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Introduction

本丛书的作者 Andrew is. Gennett 是哈佛大学教育硕士,常年从事英语教学与研究。他所编写的这套丛书专为英语学习者增进英语听、说技巧,扩充词汇量、增长文化背景知识而设计,分为初级、中级和高级三册。每本书中均包含了广泛的日常话题,这些话题在日常会话中使用的频率最高。熟悉这些话题,可以极大地提高学习者的英语交流能力。

本丛书的重要特点:

- ★ 部分提出了与英语口试、日常会话相关的各种问题,并提供了不同观点的答案,帮助学习者准确地表达自己的观点。
 - ★ 每个话题都有《温兰》, 生动形象的会话让人身临其境地体会地道的美语。
- ★ 附赠的(D)语音清晰,学习者可以体验并模仿地道的美语表达方式和语音语调。 书中有光盘图标的部分在 CD 中可以找到相应的录音。

本丛书的重要用途:

- 练习英语会话 该丛书能够满足各层次学习者提高英语水平的需要。在读完一本书后,使用者可以继续使用此系列的下一本书,循序渐进,不断提高英语听、说、读能力。本丛书还可作为课堂教材,书中的问与答、对话范文可作为教学材料,让学生进行英语会话或情景模拟练习。
- 准备英语口试 无论是升学考试还是求职面试,考官会提出各种各样的问题。本 丛书的设计非常适合准备英语口试。问与答部分将与话题相关的问题一网打尽,并从不 同角度给出了回答。熟记这些答案,就一定能对考官的问题对答如流。
- 应对国外生存 书中内容涉及衣食住行各个方面,不管是要长期旅居国外,还是 短期国外旅游,掌握本系列三本书,你的国外生活定会畅行无阻。

认真学完本丛书,一定可以让你摆脱哑巴英语,让你的英语顶呱呱!

FIRST MEETINGS 初次见面



Culture Notes

Americans usually greet each other with a handshake. Only close friends hug or kiss each other. When meeting someone for the first time, it's common to shake hands and say something polite such as, "Nice to meet you." More formally, you might say, "It's a pleasure to meet you." Remember, though, that these phrases are only used the first time you meet someone. If you see the person again, you can say, "Good to see you" or "Nice to see you again."

Americans get to know each other by asking questions about family, work, hobbies, interests and educational backgrounds. It's rude to ask people about their age or salary. Also, topics such as religion and politics are sensitive to many people.

Vocabulary 词汇表

accomplishment (n)	成就	major (n/v)	专业; 主修
award (n/v)	奖项/授予	manager (n)	经理
bachelor (n)	学上	married (adj)	已婚的
belong to (v)	属于	move (v)	搬家;移动
birthplace (n)	出生地	night school	夜校
career (n)	职业; 马业	originally (adv)	原先
civil servant	公仆;公务员	owner (n)	物主; 所有人
clerk (n)	职员	part-time (adj)	兼职的
club (n)	俱乐部; 社团	pet (n/v)	定物; 养宠物
college (n)	学院;大学	profession (n)	地
county (n)	县	resident (n)	居民
current events	时草	responsibility (n)	责任
downtown (n)	用证	self-employed (adj)	白雇的; 自己经营的
educational background	教育背景;学历	senior (n)	美国四年制中学四
enjoy (v)	享受	, , ,	年级或大四学生
exercise (n/v)	练习;运动	sibling (n)	兄弟姊妹
firm (n)	公司	single (adj)	单身的
freshman (n)	新生; 大一学生	sophomore (n)	高二或大二学生
full-time (adj)	全职的	spare time	余暇
goal (n)	目标	sports (n)	运动
graduate (n/v)	毕业生/毕业	staff member	工作人员; 职员
graduate student	研究生	study abroad	田国留学
hike (n/v)	徒步旅行	suburb (n)	郊区
hobby (n)	嗜好	supervisor (n)	[hard
home (n)	家	unemployed (adj)	失业的;闲着的
hometown (n)	家乡	university (n)	大学
interest (n)	兴趣	use computers	使用电脑
job title	职称	vacation (n)	假期
junior (n)	(四年制的中学或	vocational school	职业学校
	大学)三年级学生	weekday (n)	平口; 工作目
leisure activities	休闲活动	weekend (n)	周末

文化解说

通常,美国人握手寒暄问候,只有好朋友之间才拥抱或者亲吻脸颊。初次见面,人们常常握握手,说"很高兴认识你"这样的客气话。要想更正式一些,可以说"认识你很荣幸"。但是请注意,这些话只能在初次见到某人的时候使用。要是再一次见到对方,可以说"见到你真好"或者"很高兴又见到你"。

