

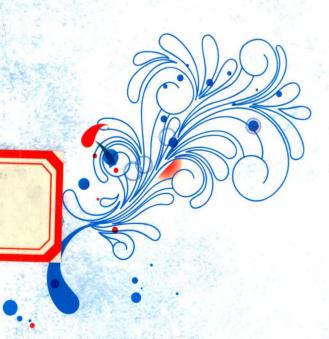
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前言

2014年2月,怀揣一颗炽热的心,第一次踏上新疆这片广袤的土地,来到其西部璀璨的明珠之城——喀什(它还有一个美丽的名字——喀什噶尔),开始了广东省高校援疆之旅。

最先接待我,让我熟悉异域风情的喀什同事就是陈国静老师。她热情风趣,大度聪慧,有典型新疆人的豪爽,让人不知不觉就被她感染。她很快介绍我认识了我的老乡——范姣兰老师,她活力四射,笑声爽朗,做事雷厉风行。在她们的引荐下,我又结识了踏实勤奋、聪明能干的常娟华老师,还有犀利幽默、见多识广的冯莉老师。大家惺惺相惜,志同道合。我们真是一群快乐的人做了一件快乐的事。

时值广东省科技厅大力推进智力援疆项目,我和范姣兰老师积极申请援疆项目,决定编写一系列英语专业教材。这样才有了广东省科技厅"喀什大学外国语学院英语专业教材建设"项目的第一本英语教材——《英语口语教程》(My Voice, My Point of View)。衷心感谢广东省科技厅给了我们这一次机会。

本教材主要分为四个部分。

第一部分是Quotes,让大家集思广益,就一个主题分享观点,激活思维,触发英语表达欲望。

第二部分是 Model Dialogues,语言地道的真实对话为大家提供实战经验,让大家有跃跃欲试之感。

第三部分是Activities,实实在在的英语实践活动让大家大胆表达不同观点,碰撞出思想火花。 第四部分是Reading And Talking,经典的英语阅读材料让大家扩展视野,增长见识,以便更加 自在地表达自己的看法。

应该说这本教材特别适合课堂教学,因为我们的目的就是要大家参与交流,用英语表达自己的思想,融入真实世界。

最后要衷心感谢喀什大学外国语学院的李新龙书记,他无微不至的关心和帮助让我们能全力以赴。同样要衷心感谢华中科技大学出版社的刘平编辑,他的建议和督促让本书成为可能。

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> 苏显炎 2017年6月

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Unit 1 You Are the One

Part I Quotes

Discuss the following quotes. What ideas do you really appreciate? Why?

- 1. Love is like a fever which comes and goes quite independently of the will...There are no age limits for love. (Stendhal)
- 2. Love can change a person the way a parent can change a baby—awkwardly, and often with a great deal of mess. (Lemony Snicket)
- 3. Love is an untamed force. When we try to control it, it destroys us. When we try to imprison it, it enslaves us. When we try to understand it, it leaves us feeling lost and confused. (Paulo Coelho)
 - 4. The more one judges, the less one loves. (Balzac)
- 5. Of all forms of caution, caution in love is perhaps the most fatal to true happiness. (Bertrand Russell)
- 6. Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get—only with what you are expecting to give—which is everything. (Katharine Hepburn)
 - 7. Love is a temporary insanity curable by marriage. (Ambrose Bierce)
- 8. Love doesn't begin and end the way we seem to think it does. Love is a battle; love is a war; love is a growing up. (James A. Baldwin)
 - 9. Anyone who falls in love is searching for the missing pieces of themselves. (Haruki Murakami)
 - 10. What is love but acceptance of the other, whatever he is. (Anas Nin)

Do you know other famous sayings about love? And what is your definition of love? Share your ideas with your seatmate.

Part II Model Dialogues

Read the following dialogues aloud and discuss what makes people fall in love.

1.

A: What are you doing? Do you want to have breakfast together? Maybe we can have our first real date.

B: I really like you, Joey.

A: Oh.

B: But I can't date you. And it wouldn't really be a date, because you are here a couple of days, and then what? I mean, you...will go back to Libya and I...stay here?

A: No, I mean, we just keep having fun, and we see where it goes.

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- B: Your contract is for three years. I don't want to be in a holding pattern for that long.
- A: We are just...victims of bad timing.
- B: Yeah, yeah, it was the story of my life.
- A: Mine, too.
- 2.
- A: Hey!
- B: Hey!
- A: What a nice surprise!
- B: Uh...look, I didn't want to tell you on the phone about me taking the job.
- A: So you are leaving.
- B: No, I am not taking the job in South Carolina. I found a job here training SWAT teams and state police.
 - A: That's great. But I don't want you to give up that job because of me.
 - B: I am giving it up because of us.

3.

