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《中级美国英语》系“美国之音”广播教材。原书共四册，每册十三课，每周播讲一课，重播多次。为了方便广大听众收听“美国之音”英语教学节目，满足广大青年自学英语的需要，我们将这套教材进行了改编，分上、下两册出版。改编后的《中级美国英语》压缩了播音说明部分，删减了重复的内容，同时增加了短文的参考译文。

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序言

“中级美国英语”是“美国之音”的节目之一。这个节目是根据雷金兹出版公司 (Regents Publishing Company) 出版的《拉多英语丛书》(Lado English Series) 跟《现代美国英语》(Modern American English) 两种教材编写的, 目的是要协助有些英文基础, 特别是听完了“美国之音”播送的“英语九百句”广播课程的朋友们进一步自修。《中级美国英语》一共有五十二课, 分四册出版, 每册十三课。每课都是根据一段会话来介绍一点语法, 并且作一些练习。每课末尾还念一段文章给你听, 一方面温习当天学的语法, 同时也训练学生的听力。《中级美国英语》每星期播一课, 学生可以在听广播作练习时参考这本书, 增进学习效果。这套教材是由美国之音中文部 何立达与白小琳在美国应用语言学中心 (Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington, D. C.) 约翰·纳尔逊博士 (Dr. John Nelson) 指导下编写的。

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Lesson Twenty-seven

在这一课里,我们学习现在完成进行时态,比方“一直在玩”have been playing,“一直在学习”have been studying等等。现在我们先来朗读这一课的对话,请你注意发音和语调。

Peter, where have you been?

彼得,你到哪儿去了?

I've been playing Pac Man at the Arcade in the student union.

我一直在学生中心电子机器游乐场玩“帕克曼”电脑游戏。

Have you been wasting your time on those computer games again?

你又在浪费时间玩那些电脑游戏了吗?

Not really, Mary. I've been studying a lot this week and I need a break.

没有啊,玛丽。这个星期我一直很用功,所以我需要休息休息。

Why don't you buy a computer and some of those games? Then you can play at home.

你为什么不买一部电脑跟一些电脑游戏呢?那样你就可以在家玩电脑游戏了。

I have been looking at home computers. There are a lot of different kinds on market now.

我一直在看家庭电脑。现在市面上有好多不同种类出售。

I know, and they have been getting cheaper.

我知道，而且越来越便宜了。

How do you know that?

你怎么知道呢？

I've been thinking of buying a home computer too.

我也一直在想买一个家庭电脑。

从上面的句子，我想你或许已经注意到现在完成进行时态是用has been或是have been和加了i-n-g的动词构成的。这种时态是用来表示一个动作从过去一直持续到现在。现在我们来查看一些跟刚才那段对话有关系的现在完成进行时态的句子。

Peter has been taking computer courses this semester.

Peter has been playing computer games this afternoon.

Mary has been thinking of buying a home computer recently.

Mary has been looking at home computers lately.

下面一组练习是由老师把刚才那些句子改成问句，比方老师说：“彼得一直在学什么？”What has Peter been studying? 接着老师说：“电脑程式”computer programming, 学生就回答说：Peter has been studying computer programming. 我们开始练习。

What has Peter been taking?

computer courses

Peter has been taking computer courses.

What has Peter been studying?

computer programming

Peter has been studying computer programming.

What has Peter been playing?

computer games

Peter has been playing computer games.

What has Mary been thinking of?

buying a home computer

Mary has been thinking of buying a home computer.

What has Mary been looking at?

home computers

Mary has been looking at home computers.

下面一组练习的内容是说现代电脑进步的情况,比方:现在电脑比以前便宜,比以前有效率,也比以前受欢迎等等。练习的作法是由老师用have become加上形容词比较级作句子,比方:“电脑比以前实用了。”Computers have become more practical. 请你用have been getting加上形容词比较级把句子改成“电脑越来越实用。”Computers have been getting more practical. 现在我们开始作练习。

Computers have become smaller.

Computers have been getting smaller.

Computers have become better.

Computers have been getting better.

