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前言

《基础实用英语》(Essential and Practical College English) 是为少数民族地区高校学生编写的大学英语学习教材。在教材的设计和编写上严格按照《大学英语课程教学要求》，并结合少数民族地区学生的实际英语水平，以打好英语基础和提高语言应用能力为最终目的，全力以赴，打造我国富有民族特色的新型大学英语教材。

本套教材在编写过程中，吸取了我国在外语教学中长期积累下来的行之有效的经验和方法，仔细研究和分析了我国少数民族学生在英语学习中经常遇到的问题及教师在教学过程中的困惑，在教材的编写理念和教学模式上不断创新，充分反映了当今外语教育研究的最新成果。

全套教材由《基础实用英语读写教程》(1~4册)和《基础实用英语听说教程》(1~4册)构成，每册设有八个单元，并配有详尽的教师用书和教学课件。教材内容以单元话题为主线，涉及现代技术、道德情感、文化知识、科学教育等多个方面。语言素材真实、地道，选材广泛，文章短小精悍，具有知识性、趣味性和实用性的鲜明特点。

本套教材起点为大学英语预备级和高职高专新生的入学水平。教学安排上，可分四个学期使用，也可以根据各学校的具体教学情况及学生的专业特点自行安排。教学总时数为220学时，每周安排3~4学时。

本套教材由马占祥教授担任总主编，参加编写的院校有：内蒙古师范大学、内蒙古农业大学职业技术学院、内蒙古兴安盟职业技术学院、锡林郭勒职业学院、呼伦贝尔学院、内蒙古大学鄂尔多斯学院、呼和浩特民族学院和集宁师范学院。

各分册主编有鲍瑞、巴达荣贵、纪雪梅、高桂贤、李文冀、田振江、崔振华、苏日嘎拉图和闫晓云。初稿完成后，我们特地组织了一个由国内专家、学者以及教学经验丰富的一线老师组成的专家组对整套书稿进行了系统校阅。此外，在书稿的编写过程中，美籍教师Amy Shane对书稿进行了系统的审阅，并为我们提出了宝贵的意见和建议；中国人民大学出版社的领导和编辑对教材的编写工作给予了悉心指导和帮助，对他们的辛勤劳动，在此一并表示诚挚的谢意！

从整套教材的策划到最终定稿出版，我们始终坚持把好质量关，但在实际编写中难免还会出现纰漏和不妥之处，希望广大师生和专家学者在使用过程中不吝赐教，使之不断充实和完善。

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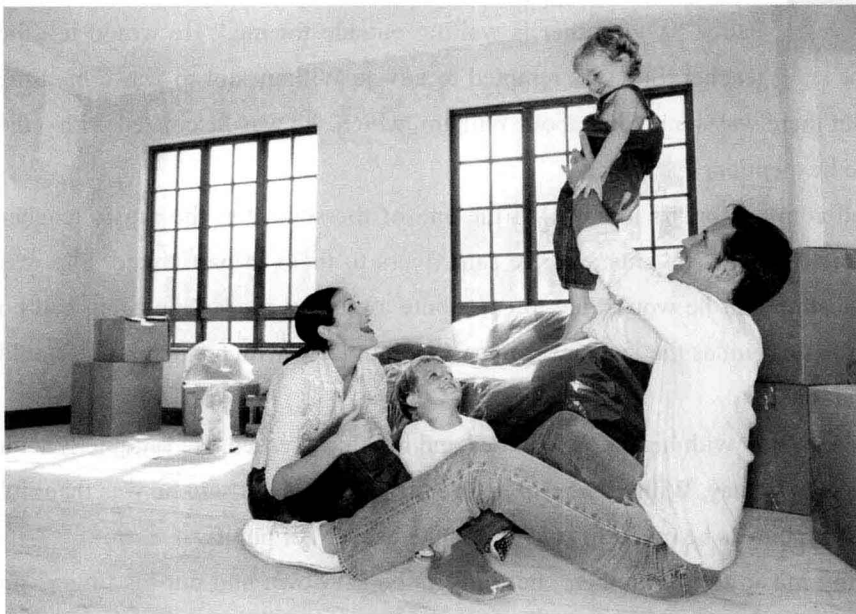
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Unit 1

Beautiful Music for Mother

Getting Ready

Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own. A mother's love is the greatest kind of love in the world and the one that doesn't expect anything in return. However, what would you like to give your mother in return for her love?



Text A

Beautiful Music for Mother



When William, a 10-year-old boy who was somewhat scruffy-looking, enrolled himself to learn the piano, the music teacher was reluctant to accept him. She preferred her students to start their music lessons at a younger age when their fingers are nimble.

