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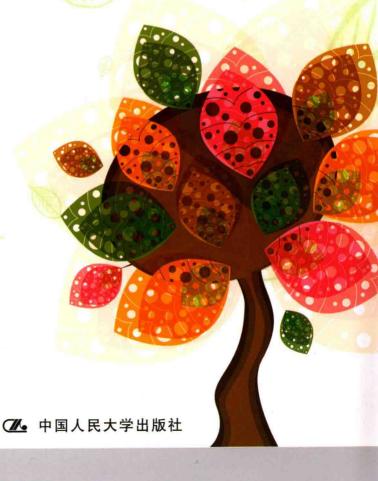
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本册是按照《普通高中英语课程标准》六级要求编写的,适合高一年级学生阅读。

本册书共收录了五十篇美文,这些美文篇幅长短适中、话题广泛、语言地道、内容丰富,是高一学生英语学习不可或缺的阅读辅助教材。

结合语言学习规律和高一英语教学实际,编者对每篇文章都精心设计了不同层次的学习任务。这些任务具有很强的趣味性、实效性和可操作性,旨在帮助学生扫清阅读障碍,保持英语阅读兴趣,提高学生综合语言运用能力。

原汁原味:文章均选自英美为主的经典语文教材、畅销的短篇故事、英美著名报纸、网络刊登的时事新闻、科学发明等,让读者感受英语原版阅读带来的享受,体味文字之美。

话题广泛:本书收集的文章话题丰富。生动形象的故事或给读者带来无限乐趣和遐想,或带读者来到缤纷的动物世界,或让读者重温童年的岁月,或教读者勤劳、诚实、真诚等做人的道理;传递人性真善美的童话,发人深省的哲理散文,对社会热点问题的探讨,对科学新知的探索,均可满足高一学生英语阅读的欲望,进而充实自己、开阔眼界。

长短结合:本书文章长短结合,短的文章在300~400词,中的在600~800词, 长的在1000~1200词,以满足不同层次学生英语精读和泛读的要求。

语境悟词:根据英语学习与考查的特点,编者将每篇文章中重点的词汇进行梳理,运用不同方式进行强化学习与巩固,适合不同学生英语学习之需。

难句释疑:编者将每篇文章都选出 2~5 个长难句,提供中文译文,列出短语解析,并做适当的句子结构分析,帮助学生扫清阅读障碍,既能培养学生在阅读中处理长难句的能力,又能提高学生英语阅读理解的质量和速度,这种方式也最适合高一英语学习者。

读写相长:结合文章主旨大意,编者设计了相关的阅读理解题目,既可以借此了解学生阅读理解的情况,又能培养学生学以致用,实现以读促写、以写促读的目的。

通过阅读本书,读者能直观地感受西方的历史文化,进而收获积极向上的人生观和价值观。本书编者们也希望能为读者带来快乐的阅读体验。广大英语教师可以引导学生运用好此泛读教程,以品味文字,获取知识;也可以作为课堂内外的英语限时阅读教材,提高学生的英语阅读理解水平,为学生打开一扇心灵的窗户,引领他们用英语去思维,享受阅读,为他们的英语学习插上腾飞的翅膀。

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What Is the Best Day of the Year?

Guidance

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A year consists of 365 days. Which one is your favourite? Maybe the passage can give you an answer. 一年三百六十五天,哪一天是你的最爱? 或许这篇文章会给你答案。

- It was Saturday and tea was just over. Aunt Miriam would often **delight** the family with a story or song for the half hour of **gloaming**. So they waited for her. But this Saturday was to be a little different from all the others.
- She looked at the children with that smile of hers which made them all love her, and then slowly asked, "What is the best day in the year?"
- "What is the best day in the year?" echoed Charlie. "Well, I have never thought of that before!"
- "I want you all to think well, and make a choice," Aunt Miriam continued. "I have chosen that which I think is the best, and written it down in this sealed letter. When you have all made a choice, I will open it and give a prize of £ 1 to anyone who has chosen rightly."
 - For a moment they were all dumb (不说话的) with delight, their minds busily thinking both of her **novel** question and of the handsome prize. $^{\oplus}$
- "Supposing Lily has the first pick!" said Aunt. "She is the youngest, and then the others can choose afterwards according to age."