美国人通过询问彼此的家庭、工作、爱好、兴趣以及学历情况进行相互了解。 贸然询问他人的年龄或者工资情况是很不礼貌的。此外,与宗教和政治等方面有 关的话题对许多人来说也是敏感话题。

Questions and Possible Answers 问与答



- 1. Where are you from? Is this your hometown?
 - I'm from around here. I grew up in this area.
 - I come from London. This isn't my hometown. I was raised in York, England.
- 2. Do you live in this area? If not, where do you live?
 - → I live nearby. My place isn't too far from here.
 - Actually, my house is about an hour's drive away.
- 3. Do you work, or are you a student?
 - J don't have a job now, but I'm looking

- 你来自哪里? 这是你的家乡吗?
 - ★ 我是当地人,我在这个地区 长大。
 - ★ 我来自伦敦。这不是我的家 乡。我在英国约克郡长大。
- 你住在这一带吗?如果不是,你 住在哪里?
 - ★ 我住在附近。我家离这里不 是很远。
 - ★ 实际上,我家离这里大约一个小时车程。
- ◎ 你工作了还是上学?
 - ▲ 我现在还没有工作,不过,我

for one.

- → I work full-time.
- I'm a university student, but I have a parttime job.
- 4. If you work, what kind of job do you have? How do you like it?
 - → I work in a large electronics firm. I'm a sales manager. It's hard work, but I enjoy it.
 - Well, currently I work as a secretary at a small international trading company. Basically, it's alright, though I'd like to do something more challenging.
 - → I work at a warehouse lifting heavy boxes. I can't stand it.
- 5. If you're a student, where do you study? What year are you in?
 - → I study at the Sorbonne, in Paris. It's my third year.
 - → I'm a sophomore at the Chinese University in Hong Kong.
- 6. What's your educational background?
 - → I studied English literature as an undergraduate. Then, I went for my MBA. I concentrated in international law.
 - → I majored in accounting, but my real interest is in architecture. So, I've taught myself a lot about that.
 - → I'm mostly self-taught. I've gained most of my business knowledge through real-

正在找。

- ★ 我的工作是全职的。
- ★ 我是个大学生,不过,我有一份兼职的工作。
- 如果你工作了,你做什么工作? 你喜欢这份工作吗?
 - ★ 我是一家大型电子公司的销售经理。这份工作不好做,但是我喜欢。
 - → 嗯……目前我在一家小型外 贸公司做秘书。虽然我想做 点更有挑战性的工作,不过, 这份工作基本上还行。
 - ★ 我在一家仓库搬运重型箱子。
 这活儿让我受不了。
- 如果你是学生,你在哪里上学? 上几年级?
 - ♪我在巴黎索邦大学上三年级。
 - ◆ 我是香港中文大学的大二学生。

❷ 你是什么学历?

- ★ 我的本科专业是英国文学。 后来,我上了工商管理硕士, 主修国际法。
- ★ 我的专业是会计,不过,我真正感兴趣的是建筑,因此,我自学了不少建筑方面的知识。
- ★ 我主要是自学。我的大多数 商业知识来自实践。

world experience.

- 7. Have you ever studied or lived abroad?
 Where?
 - No, I've never done that, but I have traveled abroad quite a few times.
- 8. What are your hobbies? What things are you interested in?
 - I like hiking and reading, plus I enjoy listening to music.
 - Let's see, I think I like doing everything.
 I especially love watching movies.
- 9. What do you do in your spare time?
 - I watch TV or read.
 - Believe it or not, I go to the zoo whenever I have the chance.
 - What spare time? I work around the clock.
- 10. How do you spend your weekends?
 - My family and I usually go out somewhere.
 - It depends on the weather. If it's sunny, I go to the park. Otherwise, I stay at home.
- 11. Do you belong to any clubs? Which ones?
 - I'm in a poetry club. We meet once a week and talk about poetry.
 - No, I don't have time right now.