"William, why do you want to learn the piano?" the teacher asked. "I want to play for my mother."

She noticed the tears in his eyes as he answered her. She had no heart to turn him down and accepted him as her student. But at each music lesson, William appeared to be in a hurry and play badly. "My mother is waiting outside for me." He would tell the teacher. She was tempted to advise William not to waste his time as he never hit the right tone. But there was something about William, which she was fascinated with—the tender look in his eyes each time he mentioned "mother."

Suddenly, William stopped coming for his lessons. At the end of the semester, the music teacher decided to organize a piano recital for her students and she sent flyers to them to participate. She was surprised to find William's application that he would like to contribute a musical piece. She again had no heart to turn him down. She would put him as the last player in case he stumbled with his notes, she would come forward to remedy the situation.

The day came and William appeared with his hair uncombed and his shirt creased. He sat quietly with his eyes closed. When it was his turn to play, William bowed before the audience and said he was thankful for the music teacher's patience with him as he might not have been the best of her pupils.

"Tonight I am dedicating my music to my mother," he said. As he sat down and put his fingers on the keyboard, the most beautiful sound of music was heard. Everyone later asked why he didn't bring his mother as she would surely be proud to hear him play.

William replied, "My mother was stone deaf and she could never hear me play during her lifetime. Yet she sacrificed her time and money to let me learn the piano. This morning my mother passed away. I am sure she is now happy as she can hear my piano recital. I choose a piece from Beethoven's concerto. As you all know, Beethoven was submerged with deafness at the triumph of his career. The piece released him from darkness and so was my mother." Everyone was electrified to hear what William said and tears welled over

their eyes.

The music teacher proudly exclaimed, "William, not only your mother but we all are proud of you. We are deeply touched by your devotion and your love for your mother," as she embraced him.

New Words and Expressions

scruffy-looking	<i>/ˈskrʌfiˈluːkɪŋ/</i>	<i>adj.</i>	不整洁的, 衣衫不整的
enroll	<i>/ɪnˈrəʊl/</i>	<i>v.</i>	入学, 注册
reluctant	<i>/rɪˈlʌktənt/</i>	<i>adj.</i>	不情愿的, 勉强的
nimble	<i>/ˈnɪmbəl/</i>	<i>adj.</i>	灵活的, 敏捷的
semester	<i>/sɪˈmestə/</i>	<i>n.</i>	学期
recital	<i>/rɪˈsaɪtl/</i>	<i>n.</i>	独奏会, 独唱会
flyer	<i>/ˈflaɪə/</i>	<i>n.</i>	传单
participate	<i>/pɑːˈtɪsɪˌpeɪt/</i>	<i>v.</i>	参加
stumble	<i>/ˈstʌmbəl/</i>	<i>v.</i>	失足; 弄错; 失误; 过失
remedy	<i>/ˈremɪdi, ˈremədi/</i>	<i>v.</i>	纠正, 补救
crease	<i>/kriːs/</i>	<i>vt.</i>	起皱
bow	<i>/baʊ/</i>	<i>v.</i>	鞠躬
audience	<i>/ˈɔːdiəns/</i>	<i>n.</i>	观众, 听众
dedicate	<i>/ˈdedɪˌkeɪt/</i>	<i>vt.</i>	(为表示感情或敬意将著作、乐曲、艺术作品等) 献给 (某人、某事业等) (to)
keyboard	<i>/ˈkiːboːd/</i>	<i>n.</i>	键盘, 琴键
sacrifice	<i>/ˈsækrɪˌfaɪs/</i>	<i>v.</i>	牺牲
concerto	<i>/kənˈtʃɜːtəʊ/</i>	<i>n.</i>	协奏曲
submerge	<i>/səbˈmɛdʒ/</i>	<i>v.</i>	淹没
triumph	<i>/ˈtraɪəmf/</i>	<i>n.</i>	胜利, 巨大的成就
release	<i>/rɪˈliːs/</i>	<i>vt.</i>	释放, 放开
electrify	<i>/ɪˈlektriˌfaɪ/</i>	<i>vt.</i>	使兴奋, 使激动
well	<i>/wel/</i>	<i>vi.</i>	溢出, 泛滥

exclaim	/ik'skleim/	<i>v.</i>	呼喊, 大声说
devotion	/di'vəʊʃən/	<i>n.</i>	奉献; 热爱; 祈祷
embrace	/im'breis/	<i>v.</i>	拥抱
turn down			拒绝, 顶回去
in a hurry			立刻, 迅速地, 急切
be fascinated with			被迷住了
in case			以防, 免得
stone deaf			完全聋的
pass away			去世
well over			溢出, 泛滥

Proper Names

Beethoven	/ˈbeɪtəʊvən/	贝多芬 (1770—1827, 德国作曲家)
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Reading Comprehension

I. Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Why was the music teacher reluctant to accept William?
2. What was the music teacher fascinated with?
3. Why did William stop coming for the music lessons?
4. Would William's mother be proud to hear the music for her? Why?
5. What can we learn from the text?

II. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the text.

- _____ 1. The music teacher didn't prefer her students' fingers too nimble.
- _____ 2. William wanted to learn the piano because his mother wanted him to play.
- _____ 3. The music teacher advised William to stop coming for his lessons.
- _____ 4. The teacher didn't refuse William to contribute a musical piece in the piano recital.
- _____ 5. All the audience and the teacher were moved because of the devotion and love of William for his mother.

Vocabulary Practice

III. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word that begins with the letter given.

1. She knitted a pair of mittens for me with her n_____ fingers.
2. I don't suppose there'll ever be a r_____ for that.
3. He wanted to e_____ his innocence in front of the crowd.
4. Let us not forget to e_____ those whom we love.
5. Men make mistakes; horses s_____.

IV. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the expressions given below.

participate in

in a hurry

in case

turn down

stone deaf

pass away

be fascinated with

dedicate...to

1. The house came to him when his parents _____.
2. They got up late this morning. The mother dressed her baby _____.
3. If you look back into history, you will certainly _____ many quaint customs and cultures.
4. She said nothing _____ her temper slipped out of gear.
5. I think you are under an obligation not to _____ his offer.
6. He's _____. You'll have to shout if you want him to hear you.
7. He _____ his first album _____ Woody Allen.
8. Over half the population of this country _____ sports.

Translation

V. Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

1. She preferred her students to start their music lessons at a younger age when their fingers are nimble.
2. There was something about William, which she was fascinated with—the tender look in his eyes each time he mentioned “mother.”
3. At the end of the semester, the music teacher decided to organize a piano recital for her students and she sent flyers to them to participate.
4. William bowed before the audience and said he was thankful for the music teacher's patience with him as he might not have been the best of her pupils.

5. Everyone was electrified to hear what William said and tears welled over their eyes.

VI. Translate the following sentences into English.

1. 她勉强地微笑着拒绝了邀请。(reluctant)
2. 他抬眼看见一个又小又脏的人正好奇地盯着他看。(scruffy-looking)
3. 看着炉子, 免得咖啡煮沸了。(in case)
4. 她往杯子里倒的牛奶太多, 溢了出来。(well over)
5. 简非常迷恋那个在酒吧里演奏爵士乐的男子。(be fascinated with)

Grammar Practice

VII. Complete the following sentences by deciding on the most appropriate word or words from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.

1. It was in that lab _____ they did the chemical experiment.
A. which B. where C. that D. what
2. When you come tomorrow afternoon, I _____ the painting.
A. will finish B. shall be finished C. will have finished D. have finished
3. Nobody but Tom and Mary _____ the secret.
A. know B. knows C. have known D. is known
4. The medicine has many functions, _____ are unknown to us.
A. some of that B. some of them C. some of which D. some of what
5. Though the horses got off with a good start, it was not long _____ most of them were out of the race.
A. before B. after C. when D. until
6. The doctor recommended that he _____ a rest for a few days.
A. has B. will have C. have D. had
7. He gave up his job _____ for his family and for himself.
A. both B. all C. much D. little
8. Have you heard the news _____ she failed in the English exam again?
A. which B. if C. that D. whether
9. China is larger than _____ in Asia.
A. other country B. all the countries
C. any country D. other countries

10. When _____ about his qualifications for the position, Tom kept silent.
A. being asked B. asked C. asking D. to be asked
11. Knock _____ the door before you enter the room.
A. on B. for C. at D. in
12. The bicycle _____ by Mr. Zhang's brother now.
A. has been repaired B. is being repaired C. is repaired D. has repaired
13. When my son was a child, he _____ ice cream, but he doesn't like it now.
A. used to like B. was liking C. use to like D. used to liking
14. Only after half a year _____ to find the result of my experiment in his lab.
A. I begun B. I had begun C. have I begun D. did I begun
15. People are coming to understand that easy access to _____ is often the key to success in this highly developed society.
A. information B. an information C. the information D. information
16. I prefer to live in the countryside rather than _____ in a city.
A. to live B. live C. living D. lived
17. John had an argument with Tom, _____ was known to all.
A. what B. this C. that D. which
18. _____ frightened me was a loud crash from the next room.
A. How B. What C. That D. Why
19. It's better to avoid _____ downtown during the rush hour.
A. to drive B. having driven C. driving D. to be driving
20. It is no use _____ over the split milk.
A. to cry B. crying C. cry D. cried

