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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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Mr. Priestley

Mr. Priestley is a teacher of English. He isn't a very young man, but he isn't old. He knows three or four languages, and reads and speaks and

writes them well. He reads many books and writes some.

It is almost eleven o'clock by the <u>study clock</u>, but he works late, sometimes till one o'clock in the morning.

His big desk is in the middle of the room. On the floor near the desk there are a lot of books.

His students come to his study for their lessons. They come every day except Saturday and Sunday. These days are holidays.

注释

language n. 语言 almost adv. 几乎 till prep. 直到……为止 except prep. 除……之外



难句释疑

He works late, sometimes till one o'clock in the morning. 他工作很晚,有时到凌晨一点。

根据短文内容,判断句子正确(T)或错误(F)

1. Mr. Priestley is a middle aged (中年) man.

- 2. He is an able (有才能的) man.
- 3. He often works till one o'clock in the morning.
- 4. He likes reading books.
- 5. A study room is a room for study.



Passage 2

Two New Students



Joy and Jack are two new students in our class. Joy is an American girl. She is twelve. She is No. 6 in Row 4. Jack is an English boy. He is twelve, too. He is No. 3 in Row 5. Both of them are our new friends. They like Chinese and love China.



both *pron*. 两者,双方 love v. 热爱,喜爱

难句释疑

Both of them are our new friends. 他们俩都是我们的新朋友。

根据短文内容,判断句子正确(T)或错误(F)

- 1. Joy and Jack are new in our class.
- 2. Joy is from America and Jack is from England.







- 3. They are of the same age.
- 4. They are in the same row.
- 5. They are our old friends.



Mr. Read

Mr. Read is our English teacher this term. He is a tall man. He likes wearing a white shirt and black trousers. He speaks English very well. We all like his lessons very much.

His home is near our school. Sometimes Mr. Read walks to the school. He has two little sons. They look the same. They are twins. They often wear the same clothes. He likes to see and play with them.

注释

term n. 学期 wear vt. 穿着 sometimes adv. 有时,偶尔

难句释疑

He likes wearing a white shirt and black trousers. 他喜欢穿白衬衫和黑裤子。

根据短文内容,判断句子正确(T)或错误(F)

- 1. Mr. Read teaches us English this term.
- 2. He is not short.
- 3. He often walks to the school.
- 4. He has two daughters.
- 5. He loves his children.









Passage 4

Tom Green

My name is Tom Green. I am an English boy. I'm thirteen. I'm in No. 5 Middle School in Beijing. I'm in Class Six, Grade One. Mr. Zhang is our English teacher. He is a nice teacher. We all like him. Li Ming is my best friend. We often play games together after class.

注释

nice adj. 好的,漂亮的 best adj. 最好的 game n. 游戏,运动

难句释疑

We often play games together after class. 我们经常下课以后在一起玩游戏。

根据短文内容,判断句子正确(T)或错误(F)

- 1. Tom is English.
- 2. Tom is in England.
- 3. He isn't in Class Six, Grade Two.
- Mr. Zhang is a good Chinese teacher.
- Li Ming is his classmate.





Passage 5

Dave

Dave is a clever but lazy boy. He doesn't like reading books.



He's afraid of hard work. Last week he fails in the English exam again. When he is back home, his father asks him, "What score do you get in this English exam?" "I get the twelfth in my class." is the answer. His father is glad to hear that. And then he asks, "How many students

school last month." Dave answers.



are there in your class?" "Twelve, Father. The last student leaves

注释

lazy adj. 懒惰的 be afraid of 害怕 fail vi. 失败,不及格 score n. 分数 twelfth num. 第十二

雅句释疑

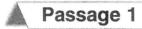
- 1. Last week he fails in the English exam again. 上星期他英语考试又没及格。
- 2. The last student leaves school last month. 上个月最后一名学生离开学校了。

根据短文内容. 判断句子正确(T)或错误(F)

- 1. Dave is a good student.
- 2. He doesn't like reading books.
- 3. He often fails in the English exams.
- 4. His father is glad to hear that he gets the twelfth in his class.
- 5. He is the last student in his class now.







Mark Twain

Mark Twain is an American writer. One day he goes to a city by train. He wants to see one of his friends there. He is a very busy man. He usually forgets

something.

When he is in the train, the conductor asks him for his ticket. Mark Twain looks for his ticket here and there, but he can not find it. The conductor knows Mark Twain. She says, "Show me your ticket on your way back. "And if you can't find it, it doesn't matter."

"Oh, but it does." says Mark Twain. "I must find the ticket. If I can't find it, how can I know where I'm going?"

注释

usually adv. 通常 forget vt. 忘记 conductor n. 售票员 ticket n. 票 ask for 向……要 here and there 到处,处处

根据短文内容,判断句子正确(T)或错误(F)

- 1. Mark Twain usually forgets things because he is very busy.
- 2. Mark Twain doesn't want to show his ticket to the conductor.
- 3. Mark Twain is the conductor's good friend.
- 4. The conductor says Mark Twain can show his ticket on his way

