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内 容 简 介

本书采用新的口语教学思想,旨在最有效地提高英语口语训练的效果。在编写上采用交际的原则,易于学习者开口,使口语学习成为一种比较自然的过程。书中融合语法、句型和多种语言交际功能和技能。所选的口语表达方式,语言地道,实用性强,口头表达效果好。本书的课文和练习采用日常生活中常见的主题内容,可激发学习者操练口语的兴趣。本书还介绍了说英语国家的有关习俗和社会背景,以帮助学习者更得体地使用英语,不失为口语训练的理想教材。本书由美籍专家配制录音带。

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前 言

大多数英语学习者总想用掌握的语言进行口头表达,但在交际场合中,却又因为不知如何使用英语而感到窘迫。例如,如何与外国人打招呼;如何提问而不失礼节;如何表达自己的意见……。正是为了帮助广大英语学习者解决这些问题,作者在参考了大量的国外最新口语教材和资料的基础上,运用新的教学思想,采用大量的交际练习形式,结合我国学习者的实际情况,编写了这本英语交际口语教材。

本教材按语言的交际功能分类,从句型操练入手,使学习者学即能用。为了使口语的训练更具有交际的意义,每课设计了许多具有丰富场景的交际练习。本书还介绍了一些西方的风俗和习惯,使学习者能根据这些英美文化习俗,更自觉、更有效地进行口头交际。

本教材共分为16课。每一课包括课文对话、语言表达形式、听与跟读、操练和交际练习。书后还附有情景练习。

课文对话均选择了英美人常见的交际语境进行编写。这些课文同时也起到了示范语言功能的作用。

语言表达形式在课文语言表达的基础上,进行了一定的扩展和归纳,以使学习者的口头表达更加丰富、自如、得体。每篇课文中均包括二至四组语言表达形式。

听与跟读是练习语言表达形式的第一步练习。这部分内容力

图展示有关语言表达形式使用的不同语境。

操练是将具有一定控制度的语言表达形式进行实际应用。在操练练习中,均给出一定的信息或场景。在练习过程中,练习者可以以此加以发挥。

交际练习是根据语言交际中存在的信息差而设计的,以求口语的练习更有交际意义和具有新鲜感。这一练习要求两个或两个以上的学习者共同参与,因此特别适合于课堂教学。练习内容广泛,包括讨论、谈话、角色扮演、解决问题等,均安排在课本的 INTERACTION ACTIVITIES 中。

情景练习按不同的交际场景进行编写,并列举了有关场景的具体用法。此部分练习可结合课文内容进行操练。

总之,这是一本按照新的教学理论和思想编写的教材。编者衷心地希望这本教材能给读者带来有趣的感受和深刻的印象。

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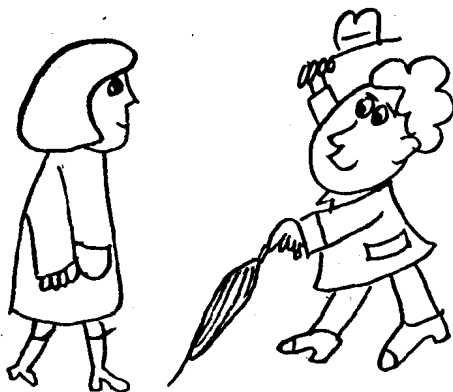
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UNIT 1

NICE TO MEET YOU



1.1 Conversation

Jim: Hi, great party, isn't it?

Bev: Yeah, really.

Jim: By the way, my name is Jim Harris.

Bev: Nice to meet you. I'm Bev Marshal, but just call me Bev.

Jim: What do you do, Bev?

Bev: Well, I am a student at the Language Center.

Jim: Oh, are you? Do you like the school?

Bev: It's pretty good, I think. I've learned a lot of English so

far.

Jim: How long are you going to be here?

Bev: Half a year, I guess. But sometimes I feel like going home the next day.

Jim: You will get used to it.

Bev: How about you?

Jim: I am a graduate student at Columbia University. I study at Mechanical Engineering. Say, why don't we go over there for more drinks?

.....

Jim: Hi, David.

David: Hi, Jim.

Jim: Bev, I don't think you've met each other before. This is my friend, David. He's also studying at Columbia. This is Bev.

David: Hi, nice to meet you.

Bev: Me too.

... ..

Bev: Well, it's been nice talking to you, but I'm afraid I have to go to my friends over there.

Jim: Very pleased to have met you. Hope we'll meet again.

Bev: Yes, I hope so, too. See you.

Jim: Bye.

1. 2 Expressions : starting a conversation

This is a nice party, isn't it?

Horrible weather we're having!

