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本套教材是编著者经过不断地探索、研究、实验,综合国内外阅读教材的特点,本着思想性、知识性、趣味性、实用性、挑战性相结合的原则,采纳现代外语教学理论中交际法的某些观点,即以培养学生使用英语的能力为目的,通过在我院英语专业、各涉外专业、研究生、英语辅修专业及 TOEFL 培训班中试用几轮后而推出的一套全新教材。

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## UNIT 1

### Passage One

#### **The Little Match—Girl** (by H. C. Andersen adapted)

1 It was terribly cold on the last evening of the old year. Snow was falling fast. A poor little girl, with bare head and naked feet, was walking in the street. In an old apron she carried a bundle of matches. No one had bought anything of her the whole day, and no one had given her a penny. She was shivering with cold and hunger.

2 Lights were shining through every window, and there was a fine smell of roast goose in the air, and she remembered that it was New Year's Eve. She sank down in a corner between two houses, tired and cold. She dared not go home, for she had sold no matches, and hadn't even a penny to take home. Besides, it was just as cold at home, for the poor girl's family had only the roof to cover them, and the wind howled through it.

3 Her little hands were almost frozen. Ah, perhaps a burning match might do some good. She drew one out — “Scratch!” How it burnt! It gave a warm bright light, like a little candle, and she held her hand over it.

4 It was really a wonderful light. It seemed to the little girl that she was sitting by a large iron stove. She stretched out her feet as if to warm them. But then the match went out, and she had only the burnt match in her hands.

5 She rubbed another match on the wall, and where the light fell, the wall became as thin as a veil, and she could see into the room of the house. There was a table covered with a snow-white table-cloth. On it were splendid dishes and a steaming roast goose. And what was still more wonderful, the goose jumped down from the table and walked across the floor, with a knife and fork in its breast, to the little girl! Then the match went out, and there remained nothing but the thick, cold wall before her.

6 She lighted another match, and then she found herself sitting under a beautiful Christmas tree. Thousands of lights were burning upon the green branches. The girl stretched her hand towards them, and the match went out.

7 She again rubbed a match on the wall, and the light shone round her. In the brightness stood her old grandmother. “Grandmother!” cried the little one, “Take me with you. Don't go away when the match burns out.” She lighted the whole bundle of matches, one after another, for she wanted so much to be with her grandmother. The matches burnt with a light that was brighter than noonday, and her grandmother appeared more beautiful than ever. She took the little girl in her arms, and they both flew upward in brightness and joy, far above the earth, where there was neither cold, nor hunger nor pain.

8 The next morning the poor little girl was found still leaning against the wall; and the New Year's sun rose and shone upon her pale face.

## New Words and Expressions

**naked** *a.* without clothes on

**apron** *n.* 围裙

**bundle** *n.* 一束, 一捆

**penny (pl. pence)** *n.* 便士

**shiver** *v.* 颤抖

**roast** *v.* 烤

**sink** *v.* to fall (as) from lack of strength

**howl** *v.* 吼叫

**scratch** *n.* "嚓"的一声

**stretch** *v.* 伸展

**rub** *v.* move backward and forward on the surface of

**veil** *n.* 面纱

**splendid** *a.* magnificent; very fine; excellent

**noonday** *n.* midday

**lean** *v.* rest in a sloping position for support

## Exercises

### I. Reading Comprehension:

- The little girl dared not go home because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) her mother would be angry with her for she had not sold out the matches  
(B) her father was a cruel man  
(C) her home was just as cold as the street  
(D) she did not sell any matches
- Why did she light the matches?  
(A) It was dark on the street. (C) She tried to rub the wall.  
(B) She wanted to warm herself up. (D) It was the only thing she could do.
- Why was it really a wonderful light?  
(A) She saw visions in the light of the match.  
(B) Because it was New Year's Eve.  
(C) She was warm in the match-light. (D) She was sitting by a large iron stove.
- The wall became as thin as a veil because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) it was a thin wall (B) she could see into the room through it  
(C) she imagined she saw through it (D) there was a dining room behind it
- What happened to the little girl at the end of the story?  
(A) She had to lean against the wall. (B) She died on New Year's Eve.  
(C) She came back again the next day to see the sun rise.  
(D) She stayed there to see the sun rise the next day.

