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与同类材料相比,《中文天天读》具有以下特点:

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  - 2. 多样有趣。"兴趣是最好的老师",我们力求选文富有情趣。选文伊始,我们即

根据已有经验以及相关调查,对留学生的需求进行了分析,尽可能保证选文在一定程度上能够投其所好。具体体现在两个方面: (1) 话题多样,内容丰富。这样可以保持阅读的新鲜感。《中文天天读》各册从普通中国人的衣食住行、传统风俗与现代生活的交替到中国当代的社会、经济、语言、文化等内容均有涉及,有的还从中外对比的角度叙述和分析,力求让读者了解到中国社会的真实面貌,同时还可以对学生的跨文化交际能力起到一定的指导作用;(2) 文体多样,形式活泼。《中文天天读》采用记叙文、说明文、议论文、书信、诗歌、小小说等各种文体,不拘一格,让读者了解汉语不同体裁的文章,充分感受中文的魅力。

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- 4. 听读结合。《中文天天读》每册均配有相应的 CD,读者既可以通过"读"的方式欣赏地道的中文,也可以通过"听"的方式感受纯正的普通话。这两种输入方式会从不同的角度帮助学习者提高汉语水平。

在编写过程中,我们从阅读教学专家、全国对外汉语优秀教师刘颂浩先生那里获益良多;北京外国语大学中国语言文学学院的领导魏崇新、张晓慧、吴丽君三位教授欣然担任《中文天天读》的顾问,其他同事也给了我们很多帮助,特别是马晓冬博士提出了许多建设性的意见;外语教学与研究出版社汉语分社的领导和编辑给予本项目以大力支持,特别是李彩霞、周微、李扬、庄晶晶、颜丽娜五位编辑为本丛书的策划、编写作出了特别贡献;北外中文学院 2006 级、2007 级的 10 多位研究生在选文方面也给了我们很多帮助,在此一并致谢。

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#### Preface

It is common knowledge that reading is the primary input channel for adult learners of a foreign language. Extensive reading can ensure adequate language input and fast, efficient learning. Therefore, both language researchers and teachers emphasize large amount of reading in addition to classroom learning.

Regrettably, well designed and appropriately graded reading materials for second-language learners are hard to come by. Aware of the shortage, the Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press initiated in 2007 the compilation of *Reading China*, a series of readers tailored to the diverse needs of learners at different levels of Chinese proficiency. The readers feature fun stories of present-day China, with introductions on Chinese history, culture and everyday life.

This series can be used as in-class or after-class reading materials because every book from the series is brief in content and has a small amount of exercises. There are altogether five levels in the series, each consisting of several volumes. Please refer to the table below for specific data:

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Other language versions of the series, such as Japanese, Korean, Spanish, German, French, Italian and Russian, will come off the press soon to facilitate the study of Chinese learners with these language backgrounds.

Each book of the series includes the following modules:

- 1. Pre-reading—Lead-in. This part has one or two interesting warming-up questions, which function as an introduction to a new text. Teachers can develop their own class introductions on the basis of Lead-in.
- 2. Reading—Texts, Side Notes and Illustrations. Side Notes provide equivalents and explanations for new words and expressions to help learners better understand the text. This part also keeps the degree of difficulty of the texts within reasonable bounds so that learners can read them at a reasonable speed. Illustrations are another highlight of the series. They help learners take in at a glance the key sentences and main ideas of the texts.
- 3. After-reading—Language Points, Exercises and Cultural Tips. The Language Points part hammers home the meaning and usage of important words and expressions, or grammar points in one of the sentences from the text. Two follow-up example sentences, usually with words, expressions or linguistic contexts from previous texts, are given to help learners "gain new insights through review of old materials". In Exercises, a small amount of questions, choice questions, true or false questions and cloze tests, are designed to check learners' comprehension of the texts without spoiling the fun of reading. In Cultural Tips, background information is provided as supplementary reading materials. (Some are related to the texts and some are just general information about Chinese culture, history and geography.)

Reading China stands out among similar readers because of the following features:

1. User-friendlyness: "Reading should be as easy as possible", a principle consistently followed by the compilers, through strict control of the number of new words and expressions in each text, the Side Notes, the translations given in Language

Points and Cultural Tips, illustrations and pictures.

- 2. Diversity and fun: The compilers have taken great pains in choosing interesting stories because "interest is the best teacher". We also try to cater to foreign students' reading preferences by analyzing their learning expectations on the basis of our teaching experience and surveys. Firstly, a wide range of topics is included to sustain the freshness of reading. The stories touch upon many aspects of Chinese life. In some cases, similarities and differences between Chinese and foreign cultures are compared and analyzed to give learners a realistic idea about contemporary China and improve their cross-cultural communication ability. Secondly, different writing genres and styles are selected, such as narrations, instructions, argumentations, letters, poems, mini-stories, etc. In this way, learners can fully appreciate the charm of the Chinese language.
- 3. Practicality: Many texts are closely related to foreign students' life in China and contain practical information about studying, living, traveling and working in China.
- 4. Listening materials: CDs are provided for each book of the series. Integration of audio input through listening and visual input through reading will further improve learning results.

In the course of our compilation work, we have benefited a great deal from the expertise of Mr. Liu Songhao, an expert in teaching Chinese reading and an excellent teacher of Chinese as a second language. Mr. Wei Chongxin, Ms. Zhang Xiaohui, and Ms. Wu Lijun from the School of Chinese Language and Literature of the Beijing Foreign Studies University have served as highly supportive consultants. Quite a few other colleagues at SCLL, especially Dr. Ma Xiaodong, have provided many inspiring suggestions. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the directors and editors of the FLTRP Chinese Publishing Division, in particular Li Caixia, Zhou Wei, Li Yang, Zhuang Jingjing and Yan Lina, for their contribution to the planning and compilation of this series. We also wish to thank more than ten postgraduate students of the years 2006 and

2007 at BFSU for their help in collecting materials.

