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## 内 容 简 介

《大学英语教程》(College English)第一、二册《自学辅导》一书出版后,受到普遍欢迎。为方便教师和广大自学者继续学习,现出版《大学英语教程》第三册第一分册的“自学辅导”。

本书按照原书课文顺序,给出课文的背景知识,并逐课摘出文中的语言难点,用通俗易懂的英语加以解释,并辅以例句,指导自学者熟悉、掌握这些语言难点的正确用法。

其次,还有正误选择、听写材料,原书各项练习的答案,以及某些词的搭配用法等。

最后,附有原书每课课文的汉语参考译文。

读者对象:教授《大学英语教程》的教师和具有高中以上英语程度的广大自学者。

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## 前 言

本书为杨立民、徐克容所著《College English》第三册第一分册的自学辅导书：兼作教师手册。

本书的编写意图与第一、二册《自学辅导》基本相同。由于原书第三册学生用书中不再有副课文 (Text B)，并增加了词汇学习 (Word Study)，故本书的体例也相应地进行了调整。

本书每课的编写体例是：

- 一、背景知识 (BACKGROUND)；
- 二、课文语言难点 (LANGUAGE FOCAL POINTS IN THE TEXT)；
- 三、课文补充练习 (MORE WORK ON THE TEXT)；
- 四、词汇学习例释 (MORE EXAMPLES RELATING TO WORD STUDY)；
- 五、课文练习答案 (KEY TO EXERCISES IN WORK ON THE TEXT)；
- 六、语法练习答案 (KEY TO EXERCISES IN GRAMMAR)；
- 七、课文参考译文 (REFERENCE TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT)；

本书是由天津外国语学院英语系教师编写的，各部分分工如下：

- 刘佩珠、吴立志：语言难点；  
刘忠尧：词汇学习例释；  
杨殿蓉、袁立春：课文补充练习和练习答案；  
刘嘉斌、李桂山、张金铨、金佩琳：背景知识及课文参考译文。

刘嘉斌同志做了涉及该书出版前的技术处理工作。

张滨江副教授和邢惕夫副教授分别主持了对本书英文全部原稿和课文参考译文的审定。

我们在酝酿编写本书前，曾得到了学生用书编者之一的杨立民副教授的热情支持，编写过程中，在天津外国语学院工作的加拿大专家Prof. Artem Lozynsky和Mr. David Klos曾对原稿提出了不少的修改意见，我们谨致谢意。

由于我们水平有限，本书一定会有不少错误和疏漏，希望广大自学者及使用该书的教师给我们提出宝贵意见。

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## Lesson One

### Christmas Day in the Morning

#### BACKGROUND

##### the Wise Men

Literal term for **Magi** (Lat. ; pl. of **Magus**); specially referred to the Three Wise Men of the East who brought gifts to the infant Saviour. Tradition calls them Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar, three kings of the East. The first offered gold, the emblem of royalty; the second, frankincense, in token of divinity; and the third, myrrh, in prophetic allusion to the persecution unto death which awaited the "Man of Sorrows" .

**Melchior** means "king of light" .

**Gaspar**, or **Caspar**, means "the white one" .

**Balthazar** means "the lord of treasures" .

#### LANGUAGE FOCAL POINTS

##### IN THE TEXT

1. Strange how the habits of his youth clung to him still;  
to cling to sb. or sth.—to keep a firm hold on;  
be unwilling to abandon; to resist separation  
More examples.

The ivy clings to the wall,

The little baby would rather cling to its mother  
than its father.

Some still clung to the old unworthy method.

2. **It isn't worthwhile, perhaps—**

to be worthwhile/to be worth doing sth. — giving  
a satisfactory or rewarding return for

More examples;

It is worthwhile to read the books.

Life is hardly worth living without friendship.

The paper is worth rewriting.

It is worth noticing.

3. **Let's not trim the tree until tomorrow, Robert .  
to trim a tree—to cut the tree tidily**

More examples;

The children are trimming the Christmas tree.

The gardener trimmed the hedge clean.

Every fall, he trims dead leaves off.

4. **a light sleeper—one whom it is easy to wake up  
a heavy sleeper—one whom it is hard to wake up**

5. **...nothing could separate them— ...nothing could  
break off their affection for each other**

More examples;

The two schools are separated by a split rail  
of fence.