### II. Replacement. Choose a word or phrase to replace the one in brackets in each sentence.

Change the form if necessary.

shine, in addition, strike, beside, package, extinguish, yell, drop, hot, take

- In an old apron she carried a (bundle) of matches.



2. She <sank> down in a corner between two houses, tired and cold.
3. <Besides>, it was just as cold at home.
4. She <drew> one match out —— “Scratch!” How it burnt!
5. It seemed that she was sitting <by> a large iron stove.
6. But then the match <went out>.
7. She rubbed another match on the wall, and where the light <fell>, the wall became as thin as a veil.
8. On it were splendid dishes and a <steaming> roast goose.
9. She again <rubbied> a match on the wall.
10. “Grandmother!” <cried> the little one.

**III. Vocabulary building. Use the correct forms of the proper phrases to fill in the blanks.**

draw apart, draw back, draw from, draw in, draw lots, draw near, draw out, draw up, draw away, draw a line

1. The train \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:53 —— six minutes late.
2. When the man spotted the rattlesnake, he \_\_\_\_\_ and aimed his shotgun.
3. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ between a lie and a fib(小谎)?
4. As the end of the month \_\_\_\_\_ all his patients were doing well.
5. The car \_\_\_\_\_ before the filling station.
6. The two political parties are \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Smiths \_\_\_\_\_ their vacation at the beach an extra week.
8. The truth was \_\_\_\_\_ him by degrees(逐渐地).
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ to determine the order in which they would stand watch during the night.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ a hundred pound last week.

**Passage Two**

**David Copperfield**

(adapted)

- 1 My name is David Copperfield. I was born at Blunderstone. My father died before I was born.
- 2 The earliest memories that I have are my mother with her pretty hair and youthful shape, and Peggotty with no shape at all and very dark eyes and red cheeks like apples. I remember the kitchen and the hens in the yard. The hens seemed very big to me then. I remember the sitting-room where my mother and I and Peggotty sat in the evening. And I remember the outside of our house with the little bedroom windows standing open. And, of

course, I remember the garden with a high fence round it. There were fruit trees in the garden. I remember my mother gathering fruit in a basket.

3 My mother and I were both a little afraid of Peggotty.

4 One night Peggotty and I were sitting by the fire in the sitting-room. I had been reading to her. I was very tired — so tired that I could hardly keep my eyes open. I watched her needle passing quickly in and out of the cloth. Then I looked up at her face which I thought beautiful.

5 “Peggotty,” I said suddenly, “were you ever married?”

6 “Why, David, whatever made you think of marriage?” she said so quickly that it quite woke me up.

7 “Were you ever married?” I said. “You are a very beautiful woman, aren’t you?”

8 “Me beautiful? — No, dear!”

9 There was a short silence. Peggotty’s needle moved again.

10 “Peggotty,” I said again, “If you marry a person, and the person dies, then you may marry another person, mayn’t you, Peggotty?”

11 “You may if you wish to,” said Peggotty, “but I don’t say that you should. People have different opinions.”

12 “What is your opinion, Peggotty?” Said I.

13 Peggotty did not answer at once. Then she said, “My opinion is that you should go on reading.” Her voice seemed strange. I looked at her.

14 “You aren’t angry with me, Peggotty?” I said.

15 She kissed the top of my head. “No, dear! but let me hear some more about — those things that you were reading about.”

16 I read on.

17 Then the door bell rang. We went to the door to open it. There was my mother looking very pretty, and there was a gentleman with her. I had seen this gentleman before; it was the same gentleman who had walked home with her from church last Sunday. His name was Mr. Murdstone.

