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出版前言

《新理念英语阅读》是由上海外语教育出版社从美国 Cengage Learning 出版集团引进改编的一套中小学英语读物。这套读物题材广泛,话题丰富; 既有引人入胜、趣味无穷的故事,又有知识丰富、包罗万象的科普读物。把语言输入和知识输入融合在一起,让学生体验阅读的乐趣。

全套读物由美国 Cengage Learning 出版集团青少年读物金牌作家倾力打造,语言纯正、内容丰富、精彩纷呈。原汁原味的语言帮助读者培养英语语感、提升阅读兴趣。《新理念英语阅读》还强调阅读与视听的有机结合,全套读物的原版音频由英语语言专家绘声绘色、声情并茂地朗读,让读者有身临其境的感受。高中阶段另配由美国《国家地理》(National Geographic)精选的视频材料,能充分满足读者视觉和听觉的不同需求。色彩丰富、极具趣味性的插图在辅助读者阅读的同时,也让读者尽情享受前所未有的视觉盛宴。

本套读物针对每个故事精心设计了练习:小学阶段的题型和通用少儿英语星级考试接轨;初中阶段的题型和中考题的阅读部分题型匹配;高中阶段的练习分为阅读前、阅读中、阅读后以及阅读拓展训练和与视频材料相关的练习,帮助学生循序渐进地提高独立阅读能力,有效训练应试技巧。

整套读物分 9 个级别,从小学三年级到高中二年级,共 43 册,包含 78 篇故事和 132 篇科普读物。各级别根据国家《英语课程标准》规定的难度划分,充分考虑到不同年龄段学生的认知特点和阅读兴趣。

《新理念英语阅读》提供丰富多彩的阅读材料和多层次的拓展训练,在 适宜性、可读性、多样性和有效性方面均凸显本套英语读物的优势。它让读 者感受阅读乐趣的同时,也切实提高了他们的阅读解题能力,使其体验到新 理念带给英语阅读的全新动力。

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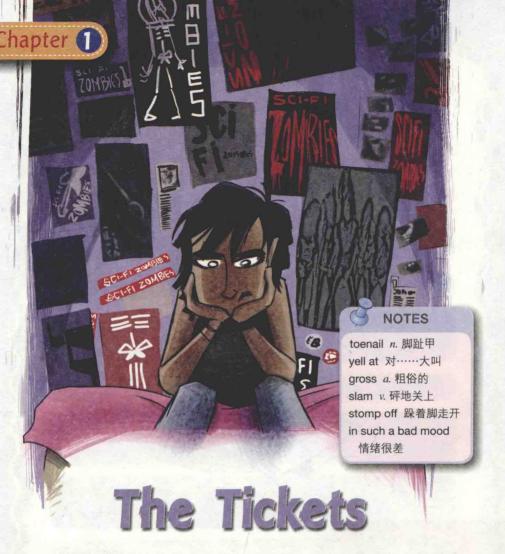
Nico's List

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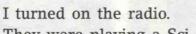
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"Why are you cutting your toenails in here!" Maria yelled at me in the living room. "That is so gross!"

Then she slammed the door and stomped off to her room.

I knew why my sister was in such a bad mood. Her favourite band, the Sci-fi Zombies, were coming to town and she didn't have tickets.



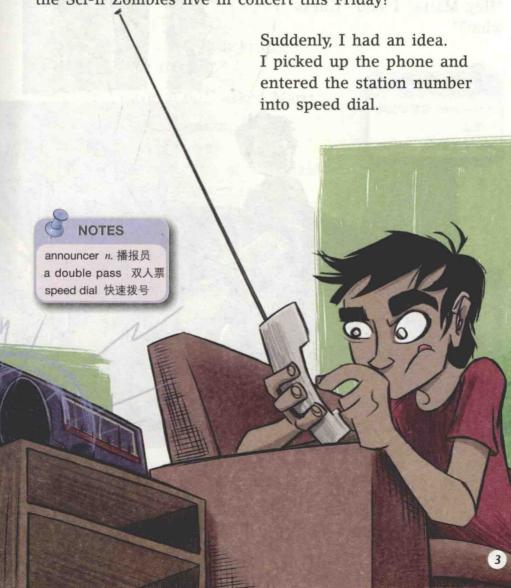
They were playing a Sci-fi Zombies song.

It was one of Maria's favourites.

Luckily for me, it was the end of the song.

"Great news, everyone," the announcer was saying.

"Be the ninth caller through and win a double pass to see the Sci-fi Zombies live in concert this Friday!"



A few minutes later. I knocked on Maria's door. She was lying on her bed, mooning over a poster of Johnny Alien, the lead singer of the Sci-fi Zombies.

"Hey, Maria," I said. "Guess what?"



"Go away," she scowled, and turned on her side.

"I just called Radio Rad," I said, "and won a double pass to the Sci-fi Zombies concert."

Maria turned around. "You did not," she said.

"I did too. They're sending me the tickets today," I replied.

"But you don't even like them!" she said.

"No," I said, "but you do, so if you're my slave until Friday, I'll give you the tickets."

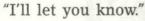
"What do I have to do?" asked Maria.

I knew she'd give anything to see Johnny Alien live. "There are my jobs for a start," I said. "This week I'm on kitchen stuff."

"I can do that," said Maria quickly. "What else?"

Cool, I thought.
This was going to

This was going to be a piece of cake.
"I don't know yet," I said.
"I'll lot you know."





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The List

That night, Maria did my chores while I put my feet up and watched TV. It was great.

The next morning, I asked Maria for a ride to school. We go to different schools, and normally I take the bus.