- 你在国外学习或者生活过吗?在
 哪里?
 - ▲ 不, 从来没有, 不过, 我出过 很多次国。
 - ▲ 有过。我在莫斯科跟一个俄 罗斯家庭生活了一个月。
- ◎ 你的爱好是什么?你对什么感兴趣?
 - ▲ 我喜欢远足和阅读, 另外我 还喜欢听音乐。
 - ♠ 嗯……我想我什么都喜欢, 尤其是看电影。
- → 你业余时间做什么?
 - ▲ 看电视或者看书。
 - ▲ 信不信由你,我一有机会就 去动物园。
 - ▶ 哪有什么业余时间啊?我无时无刻不在工作。
- ❷ 你怎么过周末?
 - ▲ 我通常和家人出门玩。
 - ▲ 那得看天气。天气好的话去 公园,要不然就待在家里。
- 砂 你参加社团了吗? 是什么社团?
 - ★ 我参加了一个诗歌社团。我 们每周举行一次聚会,讨论 诗歌。
 - ▲ 没参加,我现在没时间。

- 12. Tell me about your family. Do you have any siblings?
 - My family? Well, I have one older brother and one younger sister. We live with our parents and grandmother.
 - It's just me and my parents. I'm an only child.
 - I have a wife and one child. Plus, I have two brothers and one sister. They live in another city.
- 13. Do you have any pets? Describe them.
 - I have a sweet little kitty. Her name's Fluffy. She's white and furry and very cute.
 - We have two cats and a small dog. Plus we have some fish.
 - I have a small dog named Bengo. He has short brown and white hair, and he barks at everything.
- 14. What foreign languages do you speak?
 - I can speak fluent German and Spanish, as well as English.
 - I speak Chinese and English. I also know a bit of Japanese.
- 15. How long have you been studying English?
 - I've been studying English for about ten years.
 - I took English in junior high and high school. I just started taking classes again two months ago.

- 跟我说说你的家人。你有兄弟姐妹吗?
 - ★ 我的家人?嗯,我有一个哥哥、一个妹妹。我们跟爸妈还有祖母一块住。
 - ▲ 我家只有我和爸爸妈妈。我 是个独生子。
 - ▲ 我家里有妻子和一个孩子。 另外我有两个兄弟、一个妹 妹。他们住在外地。
- 你养宠物吗?描述一下。
 - ★ 我有只可爱的小猫。她叫毛 毛,全身雪白,毛茸茸的很可 爱。
 - ▲ 我们养着两只猫和一条小狗。 另外我们还有几条鱼。
 - ▲ 我有条小狗名叫本戈。他长 着一身棕白相间的短毛,看 见什么都会汪汪叫。
- 你讲什么外语?
 - ▲ 我的德语和西班牙语很流利, 英语也是。
 - ▲ 我会讲汉语和英语,还懂一 点日语。
- ② 你学英语多久了?
 - ▲ 我学英语大约有十年了。
 - ▲ 我中学的时候学过英语。两个月之前,我又开始上英语课了。

- 16. What are your goals for learning English?
 - English is important for my job, so I need to improve my speaking and writing skills.
 - Mostly, it's for personal interest. I love learning about new places and cultures.
 - → I want to be able to explore the Internet.

 I think English is a critical skill for doing that.
- 17. Do you enjoy traveling? Where have you been?
 - → I love traveling. I've been to Hong Kong, Singapore and Italy.
 - → I wouldn't say I love it, but it's OK once in a while. I went to Mexico last summer.
 - → Oh, I've been all over the place. I travel every chance I get.
- 18. What accomplishments are you proud of?
 - → I think raising a family is my greatest achievement.
 - Last year, I was the salesperson of the year at my company.
 - → I got an 'A' in math this year. I had to work really hard for it.
- 19. Have you ever won any awards? What for?
 - → It's been a while, but back in high school, I won a few races.
 - → I don't think I've won any awards, but
 I came close a few times.

砂 你学英语的目标是什么?

- ★ 英语对我的工作来说很重要, 因此,我得提高我的口语和 写作水平。
- ★ 主要因为个人兴趣。我很喜欢了解不熟悉的地方和文化。
- ▲ 我想能浏览网页。我认为懂 英语对于上网来说是一种很 重要的能力。

砂 你喜欢旅行吗? 你去过哪里?

- ★ 我爱好旅行。我去过中国香港、新加坡和意大利。
- ★ 说不上喜欢,不过,偶尔旅行 一次也行。去年夏天我去了墨西哥。
- ▲ 噢,我去过很多地方。我一有 机会就去旅行。

② 你最自豪的成就是什么?

- ★ 我想供养家人就是我最大的 成就。
- ★ 去年我是公司的年度最佳销售人员。
- ◆ 今年我数学考试得了个"A"。 我很刻苦才得到的。
- 砂 你获得过什么荣誉吗? 是什么原 因得到的?

 - ★ 我没得过什么荣誉,不过,有 几次差点就得到了。

20. What current events are you interested in?

- → I keep up with the latest scientific developments.

● 你关注哪些时事?