18 My mother bent down and kissed me.

19 “Ah,” said the gentleman, “that is a very fortunate young man.” He put his hand on my head. I put up my hand and took it away.

20 “Dear boy!” said the gentleman. “I am not surprised that she loves you!” He bent down and kissed my mother’s hand. I was surprised and angry.

21 “Good night, my dear boy!” said the gentleman.

22 “Good night,” said I, but I would not shake hands with him. He turned to go; and, as he did so, he looked at me. He did not look nice. I did not like that gentleman.

23 We went into the sitting-room. I sat in a chair and fell asleep. When I woke up I found Peggotty and my mother both talking, and there were tears in their eyes.

24 “Master David would not have liked such a man,” Peggotty was saying.

25 “Oh!” cried my mother, “You’ll make me mad! How dare you speak to me like that!

You know that I have no friends to turn to."

26 "I hope you have had a nice evening, Mrs. Copperfield," said Peggotty, standing up very straight in the middle of the room.

27 "Thank you," said my mother, "I have had a very nice evening."

28 Perhaps it was the next day, or perhaps it was a little later, when Peggotty asked me to go with her to visit her brother at Yarmouth.

29 The country at Yarmouth was quite flat; the sea came in among the houses of the town and it was not easy to tell where the town ended and the sea began.

30 We came into a street which smelled of fish, and stopped at an inn.

31 "Here's Ham!" cried Peggotty, "How big he has grown!"

32 He was big fellow, six feet high, but his face was like a boy's face and he had light curly hair. He was waiting for us outside the inn. He carried me on his back and my box under his arm. Peggotty carried another box. We turned down lanes covered with sand. We passed boat-builders' houses and rope-makers' houses, and all sorts of places where the different parts of a ship are made. At last we came to an open sandy place.

33 "There is our house, David," said Ham.

34 I looked in all directions, but could not see any house anywhere. There was a large black boat not far off with an iron pipe fixed in the top of it, and smoke was coming out of the pipe; but I could not see any other sort of house anywhere.

35 "Is that it? — that thing that looks like a boat?" I asked.

36 "Yes, that's it," said Ham.

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37 The two weeks went by. It was the end of my visit. I was very sad at leaving the place but I was glad to be on my way to my mother. I said so. But Peggotty did not seem so happy. She seemed very sad.

38 We reached home at last. I remember the cold gray afternoon and the dark rain clouds.

39 The door opened and I ran towards it full of joy. But there was a strange servant at the door.

40 "Why! Peggotty!" I said, "Hasn't she come home?"

41 "Yes, yes, David," said Peggotty, "she's come home. Wait; I will tell you something."

42 "What is the matter?" I asked anxiously. "Why hasn't Mother come to the gate? Is she dead? No! No! She isn't dead?"

43 "No!" said Peggotty. "I ought to have told you before. You have got a new father."

44 My face was white.

45 "Come and see him," she said.

46 We went into the sitting-room, and she left me there.

47 On one side of the fire sat my mother, and on the other side sat Mr. Murdstone.

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48 My bedroom had been changed to another room. I lay on my bed, pulled the sheet over

my head, and cried until I fell asleep.

49 I was awakened by someone saying, "Here he is," and pulling away the sheet. My mother and Peggotty had come to look for me.

50 "David," said my mother. "What is the matter?"

51 "Nothing," I said, and turned over.

52 Then I felt the touch of a hand which was neither hers nor Peggotty's. It was Mr. Murdstone's.

53 "What's this?" he said. "Clara, my dear, have you forgotten what I told you? You must be firm."

54 He whispered in her ear.

55 "Go downstairs, my dear," he said. "David and I will understand each other."

56 My mother and Peggotty went out.

57 "David," said Mr. Murdstone, "Do you know how I make a horse or a dog obey me?"

58 "I don't know."

59 "I beat him. — I say to myself, 'I will conquer that animal even if I have to beat out every drop of blood in his body.' Do you understand me? — Yes, I see that you understand. Wash your face and come downstairs with me."

