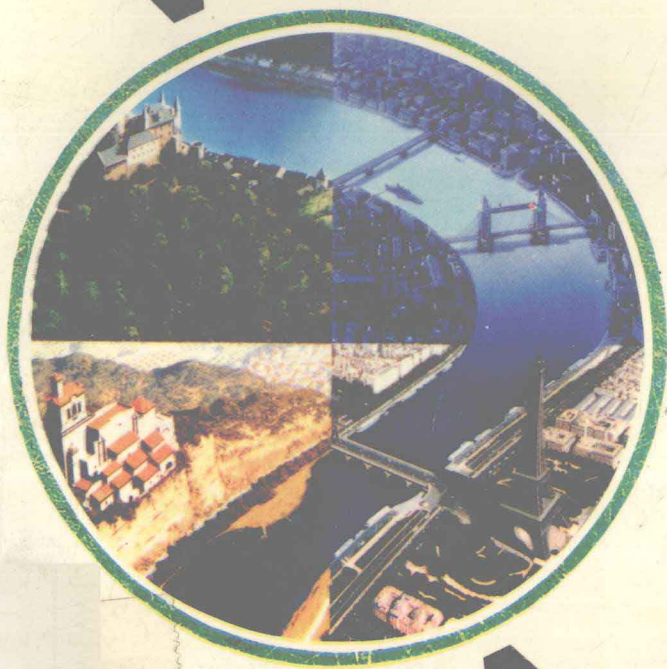


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前 言

“美国之音”标准新闻是高校英语专业高年级听力教学中的一项重要内容。根据国家教委颁发的《高等学校英语专业高年级教学大纲》的精神、目标和要求,我们特编写了这本《美国之音标准英语新闻听力教程(第二辑)》,奉献给广大读者,以满足大家的需要。

本书在练习和题型的设计上,依据《大纲》的要求,尽量采用客观性题型:多项选择、正误判断和简单填充;与此同时,还设计了部分主观性题型:回答问题和摘写提要等,以培养学生综合归纳能力和分析推理能力。这样,既注意到了练习题型的灵活多样性,也避免了同类型题的单调性。在选材方面,为了增强语言的真实感,我们特意增加了几位国家元首的原声讲话和 VOA 驻各地记者发回的报道。

为帮助学生更好地听懂每条新闻,进一步扩大知识面,减少听的难度,我们在多数新闻前增加了一定份量的背景知识,供读者参阅。另外,还对一些生词作了英汉注释,以便于读者查阅。

本教材由三部分组成:WORKBOOK, KEY TO EXERCISES 和 TAPESCRIPT。

本书中的新闻选自 1994 年 1 月至 1994 年 10 月期间 VOA 播放的标准新闻节目。本书配有录音带一盒。录音带音质清晰,语音标准。

本教材供高等学校英语专业三、四年级学生使用,同时也适合于同等水平的自学者使用,用以提高英语听力水平。

由于编者水平有限,加之背景知识资料缺乏,书中定有缺点和错误,恳请广大同仁、专家和读者指正。

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I . WORKBOOK

News Item 1

Words and Expressions

- ✓ 1. hail [heil] vt. give a welcoming cry to 欢迎
- 2. passage ['pæsidʒ] n. passing 通过
- 3. North American Free Trade Agreement: 北美自由贸易协定
- 4. defining [di'fainiŋ] adj. decisive 决定性的
- 5. NAFTA ['na:ftə] = North American Free Trade Agreement
- 6. reassert [ri'ʌsə:rt] vt. make a claim again to 再次要求
- 7. eliminate [i'limineit] vt. remove; take away 除去
- 8. tariff ['tærif] n. tax on a particular class of imported goods 进口税; 关税
- 9. administration [əd'minis'treɪʃən] n. (esp US) part of the Government which manages public affairs 中央政府的行政部门; 中央政府; 内阁
the Clinton Administration 克林顿政府
the Reagan Administration 里根政府
- 10. provision [prə'viʒən] n. condition in a legal document (法律文件中的) 条款
- 11. honor ['ɒnər] vt. accept and carry out 接受并执行
- 12. pact ['pækt] n. agreement, accord 协定

13. spark [spa:rk] vt. lead to 导致
14. economic revival: 经济复苏
15. trade barriers: 贸易壁垒
16. signify ['signifai] vt. mean 表示
17. a positive outward-looking US attitude 美国面向世界的积极态度

Cultural Notes

William B. Clinton 克林顿

William B. Clinton, at the age of 46, was the youngest to be elected President of the United States since John F. Kennedy, who was elected president at the age of 43 in 1960. At the time of his election victory in 1992, he has already served for nearly 12 years as governor of Arkansas, his native state. With his rise to the presidency, he was the first generation born after World War II, the so-called baby booming boomers, to achieve the country's highest office.

Exercise A Focusing on Details. Fill in the missing information.

1. President Clinton has _____ passage of the _____
_____ in the US House of Representatives.
2. President Clinton called the vote a _____ in the US history.
3. NAFTA is intended to eliminate _____ among the United States, Canada and Mexico.
4. NAFTA passed the US House of Representatives _____

- _____ by a vote _____ to _____.
5. The vote has _____ from Mexico and Canada.
 6. President Carlos Salina de Gortary says US _____ rejected _____ in _____ NAFTA.
 7. Canada's Trade Minister says NAFTA's _____ signifies a positive _____ US attitude.

Exercise B Complete Mr. Clinton's speech with the exact words from the tape.