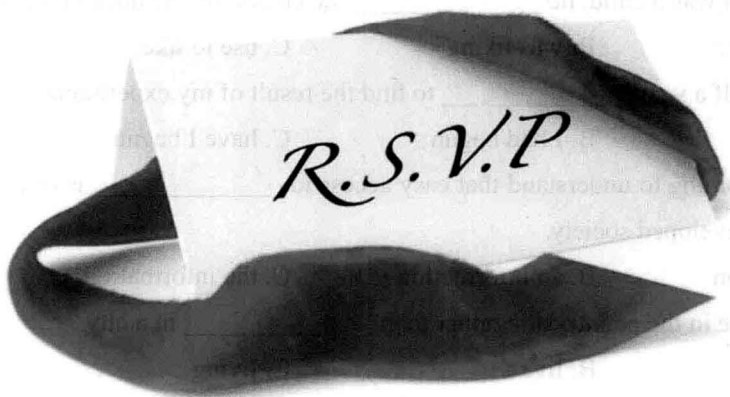
VIII. Fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in the brackets.

1. To see a place with one's own eyes is better than any _____ (describe).
2. Vegetation and wildlife _____ (kill) recently in this region owing to the pollution.
3. He looks quite _____ (health) but, in fact, he suffers from many diseases.
4. With the question _____ (settle), they went home.
5. We are going to Florida as soon as we _____ (finish) taking our final exams.
6. Your luggage is overweight. So an _____ (add) charge should be paid.
7. This shop can meet all your _____ (require).
8. Most students _____ (obtain) 160 credits by the time they graduate.

9. _____ (comparison) with what it was, it has improved greatly.
10. After studying the system carefully, they reached a _____ (conclude).

Writing Practice

Response to a Written Invitation (邀请函的回复)



Responding to an invitation properly demonstrates your good manners, and it is also a mark of respect and consideration for your host.

Be short and be polite. Some points of writing a response for your accepting an invitation are as follows:

1. Say "Thank you" first, and repeat some important contents mentioned in the invitation such as time and date. For example: "I'll be delighted to attend your luncheon next Friday, May the fifth, at twelve o'clock."

2. Give a definite answer if you are available for being there or not. Don't write something like "I'll come if I'm in town."

Sample 1:

Dear Mr. Tom:

Please accept our hearty thanks for your kind invitation to your hoe dinner on Wednesday. Thank you for including us among limited number of your guests. You may be sure we will join you on that day and we are looking forward to the pleasure of being with you.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Hill

Some useful expressions used in a response for accepting an invitation :

We are delighted to accept...

It is with great pleasure...

We are sincerely happy to join you...

Some points of writing a response for your being unable to accept an invitation are as follows:

1. Say "Thank you" first for the invitee's inviting you;
2. Offer the detailed reasons for being unable to accept the invitation, and express your regrets;
3. Express your best wishes to the invitee.

Sample 2:

Dear Mr. Green:

We are very appreciative of your so warmly including us among your selected guests for Wednesday. Most unfortunately, however, we shall be unable to avail ourselves of your kind invitation on account of a previous engagement for the same day. I have ordered the Queen Department Store to deliver you a trifle, which please accept as a humble token of our felicitation on the party.

With best wishes for a very jolly home dinner.

Yours sincerely,
Mary White

Some useful expressions used in a response for being unable to accept an invitation :

I shall have to say "no" to your kind invitation...

Very regretfully...

Unfortunately, it will be impossible...

Because of... we find we cannot...

IX. Write a response letter to the invitation as follows to show you are pleased to accept it.

根据下列邀请函，写出邀请函的回复。回复中表明你很高兴接受其邀请。

Dear Jane,

We have four tickets for a famous film shown at Victory Cinema, *The Longest Day*, Friday, the ninth. Will you join us? We'll be looking for you at eight sharp Friday night in front of the cinema, so don't disappoint us!

Warmest regards,

Alice

Text B

Is Packing Important to You?



A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound *Bible*, with the young man's name embossed in gold.

Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a *Bible*?" He then stormed out of the house, leaving the *Bible*.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family, but realizing his father was very old, he thought perhaps he should go to see him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make the arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still new *Bible*, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the *Bible* and began to turn the pages. As he was reading, a car key dropped from the back of the *Bible*. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words "PAID IN FULL."

How many times do we miss blessings because they are not packaged as we expected? I trust you enjoyed this. Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for. Sometimes we don't realize the good fortune we have or we could have because we expect "the packaging" to be different. What may appear as bad fortune may in fact be the door that is just waiting to be opened.