- A: At least I just don't want someone to tell me that I can have another baby. You know that I can just get pregnant again. Because what they don't care is that I can't have this baby. And I cared this baby. I didn't know how amazing it was to be pregnant till I wasn't. I just feel empty.
 - B: Yeah, I can imagine. When I hear its little heart beat.
 - A: I heard you talking to Gwen when I was out. I heard what you said about getting married.
- B: You always have good ears, even in your comma. Yeah, I want to make it more romantic, but I guess I am just not good at this kind of thing, eh? How about it?

(presenting a diamond ring)

- A: You don't have to do this. Don't do this because you want to make it up to me, or you think it's the right thing or you have to prove something.
- B: I am not trying to prove anything to you. I love you. And we have been through too much together. And I can't imagine my life without you. I've seen what it's like, and I don't want to go through that again. Jane Elizabeth Alexander, will you marry me?
 - 4
 - A: Hello, sunshine. Are you still awake?
 - B: Yes, how are you, baby?
- A: Fine. Yes I am lying in bed thinking of you now. My feet dance more lightly because of you. My heart beats more strongly because of you. My eyes see more clearly because of you. My mouth smiles more easily because of you. My life is simply better because I love you, Sue.
- B: Wow, I am the luckiest girl in the world. To love and to be loved is the most beautiful thing in the world.
- A: Ever since the day you came into my life, I know you would be here until the end of time. I believe dreams can come true, because mine did when I met you, my love. I will always love you. I could

never say how much I like you, and just how special you are to me. But I can say that my world is all smiles whenever I am with you. I love you a lot.

B: You are so sweet, baby. It is so dark outside. But your love is the light in my heart, steering me into the eternal heavenly happiness. I love you with all my heart and soul. You are the one, my only one.

Share some of the most impressive dialogues between lovers you know. Make your own dialogue concerning love.

Part III Activities

Activity 1 Work in Pairs

Describe the moment when you found "the one".

Every couple's love story features a series of moments: the first date, the first kiss, the first fight, and of course those first feelings of love. But how exactly do couples go from "in love" to "I do"?

1.

My dad had just died, and I went to his funeral a state over around five hours away. So I am sitting there alone in my hotel room and my girlfriend calls me to see how I'm doing and I say I'm fine when I'm really torn up inside. I was unable to sleep and at around 4 am I get a knock on the hotel door...I looked through the window and instantly started crying. My girlfriend had driven five hours in the middle of the night because she knew I was having a hard time.

2.

The first night we met, I was unemployed and she was far too attracted for me. When I reluctantly told her about my employment situation, she calmly responded, "Well, it looks like I'm buying your drinks for the night then!" I knew she was something special. A year later, I asked her to marry me. We've been together for 10 years and have two kids. She stays at home and now I buy her drinks.

Activity 2 Work in Groups

Describe your own personality and try to find out someone else's personality that matches yours in your class.

1.

Hi, my name is John. I'm a sensitive 27-year-old guy. I'm ready for someone who wants lifetime of commitment. I'm into bodybuilding, movies, and golf. I have a great job with good income, so you don't have to be rich, just fun to be with, but I am hopeless in the kitchen, so you have to be able to cook. Let's get to know each other and enjoy life together.

2

My name is Anne, and I am a single Chinese-American woman. I am in my mid-twenties. If you love long walks on the beach, candlelight dinners, and intelligent conversations, I'd like to meet you. I want a man who comes from a good family, likes to read, and has a good sense of humor. Are you my "knight in shining armor"?



Activity 3 Work in Pairs

What is your opinion on same-sex marriage? Can you list some celebrity gay people?

1.

In a historic moment on June 26, the US Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is a legal right across all 50 states. The Supreme Court ruled states cannot deny gay men and women the same marriage rights. The decision means the 13 states with bans on same-sex marriage are no longer able to enforce them. Same-sex couples "ask for equal dignity in the eyes of law". Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the majority opinion: "The constitution grants them rights."

2. Same-sex marriage timeline:

Netherlands (2001) Norway (2009) Denmark (2012)

Belgium (2003) Sweden (2009) Uruguay (2013)

Spain (2005) Portugal (2010) New Zealand (2013)

Canada (2006) Iceland (2010) France (2013)

South Africa (2006) Argentina (2010)

Activity 4 Discussion

Are you touched by this love story? And share the most beautiful true love story you know with your seatmate.



In Bachu, Kashgar, Xinjiang, a 113-year-old Uygur girl got married to a 70-year-old Uygur lad. The bridegroom, Aimyti said, "We are happy together and I don't mind she is old than me." The bride, Aizatihan, was born in Feb. 26, 1900, and is 113 years old. They first met at the dining hall at an old people's home in Dec, 2013. Aizatihan gave Aimyti all the meat in her bowl during the meal. Aimyti was very much flattered by her action. So after that he would approach her and talk with her and walk

together. When Aimyti proposed to her, she declined his offer. "We both are so old and people would laugh at us if we remarried. It's better off we remain good friends." said Aizatihan. But Aimyti didn't give up. He would do anything to win her heart. Every time he went to the bazaar, he would buy her wonton, her favorite food. Gradually she became dependent on him. She would wait for him at the gate of the Old People's Home if he came back late. This time she took the initiative and said to him, "Do you still want to marry me?" "Yes, I do." So a simple wedding was hosted at the dining hall on the 20th, May, 2014, and they lived happily together and became a model couple at the Old People's Home.

