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前言

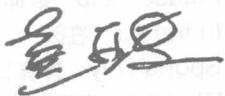
阅读能力在英语技能中占有重要位置,也是大多数英语测试重点考查的语言运用能力。例如,中、高考英语试题中阅读理解题的比重最大,听力、完形填空、书面表达、单项填空等题型的答题效果也直接或间接地依赖于阅读能力。因此,如何更好地提高阅读能力和阅读水平,成为英语学习者和英语教育工作者不断思考和实践的课题。新的英语课程标准对阅读能力也提出了更新、更高的要求。

我国英语教学历来重视学生阅读能力的培养。但是,由于传统的英语课堂教学过多地承担了词汇、语法等语言基础知识的教学任务,师生大量的时间和精力被用于知识点的传授、掌握、复习和操练上,造成以语篇能力、思维能力和阅读技巧等为核心的阅读能力训练不足,学生的阅读能力并没有得到实质性的提高。从英语考试的结果看,学生经常在阅读理解和完形填空等题中失分过多。

阅读训练的方式有很多种,但从快速提高学生英语阅读能力并在英语测试中取得理想的成绩的角度来看,快速阅读配以难度和题量适中的练习不失为一种好方法。安徽科学技术出版社出版的《指南针英语》就是这样一套很好的英语阅读技能训练丛书。这套丛书是由国外经验丰富的英语教学专家专为亚洲国家英语学习者编写的。丛书选材精当、体裁和题材广泛、语言地道、练习设计科学、难度把握适中,与我见到的许多英语阅读训练类图书相比,质量可属上乘。相信对我国中小学阅读教学有很好的辅助作用。

我也希望,随着课程改革的进一步深入,有更多像《指南针英语》这样的好的阅读材料能提供给广大师生和英语爱好者。

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UNIT

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An Honest Boy 诚实的男孩

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When people find something valuable and return it to its owner, they are often given a reward. This is because the person not only found what was lost but also spent time to find its owner or take it to the police station.

There was once a young boy who found a woman's purse in a shopping center. Inside the purse there was some money and the woman's driver's license.

Her name and address were

printed on the license, so

the boy knew where she

lived. That evening he went

to her house and knocked

on her door. When she

opened it, he said, "I found

your purse," and handed it

to her.



"Thank you very much," she said. She opened her purse and took out all the money. She wanted to give the boy a small reward but there were only \$20 bills in the purse and she thought that \$20 was too much to give the boy. "I'm so sorry," she said, "but I don't have any small change to give you."

The boy said, "That's all right," and went away.

A few days later he found another woman's purse. It also had her driver's license in it, so he knew where she lived. He went to her house and said, "I found your purse," and handed it to her.

"Thank you very much," she said. She opened her purse and took out her money.

"That's strange," she said. "Before I lost my purse I had a \$100 bill and a \$20 bill in it. Now I have a \$100 bill, a \$10 bill and two \$5 bills."

"Yes," the boy said, and smiled.

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning. 把单词和正确的意思相连。

1. valuable

2. change

3. reward

A. small money (bills or coins)

B. something for doing a good thing

C. worth a lot

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer. 选择正确的答案。

1. Why did the boy smile at the end of the story?
A. He changed the bills in her purse. B. He kept some of the money.
C. He wanted to look honest. D. He thought the woman was funny.
2. How did the boy know the owner of the purse?
A. He saw her drop the purse. B. Someone told him the name of the woman.
C. He took the purse from her. D. Something in the purse had her name on it.
3. After the boy returned the purse to the first woman, he felt _____.
A. proud B. excited
C. disappointed D. confused
4. The boy "handed the purse to" the woman? This means he _____ it to her.
A. dropped B. gave
C. threw D. took

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word. 选择正确的单词填空。

returned

reward

changed

another

owner

A boy found a purse and _____ it to the owner. The owner said she wanted to give him a _____, but she did not have any small bills. The boy found _____ purse. It only had large bills in it. He _____ the \$20 bill into smaller bills, so the _____ could give him a reward.

valuable *adj.* 有价值的; 珍贵的
driver's license 驾驶证; 驾驶执照

not only ... but also ... 不仅……而且……
hand ... to ... 把……给……

They have several CD players here.

Yes. Let's go in.



