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前 言

《大学英语(文理科本科用)》试用教材是根据国家教育委员会审定批准的《大学英语教学大纲(文理科本科用)》编写的一套系列教材,分精读、泛读、听力、快速阅读、语法与练习五种教程。

本教材重视英语语言基础教学,从各方面保证文、理科的通用性,适用于综合大学、师范院校和文科院校。

本教材的精读、泛读、快速阅读和听力教程各按分级教学的要求编写六册,每级一册;语法与练习编写四册,供1—4级使用。精读与听力教程均配有教师用书和录音磁带。对低于大纲规定入学要求的学生,另编二册预备级精读、泛读教程。

上述五种教程根据各自的课程特点自成体系,但又相互配合,形成整体,以贯彻大纲所提出的三个层次的要求:“培养学生具有较强的阅读能力、一定的听的能力、初步的写和说的能力。”全套教材由复旦大学、北京大学、华东师范大学、中国人民大学、武汉大学和南京大学合作编写,复旦大学董亚芬教授审订,同时还聘请两名专职外籍专家参加编写和文字审定工作。

《大学英语》预备级精、泛读教程经大学外语教材编审委员会综合大学英语编审组和理工科英语编审组共同审定选文,可供文、理、工各类本科生使用。预备级泛读教程由南京大学大学外语部负责编写。孙淑强同志担任主编,杨治中副教授担任主审。大学外语教材编审委员会理工科英语编审组郭杰克教授审读了全书。参加编写的有许水耀、傅玉华、冯卓、钱兴荣同志。

本书为预备级泛读教程第二册,供大学英语预备二级学生使用。修完预备二级教程后可任选按文理科大纲或理工科大纲所编写的各类后续教材。

由于时间仓促,编者水平有限,教材中不妥之处在所难免。希望广大读者批评指正。

编 者

一九八七年四月

使用 说 明

本教程按以下指导思想编写：

1、通过一定量的阅读增强学生的语感，提高学生的阅读速度，使之初步掌握阅读技巧，为进入一级的学习打下基础。

2、在编写各类练习时，注意逐步培养学生在阅读过程中的分析、归纳、综合和推断的能力，以配合精读教程在阅读技能方面的教学。

3、选材较浅于相应的精读课文，并加必要的注释，以便于学生顺利阅读。

4、教材绝大多数选自原文，略经删节或改写，在保证语言文字规范化的同时，尽量使之适合预备级学生的英语水平。

5、选材力求内容新颖、题材广泛、体裁多样、知识性与趣味性并重。

6、考虑到学生阅读能力上的差异，每册的阅读量大略高于大纲所规定的指标。

本教程分一、二级两册，每册选编课文三十六篇，每课编有少量注释，配有若干练习，以测试学生对文章的理解能力。书末附有练习答案。为了配合精读教程，每册按十二个单元编写，三课为一个单元。每单元的前两课篇幅较长，跨度为 350—700 词，第三课较短，跨度为 200—300 词，可作一般课文使用，也可用作快速阅读的材料，在课内进行，读后即做练习，所需时间（包括练习）约十分钟。

编 者

一九八七年四月

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1. Little Jenny

Ruth and Peter always played on the beach. Jenny, Ruth's little sister, played with them.

One day, after a big storm, the children found an old boat.

"Let's fix⁽¹⁾ the boat," said Ruth.

They made the boat almost new. They named it Red Fish. When it was ready, Peter said, "Let's sail it now."

"A good idea!" said Jenny.

"Oh, you can't come, Jenny. You're too little," said Ruth. "You can wait for me here."

Ruth and Peter sailed away, and Jenny stayed on the beach. She was very sad.

The wind was good. The boat moved over the water. Suddenly a strong wind began to blow.

"Uh-oh! I think a storm is coming," said Ruth.

"You're right. Let's go to the island to wait for the storm to stop," said Peter.

They tied the boat to a tree. Then they walked up the beach and through the woods. Rain began to fall.

"Look! There's a house! I never knew there was a house on this island," said Ruth.

"I didn't either⁽²⁾! Let's go!"

The two children ran to the house. They climbed the steps, stood on the porch⁽³⁾, and watched the rain.

"What are you doing here?"

The children looked around. They saw the angry face of a man. He had a gun in his hand.

"W-we are w-waiting for the storm to stop."

"Well, get in here⁽⁴⁾!"

The children were shaking, but they went into the house.

"Sit there, on the floor," the man shouted. "Does anybody know you are here?"

"I didn't tell anybody," said Peter.

"Neither did I⁽⁵⁾," said Ruth.

"Good, but not good for you. You have found my hideout⁽⁶⁾. You'll be sorry you ever came here!⁽⁷⁾"

Ruth and Peter looked at each other.

