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导听说明

本书作者根据多年来教授英语的经验,以“美国之音”标准英语为材料精心编写出《跟我听》英语系列丛书,其独具匠心的设计主要体现在导听部分。这部分包括:本段报道的中心思想和三个内容要点,以及十个生词和短语。导听文段也可以说是新闻标题的扩展形式,可以使听者直接了解本段报道的大意,提高听力理解的准确性和听力效果,满足不同层次英语水平听者的不同需求。具有中级英语阅读水平但听力不够好的人,可以阅读导听段,再开始听全文。这种有导向的听力训练可以避免盲听,提高效率,增强信心,从而逐步提高英语听力水平。听力基础较好的听者则可以直接听全文,然后再通过阅读导听段或者录音文本来检查自己听力的准确度。

本系列丛书适用于具有中级英语水平的英语学习者以及准备参加英语专业四、六级考试和大学英语四、六级考试的学生,也可以作为英语专业、大学英语和研究生英语听力课程教材,其中的视频听力资料还可以作为英语视听课教材使用。同时,对于参加出国能力认证考试如托福、雅思等的考生来说,本系列丛书也是难得的训练用书。衷心地希望本书对广大的英语爱好者能有一点点帮助。

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PART I

LISTENING GUIDE

Unit 1

Health Officials Call for Increase in Bird Flu Surveillance

Words and Expressions

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. surveillance 监督 | 2. prevalent 流行 |
| 3. microbiology 微生物学 | 4. genetic map 基因图 |
| 5. mutation 变异 | 6. temperate 适当的 |
| 7. moist 潮湿 | 8. complacency 自满 |
| 9. contract 患病 | 10. transmission 传播 |

The Main Idea

Experts with the World Health Organization are urging countries to step up surveillance of bird flu outbreaks in poultry. The announcement follows Pakistan's first human bird flu fatality and Burma's first reported human case of bird flu. As the correspondent reports from Hong Kong, concern is also growing that as colder weather sweeps through much of the northern hemisphere, so will cases of the potentially deadly virus.

Key Points

1. The World Health Organization says the bird flu virus is likely to become more prevalent in the coming months, because just as people are prone to sickness in cold weather, so are birds.
2. Bird flu has killed more than 200 people, mostly in Asia, since 2003. The two countries with the greatest number of human cases are Indonesia and Vietnam.
3. The World Health Organization has sent medical teams to Pakistan to investigate the possibility of human-to-human transmission in the country's first human cases of bird flu.

Unit 2

UN Official Says Kenyan Displaced Need Assistance for Several Months

Words and Expressions

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. displace 转移; 移动 | 2. ancestral home 前辈的住所 |
| 3. in the count of 算入 | 4. ethnic 民族的 |
| 5. optimism 乐观主义 | 6. contemplate 考虑; 深思 |
| 7. slum 贫民窟 | 8. looting 劫掠 |
| 9. bulk 大量 | 10. grievance 不满 |

The Main Idea

The United Nations' top humanitarian official has concluded a visit to camps for people displaced by post-election violence in Kenya. Much of the violence has been carried out along ethnic lines, and many of those displaced were members of a minority tribe in their community. The UN official said arrangements should be made to accommodate many of the displaced for at least the next few months.

Key Points

1. The Kenya Red Cross estimates that 300,000 Kenyans have been displaced by violence after a disputed presidential election in late December.
2. Holmes visited camps in the Rift Valley region, the site of some of the most serious inter-tribal clashes, as well as camps around the capital Nairobi, whose vast slums have also seen considerable violence.
3. There has been no word on what such an arrangement might look like, though there has been much discussion of Mr. Odinga and Mr. Kibaki sharing power for two to three years, followed by new elections.

Unit 3

Rainy Season Threatens Kenya's Internally Displaced

Words and Expressions

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. cholera 霍乱 | 2. severe 严重的 |
| 3. dispute 争端 | 4. pneumonia 肺炎 |
| 5. malaria 疟疾 | 6. vulnerable 易受到伤害的 |
| 7. muddy area 肮脏的地方 | 8. conducive 有好处的 |
| 9. complex 复杂的 | 10. indication 迹象 |

The Main Idea

With the arrival of the rainy season, Kenya is facing the usual challenges of flooding and disease. As the correspondent reports from Nairobi, there is a particular risk for the hundreds of thousands living in displacement camps as a result of post-election violence.

Key Points

1. Political and ethnic violence following December's disputed presidential elections caused hundreds of thousands to flee their homes, with 200,000 now staying in camps.
2. So far the rains have been a particular concern for camps around the Rift Valley town of Nakuru, where residents have been relocated to higher ground.
3. Many of those displaced belonged to ethnic minorities in their communities, and had their homes attacked by members of other tribes, often neighbors.

Unit 4

Britain Quickly Tracks down Likely Source of Foot and Mouth Infection

Words and Expressions

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. track down 追查 | 2. strain 病株源 |
| 3. pharmaceutical 药物的 | 4. vaccine 疫苗 |
| 5. voluntarily 自愿地 | 6. transmission mechanism 传播途径 |
| 7. slaughter 屠杀 | 8. vigilant 警觉的 |
| 9. eradicate 根除 | 10. revenue 收入 |

The Main Idea

The specific strain of Britain's new foot-and-mouth outbreak has been identified and it looks like it may have originated from a nearby animal disease research facility. The correspondent in London says investigators are examining the possibility of a costly breach of bio-security.

Key Points

1. The isolated strain came from the 1967 outbreak in Britain.
2. On Sunday, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown chaired his third emergency meeting into the matter.
3. Over the next few hours and few days, there will be more intensive work done in the local area.

Unit 5

WHO: Infectious Diseases Spreading Rapidly around World

Words and Expressions

1. shield from 阻止进入
2. invasion 入侵
3. pathogen 病原
4. incubate 潜伏
5. resurge 重新波动
6. urbanization 城市化
7. degradation 降低; 下降
8. antibiotic 抗生素
9. Ebola hemorrhagic fever 埃博拉出血热
10. Marburg fever 马堡出血热

The Main Idea

The World Health Organization warns new and emerging infectious diseases are spreading rapidly around the world threatening the health, economies and security of all nations. This year's World Health Report says global public health security depends on international cooperation more than at any previous time in history.

Key Points

1. The World Health Organization says diseases are increasingly threatening the health of people around the world.
2. The report finds new diseases are now emerging at an unprecedented average rate of one per year.
3. Under the International Health Regulations, countries are supposed to report potentially dangerous health emergencies to the World Health Organization and to share information that could help control the disease.