Joe wanted to buy a CD player. He found a store that sold them.

I hope the CD players aren't too expensive.

I'm sure they'll have some cheap ones.



Joe and Betty went into the store.

Can I help you?

Yes, I want to buy a CD player.



They walked up to the counter where a salesclerk spoke to them.

About how much do you want to pay?

Not more than \$100.



The salesclerk showed them some CD players.

This is a very good player. It's only \$80.

What brand is it?



The salesclerk took a CD player from the shelf and showed it to Joe.

It's a Maxi.

That's a good brand, Joe.



Joe could see that the CD player was a Maxi.

Do you take credit cards?

Yes, we do.



Joe decided to buy the CD player. He took his wallet out of his pocket.

The CD player was a bargain.

Yes, I think so.



Joe paid for the CD player and he and Betty left the store.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank. 选择单词填空。

- _____ people have told me not to see that movie.
A. Several B. Cheap C. Much D. Expensive
- Please give me the book from the top _____.
A. owner B. pocket C. reward D. shelf
- What _____ is your shirt?
A. cash B. clerk C. brand D. station

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer. 选择正确的答案。

- What was important for Joe?
A. the color and price B. the brand and sound
C. the price and brand D. the sound and price
- How did Joe feel after he bought the CD player?
A. strange B. glad
C. nervous D. surprised
- How did Joe pay for the CD player?
A. with a check B. with a credit card
C. with dollar bills D. with Betty's help
- If something is a "bargain", it _____.
A. does not cost much B. is too heavy to carry
C. does not work well D. looks very nice

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word. 选择正确的单词填空。

less buy pay salesman price

Joe wanted to _____ a CD player, so he went to the store with Betty. The person working in the store showed Joe some CD players. Joe only wanted to _____ about \$100. The _____ showed Joe a CD player that cost _____ than \$100. He bought it, and Betty told him it was a good player for a good _____.

bargain *n.* 廉价购买或廉价出售之物

walk up to 朝……走去

nervous *adj.* 紧张的

From my diary

My bicycle was stolen last week. I left it outside a store while I went inside to get some things for my mother. When I came out, the bicycle was gone.

It's my own fault, of course. I have a chain and padlock that I usually use. I put the chain around the front wheel and then lock the chain with the padlock. But I was in a hurry this morning and didn't lock up the bike. And now it's gone.

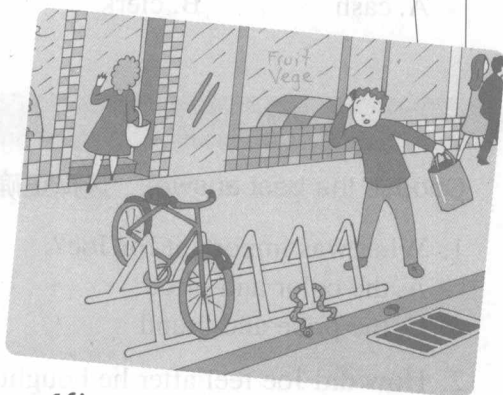
I went to the police station and reported the theft. The police officer wrote down the information about the bike—its brand, color, serial number and so on. However, he didn't think I'd get it back. "There's a gang of bicycle thieves at work," he said. "They steal lots of bikes and then take them by truck to other cities where they sell them."

"I would know my bike anywhere," I said. "It has a tear in the seat."

I was really unhappy about not having my bike because I had planned to take my bike on the train to my grandmother's house. Then I would have it with me to ride while I visited her.

On my first evening at my grandmother's house, I was looking through the local newspaper. I saw an ad for a second hand bike. It seemed to be very cheap so I went the store to look at it.

To my surprise, it was my stolen bike! I went to the police and told them about the bike and now I have my bike back.



Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks. 填空。

tear

local

lock

1. Did you _____ the front door when we left the house?
2. Many people in this neighborhood walk for exercise in the _____ park.
3. She asked her mother to fix a small _____ in her favorite shirt.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer. 选择正确的答案。

1. How did he know the bike in the store was his bike?
A. The store owner told him. B. The seat was torn.
C. It was the same color. D. It had his name on it.
2. Before it was stolen, he planned to use his bike to _____.
A. get home from the station B. ride at his grandmother's house
C. let his grandmother ride D. travel to his grandmother's house
3. How did the thieves probably steal the bike?
A. They broke the chain. B. They cut the padlock.
C. They put it in a truck. D. They took the front wheel off.
4. What kind of things are sold in a "second hand" store?
A. broken B. two-handed
C. used D. washed

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word. 选择正确的单词填空。

lock

reported

tear

ad

situation

He forgot to _____ his bicycle, so somebody stole it. When he _____ it to the police, he told them his bicycle had a _____ in the seat. While visiting his grandmother, he saw an _____ for a cheap used bicycle. When he went to the store, he saw his bicycle! He explained the _____ to the police and got his bicycle back.

steal v. 偷; 窃
padlock n. 挂锁
in a hurry 匆匆忙忙的
lock up 锁住
theft n. 盗窃; 偷窃
(行为)

police officer 警官
serial number 车牌号码
tear n. 裂口; 撕开的口子
second hand 二手的;
旧的

look through 浏览
to one's surprise 令某人
吃惊的
two-handed adj. 转过两道
手的; 二手的

You live in Newtown. You want to go to Forestville to see Indian Village National Park and spend three hours there. You plan to hike about four miles to see some ruins in the park. You will pack a lunch and eat while you are in the park. You can't leave Newtown before 9:00 and you must return to Newtown before 18:00.

Look at the schedule for trains leaving from and returning to Newtown each day. Make a plan for your trip to the national park. Which train should you take to the park? Which train should you catch to come home?

From Newtown to Forestville

Newtown	06:30	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	14:30
Oldtown	06:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	14:40
River Bend	06:50	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	14:50
Highview	07:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	
Hope Valley	07:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	
Great Mountain	08:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	16:20
Forestville	09:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	17:00

From Forestville to Newtown

Forestville	09:15	10:45	13:15	14:15	15:15	17:05
Great Mountain	10:00	11:30	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:50
Hope Valley	10:45	12:15	14:45	15:45	16:45	
Highview	11:05	12:35	15:05	16:05	17:05	
River Bend	11:25	12:55	15:25	16:25	17:25	19:00
Oldtown	11:35	13:05	15:35	16:35	17:35	19:10
Newtown	11:45	13:15	15:45	16:45	17:45	19:20

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning. 选择与画线部分意思相同的单词。

1. The people built a small town in the low place between the mountains.
A. evening B. valley C. view D. wheel
2. She enjoyed walking around the lake each morning.
A. flying B. hiking C. driving D. running
3. I have finished putting clothes in my bag. Let's go!
A. wearing B. washing C. packing D. carrying

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer. 选择正确的答案。

1. What time does the train you need to take leave Newtown?
A. 9:30 B. 10:30
C. 11:30 D. 14:30
2. What time does the train you need to take leave Forestville?
A. 10:45 B. 13:15
C. 14:15 D. 15:15
3. How long does it take to go from Highview to Forestville?
A. less than one hour B. about two hours
C. more than three hours D. around thirty minutes
4. What are "ruins"?
A. large rocks in the forest B. places where animals live
C. where ancient people lived D. writing made in stones

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word. 选择正确的单词填空。

trains

take

In order to

travel

look around

The schedule shows all of the _____ going to Forestville and then returning to Newtown. In one day, you want to _____ to Forestville to _____ the national park there. It will _____ about three hours to see the park. _____ do this and return, you must leave at 9:30 in the morning and come back on the train at 3:15 in the afternoon.

journey n. 旅行

ruins n. 废墟

schedule n. 时刻表

There was once a parrot on sale in a pet store. It was a beautiful red and blue bird. It sat on a perch in the middle of the store, so that everyone who came into the store could see it. The owner was very proud of it and was asking a high price for it.

One day a man went into the pet store. "That's a beautiful bird," he said to the pet store owner, "but why is it so expensive? Is it a rare bird?"

"No, it's not very rare. It's expensive because it can talk," the pet store owner said.

"I see. How can I make it talk?" the man asked.

The pet store owner asked him, "Do you see those strings tied to each of the bird's legs?"

"Yes," the man said.

"Well, you pull those strings," the pet store owner told him. "That'll make the parrot talk."

The man asked, "Do you mind if I try?"