60 "Clara, my dear," he said, when we came into the sitting-room, "you will not be made uncomfortable by this child any more."

## New Words and Expressions

cheek *n.* 颊

hen *n.* 母鸡

needle *n.* 针

bend *v.* 屈身

fortunate *a.* 幸运的

## Exercises

### I. Reading Comprehension:

1. This passage tells the readers about \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) what kind of boy David was      (B) Peggotty helped David's family  
(C) the remarriage of David's mother      (D) how Mr. Murdstone loved the boy's mother

2. What was David and his mother's attitude towards Peggotty?

- (A) They were afraid of her.      (B) They believed her.  
(C) They hated her.      (D) Both A and B.

3. Why were both the mother and the boy a little afraid of Peggotty?

- (A) She was their servant.      (B) She would have different ideas.  
(C) She was a firm lady.      (D) She would not agree on the mother's new marriage.

4. Why did Peggotty take David to her home?  
 (A) To let him visit him. (B) To let him see the sea.  
 (C) To let his mother marry Mr. Murdstone. (D) David needed to relax.
5. What can we learn from the last two paragraphs?  
 (A) David would love his stepfather.  
 (B) David was convinced and promised to be good.  
 (C) Mr. Murdstone was good at treating children.  
 (D) Mr. Murdstone wanted to force David to accept him.

**II. Replacement. Choose a word or phrase from the list below to replace the one in brackets. Change the form if necessary.**

blessed, view, collect, recognize, figure, promptly, control, remain, wake up, go for help

1. The earliest memories that I have are my mother with her pretty hair and youthful <shape>.
2. I remember the outside of our house with the little bedroom windows <standing> open.
3. I remember my mother <gathering> fruit in a basket.
4. People have different <opinions>.
5. Peggotty did not answer <at once>.
6. That is a very <fortunate> young man.
7. You know that I have no friends to <turn to>.
8. The sea came in among the houses of the town and it was not easy to <tell> where the town ended and the sea began.
9. I was <awakened> by someone saying, "Here he is."
10. I will <conquer> that animal even if I have to beat out every drop of blood in his body.

**III. Vocabulary building. Choose a phrase to fill in each blank. Change the form if necessary.**

fall apart, fall away, fall behind, fall down, fall for, fall in with, fall into, fall on, fall on one's knees, fall out

1. The prisoners \_\_\_\_\_ to beg for clemency(宽恕).
2. Beyond the garden, an area of woodland \_\_\_\_\_ sharply to the river bank.
3. There is much to commend(推荐) the schemes; where it \_\_\_\_\_ is on the question of cost.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ with her studies these days.
5. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ some of her friends in the down town.
6. His story \_\_\_\_\_ five parts.
7. The robbers hid in the bushes and \_\_\_\_\_ the man from three sides.
8. As it \_\_\_\_\_, the Harpers were able to sell their old car.
9. The book was old and soon \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Nell did not \_\_\_\_\_ Joe's story about being a jet pilot.

## Passage Three

### Christopher Columbus

1 Christopher Columbus discovered America on the 12th of October, 1492. He had spent  
eighteen years in planning for that wonderful voyage which he made across the Atlantic Ocean. He had talked and argued with sailors and scholars and princes and kings. "By sailing west across the great ocean," he would say, "I am sure I can reach lands that have never been visited by Europeans." But he had been laughed at as a foolish dreamer, and few people had any faith in him. Finally the Spanish king and queen, who were interested in finding a sea route to India, offered him ships and men so that he could carry out his plan. He crossed the ocean and discovered strange lands, inhabited by a people unknown to Europeans. He believed these lands to be part of India.

2 Early in 1493 Columbus returned to Spain. There was great rejoicing in the country, and he was hailed as the hero who had made an epoch-making discovery. Crowds of people lined the streets to do him honour, and the king and queen welcomed him to their palace. Never had such great respect been shown to any common man.

