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内 容 提 要

本书以思辨能力为核心,以思辨能力培养的五个步骤为方法,通过发现问题(写作题目)、提出对策(写作提纲)、实施方案(第一稿写作)、分析评价(对比例文和自我评估)、反思过程(修改与提高),将英语写作修辞、语法和句子结构有机的结合与融会贯通。书中每个章节分为五个部分,即写前准备、组织文章、句子结构、语法与技巧、写作过程。

本书是根据作者多年国外教授英语写作的经验,结合教学讲义编撰而成,同时也有意识地对英语写作教学进行了一些新的探索,希望它能成为一本对英语学习者和英语爱好者有使用价值的教材。

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前 言

思辨能力(Critical Thinking)是指通过分析事物的现象、细节和局部以获得对事物整体认识的能力。“思辨缺席征”是指缺乏分析、判断、推理、思考、综合辨析的能力。在外语学习中普遍存在着“思辨的缺席”,它直接影响着外语语言教学和外语人才的培养。当今的竞争就是人才的竞争,培养创新性人才是我国教育的首要任务。《国家中长期教育改革和发展规划纲要 2010—2020 年》强调指出,教育改革和发展的核心目标之一是培养学生具有“勇于探索的创新精神和善于解决问题的实践能力”。因此,思辨能力的培养是高等教育人才培养的核心目标之一。如何将思辨能力的培养有效融入英语写作之中是当前英语教学改革的重要课题之一。传统英语写作教程将英语语言知识放在第一位,注重词汇的搭配、语法的正确,往往忽略了学生写作思维的培养。

本书以思辨能力为核心,以思辨能力培养的五个步骤为方法,通过发现问题(写作题目)、提出对策(写作提纲)、实施方案(第一稿写作)、分析评价(对比例文和自我评估)、反思过程(修改与提高),将英语写作修辞、语法和句子结构有机地结合与融会贯通。书中每个章节分为五个部分:

(1)写前准备(Prewriting):通过对文体和写作题目分析,读者可以进行头脑风暴(Brain Storming)或思想脉络图(Mind-mapping)来集思广益、广泛收集写作素材,同时培养思辨的发现问题和分析问题的能力。书中在这一部分为读者提供了范文,通过范文后的问题,读者可以理解文体、题材及相关写作技巧的训练。

(2)组织文章(Organisation):通过素材的整理,培养读者归纳写作提纲的能力。书中第一至三章强调段落写作技巧,包括记叙文段落写作、说明文段落写作以及议论文段落写作等。第四至十章强调文章整体的写作,包括介绍段、正文段、结尾段的写作方法。第十一至十三章,注重介绍实用问题的写作。

(3)句子结构(Sentence Structure):句子是文章的基础,句子的写作是文章可读性的关键。因此,作者在这一部分着重分析了简单句、并列句、复合句、复合并列句的写作练习。其中很多练习引入了思辨能力的培养。例如,第五章中给出了写作题目“My Apartment”以及 11 组句子,每组句子是由 3~4 个单句构成。读者要将每组的单句连成并列句或复合句,并在最后将这 11 个句子连成一段切题的文章。读者不再是简单机械地做语法题,而是就文章的题目和 11 组句子进行分析,提出解决方案,同时还要反复修改。

(4) 语法与技巧(Grammar and Mechanics): 本书设计了大量的写作语法练习,从基础的标点使用、大小写规则、英文写作所能涉及的时态及语态,到语法修辞技巧等都进行了大量的练习。而每道练习题又都围绕该章节的主题,可以使读者有的放矢。

(5) 写作过程(Writing Process): 每章的最后一部分就是分步骤进行写作。第一步,归纳素材;第二步,写作提纲;第三步,按指导写出第一稿;第四步,评估修改第一稿(书中列出了详尽的评估与修改表格);第五步,写作第二稿;第六步,修改第二稿的同时完成最后一稿。

每一章的五个小节,相对独立又相互呼应,融会贯通、相得益彰。读者通过前四节的学习和练习,到了第五节便可以大胆、自信地放手去写。与以往写作教材不同的是,我们并没有在最后的写作过程中给读者提供任何参考范文,而是给读者提供了自我评估和改进的方法。诚然,再好的范文也是别人的,写作能力绝不是只背几篇范文就能提高的。而是要通过思辨能力的提高,自己反复写作、反复修改、反复评估、再写作的一个循环往复的过程。

本书共分十三章:

第一章:描写人

第二章:段落写作(一)

第三章:段落写作(二)

第四章:记叙文写作

第五章:说明文写作

第六章:议论文写作

第七章:观点的逻辑分类

第八章:观点论证法

第九章:比较写作法

第十章:引用、解释与总结

第十一章:实用文体写作原则

第十二章:信件、电子邮件、企业备忘录写作

第十三章:商业报告写作

进入新世纪以来,我国广大英语教师在英语写作教学方面进行了多种实践和改革,取得了不少经验。本书就是根据作者多年国外教授英语写作的经验,结合教学讲义编撰而成,同时也有意识地对英语写作教学进行了一些新的探索,希望它能成为一本对英语学习者和英语爱好者有使用价值的教材。

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LECTURE 1 WRITING ABOUT PEOPLE

Writing is a progressive activity. This means that when you first write something down, you have already been thinking about what you are going to say and how you are going to say it. Then after you have finished writing, you read over what you have written and make changes and corrections. Therefore, writing is never a one-step action; it is a process that has several steps.

Prewriting: Asking Questions and Taking Notes

Prewriting is the first step in the writing process. In this step, you gather ideas to write about. One way to gather ideas is to discuss a topic with your classmates and take notes.

Activity 1. Working with a Partner for Prewriting

Look at the pictures of Obama and Jobs. Discuss the following questions, and take notes on your note book.



1. What kind of work does this person do?
2. How old is he?
3. Where does he live?
4. What other facts do you know about this person?
5. What outstanding characteristic or ability does this person have?

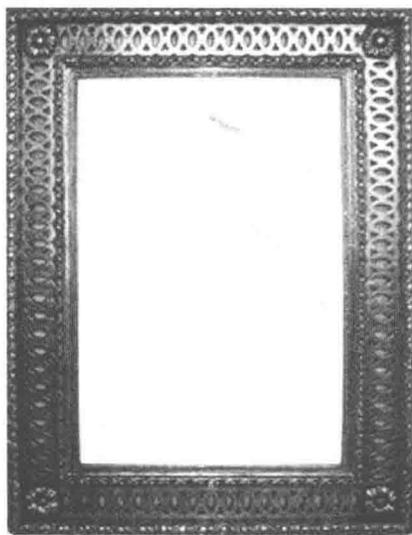
6. What unfavourable quality (if any) does this person have?
7. How does this person influence other people in either a positive or a negative way?
8. Which age group of people admires this person the most?
9. Do you admire him? Why or why not?

On your notebook, take notes on your discussion. Write down what you and your classmates know about this person's life, abilities, and accomplishments. Also, write down any reasons you and your classmates have for admiring or not admiring this person.

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Activity 2. Who is the person you admired?

- A. In the picture frame below, draw a picture of one person whom you admire. This person might be a world leader, a person from history, a national hero from the country, a sports star, a well-known entertainer, a family member such as your *mother or grandfather*, a *teacher*, or a *close friend*.



(name of person)

- B. Prepare to talk about the person you have drawn by making notes on the notebook. Use the list of questions from Activity 1. Add any other information that you feel is important.

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