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# 前 言

中学英语教学大纲指出：中学教学一般侧重培养阅读和自学能力。近年来，北京市高中统一招生考试英语试卷中，阅读理解、短文填空这类题所占比例逐年增加。为了帮助应届初三学生提高阅读理解能力和应试能力，我们从美国较新的出版物中选编了这本书。为了更加适合我国学生的实际需要，我们对原文中用词做了一些修改，并为各篇配了练习。因此本书可以看做是模拟题集。

学生在使用本书时，可以从他们喜爱的任何一个篇目开始阅读。他们会发现本书题材广泛，语言地道生动，词汇句型重复率高，超出初中范围的生词均加上汉语注释，因而读起来丝毫没有理解不了的问题。

本书亦可以作为初二、初三任课教师的参考用书。我们希望广大师生对本书提出批评和意见。

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## The Grasshopper<sup>①</sup> and the Ant

One summer day a grasshopper met an ant. The ant was working hard laying<sup>②</sup> up food for the winter. "Why do you work so hard?" said the grasshopper. "Why do you not sing as I do and enjoy the beautiful summer days?" But the ant did not reply. He kept on<sup>③</sup> working, and the grasshopper kept on singing and enjoying the beautiful summer.

When winter came and the rains washed away<sup>④</sup> the food of the land, the grasshopper was hungry. He went to the ant and said, "Give me some food, for I am hungry." But the ant said, "You should have worked in the summer as I did, preparing for the wintertime. But you wanted to sing instead. Now you may eat your song."

Notes: ① grasshopper ['grɑ:s,hɒpə] n. 蚱蜢 ② lay (up) 存贮, 储蓄 ③ He kept on working, ...他继续工作... ④ wash away 冲走

### Exercises,

回答下列问题, 把答案写在横线上。

1. At what time of year was the ant laying up food?

2. What did the grasshopper think the ant ought to be doing instead of working?

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3. What did the ant keep on doing?

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4. What trouble was the grasshopper in when winter came?

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5. What did the ant suggest (建议) that the grasshopper eat?

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## The Big Store<sup>①</sup> and the Little Store

Anna<sup>②</sup> came to live in the city.

One day she went to a big store. She went to get some food for her family to eat. She had to get potatoes<sup>③</sup> for dinner and milk for breakfast.

Anna went into the store. Then she stopped. Anna did not know where to look first. It was the biggest store she had ever seen. There were many people in the store. But nobody said, "Good morning." Nobody asked Anna, "How are you?" Nobody asked her, "What can I do for you?"

It took a long time. Anna got the food. But then she went to pay<sup>④</sup> for it. She had to wait a long time. Many other people were waiting to pay, too. When she went out of the store. Nobody said, "Good-bye." "That store is too big," Anna said.

The next day Anna went to get some ice cream for herself. This time she went to a little store, right on her street.

Anna opened the door. The door made a little bell ring. Anna saw that nobody else was in the store. She waited for someone to come and help her.

A man came from the back of the little store. He said, "How are you this morning?" "I'm O.K., thanks," said Anna. "What can I do for you?" the man asked. "I want some ice cream," said Anna. The man gave Anna the ice cream, and Anna gave him the money. "Good-bye," said the man. Anna said, "Good-bye."

She opened the door, and it made the little bell ring again. "Come again," the man said. Anna smiled. "I will," said Anna. "I'll like this little store!"