Suddenly the door flew open. There stood three policemen.

"Well, well. Big Eddy Hanson! So you've been hiding here. Come with us now. Are you all right, Peter and Ruth?"

"Wow! We're fine now. How did you know we were here?"

"We found a girl on the beach in the storm. She was afraid you were lost. We went to look for your boat, but we didn't know this thief was here."

The police took the thief and Ruth and Peter with them in their big boat. They tied the Red Fish to the back of the boat.

Jenny was happy to see them. A newspaper reporter was with Jenny. She took pictures and asked many questions.

"Why wasn't Jenny with you?" asked the woman.

"Oh, she's too little," said Ruth.

"Well, do you know who saved you? Do you know who helped the police find Big Eddy? Do you think Jenny is too little to sail in a boat now?"

The next day, Ruth, Peter, and Jenny sat in their boat. They sailed happily, looking at their pictures in the newspaper and reading the story of their adventure. The story began, "Yesterday Little Jenny found Big Eddy!"

approximately 400 words

Notes

1. fix: repair 修理
2. I didn't either: I didn't know either.
3. porch: roofed doorway (有顶棚的) 门廊
4. get in here: come into the house
5. Neither did I: I didn't tell anybody either.
6. hideout: hiding place 藏身处
7. You'll be sorry you ever came here! 你会懊悔来过这儿。

Exercises

- I. Choose the best answer to each question:
 1. Where did Ruth and Peter always play?
 - a. On the seashore.
 - b. In a big old house.
 - c. On an old boat.
 - d. On a small island.
 2. What did they find one day?
 - a. A red fish.
 - b. An old house.
 - c. An old boat.
 - d. Ruth's little sister.
 3. Who didn't go sailing?
 - a. Peter's sister.
 - b. Eddy's sister.
 - c. Jenny's sister.
 - d. Ruth's sister.
 4. What happened while they were on the boat?
 - a. A big fish swam by them.
 - b. A heavy rain began to fall.
 - c. A strong wind began to blow.
 - d. A thief followed them in another boat.
 5. Where did they put the boat when they got to an island?
 - a. Near a tree.
 - b. On a porch.

- c. In a house.
 - d. In the woods.
6. What did they find on the island?
- a. A snake in the woods.
 - b. A house.
 - c. A policeman.
 - d. A big boat.
7. Who was in the house?
- a. No one.
 - b. A man with a kind face.
 - c. Eddy Hanson.
 - d. Three policemen.
8. Did Ruth and Peter like the man?
- a. Not at all. They were afraid of him.
 - b. Yes. They talked a lot with him.
 - c. Yes. He was very nice.
 - d. No. The man didn't let them go into the house.
9. How did Ruth and Peter leave the island?
- a. By swimming.
 - b. In the police boat.
 - c. On the Red Fish.
 - d. By plane.
10. When they got to the beach, who was with Jenny?
- a. Their teacher.
 - b. A policeman.
 - c. A newspaper reporter.
 - d. Their parents.

II. Use a proper word in Column B to fill in each blank in Column A:

- | A | B |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. Three policemen came to the house in time to _____ Ruth and Peter. | a. look for b. lost |
| 2. Little Jenny helped the police _____ Big Eddy. | c. took d. save |
| 3. Ruth thought Jenny was too _____ to sail in a boat. | e. thief |

4. Eddy Hanson was a _____. f. sad
5. Jenny was afraid Peter and Ruth were _____. g. find
6. The police went to _____ the children's boat. h. little
7. Jenny felt _____ when Ruth and Peter didn't take her with them.
8. The newspaper reporter _____ pictures and asked many questions.

Unit 1

2. What Age?

Tom Biggs, a hotel servant

Henry Maxwell, a man of about thirty⁽¹⁾, unmarried

Rose Wellington, a beautiful girl, younger than Maxwell

A room in a hotel. Maxwell is sitting at a table with a glass in front of him⁽²⁾. It is his first evening in the hotel. Rose walks into the room, but Maxwell has never seen her before. A lot of people are standing outside the window. Maxwell(to Tom): Bring me another drink, please. What's your name?

Tom: Tom Biggs, sir.

Maxwell: What's happening out there? (He stands up and looks through the window.) I can see a taxi.

Tom: Oh, it's nothing⁽³⁾, sir. Two people got married this morning, and now they're going away. (Rose walks to the window and looks out.)

Rose: There they come!

Maxwell: Yes, I can see them.

Rose: She isn't very young, is she?

Maxwell: No, she isn't. Er ... will you have a drink? My name's Henry Maxwell.

Rose: Well, that's very kind of you⁽⁴⁾, Mr. Maxwell.

Thank you. My name's Rose Wellington.

Maxwell: Tom, please bring Miss Wellington a drink.

Tom: Yes, sir.

