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前 言

词汇,历来是专四考试的基础。词汇记忆,历来是专四学习中学生最头痛的环节。如何轻松、有效地记忆词汇、掌握词汇,平时复习不再枯燥、考场之上应用自如,几乎成为每个专四考生必须考虑的问题。

人类的祖先发明的语言是人类交流和传递知识的工具,不是光用来考试的。换句话说,以考试为目的的英语学习很难学好英语。事实证明,一个善于使用英语的人,应付各种考试的能力自然也要强得多。在我们这样一个汉语占绝对主导地位的语言环境里,要想学好英语,最简便易行而又经济实用的一个方法就是阅读。阅读可以提高多方面的素养,提高听、说、读、写、译等多方面的能力,可以学习多方面的知识,可以非常有效地复习、巩固所学语言知识点。阅读在给人们带来快感的同时,从根本上提高了读者的语言感受力。

《英语专业四级读故事记单词》便是让你结合优美、睿智的语境识记单词的一本好书!本书具有以下特点:

1. 突破了同类教材在题材和体裁方面的狭隘性。本书由寓言故事、成语故事、幽默故事、人物先锋、智慧人生、民间故事六大板块组成,极具思想性、趣味性、知识性、挑战性和时代性,内容全面丰富,是培养阅读技巧、增进语言修养的上佳之作。

2. 选材新颖广泛。本书所选文段均与生活息息相关,使读者在洞悉世界最新动态、人情世俗的同时,体验学习英语的价值所在。

3. 文章英汉对照。全书均采用中英文对照的方式,帮助读者完整地理解和掌握每一个故事的意思。

4. 词汇注解详尽。本书对每一篇选文中的“真题词汇”进行了详细的解释说明,列出相关词组,并对其在不同语境中的用法进行了明确辨析。

在故事语境中记单词,可以全面提升语言运用能力。专四考试注重考查学生在语境中综合运用词汇的能力,学生通过阅读故事的上下文熟悉并记忆单词,印象会更加深刻,更适于模仿,更能在实战中运用自如。

《英语专业四级读故事记单词》同时也适合社会上各类英语爱好者阅读,书中文章短小精悍、滴水藏海,将许多人生哲理以最简单、最质朴的方式呈现给读者,寓情于理、催人上进,给人以美的享受。翻开这本书,就如同交上一位良师益友。它可以改变你人生的坐标,奏响生命的乐章;它能让你变得睿智、豁达、优雅、美丽;它虽不能改变你人生的起点,但可以改变你人生的终点。书中涵盖了专四考试中最基本的英语单词,为您打开词汇记忆与报刊理解珠联璧合的神奇之门。相信通过本书的学习,你的英语水平会有质的飞跃,相信英语词汇不再成为阻碍你进步的绊脚石!

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寓言故事

第一部分

Passage 1

The Sweetest Melody

最动听的歌

There was once a lonely girl who longed so much for love. One day while she was walking in the woods she found two starving birds. She took them home and put them in a small cage. She cared them with love and the birds grew strong. Every morning they greeted her with a wonderful song. The girl felt great love for the birds.

One day the girl left the door to the cage open. The larger and stronger of the two birds flew from the cage. The girl was so frightened that he would fly away. As he flew close, she grasped him wildly. Her heart felt glad at her success in capturing him. Suddenly she felt the bird go limp. She opened her hand and stared in horror at the dead bird. Her desperate love had killed him.

She noticed the other bird moving back and forth on the edge of the cage. She could feel his great need for freedom. He needed to soar into the clear, blue sky. She lifted him from the cage and tossed him softly into the air. The bird circled once, twice, three times...

The girl watched delightedly at the bird's enjoyment. Her heart was no longer concerned with her loss. She wanted the bird to be happy. Suddenly the bird flew closer and landed softly on her shoulder. It sang the sweetest melody that she had ever heard.

