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## 前 言

英语,作为通用国际主要语言已在中国大地广受重视,然而仍有很多同学,尤其是高职高专学生和中学普班学生数年下来,还是不敢开口,写不出地道英语作文,学习兴趣日渐趋淡。有鉴于此,江西财经职业学院应用外语系全体教师在第一课堂之余经过多年的实践,努力践行和探索英语第二课堂长效机制。本书就是该校英语第二课堂主要成果之一。

该书不仅包括语言知识的学习,同时也包括社会文化知识的学习,涉猎话题广泛,关注时代热点,语言地道,篇章层次鲜明,体现了知识性(即让学生真正学有所获)、趣味性(能点燃学生学习兴趣的火种)、实用性(让学生学以致用),聚三种特色于一体的英语学习刊物。

该书编写目的在于拓宽读者的视野,增加读者阅读享受,开发其智力,激发其兴趣,弥补教材之不足,提高读者的跨文化交际,提高人文素养,从而使他们受益匪浅。该书以大、中学生和教师为主要读者对象,让学生和教师在使用中学有所指、读有所获。同时也可作为读者的自学用书。

与相关书籍相比较,该书有如下创新之处:

趣味性强——脑筋急转弯、幽默小故事等激发了学英语的兴趣和动力;

形式新颖——三大模块鲜明,拓宽学生视野,增加阅读享受,开发智力;

点多面广——包含语言知识、社会文化和热门财经英语的学习,应有尽有;

难度适中——适合有一定语言基础的初学者,同时也适合做中学教辅资料;

易于自学——采用中英文对照形式,方便读者阅读。

该书得到了武汉工业学院陈雷老师的大力支持并参与了部分章节的编写和审稿校对工作,同时也得到了省内外同行指点,在此一并致谢!

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## 第一章

### 趣学英语

#### 脑筋急转弯

##### Questions

1. What is smaller than an insect's mouth?
2. Which season is the most dangerous one?
3. What's too much for me, just right for two, but nothing at all for three?
4. On what day of a year do soldiers start wars in history?
5. How many feet are there in a yard?
6. What person tries to make others smile most of the time?
7. From what number can one take half and leave nothing?
8. What has hands but no feet, a face but no eyes, and tells but does not talk?
9. Which month has 28 days?
10. Which horses have six legs?
11. Why don't babies need glasses?
12. What do you drop when you need it and take back when you don't?
13. What's the difference between a monkey and a flea(跳蚤)?
14. What is black when it is clean and white when it is dirty?

15. What five-letter word has six left when you take 2 letters away?
16. What is the center of gravity?
17. What never asks questions but always gets answers?
18. When Columbus discovered America, where did he stand?
19. What is "four feet on four feet waiting for four feet"?
20. When the boy fell into the water, what's the first thing he did?
21. Who isn't your sister and isn't your brother, but is still a child of your mother and father?
22. What has teeth but can't eat?
23. What kind of man can raise things without lifting them?
24. Which candle burns longer: a black one or a white one?
25. Why does a cook wear a high white hat?
26. Can you name five days of the week without saying: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday?
27. What kind of dog never can bite and bark?
28. Why is the letter E so important?
29. Four girls have a basket with four apples in it. How can you divide the apples so that each girl gets a whole apple and one still remains in the basket?
30. Which eight-letter word has one letter in it?
31. Three men were under one umbrella, but none of them got wet. How did they do it?
32. Where does afternoon always come before morning?
33. How much earth can you take from a hole 2 feet long, 2 feet wide and 2 feet deep?
34. What rises in the morning and waves all day?
35. What is pronounced like one letter, written with three letters, and belongs to all animals?
36. Why can you tell clocks are shy?
37. What is easy to get into but hard to get out of?

38. What cannot be seen but only heard, and will not speak unless spoken to?
39. What word can you make shorter by adding two letters to it?
40. What part of a clock is always old?
41. What person does every man take his hat off to?
42. What can you swallow that can also swallow you?
43. Which three letters can frighten a thief away?
44. What appears once in every minute, twice in every moment, but not once in a thousand years?
45. What would you say if you saw a ghost?
46. Which is the left side of a cake?
47. A police saw a truck driver going wrong down a one-way street, but paid no attention to him. Why?
48. Where should the milk be best stored?
49. What is the hardest thing about learning to ride a bicycle?
50. What always has one eye open but can't see?
51. What goes all over the house, but touches nothing?
52. What belongs only to you and yet is used more by others than by yourself?
53. Which letter of the alphabet separates Europe from Africa?
54. Why is a river rich?
55. I have cities but no houses, forests but no trees, rivers but no water; what am I?
56. A man jumped from a plane, but there was nothing wrong with him. Do you know why?
57. What is dark but made by light?
58. Why did John say he didn't know where the sun was?
59. Where does a person stay for the longest time in his life?
60. Why does Tom's mother go to work by plane every day?
61. What man can not live inside a house?
62. What match can't be put in a match box?