Maxwell: Shall we sit here? (He points to his own table, and they sit down at it together.)

Rose: Thank you. How old was she, do you think?

Maxwell: I'm not sure. I only saw her for a minute⁽⁵⁾.
About forty, perhaps.

Rose: Oh, I don't think so. She looked about the same age as he was; and he was only about thirty-five.

Maxwell: Oh, she was older than that ⁽⁶⁾, I'm certain.

A man ought to marry a woman younger than himself, don't you think?

Rose: Yes, it's usually better that way, I suppose ⁽⁷⁾.

I was telling my sister Lilian the same thing this morning.

Maxwell: And you are quite right. The girl ought to be the younger of the two: half his age and ten more.

Rose: I don't quite understand.

Maxwell: It's quite easy. The girl ought to be half the man's age and ten years more. If he's twenty-six, she ought to be twenty-three. Half twenty-six is thirteen; thirteen and ten are twenty-three.

Rose: Yes, that seems about right ⁽⁸⁾. So if the man's thirty years old, the girl ought to be twenty-five.

Maxwell; Yes, And if he's sixty, she ought to be forty. And if he's eighty ...

Rose: Eighty! People don't get married at the age of eighty!

Maxwell: Believe me, they do. If he's eighty, she ought to be fifty. And if he's a hundred and ten ...

Rose (laughing): A hundred and ten! (She looks down at her glass and thinks for a few seconds without speaking.) Yes, perhaps you're right. So Lilian can marry George, I suppose.

Maxwell: Who's George?

Rose: He's a young man in love with Lilian. They want to get married, but Lilian's older than George, and so I told her not to marry him.

Maxwell: Quite right. They mustn't get married.

Rose: But she's just half his age and ten years more, as you said.

Maxwell: But she's older than he is. You've just said so.

Rose: That's right. He's eighteen and she's nineteen.

Maxwell(thoughtfully): Half eighteen's nine Oh, I see. Yes!

approximately 480 words

Notes

1. about thirty: 三十岁左右
2. in front of him: before him
3. it's nothing: nothing serious; nothing important
4. that's very kind of you: 谢谢你的好意。
5. for a minute: for a very short time
6. older than that: older than thirty-five
7. I suppose: I think
8. about right: nearly true

Exercise

Write T for True in the space if the statement is true;
write F for False if the statement is not true:

1. Rose is about the same age as Maxwell.
2. Maxwell and Rose have not known each other before.
3. Tom is one of Maxwell's best friends.
4. Maxwell and Rose are going to get married soon.
5. According to Maxwell, a man's wife ought to be younger than himself.
6. Rose told Lilian it was better to marry a man older than herself.
7. Lilian is Rose's sister.
8. Lilian got married that morning.
9. According to Maxwell, if a man is twenty-eight, his wife ought to be twenty-five.
10. Maxwell's idea is always true.

Unit 1

3. A Surprise Present

One morning during breakfast, Robert was reading his letter. "Look, dear," he said to his wife Mary, "someone sent these two tickets for the play tonight. Isn't that kind?" "Who sent them?" asked Mary. "I've no idea. There's a note in the envelope, but it just says, 'Can you guess who sent these two tickets to you?'" "Well, never mind," Mary said, "I expect one of our friends wants to give us a nice surprise."

After dinner that night, Robert and Mary put on their best clothes and went to the play. They had a wonderful evening and came home full of thanks to the unknown friend, for he had given them the tickets. But when they got back to their flat, they found that a thief had been there.

In fact, everything they owned had been stolen, furniture, pictures, clothes, money and even the knives and forks in the kitchen. At the centre of the kitchen table, they found another note. This one said, "Now can you guess who sent the tickets?"

approximately 170 words

Exercises

I. Choose the best answer to each question:

1. What was Robert doing when he read his letter?

- a. Watching television.
- b. Eating his breakfast.
- c. Listening to the radio.
- d. Talking with his wife.

2. What was there in the letter?

- a. A note.
- b. Two tickets.
- c. A note and two tickets.
- d. A nice surprise.

3. Who sent the tickets?

- a. One of Robert's friends.
- b. One of Mary's friends.
- c. A neighbour.
- d. An unknown person.

4. Who came to their flat when they were out?

- a. A thief.
- b. One of their friends.
- c. A policeman.
- d. A neighbour.

II. Write T for True in the space if the statement is true; write F for False if the statement is not true:

_____ 1. After getting the two tickets Robert and Mary put on their best clothes and went to the play right away.

_____ 2. They enjoyed the play very much that evening.

_____ 3. An unknown friend sent Robert the two tickets in order to give him a nice surprise.

_____ 4. All their furniture, including the kitchen table, had been taken away by the thief.

_____ 5. It was a thief who sent them the two tickets.