- Lily thought a little while. Suddenly she clapped her hands, and the answer came, quick and decisive, from her merry tongue. "It's my birthday! Because I get so many presents and and it's such a happy day!"
- "I meant to say that too," broke in Tom, "Lily's right, isn't she, Auntie?" But Aunt shook her head. "You try, Alice," she said to the next youngest.
- "I think," said Alice, with a slow, sweet voice, "that Christmas Day is the best day, because we see all our friends then, and we all get cards and Christmas boxes, and everyone is happy all day long."
- "Yes, girl," said Aunt Miriam, "But dear as Christmas Day is, it is not the best after all. 20 What is your choice, Charlie?"
- "Mine's New Year's Day," was the reply, "because then we all go for a picnic and play games, and boys' races, and-and-everything else," he concluded with a wave of the hand that was quite meant to include Paradise.
- "There's a better choice still," said Aunt Miriam. "Can you guess it, Harry?" "I think Empire Day is the best," said Harry, "because all the schools have their treats then.
 - Or Breaking-up Day, when the students get all their prizes."
- "I'm afraid neither," said Aunt, thoughtfully. "What do you say, Mary?"
 - Mary was silent a few moments. "I hardly know which to choose now, Auntie; there are really no other days I can think of. Tell us, Auntie." she said.
 - "Wait a bit," Tom broke in. "I don't like to see that prize go past without having a good try for it. Is it Leap Year's Day?"
 - Auntie shook her head slowly. "Or Foundation Day?" went on Tom.
- Another shake.
- "Or Good Friday?"
- "Or Boxing Day?"

"No."

- Another negative.
- "Well then," said Harry, unwillingly, "I suppose we'll have to give it up! What is it, Auntie?"
- They all drew closer to Aunt Miriam's chair. Lily climbed on Auntie's knee and threw one arm round her neck, and put her face near to Aunt Miriam's so as to hear the secret first.
- "The best day in the year," said Aunt Miriam, "is—but I'll open the envelope for you."
 - She opened it, and there in her own beautiful writing were the words:-"The best day in the year is today!"

What Is the Best Day of the Year? Lesson 1

"Today?" they asked in surprise. "How is that?"

"Yesterday is past," came the reply, "and is no longer ours. Tomorrow has yet to come, and none of us know whether we shall **possess** it. Today alone is in our hands, to do with as we will."

They were beginning to see Auntie's meaning.

"So every day is the best," said Tom thoughtfully.

"That is so," said Auntie Miriam, "you can make every new day the best day you ever had, if you only will do it." $^{\tiny{\textcircled{3}}}$

"Well, if every day is the best, we all guessed right after all!" said Harry slyly.

"I don't know about that," was the laughing reply, "but you have all tried well, and I have here"—Aunt turned to a big parcel (包裹) that had been hidden under a tablecloth in the corner—"six presents, one for each of you, and I hope you will never forget all your life which is the best day of the year."

(789 words)

Word bank

delight vt. (使)高兴; (使)欣喜 gloaming n. 黄昏; 薄暮 echo vt. 发回声; 随声附和 novel adj. 新奇的 paradise n. 天堂; 乐园



Notes

- 1. For a moment they were all dumb with delight, their minds busily thinking both of her novel question and of the handsome prize. 有那么一会儿,他们都高兴得顾不上说话,满脑子里想的都是这个新奇的问题以及它诱人的奖赏。their minds busily thinking... 独立主格结构用作状语。
- 2. But dear as Christmas Day is, it is not the best after all. 圣诞固然重要,但它也不是最好的。as 表示"尽管……(但是)……"。
- 3. ...you can make every new day the best day you ever had, if you only will do it. 只要你愿意, 你可以让自己拥有的每一个崭新的日子都成为最好的时光。

Practice

I. Comprehension

- 1. Why did the writer say that Saturday was to be a little different from all the others?
 - A. Because Aunt Miriam didn't appear as usual.
 - B. Because Aunt Miriam didn't tell a story or sing a song as usual.
 - C. Because that Saturday was a special day of the year.
 - D. Because a special day was coming.
- 2. What does the underlined "that" in Paragraph 4 refer to?
 - A. A letter.
- B. A gift.
- C. A choice.
- D. A prize.

- 3. In what order did the children make their answers?
 - A. From old to young.

B. From young to old.

C. Just as they will.

- D. According to their grades.
- 4. Which of the following will the writer agree with?
 - A. Yesterday is the least important.
- B. Today is as important as the holidays.

C. Tomorrow is more important.

- D. Every day is the best.
- 5. What did the children learn from Aunt Miriam's question at last?

II. Word check

Match the words with their meanings.

- 1. seal
- A. to decide that something is true after looking at all the evidence you have
- 2. decisive
- B. to have or own something
- 3. conclude
- C. closed with a lid, cover etc. so that nothing can get in or out
- 4. negative
- D. expressing opposition to something, especially when there is a choice
- 5. possess
- E. able to make choices or decide what to do quickly and confidently

II. Writing practice

Do you agree that today is the best day of the year? Please write a short passage expressing your own idea and then you can also exchange different ideas with your partners.



The May Basket

Guidance

In the beautiful month of May, Mary, Edith and Elsie made a pretty May basket for their mother, with some anemones and peppermints and a few other pretty pieces of candy in it. Do you want to know Mamma's feelings? 在美丽的五月,玛丽、伊迪丝和埃尔茜给他们的妈妈制作了一个美丽的花篮,里面装有妈妈喜欢的鲜花和糖果,想知道妈妈收到花篮的感受吗?