We would greatly appreciate suggestions and comments from learners and teachers of Chinese as a second language and would accordingly improve the books in the future. Contact information: zhuyong1706@gmail.com.

Zhu Yong January, 2009

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## 1 "Ān" de yìsi shì shénme? "安"的意思是什么?

What Does "安" Mean?

你去过天安门吗? 你知道汉字"安"的意思是什么吗?



告诉 v. tell, let know

房屋 n. house, building

Shàng Hànzì kè de shíhou, lǎoshī yìbiān shuō yìbiān zài hēibǎn 上 汉字课的时候,老师一边说一边在黑板shang xiěle yí gè "bǎogàir", gàosu dàjiā, "bǎogàir" zài Hànzì zhōng上写了一个"宀",告诉大家,"宀"在汉字中 shì "fángwū" de yìsi. Ránhòu, tā yòu zài xiàmian xiěle gè "nǔ"是"房屋"的意思。然后,她又在下面写了个"女"

zì, wèn dàjiā: "Wūzi li yǒu gè nǚrén, huì zěnmeyàng?"字,问 大家: "屋子 里 有 个 女人, 会 怎么样?"

Yí gè xuésheng huídá: "Máfan!" 一个 学生 回答: "麻烦!"

Dàjiā dōu xiào le. 大家都笑了。

Lǎoshī wēixiàozhe shuō: "Rúguǒ fángzi li yǒu gè nǚrén, jiù 老师 微笑着 说: "如果 房子 里 有 个 女人,就huì píng'ān. Suǒyǐ Hànzì de 'ān' zì jiù shì 'bǎogàir' xiàbian jiā yí 会 平安。所以 汉字 的'安'字 就 是'宀'下边 加一gè 'nǚ' zì."

回答 v. answer, reply

麻烦 adj. troublesome, inconvenient

微笑 v. smile

平安 adj. safe and sound

所以 conj. so, therefore, as a result

加 v. add

#### 想一想 Questions



#### 语言点 Language Points

一边·····--边······· while ... as ... 1. 老师一边说一边在黑板上写了一个"一"。

The teacher wrote a ",--," on the blackboard while he was speaking.

"一边……一边……",关联副词。表示两种以上的动作同时进行。用在动词前。

"一边……一边……" is a correlative adverb, usually used before verbs to indicate two actions happen together.

- (1) 同学们一边唱歌一边跳舞,都很高兴。
- (2) 他一边想一边回答问题。

然后 then

#### 2. 然后,她又在下面写了个"女"字。

Then, she wrote a "女" underneath it.

"A, 然后 B"中"然后",连词。表示一件事情之后接着发生另一件事情。

"然后" in "A, 然后B" is a conjunction with the meaning of "then, afterwards", normally used to indicate an event that occurs after another.

- (1) 星期天上午我洗了衣服,然后跟朋友一起去看电影。
- (2) 他每天早晨起床后,先去操场跑步,然后吃早饭。

如果·····就······ if...then...

#### 3. 如果房子里有个女人,就会平安。

If there is a woman in the house, it will be safe and sound.

"如果",表示假设。"就",引出结果。"如果……就……"连接两个小句。

"如果" indicates an assumption. "就" introduces certain results or consequences. "如果……就……" is used to connect two clauses.

- (1) 如果明天下雨, 我们就不去公园了。
- (2) 如果有很多钱,我就买汽车。

#### 练习 Exercises

#### 判断正误。True or false.

(1)	" , " "	在汉字中的意思是房屋。	(	)
(2)	"安"	字的意思是房屋。	(	)

(3) 学生们正在上汉字课。 ( )

#### 小知识 Cultural Tips

#### 汉字的造字法

#### The Approaches of Chinese Character Creation

"安"的意思是什么?从汉字造字法来看,是"一"与"女"的合意, 屋里有个女人就"安定、平静",属于汉语的会意字。汉字的发展经历了 很长时间的演变,主要有四种造字法:象形、指事、会意、形声。其中 象形造字法是汉字造字的基础。用这种方法人们创造了最原始的文字,



例如: "日"写成⊙, "月"写成D, 水写成(\\\), 牛写成\\\\*等。但这种造字法有很大的局限性, 满足不了语言发展的需要, 所以就逐步产生了指事字、会意字、形声字。

What does "妾" mean in Chinese? According to the approaches of character creation, it belongs to the category of Associative Characters. Its meaning derives from the combination of "宀" (literally means a house) and "女"(literally means a woman), meaning settled, quiet or tranquil because there is a female in the house. The development of Chinese characters has undergone a very long history and has formed mainly four approaches of character formation, namely the pictographic approach, explanatory approach, associative approach and pictophonetic approach, among which the pictographic approach functions as the basis for the creation of Chinese characters. Through the pictographic approach, ancient Chinese created some primeval characters, such as ① (sun), 》 (moon), ??? (water) and ¥ (bull), etc. However, due to the limitation of the pictographic approach, the approaches of explanatory, associative and pictophonetic character creation gradually came into being and were employed to meet the need of Chinese language development.

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### Táoqì de háizi 淘气的孩子

A Naughty Child

你小时候是一个淘气的孩子吗?



问题 n. question

Érzi: Bàba, wǒ yǒu yí gè wèntí. 儿子:爸爸,我有一个问题。

Fùqīn: Shénme wèntí? 父亲: 什么 问题?

Érzi: Nǐ yǒu jǐ gè míngzi? 儿子: 你有几个名字?