3 But there were people who were jealous of the discoverer. "Who is this Columbus?" they asked. "What has he done? Is he not an ordinary seaman from Italy? And could not any other person sail across the ocean as he has done?"

4 One day Columbus was at a dinner given in his honour. At the party were several of these conceited fellows, who very soon tried to make him uncomfortable.

5 "You have discovered strange lands beyond the sea," they began. "But what of that? We do not see why there should be so much fuss about it. Anybody can sail across the ocean, and anybody can coast along the islands on the other side, just as you have done. It is the simplest thing in the world."

6 Columbus made no answer; but after a while he took an egg from a dish and said to the guests, "Who among you, gentlemen, can make this egg stand on end?"

7 One guest after another tried the experiment. When the egg had gone the rounds and none had succeeded, all said that it could not be done.

8 Then Columbus took the egg and struck its small end gently upon the table so as to break the shell a little. After that there was no trouble in making it stand upright.

9 "Gentlemen," said he, "what can be easier than this? And yet you said it was impossible! It is the simplest thing in the world. Anybody can do it——after he has been shown how."

## New words and expressions

<b>voyage</b> <i>n.</i> journey by water, esp. a long one in a ship	<b>jealous</b> <i>a.</i> 嫉妒的
<b>inhabit</b> <i>v.</i> live in	<b>conceit</b> <i>v.</i> 自负
<b>rejoice</b> <i>v.</i> make glad	<b>fuss</b> <i>n.</i> 大惊小怪
<b>hail</b> <i>v.</i> 欢呼	<b>coast</b> <i>v.</i> 沿岸航行
<b>epoch-making</b> <i>a.</i> 划时代的	<b>strike</b> <i>v.</i> 敲击

## Exercises

### I. Reading comprehension:

- How many years did Columbus spend in planning his voyage?  
(A) Twenty-one years. (B) Twenty years.  
(C) Eighteen years. (D) Eight years.
- Why did people laugh at him when he put forward his plan?  
(A) They thought of him as ridiculous. (B) They did not believe him.  
(C) They didn't like sailing. (D) They didn't want to go to America.
- The Spanish king and queen supported him because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) they were interested in him (B) they had a lot of money  
(C) they had ships (D) they wanted to find a way to the East by sea
- According to this passage, Christopher Columbus nationality is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) Spain (B) America (C) Italy (D) not sure
- What did Columbus do in response to the conceited fellows' challenge?  
(A) He asked them to have an egg stand on end.  
(B) He asked them to have an egg go the rounds.  
(C) He asked them to break an egg.  
(D) He spoke back.

### II. Replacement. Choose corresponding words to replace the ones in brackets of each sentence.

Change the forms if necessary.

queue up, trust, sea-journey, esteem, circle, learned person, stir, cheer, course, self-important

- He had spent eighteen years in planning for that wonderful <voyage>.
- He had talked and argued with sailors and <scholars> and princes and kings.
- Few people had any <faith> in him.
- They were interested in finding a sea <route> to India.
- He was <hailed> as the hero who had made an epoch-making discovery.
- Never had such great <respect> been shown to any common man.
- Crowds of people <lined> the streets to do him honour.
- At the party there were several of these <conceited> fellows, who very soon tried to make

him uncomfortable.

9. We do not see why there should be so much <fuss> about it.

10. The egg had gone the <rounds> and none had succeeded.

**III. Vocabulary building. Choose a phrase to fill in each blank. Change the form if necessary.**

go against, go ahead, go all out, go along, go beyond, go down, go Dutch, go after, go in for, go on

1. They both \_\_\_\_\_ the same girl.

2. What is \_\_\_\_\_ out there?

3. After the rain stopped, the men \_\_\_\_\_ with their work of digging up the street.

4. You'll get more skillful at this job as you \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The girl knew her boy friend had little money, so she offered to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The election \_\_\_\_\_ him.