Mary, Edith, and Elsie live in the country. They are sisters. Every spring, in the beautiful month of May, they have very happy times hanging May baskets. They make pretty baskets of colored paper, and fill them with candy, nuts, or flowers.

When it is almost dark, they go quietly to the house of some playmate, and hang the basket upon the door. Then they knock or ring the bell, and run away to hide behind some bush or in some dark corner. The one who gets the May basket runs to find them. If they are found, they spend a merry evening together, playing games and telling stories.

One day Elsie said, "I think it would be fun to make a May basket for mamma."

"Oh, do!" cried Mary. "Let us make the prettiest one we can, and fill it with things she likes."

"We must keep it a secret," said Edith. "How can we make it without her knowing?"

"That's easy enough," said Elsie. "We can make it up in the garret, in our playtime."

"The hardest thing," said Mary, "will be to make it pretty enough. Mamma ought to have a beautiful May basket, for she is the dearest mamma in the world."

- So they all thought. And each one tried to find something very beautiful for the May basket. Edith brought her prettiest box for the frame, Elsie gave her nicest blue and white tissue paper, and Mary found some gilt paper to make stars for trimming.
- What fun it was to make it! Elsie made the paste and cut the stars. Edith cut and <u>ruffled</u> the tissue paper, and Mary made the basket. It was a very pretty basket, they all agreed, when it was done.
- "Now, what can we put into the basket?" asked Elsie. "It is so pretty we ought to fill it with something good."
- "Peanuts are the thing, I think," remarked Edith.
- "Oh!" said Mary, "we must get something that mamma likes, instead of choosing what we like best."
- "I know one thing she will like," said Elsie. "She loves the little anemones that grow down by the river. Let us get some for her, and fill the basket with them."
 - "That will be beautiful," said Mary.
- "But I think it would be nicer," Edith added, "if we had some candy, too; and you know mamma thinks peppermints are very nice."
- "We haven't very much money," said Mary, "but we can put together all that we have, and buy some peppermints."
 - They had thirteen cents in all. With their money they bought some peppermints and a few other pretty pieces of candy, which they hid in the bottom of the basket.
- It had been fun to make the basket; it was even more fun to fill it with the pretty candies; yet the happiest time of all was the time spent in the woods gathering the <u>fragrant</u> anemones, with their tender pink and white blossoms. How pretty the basket looked when it was filled with the lovely blossoms!
 - The children could hardly wait until it was dark. They whispered together in the corners of the sitting-room, they smiled at one another across the table, and every few moments they would go into the corner where the basket was hidden, and look how beautiful it was.

 ①
- Mamma was sitting by the table, in the evening, reading aloud to papa. Suddenly she heard a very loud knock upon the door. She sprang to her feet. ^②
- "Somebody has hung a May basket for the children," she said. "Elsie, Edith, Mary! Where are you?"
 - But nobody answered, and she went to the door herself to get the May basket. How surprised she was to find her own name upon it! She called to papa, and they went out together in search of the hidden children. [®]

She heard Elsie laugh, and so she found her behind the bush. Mary was hidden behind the great tree, and Edith was under the grape vine at the corner of the house.

How much they laughed! How happy they were! Mamma said it was the most beautiful May basket she had ever seen. The flowers were the very flowers she loved the most, and as for the peppermints, she had been wanting them for a week!

(718 words)

Word bank

garret n. 顶楼; 阁楼 tissue n. 薄纸; 棉纸

trimming n. 装饰品; 整理; 修剪

anemone n. 银莲花; 海葵

peppermint n. 薄荷

vine n. 藤; 蔓



Notes

- 1. They whispered together in the corners of the sitting-room, they smiled at one another across the table, and every few moments they would go into the corner where the basket was hidden, and look how beautiful it was. 他们在客厅的角落里窃窃私语,看着桌子对面的人微笑,并且每几分钟就去藏花篮的角落里,看看它是多么的美丽。every few moments 每(隔)几分钟。
- 2. Mamma was sitting by the table, in the evening, reading aloud to papa. Suddenly she heard a very loud knock upon the door. She sprang to her feet. 晚上,妈妈坐在桌子旁边,大声地读书给爸爸听,突然她听到重重的敲门声,她跳起来跑向门边。spring to one's feet 跳起来。
- 3. She called to papa, and they went out together in search of the hidden children. 她喊起爸爸, 然后一起走出去寻找藏起来的孩子们。in search of 介词短语,寻找。
- 4. The flowers were the very flowers she loved the most, and as for the peppermints, she had been wanting them for a week! 鲜花正是她最喜欢的,至于薄荷,一周以来都是她想要的。as for 至于,对于。