Computers have become easier to use.

Computers have been getting easier to use.

Computers have become cheaper.

Computers have been getting cheaper.

Computers have become more economical.
Computers have been getting more economical.
Computers have become more useful.
Computers have been getting more useful.
Computers have become more practical.
Computers have been getting more practical.
Computers have become more efficient.
Computers have been getting more efficient.
Computers have become more convenient.
Computers have been getting more convenient.
Computers have become more popular.
Computers have been getting more popular.

现在我们作一组代换练习，一方面复习现在完成进行时态，一方面复习这些形容词。

Computers have been getting smaller.

better

Computers have been getting better.

more useful

Computers have been getting more useful.

more practical

Computers have been getting more practical.

more economical

Computers have been getting more economical.

more efficient

Computers have been getting more efficient.

more convenient

Computers have been getting more convenient.

more popular

Computer have been getting more popular.

下面一组练习的内容是说电脑的发展情况。练习的作法是老师念一个被动语态的现在完成时态句子，比方“更好的电脑已经设计出来了。”Better computers have been designed. 接着老师念出名词，也就是动作执行者，比方“技师” technicians，请你用老师给你的名词把原来的句子改为现在完成时态的主动语态句子，所以刚才那例子的答案就是：“技师一直在设计更好的电脑。”Technicians have been designing better computers. 这组练习比较难，所以你要特别注意。

Small computers have been made.

technicians

Technicians have been making small computers.

Better computers have been designed.

technicians

Technicians have been designing better computers.

Computer science courses have been studied.

many students

Many students have been studying computer science courses.

Computer science courses have been taken.

many students

Many students have been taking computer science courses.

Home computers have been bought.

a lot of people

A lot of people have been buying home computers.

computers have been used at home.

a lot of people

A lot of people have been using computers at home.

下面一组的作法是老师给一个现在完成进行时态句子，比方：“人们一直用电脑来计算复杂的问题。” People have been using computers to compute complex problems. 你先跟着重复一遍，接着老师念出一个词组，比方：“存放资料” store information, 请你把老师提出的词组代换到原来的句子里，所以答案就是 People have been using computers to store information. 在这一组练习里你可以学到电脑的许多用途，比方：“记录生意状况” record business, “与别人沟通” communicate with others, “寄帐单给客户” send bills to customers, “记下存货数量” keep records of inventories, “记录开支数目” keep track of expenses, “开关电动器具” turn appliances on and off 等等。

People have been using computers to compute complex problems.

store information

People have been using computers to store information.

record business

People have been using computers to record business.

communicate with others.

People have been using computers to communicate with others.

send bills to customers

People have been using computers to send bills to customers.

keep records of inventories

People have been using computers to keep records of inventories.

keep track of expenses

People have been using computers to keep track of expenses.

turn their appliances on and off

People have been using computers to turn their appliances on and off.

下面的一组练习是由老师念一个现在时态问句，比方：Do people use computers for entertainment? 学生就用现在完成进行时态把句子改成Have people been using computers for entertainment? 这组练习的内容还是说到电脑的用途。作这组练习一方面可以练习不同时态，一方面也可以复习刚才学过的词汇。

Do people use computers for entertainment?

Have people been using computers for entertainment?

Do people use computers for communication?

Have people been using computers for communication?

Do people use computers for inventories?

Have people been using computers for inventories?
Do people use computers for record-keeping?
Have people been using computers for record-keeping?
Do people use computers to store information?
Have people been using computers to store information?
Do people use computers to compute complex problems?
Have people been using computers to compute complex problems?
Do people use computers to send bills to customers?
Have people been using computers to send bills to customers?
Do people use computers to keep track of expenses?
Have people been using computers to keep track of expenses?
Do people use computers to turn their appliances on and off?
Have people been using computers to turn their appliances on and off?

现在我们来阅读一篇短文, 然后用英语回答三个问题。

The home computers industry has been growing rapidly in the United States for the last ten years. Computers used to be large, expensive machines that were very difficult to use. But scientists and technicians have been making them smaller and cheaper while at the same time they have been made easier to