrie 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 Black Cat

Edgar Allan Poe

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) *was born in the United States. His life isn't easy and he dies when he is young. He likes to drink and becomes mad. The book is about a man who has a black cat that follows him everywhere. He kills the cat and then his wife, and hides her body in the cellar. A frightening story that will keep you awake but one you will read with pleasure!*

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THE BLACK CAT

I was a very quiet¹ boy. I liked reading and writing. My school friends often laughed at me because I was clever². My parents said I was helpful³. I loved animals and my dog adored⁴ me. I often took it for a walk in the park and fed⁵ the ducks. I visited my grandparents every Saturday, and I helped them in the house and garden. I went to church every Sunday. Yes, I was a perfect child!



1. **quiet:** you don't talk.
2. **clever:** intelligent.
3. **helpful:** somebody who always helps.
4. **to adore:** to love.
5. **to feed, fed:** to give food.

ACTIVITY



Join the opposite.

love/adore quiet like laugh good clever helpful

dislike stupid unhelpful talkative cry bad hate



Write sentences like this.

He was quiet, he wasn't talkative.

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Write TRUE sentences about yourself!

I'm quiet (or talkative)

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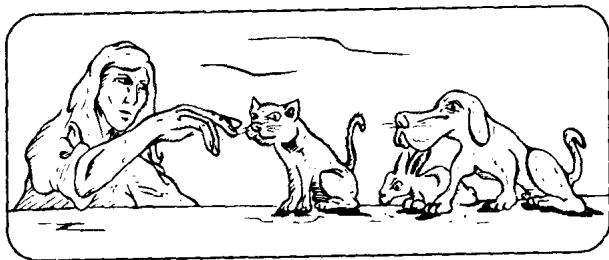
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When I was twenty I met my wife.
We worked in the same office and I saw her everyday. She was a pretty girl and I loved her very much. We married young. She liked reading and writing too. She also liked animals. She filled¹ our house with every kind of animal. We had many types of birds, canaries, budgerigars², a parrot and a magpie. They made a lot of noise³.

We also had gold fish, rabbits, a beautiful dog, a small monkey⁴ that talked all the time - and a CAT! The house was like⁵ a zoo!



1. **to fill:** to have the house is full.
2. **budgerigar:** a small parrot.
3. **noise:** sound.
4. **monkey:** small jungle animal that lives in the trees.
5. **to be like:** to be similar.

ACTIVITY



What are the names of these animals? Put the letters into the correct order and find out!
Look at the example!



ROTARP YNEMOK HFODSGHI BIRBTA

Parrot



Where do these animals sleep?



kennel

basket

cage

bowl

hutch

trees



My favourite pet¹ and friend was the cat. It was entirely² black. Its name was Pluto. It followed me in the house, in the sitting-room, in the bedroom and in the bathroom. Everytime I sat³ down, it jumped on my knee⁴. Every evening it went to sleep in the kitchen. In the morning it was always asleep in my bed! It was always behind me. When I went out it followed me along the street to my office and to my club. It followed me everywhere⁵!



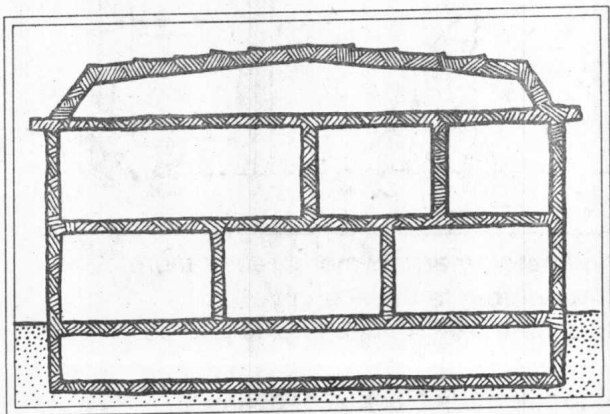
1. **pet:** an animal that lives in the house with the family.
2. **entirely:** completely black.
3. **sat:** is the past tense of sit.
4. **knee:** the centre part of the leg.
5. **everywhere:** every place.

ACTIVITY



This is what's in the house! Read the story. Put the things into the house, in the correct room!

There's a  on the  in the sitting-room. Under the  there's a . There are  in the  and a  on the  in the kitchen. There's a  in the hall, a  in the attic, and a  in the cellar! Help!



Pluto and I were friends for several years¹. Then , very slowly I began to change. I was always angry and nervous. I didn't want to go out. I didn't want do anything. Everything annoyed² me. I was always bored³. Nothing interested me.

I didn't like people and I didn't like animals.

I didn't like my wife very much either⁴!

I was often bad to her and our pets.

Pluto was the only animal I avoided⁵.



1. several years: two or three or more.

2. to annoy: to make angry.

3. to be bored: to have nothing to do.

4. either: also.

5. to avoid: not look at or speak to.

ACTIVITY



Write these sentences in the negative.

We were friends.

I started to change.

I was always angry.

I liked animals.

I liked my wife.

I avoided Pluto.



No write them in the interrogative.

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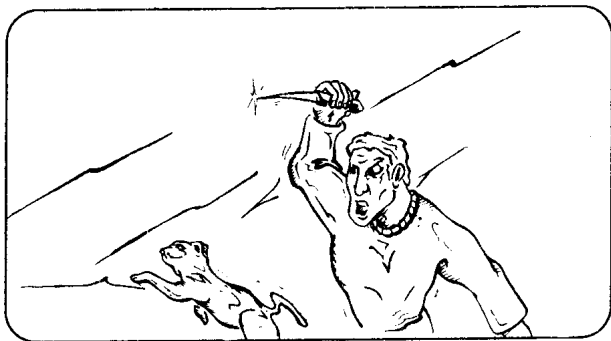
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The only place I went to was my club. I drank¹ a lot and played cards. I often lost². I hated losing!

One evening I came home from my club. I was angry and bad tempered³. The cat, as usual, walked between my feet purring⁴ stupidly. I fell down and hurt my head.

I was furious⁵! I went to the kitchen for a knife. I called the cat and when it came purring to me I took the beast and cut one of its eyes out!



1. **drank**: is the past of drink.
2. **to lose, lost**: you don't win.
3. **bad-tempered**: angry.
4. **to purr**: the noise a cat makes when it's content.
5. **furious**: very angry.