从前,有个孤单的女孩十分期待爱。有一天,在丛林里散步的时候,她发现了两只饿得奄奄一息的小鸟。女孩儿把它们带回了家,放在了一个小笼子里。小女孩倾注了很很多的爱照料它们,鸟儿一天天地好起来。每天清晨,鸟儿们都会用美妙的歌声问候小女孩。女孩情不自禁地爱上了这两只鸟儿。

一天,小女孩打开了鸟笼。那只较大的鸟儿便飞了出来。女孩儿十分担心鸟儿会飞走。当鸟儿飞过来时,小女孩便紧紧地把它抓在手中。捉到鸟儿后,女孩感到非常高兴。突然间,她觉得手中的鸟儿渐渐没了气力。她赶紧松开紧握的双手,并惊恐地看着已死去的鸟儿。女孩意识到是自己不顾一切的爱害死了它。

刚好在这时,另一只鸟儿在笼子里正用力地扇着翅膀。女孩深切地体会到它对自由的无限向往——它希望在蓝蓝的天空中自由飞翔。女孩把鸟儿从笼中拿了出来,并用双手将鸟儿托起,轻轻地抛向空中。鸟儿在空中盘旋着,一圈,两圈,三圈……

女孩看着鸟儿快乐的样子感到高兴极了。她已经没有时间去在意失去的东西,只是祝愿鸟儿能够幸福。突然间,鸟儿飞了过来,轻轻地落在她的肩上。鸟儿唱起了女孩所听过的最动听的歌。

真题词汇

lonely ['lɒnli] *adj.* ① 孤独的, 寂寞的 ② 荒凉的, 人迹稀少的

【辨析】lonely, alone

lonely 表示“孤单的”、“孤寂的”, 但更强调渴望陪伴的孤独感受。如: A lonely young sailor felt sorry for himself because his girlfriend no longer loved him. 孤独的青年海员由于女友不再爱他而非常伤心。

alone 表示“单独的”, 强调客观上没有同伴的孤单事实, 也可指与他人隔离的情感上的孤独。如: This is something that I can't decide alone; I'll consult with my wife about it. 这不是我自己能决定的事情, 我要和妻子商量一下。

wonderful ['wʌndəfʊl] *adj.* ① 极好的 ② 惊人的, 奇妙的

open ['əʊpən] *adj.* ① 开着的, 开放的, 公开的 ② 坦率的, 无偏见的 ③ 开旷的, 开阔的 ④ 开始营业(或工作)的, 活动着的 ⑤(职位等)空缺的, 可利用的 ⑥尚未决定的, 悬而未决的

|| *vt.* ① 开, 打开, 张开 ② 开始, 开设, 开办 || *vi.* ① 开, 打开, 展开 ② 开始, 开门, 开放

【词组】in the open 1. 在露天, 在户外, 在野外 2. (意见, 秘密等)公开的(地); open up 1. 打开, 张开, 开放 2. 开发, 开辟

desperate ['despəreɪt] *adj.* 绝望的, 不顾一切的, 拼命的, 铤而走险的, 危急的, 极其严重的

【同义】hopeless, dangerous, extremely serious, despairing, hopeless

【派生】desperately *adv.* 迫切地; 危急地(同)urgently, seriously, severely

【同根词】prosperous *adj.* 繁荣的; exasperate *v.* 激怒

【助记】de(没有) + sper(希望) + ate → 绝望

Passage 2

The Hare with Many Friends

拥有朋友的兔子

A hare was very popular with the other beasts who all claimed to be her friends. But one day she heard that the hounds were approaching and hoped to escape them by the aid of her many friends.

So she went to the horse and asked him to carry her away from the hounds on his back. But he declined. He said that he had important work to do for his master. "I felt sure," he said, "that all our other friends would come to help you."

She then applied to the bull, and hoped that he would drive the hounds away with his horns. The bull replied, "I am very sorry, but I have an appointment with a lady. I feel sure that our friend, the goat, will do what you want."

However, when she went to the goat, he said he feared that his back might do her some harm if he took her upon it. The goat suggested that the deer might give her the aid. "The deer, I feel, I feel sure, will be the proper friend to apply to," he said.

So she went to the deer and told him the case. The deer replied, "another time, my dear friend. I do not like to interfere on the present occasion, as hounds have been known to eat deer as well as hares."

