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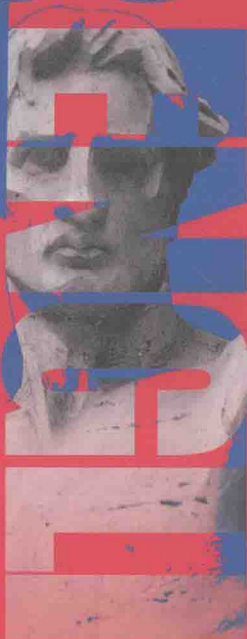
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# 前言

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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## 文化教育

## Passage 1

## Christmas Day

## Unit 1



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Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ on the twenty-fifth of December.

Christmas Day starts in the year which Jesus was born. The letters A. D. with a year mean "Anno Domini" or "in the year of our Lord."

Christmas Day is a very happy day for many boys and girls. Before the term ends in some schools, the children act a "birth" play, showing how Jesus was born in a stable.

Many of the celebrations at Christmas are old customs. Some fathers dress up in a red coat and put on a long white beard. They pretend to be the Father Christmas, or Santa Claus and put presents by the beds of their children.

To most Christmas in Europe and America, Christmas Day finishes the year, although there are still a few days left after it. Shop windows are decorated with Christmas trees some months before December, and notices are put up saying "68 shopping days to Christmas" or "21 shopping days to Christmas". Cotton wool is stuck on to the shop windows to look like snow.

Parents buy presents for their children. Then they have to hide them in the house to stop the chil-





dren from finding out what "Father Christmas" is going to bring them.

On the twenty-fourth of December, all children are very excited. Usually they are sent to bed early so that their parents can get the presents ready. The younger children think that Father Christmas will come down the chimney or fire-place, so they hang up a sock for him to put presents in. The greedy ones even hang up a big bag to try to get more presents. Later that night, Father or Mother will put some presents in the sock and leave others at the side of the bed.

On Christmas morning, the children wake up very early. Some even turn on the light at two o'clock, and most of them are awake by six o'clock although it is not light in England for another hour or two at this time of the year.

Children look for their presents, and the younger ones play while the dinner is prepared. At about one o'clock in the afternoon, the Christmas dinner is brought in. The turkey or chicken is quickly eaten. Children search in their Christmas pudding for new coins, which are hidden in it. The rest of the day is full of games and eating until the happiest of all Christian holidays comes to an end.

### Words

1. lord [lɔ:d] *n.* 君主; 上帝
2. stable ['steibl] *n.* 马厩, 马房
3. celebration [,seli'breiʃn] *n.* 庆祝
4. decorate ['dekəreit] *v.* 装饰
5. pudding ['puɢɪŋ] *n.* 布丁

### Notes

1. Jesus Christ 耶稣基督
2. Anno Domini 公元
3. Santa Claus 圣诞老人
4. stop...from... 阻止
5. hang up 挂起



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6. Christmas pudding 圣诞布丁  
7. Christian holidays 基督教节日

**Reading Comprehension**

1. Christmas is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the birth of Jesus  
B. on 25th, Dec.  
C. a happy day  
D. all the above
2. Who is the real person to give children gifts on 24th Dec. ?  
A. Father Christmas.  
B. Santa Cluse.  
C. Their parents.  
D. Their friends.
3. Which one is not true through the passage?  
A. Christmas is a traditional festival in western countries.  
B. Shops can sale a lot of things during it.  
C. Jesus was born on 25th, Dec.  
D. Father Christmas will come down from chimney.
4. On Christmas Day, \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. children get up early  
B. people will have dinner at home  
C. they will eat turkey  
D. all the above
5. Which one is not the western festival?  
A. Thanksgiving Day.  
B. Valentines' Day.  
C. Spring Festival.  
D. Easter.