The farmer separated the flour from the bran  
by sieving.

Mother separated the orange into sections.

6. **He slipped back in time... —His thought went to**



the past...

**To slip** does have other meanings, such as

The ship slipped down into the water. (The ship moved gently, quickly, and lightly into the water.)

He slipped in unobserved. (He went in without being seen.)

7. ...When he had overheard what his father was saying to his mother.

to overhear—to hear without the knowledge of the speaker

More examples:

I overheard they were planning to talk me around.

They overheard that he hated to cooperate with them.

8. It's time he took his turn. —It is time for him to succeed his father.

More examples with turn

She took her turn at sitting up with their sick mother.

The doctors take their turns to observe the experiment.

9. ...taking for granted the tie of their blood.—  
...accepting their blood relationship as a matter of course.

to take sth. for granted—to regard it as true or as certain to happen

More examples:

The broker took it for granted that the shares  
would go up.

It may be taken for granted that what he over-  
heard is true.

I keep telling him never to take everything  
for granted.

10. ...loitering in the morning— ...hanging around in  
the morning

to loiter—to spend time idly; walk or move  
slowly with frequent steps.

More examples:

Pupils are loitering on their way back home  
from school.

He was arrested while loitering about the court  
house this afternoon.

11. He...pulled on his clothes.

to pull on/ off/one's clothes— to put on/take off  
one's clothes in a hurry and with some force

More examples:

She pulled on her stockings and went out at  
once.

The gardener pulled off his gloves when he  
heard someone calling him.

12. the ten-cent store—a store in which very cheap  
goods are sold

13. He lay on his side... —He stayed at rest on one  
side of his body...

Similar phrases with lie:

to lie on one's back

to lie face downwards

14. **A thought struck him like a silver dagger.** — A silver dagger is a short, pioned, and two-edged knife as a weapon. This sentence means: A sudden and sharp thought came into his mind.

Further examples,

His strange idea struck as ridiculous. (to seem)

How did my suggestion strike you? (to have a strong effect)

to look daggers at sb.—to look at sb. with an expression of hatred or anger

15. **He \*could..., creeping into the barn and... to creep**—move slowly, secretly and quietly

More examples,

The cat crept towards the mouse.

The scouts were creeping under the enemy's barbed wire entanglements.

16. **...as he gazed at the stars.**

to gaze at—to give a long and steady look at

More examples,

He gazes back at a strange man intently.

The sculptor is gazing at the statue.

17. **...let himself out—...allowed himself to go out of the house**

More examples with **let...out,**

He let the dog out.

Someone has let the news out. (to disclose)

He let out a loud groan. (to express)

Farm machinery is let out by the week. (to

make available for hire )

Mary's mother has to let out her dress because  
Mary is much bigger now. ( to make wider or  
looser )

School lets out at three o'clock. ( to close for  
the day )

18. ...two strong streams rushing into the pail—  
...two steady flows of milk going into the pail with  
strong force

19. ...making sure of the latch — ...making certain  
that the door is latched properly

To make sure of sth. means to find out for cer-  
tain; to arrange so. e.g.

The editor has to make sure of the fact previ-  
ously reported.

The detective is making sure of the evidence he  
presented.

20. ...hung up the clean milk pail—...suspended the  
clean milk pail by placing it on a hook of peg.

More examples,

After washing the garment he hung it up on a  
line to dry.

The parents hung up the stockings on a Christ-  
mas tree.

21. Then he...barred the door.

to bar the door—to fasten the door with a bar;  
to keep in or out by barring a door; to block  
moveaction; not to allow e.g.

He barred all the doors and windows of his

houses.

She barred him out of her room.

A high wall bars the way into his garden.

We bar playing card for money.

22. ...he had only a minute to pull off his clothes and jump into bed.

to jump into bed—to rush to bed

23. He—to silence his quick breathing.

to silence his quick breathing—to cause quick or violent breathing to be silent so that nobody can notice it e.g.

She silenced the baby's crying by patting him gently on the back.

The soldiers were shelling at the enemy to silence their guns.

