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前 言

学生要学好英语,就要大量的接触语言,而习得语言,必然离不开在英文方面的阅读。阅读能力在英语听、说、读、写、译五种综合能力中始终占有重要的地位。通过阅读,学生可从中学习生词、短语,并获取相关文化知识。阅读是提高听、说、读、写、译能力的基础,如果不从阅读活动中获取语言和文化知识,那么其他能力的提高也就无从谈起。

尽快、尽好地掌握英语,是广大青少年学生的迫切愿望。大量阅读是学习外语的一种重要方法。但总的来说,目前适合青少年学生阅读的英文出版物还不够多。为此,我们特意邀请全国各地有多年教学实践经验的学者和教师,参与编写此书。在选材上,我们精心挑选了具有时代特征、信息量大、健康向上、文化内涵丰富、语言地道等特征的最新语言材料。这样的读物具有很强的知识性和趣味性。青少年学生不仅能获得大量有关世界各国的社会文化知识、有关英语语言的知识、最新的信息,学会不少书本中所得不到的知识,同时也必将提高自己的英语水平。同时为了减少阅读过程中的阻力,我们对材料中的部分生词、难点和难句作了一一注释。可以说是一种“轻轻松松学英语”的好方式。

本书是根据新大纲要求而编写的英语阅读教材。本着“选材新颖、题材广泛以及知识多样化”的原则,阅读内容不仅与现行新教材同步,而且对英语教材在学生阅





读能力训练方面的不足做了有针对性的补充。结合中国学生语言学习的特点,我们还试图在训练学生阅读能力方面摸索新路,并激发学生学习英语的兴趣,帮助他们全方面了解英语语言文化,最终达到提高他们英语阅读能力和自如运用英语语言的目的。

我们相信我们所作的工作是有意义的,广大青少年读者一定可以从这套书中获益。对他们英语阅读能力的提高有着很大的帮助。



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趣闻笑话

Passage 1

Unit

1

Mr. King is a tall and strong man.

1) He teaches P. E. in a middle school.
He wears a long beard and takes good care of it.

It was Sunday yesterday. There was the biggest ²⁾ football match of year on the playground in the center. Mr. King likes the game very much and of course he was going to watch it. With his friends help, he got a ticket a few days ago. After Mr. King likes the game very much and of course he was going to watch it. With his friends help, he got a ticket a few days ago. After breakfast he ³⁾ hurried to the bus stop. But a lot of people were waiting there. A bus came and he ⁴⁾ hardly got on. There were plenty of people in it and it was difficult for them to put their feet. He had to grip a back of the chair. At the next stop a boy got on the bus. ⁴⁾ He was short and couldn't grip anything. Suddenly the bus stopped and the boy almost fell to the floor. He looked around and saw Mr. King's beard and gripped it. The man found it at once and called out, "Please go off my beard, boy."



注释

beard n. 胡须, 络腮胡子

grip v. 抓紧 grip 1. 紧握 抓牢



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Passage 2

Long ago in England, a very rich man bought a farm and paid much money for it, ¹ because a very old tree was growing there and it was said that ² it was 300 years old. When he was back in the city, many of his friends didn't believe the tree was that old. So the rich man asked his caretaker to make clear the tree's age.

Four days later, the caretaker reported his finding "Good news, sir." He shouted, "This tree is even older than we thought—It's 332 years."

"Well done!" said the rich man, "How did you know its age?"

¹ "Simple enough," said the caretaker, "We cut it down and counted the rings."

注释

caretaker *n.* 管家

report *v.* 报告, 汇报

ring *n.* 年轮 | *ring* |

难句释疑

1. ...it was said that it was 300 years old.
……据说这棵树有三百年了。
2. So the rich man asked his caretaker to make clear the tree's age.
所以这位有钱人让他的管家弄清楚树的年龄。

选择题

1. The rich man paid much money to buy the farm because _____.
A. the farm was 300 years old
B. he was interested in the old tree
C. the rich man had no farm but money
D. he liked doing farm work





2. Which of the following is true?
- A. The old tree was more than 300 years.
 B. The old tree was more than 332 years.
 C. The old tree was only 300 years old.
 D. The old tree was a little older than the farm.
3. Many of the rich man's friends _____.
- A. were happy to hear that.
 B. didn't believe he had bought a farm.
 C. were sorry to hear that
 D. didn't believe the tree was so old.
4. Please guess, when rich man knew how the caretaker found the age of the tree, he would be _____.
- A. very happy B. very angry
 C. very pleased D. very worried
5. What do you think of the way of finding the tree's age?
- A. It's a wonderful way.
 B. It's a bad way.
 C. It's a good way
 D. It's a strange way



Passage 3

A lady lost her handbag in the shop. An honest boy found it and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she felt very surprised, "Hmmm... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."



The boy quickly answered, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

注释

honest *adj.* 诚实

bill *n.* 纸币, 钞票

change *n.* 零钱

reward *n.* 报酬, 奖赏, 酬金

难句释疑

1. Looking in her purse, she felt very surprised.

当她查看钱包时,她感到十分奇怪。

2. When I lost my bag there was a \$ 20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$ 1 bills.

我的包丢的时候,里面有一张 20 美元的钞票,而现在却是二十张一美元的钞票。

3. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward.

上一次我为一位女士找到了钱包,但她却没有零钱付我的酬金。

选择题

1. When did the lady lose her purse? She lost it _____.

A. when she was doing the shopping

B. when she was taking a bus

C. when she on her way to work

D. when she was in the street

2. How much money was there in her purse when she lost it?

A. \$ 20 B. \$ 1 C. \$ 19 D. \$ 21

3. How much money was there in her purse when she found it?

A. \$ 20 B. \$ 1 C. \$ 19 D. \$ 21

4. Who changed the money?

A. The lady.

B. The boy.

C. The shop assistant.

D. We don't know.





5. What does the last sentence mean ?

- A. The boy wanted to tell the lady that he found another purse for another lady last time.
- B. The boy wanted the lady to praise (表扬) him.
- C. The boy wanted to tell the lady that he didn't take any money.
- D. The boy wanted the lady to give him some money.



Passage 4

A young man was walking through a supermarket to buy a few things when he saw an old lady following him.

"Pardon me," she said, "I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel bad. It's just that your look just like my son, who died recently."

"I'm very sorry," answered the young man. "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Yes," she said. "As I'm leaving, would you say 'goodbye, mother'? It would make me feel so much better."

"Sure," answered the young man.

As the old woman was leaving, he called out, "goodbye, Mother!" Then, as he stepped up to the checkout counter, he saw that his total was \$ 127.00. "How can that be?" he asked, "I only bought a few things!"

The clerk answered, "Your mother said you'd pay for her."