By eliminating Mexico's _____ and restrictive _____, we will be able to _____ more cars, more computers and other products and _____ more American workers on the _____ here at home. NAFTA will _____ environmental and labor standards in Mexico. And I want to ask tonight _____ and _____ to work together with our _____ to ensure that the labor and environmental _____ of NAFTA are _____. We must make sure that this _____ works to America's _____. NAFTA is a big step, but just the first step in our _____ to _____ and _____ an economic _____ here and around the world.

News Item 2

Words and Expressions

1. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum 亚洲及太平洋地区经济合作会议

2. Secretary of State: (US) 国务卿
3. host [həʊst] vt. chair 主持
4. APEC ['eɪpek] n. Asia-Pacific Economic Conference
5. economies [i'kɒnəmɪz] n. (fig) countries within the APEC 指亚太地区经济合作会议的会员国
6. dramatic [drə'mætɪk] adj. sudden and exciting, like an event in a stage play 象舞台剧一样紧张而刺激的
7. deadline ['dedlɪn] n. fixed limit of time for finishing a piece of work 截止日期
8. contentious [kən'tenʃəs] adj. likely to cause dispute 可能引起争论的
9. Uruguay Round of negotiations: 乌拉圭回合谈判
10. protectionism [prə'tekʃənɪzəm] n. system of giving protection to home industry 保护国内工业的制度; 保护贸易主义
11. a global commitment to freer trade: 对贸易的进一步自由化而做出的全球性承诺

Cultural Notes

1. Seattle 西雅图

The port city of Seattle is the largest city and industrial center in the Pacific Northwest, with a population of about 600,000 and located in West-Central Washington. Ranking fifth in tonnage among the United States Pacific coast ports, Seattle is the closest port to the markets in Alaska and the Orient and serves as the trading center for the region.

As an industrial center, Seattle has large aircraft and ship

building plants, lumber and wood-working mills, and factories making aluminum, iron and steel products. The huge Boeing airplane plant employs over one-third of Seattle's industrial workers.

2. APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) 亚太经济合作组织

APEC was founded in Singapore in 1989 with 17 member countries and regions including Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, the United States, and Papua New Guinea. The organization aims to establish the Asia-Pacific Free Trade Area. APEC has been playing the leading role in the Asia-Pacific region.

Exercise A *Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the tape.*

1. When was the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum held?

_____.

2. Where was the meeting held?

_____.

3. What is Warren Christopher's attitude towards the North American Free Trade Agreement?

_____.

4. How many member countries are there in this economic organization?

5. What must the congressional vote to reject protectionism now be followed by according to the American Secretary of State?

Exercise B Write down the three defining economic events which are to occur in the coming 30 days.

1. The first is _____.
2. The second is _____.
3. The third is _____.

News Item 3

Words and Expressions

1. unprecedented [ʌn'presidentid] adj. without precedent; never done or known before 史无前例的; 空前的
2. in an informal setting: 在非正式场合
3. security [si'kjʊərəti] n. safety 安全
4. Cambodia [kæm'bəʊdiə] n. 柬埔寨
5. Haiti ['heiti] n. 海地
6. UN Security Council: 联合国安全理事会
7. communique [kə'mju:nikei] n. official announcement, eg. as issued to the press 公报
the three joint communique 中美签署的三个联合公报
8. bedrock ['bedrɒk] n. foundation; footing; ground 基础
9. reaffirm [riə'fə:rm] vt. affirm again; repeat 重申

10. one-China policy: 一个中国的政策
11. preserve [pri'zə:v] vt. keep safe from being attacked or damaged 维护; 保护
12. the Korean Peninsula: 朝鲜半岛
13. concrete ['kɒkri:t] adj. definite; positive 明确的; 确定的; 正面的

Exercise A Listen to News Item 3 and decide whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write a T in front of the statement if it is true according to the recording and write an F if it is false.

1. () Secretary of State Warren Christopher will host an important Asia-Pacific Foreign Ministers' meeting.
2. () The Asia-Pacific Economic Meeting is held in a private way.
3. () The meeting is being held in the American capital of Washington D. C. .
4. () U. S. President Clinton said that his administration wants to isolate the world's most populous country, China.
5. () President Jiang Zemin attended the meeting.

Exercise B Complete U. S. President Bill Clinton's speech delivered in Seattle with the exact words from the tape.

We agreed on the need to work _____ our relationship. We know that _____
 _____ not only our own people but all the people in the world.

When we (the United States and China) work together, we are a powerful force _____. As _____ members of the UN Security Council, we have worked side by side on many things including _____. In our meeting, I reaffirmed the United States _____ for the three _____ as the bedrock of one-China policy. We agreed on the need to _____ the peace and _____ of the Korean Peninsula and work together to _____ that North Korea _____ the world's concerns _____. We also discussed very _____. I emphasized to President Jian the need for _____ on aspects of China-policy and practice that are _____ of the American people.

News Item 4

Words and Expressions

1. on-site probe: 现场侦察
2. alleged [ə'ledʒd] adj. put forward as a reason or excuse in support of a claim or in denial of a charge; declared 提出的; 宣称的
3. refugee [refju'dʒi:] n. person who has been forced to flee from danger, eg from floods, war, political persecution 避难者; 难民
4. Iraqi [i'a:ki] adj. of Iraq 伊拉克的
5. marshland ['ma:ʃlənd] n. low-lying, wet land 沼泽