The hare then applied, as a last hope, to the calf, who regretted that he was unable to help her, as he did not like to take the responsibility upon himself, as so many older persons than himself had declined the task.

By this time the hounds were quite near. The hare said to herself, "he that has many

兔子在其他动物中很受欢迎,他们都声称自己是兔子的朋友。然而,有一天,兔子得知猎狗们在逼近,她寄望于靠着众多朋友的帮助而逃脱猎狗的追捕。

于是,她跑到马面前,请求他将自己驮在背上逃离猎狗。可是,马婉言拒绝了她的请求。他说自己要替主人做更重要的事情。“我确信,”他说,“我们其他的朋友都会帮助你。”

她又去恳求公牛,期待他能用自己的牛角将猎狗赶走。公牛回答道:“十分抱歉,我与一位女士有个约会。我敢确定咱们的朋友——山羊——可以达成你的愿望。”

可是,当她求助于山羊时,山羊说假如驮上兔子,他担心自己的背会伤害她。他建议鹿或许会提供帮助。“我敢保证,鹿是你最合适的请求对象。”他说。

于是,她去找鹿,并向他诉说了自己的情况。鹿回答说:“朋友,下次吧。因为猎狗不仅吃兔子,连鹿也不放过,我不想混入目前的局势。”

随后,兔子抱着最后一线希望去求小牛。小牛满怀愧疚地说自己无法帮忙,因为,既然众多比自己年长的朋友都推辞了这一任务,自己也不愿将责任揽到自己身上。

这时,猎狗的距离已经更近了。兔子自言自语地说:“朋友太多的人,反而没有朋

friends, has no friends.” Then she took to her heels and luckily escaped. 友。”然后拔腿就跑,并幸运地逃脱危险。

真题词汇

carry [ˈkæəri] *v.* 传送,运送,带有,支持,赞同

【词组】be carried away 失去自制力; carry on 经营,管理,继续下去; carry out 实现,执行; carry through 维持,使渡过难关; carry a torch for sb. 爱上某人,单恋,单相思; carrying amount 账面金额,债券账面值

【听力短语】carry away (to excite) 激动,感动: 1. Don't be carried away by his praise, he is not very sincere when saying this. 别被他的赞美冲昏了头,他说这话的时候不是非常诚恳。2. Amy got extremely involved in the movie and was carried away by its plot. 艾米看这部电影的时候非常投入,被影片的情节打动了。



① From the military point of view, in order to carry the War of Liberation to a victorious conclusion, Mao analyzed the methods used by the PLA.

② From the military point of view, Mao analyzed the methods that the PLA had been using and that would enable it to carry the War of Liberation to a victorious conclusion.

③ [原句动词不定式的主语应该是“the PLA”,而主语却是“Mao”,为使句子更合乎逻辑,将短语“to carry the War of Liberation to a victorious conclusion”置于句后。]

responsibility [rɪˈspɒnsəˈbɪlɪtɪ] *n.* 责任

【阅读理解】This is true because boys and girls are being prepared, even in play, to step into the roles and responsibilities of the adult world. 这种情形一点不假,因为即使是玩耍,男孩女孩们也会秉承成人世界的角色和责任。



① Successful handling of the two above-noted problems [relating to the minority nationalities] is a responsibility that rests largely with the State organs and government departments concerned.

② The responsibility for handling these two problems rests largely with State organs and government departments.

③ [“Concerned”多余。]

④ He stressed that all State Council departments have an important responsibility in the struggle [against corruption] and said they are in a very important position.

⑤ He stressed that all State Council departments have an important responsibility in the struggle.

⑥ [“they are in a very important position”与“departments have an important responsibility”重复,因此删除。]

Passage 3

Flower in the Desert

盛开在沙漠中的小花

There was a young flower in the desert where all was dry and sad looking... It was growing by itself... enjoying every day... and saying to the sun, "when shall I be grown up?"

And the sun would say, "be patient— Each time I touch you, you grow a little..." And she was so pleased. Because she would have a chance to bring beauty to this corner of sand... And this is all she wanted to do— bring a little bits of beauty to this world.