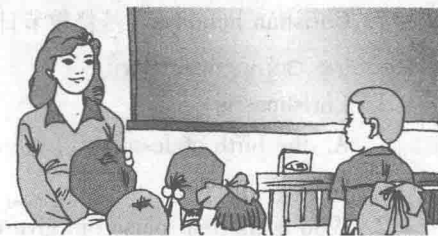
**Passage 2****Education in the United States**

Most Americans start to school at the age of five when they enter kindergarten. Children do not really study at this time. They only attend



for half the day and learn what school is like.

Children attend elementary school for the next six years. They learn to read and write and work with numbers. They also study the world and its people.



After they leave elementary school, children go to junior high school for three years and senior high school for another three years. This is called secondary education. In some places the children go to elementary school for eight years and high school for four. At any rate, elementary and secondary education together takes twelve years to complete, excluding kindergarten.

In their secondary education children get more advanced knowledge and begin to concentrate on their special interests. They usually study further in history, geography, government and English language and literature. They may choose to study foreign languages, advanced mathematics or science, such as physics or chemistry. Students who plan to go on to college or professional training must take some of these courses in order to enter college. Other students who do not intend to go on with school may take classes in computing or typing or other subjects that will help them in the business world. Some senior high schools are vocational. Boys may learn to operate machines or do other work. Girls may learn cooking, sewing or office work.

Public schools are free to all boys and girls, but some parents prefer to send their children to private schools. Some private schools are connected with churches, and children receive religious instruction as well as their regular studies. Other private schools are not religious, but have small classes and very good teachers so that parents think their children will get a better education there than in the larger classes of





the public schools. These private schools do not receive any tax money, so most of them must charge the students several hundred dollars a year to pay for the cost of the school. Boys and girls attend the public schools together, but many private schools are for girls only or for boys only.

Higher education is given in colleges and universities. The average course is four years. Students choose a “major” subject and take many courses in this subject. After four years, they get a bachelor's degree. Then the students may go on to graduate school and with a year or two of further study get a master's degree. After another year or two of study and research, they may get a still higher degree as doctor of philosophy. Higher education trains people to become teachers, nurses, engineers, dentists or do other professional work. Lawyers and doctors must go to school longer than four years.

Most states have universities that do not charge much money to residents of that state because public taxes help pay the cost of the university.

### Words

1. elementary [ˌeli'mentəri] *a.* 基本的;初步的
2. concentrate [ˈkɒnsentrit] *v.* 集中;聚集
3. literature [ˈlɪtərɪtʃə] *n.* 文学
4. professional [prəˈfeʃənəl] *a.* 专业的;职业的
5. vocational [vəʊˈkeɪʃnl] *a.* 业务的;有助于职业的;特别技术训练的
6. religious [rɪˈlɪdʒəs] *a.* 宗教的;虔诚的;细心的
7. philosophy [fɪˈlɒsəfi] *n.* 哲学
8. resident [ˈrezɪdənt] *n.* 居住者;居民

### Notes

1. secondary education 中等教育
2. advanced mathematics 高等数学
3. private school 私立学校





4. bachelor's degree 学士学位

5. master's degree 硕士学位

### Reading Comprehension

1. Secondary and elementary education takes \_\_\_\_\_ to complete, excluding kindergarten.  
A. six years                      B. eight years  
C. a decade                    D. a dozen years
2. At the secondary school American children get more advanced knowledge and begin to concentrate on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. their advanced mathematics or foreign languages  
B. their cooking, sewing or office work  
C. their typing, or operating machines  
D. their individual special interest
3. Some parents prefer to send their children to private schools because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. these schools execute only religious teaching programs  
B. these schools have small classes and outstanding teachers so that their children could get a better education than in public schools  
C. these schools do not receive any tax money  
D. these schools are constituted for girls only or for boys only
4. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?  
A. Higher education is given at colleges or universities.  
B. Lawyers and doctors must go to school longer than four years.  
C. The students go on to graduate school and with a year or two of further study get a doctor's degree.  
D. Students choose a "major" subject and take many courses in this subject.