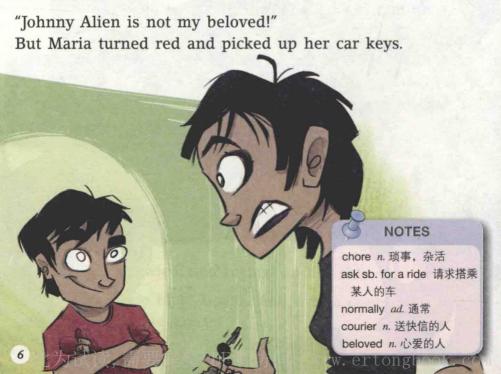
"I'll be late!" she said.

The Sci-fi Zombies tickets had already arrived by courier. I pulled them out of my pocket.

"Not if we leave now," I said.

"And remember, you have to be my slave if you want to see your beloved!"

I waved the tickets in front of her.

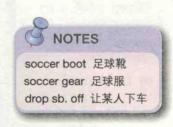


It was great going to school in Maria's car, instead of by bus. By the time I got to school, I'd thought of more things that Maria could do before Friday.



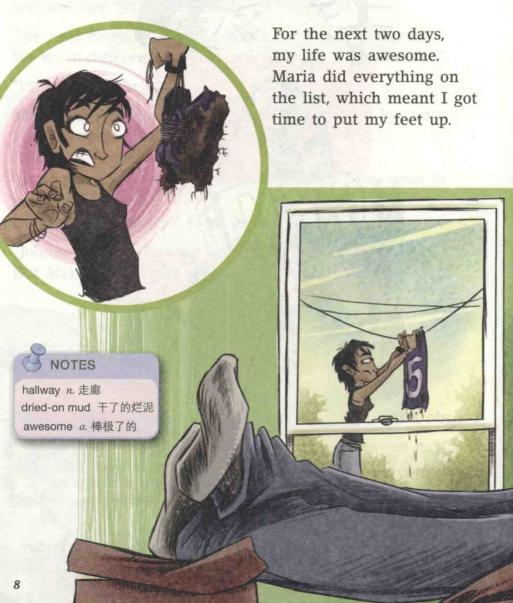
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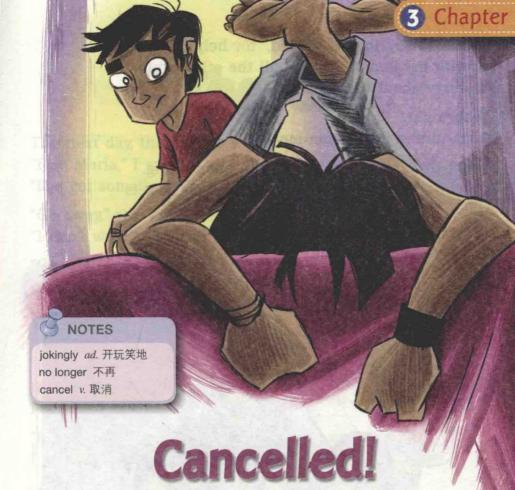
- 1. Clean my soccer boots.
- 2. Wash my soccer gear.
- 3. Drop me off at the gym.
- 4. Help me with my homework.
- 5. Do anything else that I think of between now and Friday.



That night, I showed Maria the list.

"This had better be a good concert," she said.
Then she went and got my soccer boots from the hallway.
"Oh, gross, Nico!" she said, looking at all the dried-on mud.
"When was the last time you cleaned them?"





On Thursday night, Maria knocked on my door. "What is it, slave?" I asked jokingly.

"I'm no longer your slave," said Maria. "The concert's been cancelled. I just heard it on the radio." Then she ran back to her room.

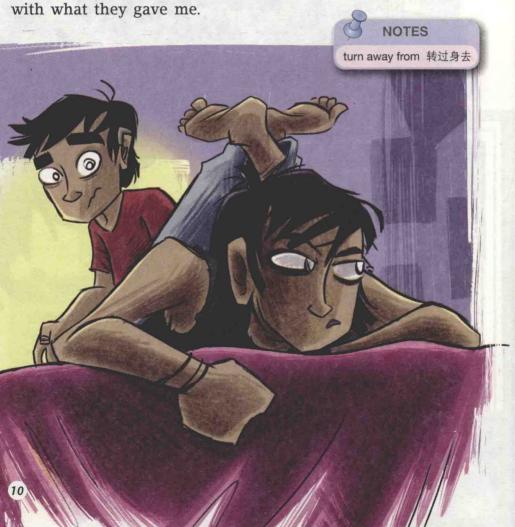
Oh well, I thought, it was good while it lasted. I decided to go and thank Maria for all the stuff she'd done.

She was face down on her bed, and I could tell she was crying. "What is it?" she asked.

"I came to say thanks," I said, "for helping me with my homework and all the other stuff. I'm sorry about the concert."

"Yeah, right."
Maria turned away from me.

I went back to my room, and the phone rang.
It was Radio Rad, saying sorry about the tickets and offering me something else instead.
I knew exactly what I was going to do



The CD

The next day, the courier was back.

"Hey, Maria," I said.

"I've got something for you."

"Go away," she said.

"I don't want to talk to you."

"Go on," I said. "Open it."

Maria looked at the parcel. I could tell she was curious.

"Oh well," I said, pretending to leave. "If you don't want to listen to the new Sci-fi Zombies double CD,

I'll listen to it myself."

"Mouse-traps" was the Sci-fi Zombies' new CD.



Maria grabbed the parcel from me and ripped it open.

"Did you get this from Radio Rad?" she asked.

I nodded.

"I guess I'm just lucky," I said.

"Having you for a sister," I added.

"Oh, don't be such an idiot!" she said.