- → 我一直在关注中东局势。我 很关心世界政治局势。
- → 我关心最新的科学发展。



Sample Conversation 对话范文

Linda and **Mark** are new friends. They just met at a conference.

Linda: Have you been in Boston long?

Mark: Actually, no. I just moved here

last month, for my job.

Linda: What kind of work do you do?

Mark: I'm in advertising. How about

you?

Linda: Sales. Not too exciting, but it

pays the bills. How do you like

Boston so far?

Mark: I love it. My kids are having

trouble adjusting, though. You know—new school, new friends

—all that Have you got children?

Linda: Two girls. One 11, another 13.

They're both in junior high. How

about yours?

Mark: Let's see...My son Jake is in 5th

grade. My daughter Clarisse is

in 7th grade.

Linda: Making adjustments at that age

can be hard. If you need any

help, let me know.

Mark: Thanks. I appreciate that.

琳达和马克刚成为朋友。他们刚刚在一个会议上认识。

琳达: 你在波士顿待了很久了吗?

马克:说实话,不久。我上个月因为工作原

因刚搬过来。

琳达: 你做什么工作?

马克: 我是做广告的。你呢?

琳达:我做销售。这工作没什么意思,不

过,待遇还不错。就目前而言,你觉

得波士顿怎么样?

马克: 我很喜欢这个地方。不过, 我的孩子

们还不太适应环境。你知道那些东

西啦,新学校、新朋友什么的。你有

孩子吗?

琳达:我有两个女儿。一个11岁,一个13

岁。她们都在上初中。你的孩子呢?

马克: 嗯……我的儿子杰克上5年级, 女儿

克拉丽斯上7年级。

琳达: 那个年龄要适应环境不容易。需要

帮忙的话就告诉我。

马克: 非常感谢。



After learning about one of your classmates, introduce him/her to the rest of the class. Talk about things like work, family and interests.

FAMILY 家庭



In America, there is no longer one main 'proper' or 'model' family structure. This reflects the wide diversity of Americans and their lifestyles. A family may include one or both parents living with their children. In addition, there are multi-generational families, with the children, parents and grand-parents all living together. There are also many single people who raise children without getting married.

Many Americans have divorced parents. In fact, divorce is so common, it's no longer considered strange. However, many people don't like discussing the issue in detail. If an American tells you his/her parents are divorced, you can just say, "Oh." There's no need to say "I'm sorry" or ask "Why?"

American children usually live with their parents until they graduate from high school. Afterwards, many young adults move away or live on university campuses. Though Americans become independent at a fairly young age, they continue to maintain close ties with their parents.

Vocabulary 词汇表

adopt (v) 领养 离婚赡养费 alimony (n) approve of (v) 赞成 arranged marriage 包办婚姻 姑姑; 阿姨 aunt (n) baby sitter 保姆 bread winner 赚钱养家的人 brother (n) 兄弟 celebration (n) 庆祝 子女抚养费 child support compromise (n/v) 妥协 cousin (n) 堂(表)兄弟姊妹 daughter (n) 女儿 day care (托儿所)目托 distant (adj) 远的; 远亲的 divorce (n/v) 离婚 elderly (adj) 年长的 engaged (adj) 已订婚的 extended family 大家庭 family business 家族事业 family meeting 家庭会议 family outing 家庭支出 family portrait 全家福照片 father (n) 父亲 foster child 领养的小孩

教女

教子

爷爷; 姥爷

奶奶; 姥姥

harmonious (adj) 和谐的 have someone's blessing 拥有某人的祝福 inherit (v) 继承 继承权; 遗产 inheritance (n) marriage (n) 婚姻 matriarchal (adj) 女家长的; 母系的 母亲 mother (n) move out 搬出去 nephew (n) 侄子; 外甥 niece (n) 侄女;外甥女 nuclear family 小家庭 parents (n) 双亲; 家长 patriarchal (adj) 男家长的; 父系的 relative (n) 亲戚 retirement home 养老院 reunion (n) 家庭聚会 separated (adj) 分居的 sibling (n) 兄弟姊妹 single parent family 单亲家庭 sister (n) 姊妹 儿子 son (n) 配偶 spouse (n) step-father (n) 继父 step-mother (n) 继母 uncle (n) 泛称男性长辈 wedding (n) 婚礼。 widow (n) 寡妇

鳏夫

遗嘱

widower (n)

will (n)

god daughter

grandfather (n)

grandmother (n)

half-brother (n)

half-sister (n)

god son

同父(母)异母(父)的兄弟

同父(母)异母(父)的姊妹