7. Shares have \_\_\_\_\_ again by ten points.

8. When he gave up tennis he \_\_\_\_\_ golf.

9. They \_\_\_\_\_ to beat the record.

10. The price \_\_\_\_\_ our means(收入).

## Passage Four

### The Cop and the Anthem

1 Winter was coming, and Soapy, one of the many thousands of New York pickpockets, felt uneasy. He knew that the time had come for him to look for shelter. Soapy's desires were not great. Three months in prison was what he wanted. There he was sure of a little food and a bed, safe from the winter wind and the cold.

2 For years prison had been his shelter during the winter. Now the time had come again.

3 Having decided to go to prison, Soapy at once set about fulfilling his desire. There were many ways of doing this. The pleasantest was to get a good meal at some expensive restaurant, and then, after saying that he could not pay, be quietly arrested by a policeman and sent to prison by the judge.

4 Soapy walked along Broadway looking at the expensive goods in the fashionable shops. He stopped at the window of a brightly lit cafe. Soapy was freshly shaven, and his coat and tie were decent. But his boots and trousers were shabby. "If I can reach a table in the restaurant unsuspected," he thought, "everything will be all right. The upper part of me that will show above the table will cause no suspicion in the waiter's mind. A roast duck, a bottle of wine, a cup of coffee and a cigar will make me happy on the journey to my winter quarters." But just as Soapy entered the restaurant, the head waiter's eye fell on his shabby trousers and



boots. Strong hands turned him round and pushed him on to the sidewalk.

5 Soapy turned off Broadway. He had to think of another way of getting into prison. At a corner of Sixth Avenue he saw a brightly-lit shop window. Soapy picked up a cobble-stone and dashed it through the glass. People came running round the corner, a policeman at their head. Soapy stood still with his hands in his pockets, and smiled at the sight of brass buttons.

6 "Where is the man who did that?" shouted the policeman.

7 "Don't you think I did it?" said Soapy in a friendly way.

8 The policeman did not understand Soapy's hint. Men who break windows do not usually remain to speak to a policeman. They run away. Just then the policeman saw a man hurrying to catch a bus. Club in hand, he rushed after that man. Soapy had failed again.

9 On the opposite side of the street was a small cheap restaurant. Soapy entered it, sat down at a table and ate a beefsteak and an enormous apple-pie.

10 "Now call a cop, I cannot pay. I have no money," said Soapy. "And don't keep a gentleman waiting."

11 "No cop for you," said the waiter, and seizing Soapy by the collar he threw him out of the restaurant. Soapy picked himself up and beat the dust from his clothes. Arrest seemed but a rosy dream. Prison seemed very far away. A policeman who stood before a drugstore two doors away laughed and walked down the street.

12 He was just passing a cigar store, when he saw a well-dressed man go in, leaving his silk umbrella at the entrance. Soapy stepped in, took the umbrella, and slowly continued his way. The man saw him. He turned and followed hastily.

13 "My umbrella!" he said sternly.

14 "Oh, is it?" said Soapy. "Well, why don't you call a policeman? I took it. Your umbrella! Why don't you call a cop? There is one standing at the corner."

15 The owner of the umbrella slowed his steps. Soapy did the same. The policeman looked at the two curiously.

16 "Of course," said the umbrella-man — "that is — well, you know how these mistakes occur — I — if it's your umbrella I hope you'll excuse me — I picked it up this morning in a restaurant — If you recognize it as yours, why — I hope you'll —"

17 The man retreated. Soapy walked on, muttering insults against policeman who would not arrest him.

18 At last he reached a street where there was little traffic and few pedestrians. At a quiet corner he suddenly stopped. There was an old church in front of him. Through the windows a soft light shone, and the sweet music of the Sabbath anthem made him approach the iron fence.

19 The moon was above, cold and beautiful, and the music reminded Soapy of those days when his life contained such things as mothers and roses and clean thoughts and collars. Soapy listened to the music, looked at the moon and murmured to himself: "There is time yet. I will reform. I will become an honest man. I will get out of the mire. I will —"