63. What is it, which will be tomorrow and was yesterday?
64. What can be measured but has no length, width or thickness?
65. The more you take away, the bigger I become. What am I?
66. What is that which has no legs but a body and a long neck?
67. Which part of London is in Brazil?
68. What is that you ought to keep after you give it to somebody else?
69. When is it correct to say "I is"?
70. What is that which has a mouth, but never speaks; and a bed, but never sleeps in it?
71. What two things can't you have for breakfast?
72. What do not most gardeners like to grow?
73. If a band plays in a thunderstorm, who is most likely to get hit by lightning?
74. If you were to throw a white stone into the Red Sea, what would it become?
75. How many sweets can you put into an empty bag?
76. How can you leave the room with two legs and return with six legs?
77. How could you fall off a twenty-foot ladder and not get hurt?
78. I unwrapped a lump of sugar and put it in my coffee. The sugar didn't get wet. Why?
79. If it takes three and a half minutes to boil one egg, how long does it take to boil four eggs?
80. If three birds are sitting on a fence and you shoot and kill one of them, how many will be left?
81. When is your uncle's sister not your aunt?
82. Mrs. Smith has nine children, and half of them are girls. How can this be true?
83. Where can you never tell the truth?
84. What goes over the fields all day, and sits in the cupboard all night?
85. What walks around all day and lies under the bed at night with its tongue

hanging out?

86. Which can run faster, heat or cold?

87. When will a net hold water?

88. Why is a room full of married couples empty?

89. What table has no legs?

90. What tables grow in the fields?

91. Which American man has had the largest family?

92. A hungry donkey was tied to a rope eight feet long. About thirty feet away there was a basket of fresh carrots. The donkey wanted to eat those carrots. How did he reach them?

93. What can you hold in your left hand, but not in your right hand?

94. Who may marry many a wife and stay single all of his life?

95. Why does a man's hair become grey before his moustaches?

96. Why are people close to their mothers instead of their fathers?

97. Where can you easily put your right hand, but can never put your left hand?

98. What question can never get answer "YES"?

99. What is the beginning of everything, also the end of life?

100. Mary had a big dog, and I had a smaller one. One day, the two dogs raced to see which ran faster. The dogs were soon tired out. Finally, my dog won the 10-mile race. Now which dog had more sweat on its body?

### Answers

1. Anything it eats.

2. Autumn. Because it is also FALL.

3. A secret.

4. March fourth. When a war breaks out, they'll have to march forth.

5. It depends on how many people are standing in it.

6. A photographer.

7. The number 8. Take away the upper half and 0 is left.

8. A clock.
9. Every month has at least 28 days!
10. All horses have forelegs (four legs) in front and two in back, so they all have six legs.
11. Because they like bottles better.
12. An anchor. (锚)
13. A monkey can have fleas, but a flea can't have monkeys.
14. A blackboard.
15. Sixty.
16. The letter V.
17. A doorbell.
18. On his feet.
19. A cat on a chair waiting for a mouse.
20. He got wet first.
21. You yourself are.
22. A comb.
23. A farmer. He can raise pigs, chickens and so on without lifting them.
24. Neither. Because all candles burn shorter.
25. To cover his head.
26. The day before yesterday, yesterday, today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow.
27. A hot dog.
28. Because it's the beginning of everything!
29. Give three girls an apple each, and give the fourth girl her apple in the basket.
30. Envelope.
31. It was not raining.
32. In a dictionary.
33. None. Because it has been taken out already.

34. A flag.
35. Eye.
36. Because they always have their hands in front of their faces.
37. Trouble.
38. An echo.
39. Short.
40. The second hand.
41. A barber.
42. Water.
43. I C U
44. The letter M.
45. I would say nothing and run as fast as possible.
46. The side that isn't eaten.
47. The truck driver was walking there.
48. In a cow.
49. The ground.
50. A needle.
51. A sound or voice.
52. Your name.
53. The letter "C" (sea).
54. Because it has two banks.
55. A map.
56. Because the plane is on the ground.
57. A shadow.
58. Because it was at night.
59. In bed.
60. Because she works in a plane.
61. A snowman.
62. Football match, basketball match, and so on.

63. Today.
64. The temperature.
65. A hole.
66. A bottle.
67. The letter "L".
68. A promise.
69. When we say "I is a pronoun. "
70. A river.
71. Lunch and supper.
72. They don't like to grow their age.
73. Conductors are.
74. It remains a white stone.
75. One sweet. Because a second sweet can't be put into an empty pocket.
76. Fetch a chair somewhere, and you'll understand it.
77. The ladder might be lying on the ground instead of against a wall.
78. You have not had water yet.
79. Three and a half minutes.
80. One—the dead one.
81. When she is my mother.
82. The others are also girls.
83. Anywhere you are lying.
84. Our clothes.
85. Our shoes.
86. Heat. Because everyone can catch cold.
87. When the water is frozen.
88. Because there is not a single man in the room.
89. A timetable or vegetable.
90. Vegetables.
91. George Washington. He was Father of America.



92. The donkey can eat those carrots easily. Because the other end of the rope was not tied to anything.

93. Your right hand. You can hold your right hand in your left hand, but you can not hold your right hand in your right hand.

94. A priest.

95. Because a man's moustaches come up after his hair.

96. Because their father is always farther (father).

97. You can easily put your right hand on your left elbow, but you never put your left hand there.

98. Are you asleep?

99. The letter "E".

100. Neither dog had sweat on its body. Dogs never sweat.

## 英文绕口令

### A

1. A big black bug bit a big black bear, made the big black bear bleed blood.

2. A big black bug bit a big black bear. Where's the big black bear the big black bug bit?

3. A bitter biting bittern bit a better brother bittern, and the bitter better bittern bit the bitter biter back. And the bitter bittern, bitten, by the better bitten bittern, said: "I'm a bitter biter bit, alack!"

4. A bloke's back bike brake block broke.

5. A box of biscuits, a batch of mixed biscuits.

6. A flea and a fly flew up in a flue. Said the flea, "Let us fly!" Said the fly, "Let us flee!" So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

7. A flea and a fly were trapped in a flue, and they tried to flee for their life. The flea said to the fly "Let's flee!" and the fly said to the flea "Let's fly!" Final-