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## 前 言

目前英语作文在英语学习中的地位日趋重要。无论是高中、大学、研究生，还是出国人员的考试，英文写作均占一定的份量。但有关英文作文范例的书藉国内至今尚鲜见。

为满足广大英语爱好者的需要，我们编写了这本《英文作文范例》。本书语言洗练晓畅，体裁广泛，包括说明文、记叙文、议论文、应用文等。其中许多篇编译自中文作文佳例，因此内容丰富生动，具有较强的可读性，可为广大英语学习者习练英语作文的良师益友。

由于编者水平有限，书中缺点、错误之处在所难免，诚望广大读者批评指正。

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## 1. Newspaper Reading

Many people are interested in reading newspapers, so am I. My family has subscribed① to a number of newspapers, such as the People's Daily, China Youth, Guang Ming Daily and the Reference. I read them every day. Of course, sometimes I just skim② through some of them if I am occupied③.

Why do I love to read newspapers since I have got so many books to read? First, newspaper can help me a lot with my courses. For example, for a long time I have been puzzled about the Persian Gulf④ area mentioned in my geography lessons. I have found it difficult to remember each country's name, capital, population, etc. But since the war between Iraq and the multinationals⑤ took place there, I have paid much attention to any news about that area in the newspapers. Gradually, I have solved the above problems and also learned much more about the Arabian nations.

Secondly, newspapers can provide us with the

latest news events. If you keep reading newspapers everyday, you may be well informed and follow closely on the major changes in the world.

Thirdly, newspapers can offer their readers very rich contents, ranging from world and local events, travels, entertainment®, sports, to art and literature. Different readers can find materials of his own likings. For example, if you are a sports fan, you may just glance over the special column® for sports.

Fourthly, newspapers come very handy® to their readers. One can read it at home, in the office or elsewhere. And one can read it at any time. Sometimes some people eat, talk or watch TV while reading newspapers. And one of the characteristics of newspapers is that it is a light reading material. Many people, in fact, browse® among newspapers to kill their time®, Besides, newspapers are inexpensive to buy. That is maybe one of the reasons so many people are fond of them.

Different people may hold different opinions about newspapers. Anyway, as I have already mentioned that newspapers can widen my view and enrich my knowledge, I think they are my good friends. I'll keep close in touch with them.

- ① subscribe [səb'skraɪb]——订
- ② skim through——浏览
- ③ be occupied——忙碌
- ④ Persian Gulf——波斯湾
- ⑤ multi-nations——多国
- ⑥ entertainment ['entə'teɪnmənt]——娱乐
- ⑦ special column ['kɒləm]——专栏
- ⑧ come handy——方便
- ⑨ browse——浏览(书刊), 随便翻阅
- ⑩ kill time——用来消磨时间

## 2. Stamp Collecting<sup>①</sup>

Everybody has his own hobby<sup>②</sup>. I love to sing songs and collect stamps. Ever since I began going to the kindergarden, I have been fond of singing songs. Stamp collecting is my new hobby but I now show more interest in it than in singing songs.

My father started stamp collecting when he was very young. He has several stamp-albums<sup>③</sup>. If he became tired after reading or writing, he would take out his albums and look at his stamps as a rest. When I got tired with my homework, Father would show them to me and tell me much about the stamps. From him, I learned what common, commemorative and special stamps<sup>④</sup> were and also got some knowledge concerning offset plates and process plates<sup>⑤</sup>, etc. I felt every colourful stamp was a small and beautiful world. When I opened an album of stamps, it seemed that I had stepped into a palace of art. Each stamp was a work of art and pleasing to both the eye and the mind<sup>⑥</sup>.

After glancing at the stamps for some time, I would feel more energetic and in higher spirits. It was a good way for taking rest and recreation① after a tiring day at school. In this way, I have become more and more interested in stamp collecting.