24. I'll go on out. —I'll go out ahead of you (the son).

25. I'll get things started. —I'll get things ready. to get sth. done—to cause sth. to be done; to experience; to do sth. necessary e.g.

You'll have to get your tooth filled.

I got my hand caught in the door.

Sorry, I cannot get your film developed today.

I'll just get those dishes washed and then I'll come.

26. His dancing heart was ready to jump from his body. —He was so excited that his violently beating heart nearly came out of his body.

27. "You son of a ..."

The whole sentence should be "You son of a bitch,"  
or "You son of a gun" .

28. **His father was laughing, a queer sobbing sort of laugh.** —His father did not laugh in the normal way. He laughed with strange sobs that showed his gratitude and love for his son.

29. **...feeling for him... — ...searching for him with his hands...**

More examples with **feel for**:

I felt for my purse in my pocket and found it gone.

The doctor felt for broken bones.

She felt under her pillow for the watch.

30. **He felt his father's arm go around him.**—He had the feeling that his father caressed him with his arms.  
**to feel sb. /sth. do sth.** — to experience the touch or movement of sb./sth. e.g.

The mugger felt someone hold his two hands.

He felt his shoe-lace snap.

31. **The words broke from him of their own will.**—  
These words just came out of his mouth automatically.

32. **His heart was bursting with love.**—His heart was overfilled with love.

**to burst with**—to be full to overflow; to be able to contain with difficulty e.g.

The storehouse and granaries are bursting with corn and wheat.

I'm bursting with joy. (happiness, excitement,

resentment, impatience)

The classroom burst with thunderous noise.

3. I reckon... —I think...

33. he was not satisfied. —But he was not content with. e.g.

I am satisfied with your explanation.

The government has been satisfied with the content of the negotiation.

35. It occurred to him suddenly that...

to occur to— ( of an idea ) to come to (someone's mind ) e.g.

In those days, it never occurred to people that the man could go to the moon.

It occurred to me that I had left the key at home.

36. ...he sealed it... — ...he fastened or closed it tightly...

More examples with seal.

After putting the spices and carrots into the jar, he sealed it with waxed paper and rope.

The special canning process can seal flavour in.

37. ...tied it on the tree. — ...fastened it on the tree.

Other examples with tie.

The passengers will be asked to tie labels on their luggage.

The gardener tied a sign of 'No Touching' on each flower.

## MORE WORK ON THE TEXT

### 1. True or False

- 1) Rob's father used to wake Rob up and called him to help him with the milking at four o'clock in the morning 30 years ago.
- 2) Now there were only two of them in the family, Rob and his wife, because their old father died and they had no children.
- 3) Rob's father and mother showed different attitude towards calling Rob in the morning, but they both loved him.
- 4) Rob and Alice had been married long, but they were not on good terms. That was why they lived in separate rooms.
- 5) Rob was an old man, but he still often recalled his past experience in his childhood to his mind.
- 6) As soon as Rob realized his father's love for him, he tried to get up early without being called and do more to help his father.
- 7) That Christmas Rob, who was 15, tried to show his deep love for his father by buying him a more expensive present from the nearby store.
- 8) Since that Christmas Rob had no longer regarded the task of milking as a chore.
- 9) When he found that he had been fooled by his son, Rob's father got so angry that he went in and pulled away Rob's cover.



10) That Christmas morning set Rob thinking of the love he and his father used to have for each other and he decided to give his love to his wife now.

## 2. Dictation

Rob was a man in his late forties. His childhood was long past and his own children had grown and gone. However he, was still clinging to the habits he got into in his youth. As a result, he had kept waking up very early every day without exception.

On Christmas morning he woke up at four. Before getting up, he, lying in bed, recalled his childhood. He could never forget the Christmas morning when he made a special gift for his father. He did the milking all by himself. It seemed to him that his father's love for him should be repaid by his own love. While recalling, he was glad to find that love was still alive in him. Now, he wanted to give his love to his wife, so he wrote a Christmas card for her and began the happy day.

## FURTHER EXAMPLES RELATING TO WORD STUDY

### TAKE

take sth. for granted; assume that sth. is true, is the case, and act on that assumption; assume that sb's reactions can be known in advance and therefore act without making due allowance for them.