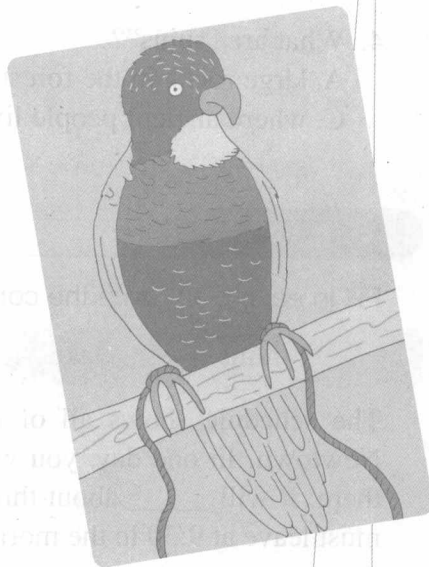
"Not at all," the pet store owner said.

The man walked up to the parrot and pulled the string on its left leg. The parrot said, "Good morning."

The man pulled the string on the parrot's right leg. This time the parrot said, "How are you today?"

"That's not very interesting," said the man. "Any parrot could do that!" Then he laughed, "But what would happen if I pulled both strings at the same time?"

"I'll fall off my perch, stupid," the parrot said.



Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning. 把单词和正确的意思相连。

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 1. perch | A. hard to find; not common |
| 2. rare | B. small rope |
| 3. string | C. a small place where birds sit |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer. 选择正确的答案。

- This story is funny because the parrot _____.
A. couldn't understand the man
B. sang a song
C. liked playing with string
D. could speak and understand well
- Which is true about the parrot?
A. It can't talk.
B. It is for sale.
C. It knows many languages.
D. It never learned to fly.
- How does the man get the parrot to talk?
A. with food
B. with money
C. with a tape
D. with strings
- The store owner tells the man, "Not at all." This means _____.
A. Don't do it.
B. It's free.
C. Go ahead.
D. The store is closed.

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word. 选择正确的单词填空。

perch

tied to

strings

both

other

A man went into a pet store and saw a parrot on a _____. The parrot had two strings _____ its feet. The owner told the man to pull the _____. When the man pulled one or the _____ of the strings, the bird spoke. The man asked what the parrot would do if he pulled _____ strings at the same time. The bird said it would fall.

on sale 待售的; 拍卖的
perch n. (禽鸟的) 栖木

rare adj. 很少的; 稀少的
string n. 细线

rope n. 绳子

I can't make this CD player work.

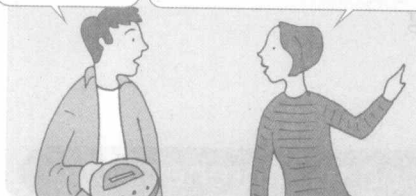
Have you turned on the power?



Joe bought a new CD player. He is turning it on for the first time.

Yes. Nothing happens.

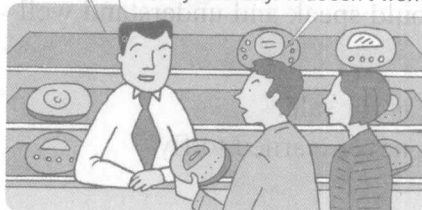
Take it back to the store and complain. Ask for another one.



Betty tells Joe they must exchange it.

Can I help you?

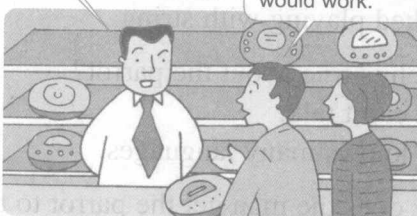
Yes. I bought this CD player here yesterday. It doesn't work.



Joe explains to the salesclerk that the CD player doesn't work.

Did you try it before you took it out of the store?

No. It was new. It was in a box. I thought it would work.



The salesclerk wants to know if they tried it in the store.

I'm sorry, but I can't help you. You should have tried it out before you left the store.

That's nonsense. We want to speak to the manager.



The clerk thinks they broke it. Betty demands to see the manager.

Yes, what's the problem?



We bought this yesterday. It doesn't work.

The manager wants to find out what the problem is.

They didn't test it in here, sir.

They don't have to.



The salesclerk explains why he won't exchange it.

Give them another one. I'm sorry you've had this problem.

That's all right. Thank you.



The manager apologizes and tells the salesclerk to exchange the CD player.