One day the hunter came by—and stepped on her.— She was going to die—and she felt so sad. Not because she was dying—but because she would not have a chance to bring a little bit of beauty to this corner of the desert.

The great spirit saw her, and was listening.— Indeed, he said... She should be living... And he reached down and touched her—and gave her life.

And she grew up to be a beautiful flower... and this corner of the desert became so beautiful because of her.

在一个周围充满着干燥与衰落景象的沙漠中,有一朵小花正绽放着……她孤单地生长着……快乐地过着每一天……她对太阳说:“我什么时候才能长大呀?”

太阳回答说:“不要着急——我的光芒每接触你一次,你就会长大一点儿……”小花听了非常高兴。因为她有机会为这片沙漠增添一处绚丽的景色了……这就是她梦寐以求的——为这个世界带来一点儿美丽。

一天,一个猎人经过这里——并从她身上踏了过去。——她即将死了——她感到十分悲伤。她悲伤的原因,并不是因为她将要死去,而是因为她再也没有机会为这片沙漠增添一处绚丽的景色了。

一个伟大的精灵看到了她,并听到了她的哭诉。——事实上,他说……她应该活下去……于是,他来到沙漠上抚摸着她,并赋予了她生命。

后来,她终于长大成了一朵美丽的花儿……这片沙漠也因她的存在而变得格外美丽。

真题词汇

flower ['flaʊə] *n.* 花 || *vi.* ① 开花 ② 发育,成熟,繁荣

desert ['dezət] *n.* 沙漠,不毛之地

itself [ɪt'self] *pron.* ① [反身代词]它自己,它本身 ② 自身,本身

【词组】by itself 自动地,独自地;in itself 本质上,就其本身而言

patient ['peɪʃənt] *adj.* 忍耐的,有耐心的 || *n.* 病人

【助记】-ent(后缀)表示“人”→ patient 患者

touch [tʌtʃ] *vt.* ① 触摸,碰到 ② 触动,感动 ③ 接触,涉及 || *vi.* 触摸,接触 || *n.* ① 接触,碰到 ② 触觉 ③ (完工前的)细小变动,润色 ④ 少许,一点

【词组】in touch (with) 联系, 接触; out of touch (with) 不联系, 不接触; touch down 降落, 着陆; touch off 使爆炸, 触发; touch on/upon 谈到, 论及; touch up 润色, 改进

because [bi'kɔ:z] conj. 因为

【词组】because of 由于, 因为

【辨析】because, as, for, since

because 指“因为”, 唯一能用于回答以“why”开头的问句, 此外还可用于引导复合句中的原因状语从句。如: He must have passed this way, because there is no other road. 想必他是从这条路过去的, 因为除此以外别无它路。

as 指“由于”、“既然”, 语气较弱, 常用来表示一些显而易见或对方都知道的原因。如: It's very difficult for us to know what to do as we are not his parents. 由于我们并非他的父母, 我们很难知道究竟该做什么。

for 指“因为”, 在同一个复合句中, for 引导的状语从句不可置于主句之前。如: This did not offend me in the least, for I knew that a man in his position could have little time to spare. 这丝毫没让我觉得恼怒, 因为我知道处在他的位置上的人的确抽不出什么时间。

since 指“既然”、“鉴于……的事实”, 语气较弱, 表示的理由或原因较为明显或谈话双方都有所了解。如: Since you say you have considered over it, it must be left to Harry to decide. 既然你说你已经考虑过了, 那么这事就得留给哈里定夺。



⑫ This resulted from our lack of vigilance against attack and also from lack of cadres and battle-seasoned troops.

⑬ This was partly because we were not sufficiently vigilant (or: on guard) against attack, and partly because we did not have enough cadres and battle-seasoned troops.

