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阅读在英语学习中起着不可替代的重要作用，阅读量的多少很大程度上决定了英语水平。当今各种英语考试中都包含越来越多的阅读题型。阅读能帮助学生拓展视野，开阔思路，提高对英语学习的兴趣，为取得更高的语言成就铺平道路。培养阅读兴趣与提高阅读能力是中学阶段英语阅读所要实现的目标。

为此，我们特地编写了《初中英语越读越有趣》（七年级、八年级、九年级）。学生通过大量的补充阅读，一方面使得课内语言知识得以不断地重现巩固，另一方面能进一步增长学生的课外知识，提高英语阅读能力，增强学生的应试能力。

本书的编写特色在于：

1. 幽默性。主题选材上注重了广泛性和多样性相结合的原则，内容幽默风趣，轻松时尚，为中学生喜闻乐见。

2. 文化性。涉及东西方多种地域和文化，激发学生的认知能力，培养学生的文化意识。

3. 丰富性。生词快车、精彩表达、疑难点拨等栏目有助学生速记生词，掌握常用句型和词组，理解课文中的难点和重点。

4. 对应性。本书打破版别限制，与新课标接轨。根据不同年级的学生设置了针对性的阅读练习。

愿中学生朋友在英语阅读中快乐成长。书中难免有不足之处，敬请广大师生、读者批评指正，使本书更加完善。

本书编委会

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Unit 1

Doctor who doesn't forget 知恩图报的医生

A

Discuss 讨论

1. What can you see in the picture?
2. Have the woman and the doctor met each other before ?

B

Read 阅读

Doctor who doesn't forget

One day, with a little money to buy lunch, a poor boy decided to ask for a meal. However, when a lovely young woman opened the door, he was very nervous.

He didn't ask for a meal, but a drink of water. She could see he was hungry. Soon she brought him a large glass of milk, "How much do I owe you?" he asked.

"Nothing," she said. "Mother taught me never to accept payment for an act of kindness." As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt his body stronger but also his mind.

Years later, that young woman became very ill. She went to a big city to see the doctors.

Dr Howard Kelly was one of them. When he heard the name of the town she came from, he went down the hall of the hospital to her room. He recognized her at once. He decided to do his best to save her life.



At last, the woman was out of danger. And the bill arrived at her room. She was afraid to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all.

But to her surprise, she read these words:

"Paid in full with one glass of milk.

Dr Howard Kelly."

C

New Words Express 生词快车

nervous	adj.	紧张的
owe	v.	欠
strong	adj.	强壮的
accept	v.	接受; 收下
recognize	v.	认出

D

Useful Expressions 精彩表达

ask for	向……要……
not only...but also	不仅……而且……
a large glass of milk	一大杯牛奶
at once	马上
decide to do sth.	决定去做某事

E

Difficult Issues 疑难点拨

1. He recognized her at once. He decided to do his best to save her life.

recognize 认出或识别某人/某事物; do one's best 尽某人最大的努力做某事

e.g. a. I didn't recognize you without your glasses.

我没有认出没戴眼镜的你。

b. They did their best to help the people in trouble.

他们尽最大的努力帮助困难中的人们。

2. She was afraid to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all.

be afraid to do sth. 害怕、不敢做某事; be afraid of 表达同样的意思, 后面接名词或动词-ing形式。

e.g. If you have a good idea, don't be afraid to speak up.

你要有好主意, 不要害怕说出来。

F

Practical Exercises 实用测试

I. Choose a, b or c.

1. What did the young woman give to the hungry boy?
a. A big meal b. A bottle of water c. a glass of milk
2. When Howard Kelly met the woman again years later, _____.
a. he couldn't remember her name.
b. he couldn't recognize her any more.
c. he had become a skilled doctor.
3. When the bill was sent to the woman, she was afraid to open it because _____.
a. she didn't want to pay for it.
b. she didn't have enough money to pay for it.
c. she was angry with the doctors.
4. Dr. Kelly paid special attention to the case because _____.
a. it was an unusual illness.
b. he wanted to show off his skills.
c. he wanted to thank the woman.
5. At last, _____ paid money for the woman's illness.
a. a poor boy b. Dr. Howard Kelly c. the woman herself

II . True or false.

- () 1. Dr. Kelly was very poor when he was a boy.
- () 2. The young woman gave the hungry boy some money.
- () 3. The woman was afraid to open the bill because she didn't believe she spent so much money.
- () 4. Dr. Kelly saved the woman because he fell in love with her.
- () 5. We can learn from the story—Kindness will be repaid with kindness.

III . Answer the following questions.

1. What did the boy decide to do when he was hungry?

2. What did the woman look like when the boy met her for the first time?

3. Did the boy's mind feel stronger after drinking the milk?

4. Was the woman out of danger in the end?

5. How did the woman feel when she saw the words in the bill?

Unit 2

Keep on trying for success 坚持就会成功

A

Discuss 讨论

1. Do you have sports in your school? Did you join it?
2. How much do you know about basketball?

B

Read 阅读

Keep on trying for success

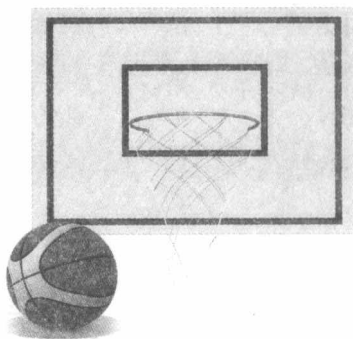
I did not pass the boys' basketball tryouts in seventh grade. Making the team was very important to me, but my name was not on the list.

On the way home, I was both angry and upset. "I can't believe I didn't make the team," I said loudly. "How did Alex make the team? He can't keep up with a turtle! Why is Jimmy a better choice than me? He just stands around flapping his arms!"