Notes, ① store [sto:] n. 商店 ② Anna ['æna] (女子名) 安娜  
③ potato [pə'teɪtəʊ] n. 土豆 ④ pay [pei] v. 付钱

### Exercises

I. 根据本文内容回答下列问题:

1. Where did Anna go one day?

2. Did Anna like the store? Why?

3. What did she buy the next day?

4. Who gave her some ice cream?

II. 在本文中找出下列词(组)的反义词(组):

1. went \_\_\_\_\_

2. small \_\_\_\_\_

3. went out of \_\_\_\_\_

4. few \_\_\_\_\_

- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 5. short _____  | 6. last _____      |
| 7. closed _____ | 8. the front _____ |
| 9. big _____    | 10. answer _____   |

## A Traveller in Italy

An Englishman was once travelling in Italy. One day he went into a small restaurant to order dinner. He understood very little Italian and was unable to read the menu. He knew the word eggs, and so he ordered eggs. Italy is famous, however, for its mushrooms with its eggs. But he did not know the word for mushrooms. The waiter did not speak a word of English and therefore could not help him. At last, the man took out of his pocket a pencil and a piece of paper and very carefully drew a picture of a mushroom on the piece of paper. The waiter looked at the picture of the mushroom for a long while. He did not understand very well, but at last he told him to come a long time. After about a half hour he returned. But instead of an order of mushrooms, he brought the man a large black moustache!

Notes: ① traveller (traveller) 旅行者 ② menu (menu) 菜单 ③ waiter (waiter) 服务员 ④ mushroom (mushroom) 蘑菇 ⑤ order (order) 点菜 ⑥ understand (understand) 理解 ⑦ picture (picture) 图画 ⑧ pencil (pencil) 铅笔 ⑨ piece (piece) 一片 ⑩ finally (finally) 终于

## A Traveler<sup>①</sup> in Italy

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Notes: ① traveler ['trævlə] n. 旅行者 ② Italy ['itəli] n. 意大利 ③ order ['ɔ:də] (dinner) v.t. 吃饭 ④ Italian ['i'tæljən] n. 意大利语 ⑤ menu ['menju:] n. 菜单 ⑥ mushroom ['mʌʃrʊm] n. 蘑菇 ⑦ therefore [ˌθə'refɔ:] 因此 ⑧ an order of mushroom 一道蘑菇菜 ⑨ umbrella [ʌm'brelə] 雨伞



## Exercises:

I. 根据短文内容判断下列各题正确与否。对的在括号内写“T” 错的写“F”。

1. An American was once traveling in Italy. ( )
2. The man knew Italian very well. ( )
3. The man told the waiter that he wanted to eat egg. ( )
4. The waiter knew English very well. ( )
5. The waiter brought back what the man wanted. ( )

II. 根据短文内容选择最佳答案。

1. Why did the Englishman go to Italy?
  - a. He went to work in a restaurant.
  - b. He went to buy an umbrella
  - c. He traveled in Italy.
2. What is Italy famous for?
  - a. Mushrooms with eggs
  - b. Eggs
  - c. Only eggs
3. How did the Englishman tell the waiter that he wanted some mushrooms?
  - a. He drew a picture of a mushroom on the table.
  - b. He said 'mushrooms' in Italian.
  - c. He showed the waiter a picture of a mushroom.
4. What's the end of the story?

- a. The Englishman got mushrooms at last.
- b. The Englishman didn't get what he wanted, but an umbrella.
- c. The Englishman left before the waiter came back.

## The Birthday Parade<sup>①</sup>

The children in Miss Green's class wanted to do something for her birthday.

"We can sing Happy Birthday," said Ann.

"O.K.," said some of the others.

"Let's sing Happy Birthday. People always sing Happy Birthday," Charles<sup>②</sup> said.

"Charles is right," said Vic<sup>③</sup>. "People always do that."

"Then let's have a parade, too," said Ken.

"A parade?" asked Charles.

"Yes," said Ken, "a Happy Birthday parade, right in our classroom. We can each do something. First we'll make four signs<sup>④</sup>. Each sign will have one big word. We can put the signs together. The words will say "Happy Birthday to Miss Green."

"Yes, yes, yes," the children said.

"Well, O.K.," said Vic.

"I'll write the Happy sign," said Ann.

"I'll write the Birthday sign," said Vic.

"I'll write the Miss sign," said Charles.

"And I'll write Green," said Ken.

"But what will we do?" the others asked Ken.