At first, I just regarded stamp collecting as a hobby. Now I find that much knowledge can be got from the stamps. They can help me to improve my knowledge in Chinese, history, geography and natural science. This might be called killing two birds with one stone②. As I collect more and more stamps, and see some stamp shows, I realize the contents of stamps are really very rich. So I regarded stamp collecting as my second classroom. Whenever a new set or an old set of stamps come into my hand, I would make clear the subject and the meaning of the stamps. If I don't understand, I consult my father or look it up in philatelic magazines③. I collect stamps with great eagerness.

For the sake of looking up and memorizing, I have classified my stamps into famous people, scenic spots, cultural relics④, arts, techniques, sports, animals, plants, children, etc. No matter how old or new a stamp may be, I classify it and each section serves as a box of knowledge for me. Every time I get a stamp, it seems that I have

in one more card of knowledge. As time goes on, I am sure that I will not only gain a lot of scientific and cultural knowledge, both ancient and modern, Chinese and foreign, but also cultivate a good habit of collecting materials and accumulating knowledge<sup>①</sup>. Stamp can help me swim in the ocean of knowledge<sup>②</sup>.

Although I have had only an experience of collecting stamps for just a couple of years, I have got very good results and I am certainly going on with it.

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①stamp collecting——集邮

②hobby——业余爱好

③album——簿

④common, commemorative and special stamps——普通纪念和特种邮票

⑤offset plates and process plates——胶版和照象版

⑥pleasing to both the eye and the mind——令人赏心悦目

⑦recreation——消遣, 娱乐

⑧killing two birds with one stone——一箭双雕

⑨philatelic magazine——集邮杂志

⑩cultural relic——文化遗产

⑪accumulate knowledge——积累知识

⑫the ocean of knowledge——知识的海洋

### 3. The Attractive Sea

Whenever watching the sea, I am held spell-bound<sup>①</sup> and intoxicated<sup>②</sup>.

I was born in Da Lian. My home is quite near Xing Hai Park. The scene there is beautiful and the weather pleasant, of which I often feel proud.

What I am fond of most is to watch the sunrise. Before the sun appears, I get up early, run to the beach and wait for the sunrise on a rock. Breezes stir my face. How cool! Deeply I breathe in fresh air, watching the place where the sky and the sea meet together. Then I see a ball of fire jumping up. Oh, it is the sun, the flaming sun, which bounces higher and higher. It dyes the sea red and seemingly covers it with a layer of red yarn. On the surface of the sea shine countless colourful circles which are like the soap bubbles I blow at home. How excited I become, jumping and leaping to welcome the sun!

Right at this time everyday, people on breeding farms<sup>③</sup> start their work rowing their boats out

to the sea. A new day begins. When the sun rises high, the deep blue sea seems endless. In the sky one cloud after another drifts by. On the surface of the sea boats are floating.

I also like the night sea, which is deep blue. Under the light of the round moon, sparkling stars and lamps of the ships besides the lamps of buildings on the beach make the sea even more attractive. Watching clear and blue ripples④, listening to the sounds of sea waves, I stroll on the sand and leave my footprints and fancies as well...

I love the sea of our motherland, which is vast and magnificent, changeable and charming.

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①spellbound ['spelbaund]——入迷的

②intoxicate [in'tɒksikeit]——使陶醉

③breeding farm——繁殖场

④ripple ['ripl]——涟漪



## 4. Sunrise<sup>①</sup>

Sunrise is always praised by people as a "wonder". In order to see this wonder with my own eyes, I decided to visit Bei Daihe.

At about three o'clock in the morning, I was sitting in an old wooden boat on the sand, looking at the sky and expecting the sun to rise quickly.

I waited impatiently. But for half an hour, the sky seemed to be covered by dark curtain. The stars in the sky seemed to laugh at me, and each of them, one after another in turn, winked at me<sup>②</sup>.

Another twenty minutes later, I discovered that the stars were disappearing. So I became more cheerful and thought brightness would be coming in no time.

The sky was turning white in the east. The white light seemed to be the messenger<sup>③</sup> of brightness. Little by little it turned to a pinky white. The clouds surrounding the sun seemed to remember their task. They suddenly stopped playing with the stars and took off their dark cloaks and put on their sil-