⑭ [名词过多, 用“because”替代“this resulted from”, 这样就可以将第一个“lack”改为短语“were not vigilant”。]

Passage 4

The Two Friends

好 友

Two friends, in Monomotapa, had all their interests combined. Their friendship, faithful and refined, our country can't exceed, do what it may. One night, when potent sleep had laid all still within our planet's shade, one of the two gets up alarmed, runs over to the other's palace, and hastily the servants rallies. His startled friend, quick armed, with purse and sword his comrade meets, and thus right kindly greets; "you seldom came at such an hour; I take you for a man of sounder mind than to abuse the time for sleep designed. Have lost your purse, by Fortune's power? Here is mine. Have suffered insult, or a blow, I have here my sword—to avenge it let us go."

"No," said his friend, "no need I feel of either silver, gold, or steel; I thank you for your friendly zeal. In sleep I saw you rather sad, and thought the truth might be as bad. Unable to endure the fear, that cursed dream has brought me here."

Which think you, reader, loved the most! If doubtful this, one truth may be proposed: there's nothing sweeter than a real friend; not only is he prompt to lend—an angler delicate, he fishes the very deepest of your wishes, and spares your modesty the task his friendly aid to ask. A dream, a shadow, wakes his fear, when pointing at the object dear.

在莫诺莫巴达,有两个志同道合的朋友。他们的友谊忠诚而纯洁,整个国家无人能及。一天晚上,当万物都在黑夜中沉寂,人们也都进入梦乡时,一个朋友突然惊醒,飞快地跑向另一个朋友的家,匆匆吵醒他的仆人们。被惊起的朋友很快武装起来,带着钱包和剑来见他,并关切地说:“你很少在这时来我家。我知道你习惯在睡前将所有的东西都规划好。如果你不小心丢了钱包,就把我的拿去;如果你遭遇了不幸,或者被人欺负,我把剑带上——我们一起去报仇。”

“不是,”朋友答道,“谢谢你的好意,我并没有丢钱,也没有人欺负我,只是我做了一个可怕的梦,梦见你露出非常悲伤的表情,担心你遭遇不测,忍不住跑到你家来了。”

读者,你喜欢他们之中的哪一位呢?如果有人对此表示怀疑,那也得承认一个事实:拥有一个真正的朋友是世界上最幸福的事。他不仅可以及时为你提供垂钓者般的耐心,还能知晓你心底的秘密,为你提供友好的支援。一个关于另一个亲爱朋友的噩梦或预示都能使他担心不已。

真题词汇

friendship [ˈfrendʃɪp] *n.* 友谊,友好

【助记】-ship(后缀)表示抽象名词→friendship 友谊

right [raɪt] *adj.* ① 正确的, 对的 ② 正当的, 公正的 ③ 右边的, 右方的 ④ 合适的, 恰当的 ⑤ 健康的, 正常的 ⑥ 直(角)的 || *adv.* ① 对, 正确地 ② 合适地, 恰当地 ③ 正当地, 公正地 ④ 正好 ⑤ 立即, 马上 ⑥ 直接地, 径直地 ⑦ 往右, 向右 ⑧ 好, 行 || *n.* ① 权利 ② 正确, 正当 ③ 右面 || *vt.* 纠正, 改正, 使恢复正常

【词组】all right 1. 令人满意的, 不错的 2. (健康)良好的, 安然无恙的 3. 好, 行; by rights 按理说; in one's own right 凭本身的权利(或能力、资格等); in the right 正确有理; right away 立刻, 马上

【听力短语】right away (at once, immediately) 立刻, 马上; Let me call Room Service. Hello, Room Service? Please send a menu to 320 right away. 我给客房服务台打个电话吧。喂, 客房服务台吗? 请立刻给 320 号房间送一份菜单。

truth [tru:θ] *n.* ① 事实, 真相, 实情 ② 真实性 ③ 真理

【词组】in truth 的确, 事实上

modesty [ˈmɒdɪsti] *n.* ① 谦虚 ② 羞怯 ③ 适中

object [ˈɒbdʒɪkt, ɒb'dʒekt] *n.* 物体, 目标, 对象 || *v.* 反对, 拒绝, 抗议

【词组】object to 反对, 抗议, 抱反感

sword [sɔ:d] *n.* 刀, 剑, 战争, 武力