"Adam!" My mom said, cutting me off. "Why don't you just stop and think? Maybe you need a little more practice."

Suddenly, I knew she was right. Failing to make the team was nobody's fault but my own. I decided to work hard for the team over the next year.

I practiced hard every day and had lessons every week. When summer came, I took part in lots of basketball camps. Through camp after camp, my abilities grew, and I knew I was ready for tryouts in the



fall.

The day finally came. As everyone crowded around the lists, I played it cool and waited for my chance to read the names. I slowly looked down the list. Not only had I made it on there, but my name was the very first.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

By Adam D.

C

New Words Express 生词快车

tryout	<i>n.</i>	预选赛
upset	<i>adj.</i>	心烦的
flap	<i>v.</i>	拍打
choice	<i>n.</i>	选择
fault	<i>n.</i>	错误
ability	<i>n.</i>	能力
succeed	<i>v.</i>	成功

D

Useful Expressions 精彩表达

on the list	在名单上	cut off	打断
take part in	参加	be ready for	为……做准备
not only...but(also)	不仅……而且		

E

Difficult Issues 疑难点拨

1. How did Alex make the team? He can't keep up with a turtle!
keep up with 跟上, 赶上

e.g. The little boy can't keep up with us when we climb the mountains.

我们爬山的时候，这个男孩不能跟上我们。

2. As everyone crowded around the lists, I played it cool and waited for my chance to read the names.

crowd around 聚在……周围

e.g. People crowded around the famous painting.

人们都聚在名画周围。

F

Practical Exercises 实用测试

I. Choose a, b or c.

1. The writer didn't pass the boy's basketball tryouts in _____.
a. Grade Six b. Grade Eight c. Grade Seven
2. What can we learn about Jimmy and Alex from Paragraph 2?
a. They had a fight with the writer.
b. They were both in the basketball team.
c. The writer thought they were good at basketball.
3. What does the phrase "cut...off" in Paragraph 3 mean?
a. 打断 b. 扔下 c. 剥夺
4. Who let the writer stop complaining and think more?
a. Alex
b. the writer's mom
c. the writer himself
5. What's the main idea of the story?
a. We shouldn't get upset and angry about small things.
b. We shouldn't change our goals whatever other people say.
c. We should keep trying even if we are not successful at first.

II. True or false.

- () 1. The writer didn't make the team when he was in Grade 7.

- () 2. The writer's father asked him to think hard about his own problems.
- () 3. The writer realized his mistake.
- () 4. The writer took part in lots of basketball camps over winter.
- () 5. The writer's name was the first on the list and he finally made the team.

III . Answer the following questions.

1. What did the writer want to pass when he was in Grade Seven?

2. How did the writer feel on his way home after hearing the result?

3. What did the writer think of his mother's words?

4. Did the writer lose heart for making the team over the next year?

5. Was the writer successful in making the team at last?

Unit 3

Clever way to find the truth

探寻真相的巧妙方法

A

Discuss 讨论

1. Where is the boy in the picture?
2. Who do you think he is calling?

B

Read 阅读

Clever way to find the truth

A boy in his early teens dialed a number and started to speak with his hand partially over the phone. He wanted to change the tone of his voice. While all this was happening, a man, who was working nearby, observed and listened with great interest to the conversation that followed:



"Lady, can you give me a job cutting your lawn?"

"I already have someone to cut my lawn," answered the woman at the other end of the phone.

"Lady, I will cut your lawn for half the price of the person who cuts your lawn now."

"I'm very satisfied with the person who is cutting my lawn."

"Lady, I'll even sweep the floor and the stairs of your house for free," the boy insisted.

"No, thank you."

With a smile on his face, the young boy thanked the lady and hung up the phone. The man then walked over to the boy and said: "Son, I like your attitude. I'd like to offer you a job."

"No, thanks." Said the boy.

"But you're looking for a job, aren't you?"

"No, sir," answered the boy. "I was just checking on my performance at the job I already have. I am the one who cuts that lady's lawn!"

C

New Words Express 生词快车

dial	<i>v.</i>	拨号
partially	<i>adv.</i>	部分地
tone	<i>n.</i>	语气
observe	<i>v.</i>	观察; 注意到
lawn	<i>n.</i>	草坪
insist	<i>v.</i>	坚持
attitude	<i>n.</i>	态度
performance	<i>n.</i>	表现

D

Useful Expressions 精彩表达

in one's teens	在某人十几岁的时候
with great interest	带着浓厚的兴趣
at the other end of the phone	在电话的另一边
walk over to	走到……
offer sb. a job	给某人提供一份工作
look for	寻找

E**Difficult Issues 疑难点拨**

1. I'm very satisfied with the person who is cutting my lawn.
be satisfied with 对……感到满意。
e.g. I'm sure you will be satisfied with our work.
我保证你对我们的工作很满意。
2. Lady, I'll even sweep the floor and the stairs of your house for free.
for free 免费
e.g. You can get it for free.
你可以免费得到它。

F**Practical Exercises 实用测试****I. Choose a, b or c.**

1. The boy changed his tone on the phone because _____.
a. he was afraid that the man would laugh at him.
b. he didn't want the woman on the other side to know who he was.
c. he didn't want others to hear what he said.
2. From the conversation, the man thought _____.
a. the boy was trying to look for a job.
b. the boy was not good at cutting lawns.
c. the woman didn't have a worker at all.
3. At last, the woman didn't agree with the boy because _____.
a. she hated what the boy said to her.
b. she didn't have any money.
c. she was satisfied with the person who was cutting her lawn.
4. Which of the following words best describes the boy?
a. lazy b. careless c. funny