What a nice day, isn't it?

Excuse me, don't I know you from somewhere?

Excuse me, may I sit here?

On social occasions, we may start conversations with strangers by commenting on the event, the food and drink, the music and so on. When travelling, we may start with a comment on the journey or the destination. Weather is probably one of the most popular topics for small talks among British people. Some people think that British weather is so changeable, so there is always something to talk about it. Other people argue that it is because English weather defies forecast and hence is a source of interest to everyone. Comments on the weather often serve to start conversations in the situations outside, especially when the weather is abnormally good or bad.

1. 3 Listen and repeat

A: Say, don't you think we've met somewhere?

B: Well, I don't think so.

A: Oh, my name is Jim.

A: Hello, going to Manchester?

B: Yes. And you?

A: I am going to Birmingham.

A: What terrible weather we're having.

B: Yes, it is quite unusual.

A: Excuse me, is anybody sitting here?

B: Oh, no. Let me move my bag.

A: Thank you. Haven't I seen you with Jack?

B: I work with him. How do you know Jack?

1.4 Practice

Work in pairs. Take turns to start a conversation in the following situations.

on a train

on a plane

on a park bench

in a restaurant

in a pub

at a wedding ceremony

at a party

in an art gallery

1.5 Expressions: introducing

Hello. My name is ...

Hi, I'm ...

I don't think we've met each other before. I am ...

By the way, my name is . . .

Let me introduce myself . . .

By the way, do you know each other?

Oh, look, here is . . .

This is . . . and this is . . .

Have you met each other before?

Let me introduce . . .

I'd like you to know . . .

Most British and Americans have three names; a first name (sometimes called a given name), a middle name (designated by an initial) and a last name (called the family name or surname). If people don't know each other well, or if they want to show respect, they use a title plus the last name, for example, Mr Phillip, Ms Redford, Professor Williams and Dr Smith. Some married women prefer to be called Mrs; some unmarried women prefer to be called Miss.

People who know each other well use first names. There are short ways of calling first names. These are one kind of what is called nicknames. For example, Rick is a short form for Richard, Steve for Steven, Phil for Phillip, Bob for Robert, Bill for William, etc.

Men usually shake hands when they are introduced to each other. Handshakes should be firm and brief for two or three seconds. Americans regard a firm handshake as a sign of directness and honesty. When a man shakes hands with a woman, it is preferable for the woman to hold out her hand first.

1. 6 Listen and repeat

A: Hi, my name is Joe Mason. Can I have your name please?

B: I'm Sally. Hello, Mr Mason.

A: Hello, Sally. Just call me Joe.

A: Look , here is Mike. Mike, meet Carl.

B: Glad to meet you, Mike.

C: Hello, Carl.

A: There is someone I'd like you to meet.

B: Yes?

A: This is Roger MacDonald I was telling you about earlier.

B: Hello, Roger. Nice to finally meet you. Alan often talks about you.

A: Do you know Jenny, our new neighbour?

B: No, I don't think so. Hello, Jenny.

C: Nice to meet you.

A: I'd like to introduce you to my director Mr Kale. This is my friend, Margaret.

B: How do you do, Mr Kale? It's a pleasure to meet you.

C: How do you do?

1. 7 Practice

Work in a group of three persons. Take turns to introduce to your partner the following persons.

your secretary
your new director
your assistant
your sales supervisor
your tutor
your colleague
your teacher

1. 8 Expressions : ending a conversation

Well, it's been nice talking to you.

Nice talking to you.

I've enjoyed talking with you.

See you later.

Hope to see you again soon.

1. 9 Listen and repeat

A: It's been nice meeting you.

B: You too. Goodbye.

A: Nice talking to you. I hope we'll meet again.

B: I hope so too. Goodbye.

A: Well, it's been nice talking with you, but I'm afraid I've got to go now.

B: See you.

A: See you. Goodbye.

A: I am afraid I've got to be going now. I've enjoyed talking with you.

B: I enjoyed it too. Goodbye.

A: Bye.

1.10 Practice

What would you say to end a conversation with the following persons?

an old friend

your teacher

a stranger sitting next to you on a train

a friend at a party

a stranger who has just helped you

1.11 Interaction activity

Work in pairs. You are going to fill out a form by asking your partner for the information needed. You are going to take different roles. One of you looks at activity 1, and the other at activity 15.

1.12 Practice

Imagine you are at a party. Everyone stands up with a drink, chats with one person and then moves on to another. You can interrupt people with the following expressions:

I want you to meet ...

Have you met ... ?

I don't think you two met each other before? This is ...

My friend is eager to meet you.

Now stand up and try to talk to as many people as you can.