Activity 5 Debate

Are you for or against love at first sight?

1.

It wasn't love at first sight. She was so thin and athletic. I usually like a girl with a few curves. But she asked me out and I ended up really like her personality. She's independent and she goes after what she wants. And once I started looking at her more, I really liked her physically.

2.

It was love at first sight. He was so handsome and he looked like Greek stature. I felt my heart pounding not as usual. He just swept me away. Besides he was just sweet and funny and later I found that I was so comfortable just hanging out with him.

Part IV Reading And Talking

Read the following passage and discuss with your seatmate the ideas you really appreciate.

23 Husbands Describe the Moment They Knew They Found "The One"

Taryn Hillin

Every couple's love story features a series of moments: The first date, the first kiss, the first fight, and of course those first feelings of love. But how exactly do couples go from "in love" to "I do"?

A Reddit thread popped up on Monday asking married men to tell the story of the exact moment they knew their wife was The One. Read on for 23 super sweet anecdotes and tell us yours in the comments.

1. They were a perfect match—literally.

"When we first moved in together and we were unpacking our books. I stepped back when we were done and I noticed we had doubles of all of our favorite novels. I remember thinking to myself, 'Yup, she's The One'."

2. When she became his rock.

"My Dad had just died, and I went to his funeral a state over around five hours away. So I'm sitting there alone in my hotel room and my girlfriend calls me to see how I'm doing and I say I'm fine when I'm really torn up inside. I was unable to sleep and at around 4 am I get a knock on the hotel

door...I looked through the window and instantly started crying. My girlfriend had driven five hours in the middle of the night because she knew I was having a hard time."

3. When he realized she supported him unconditionally.

"The first night we met, I was unemployed and she was far too attractive for me. When I reluctantly told her about my employment situation, she calmly responded, 'Well, it looks like I'm buying your drinks for the night then!' I knew she was something special. A year later, I asked her to marry me. We've been together 10 years and have two kids. She stays at home and now I buy her drinks."

4. They laughed at all the same jokes, even when no one else was.

"Out to the movies with a big group. Stupid movie, but there was only one other person who laughed [when] I laughed. I figured out who she was. We went out. We continued to laugh at all the wrong spots in life. We have been married almost 25 years. Still laughing when no one else does."

5. When he knew he had found his other half.

"The moment I realized I stopped thinking 'I' and was always thinking 'we'."

6. When he could be his silly self, and she was right there with him.

"We had been dating for about 3—4 months. We were holding hands after walking out of a store and reached the curb. Without skipping a beat, we both jumped off the curb, the same as I have done since I was a little kid. My daughter and I now do it regularly. If you are still a kid at heart, find someone with a similar heart."

7. When she knew him better than anyone in the world.

"One was on my 18th birthday. Worked hard at a very physically demanding job 8 am—4 pm every day. Would come back home and shower then take a nap every day. My mom had other plans...She had dozens of my friends and family surprise me with a birthday party. Anyone who knew me knew I wouldn't want this. Yet out of all my friends and close family, my now wife was the only one who told me in advance what was coming. I bought the ring that summer."

- 8. Suddenly, his S.O. (Significant Other) was the best friend he could ever ask for.
- "When she woke me up at 5 am to go to a pub to watch a soccer game."
- 9. When he knew his S.O. loved what he loved.

"I was in the bedroom getting ready to go somewhere and I heard my wife (girlfriend at the time) in the living room say, 'That's what you get for fucking with Indiana Jones, douche bag!' I asked her to marry me shortly after. I think she was watching Last Crusade."

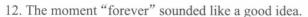
10. When he no longer had to put on airs, because she wasn't.

"Any previous girl I dated, when driving in the car with me would tell me to calm down when someone did something stupid. I'm no maniac, just Italian. I just yell at them and move on. Well, the first time we were in a car together, she was driving and someone cut her off. Before I even said a word I heard 'Are you fucking kidding me?!' That was the moment."

11. When his S.O. shared his dreams.

"I have a crazy obsession with Australia, and dream of visiting one day. My birthday rolled around soon after we began dating, and somehow she found a \$20 Australian bill and gave it to me as a gift, along with a slew of other presents.

I'm saving that bill for when we eventually make it to the other side of the globe and I am spending it on her."



"After our first date, I remember thinking 'I want to spend as much time with this woman as I can.' We were married four months later. Still married ten years later."

13. When she stuck by him in sickness and in health.

"I was hospitalized with a broken hip and she refused to leave my side through four days in the hospital. This was after my mother had passed away earlier in the year. That was the moment I realized that she was the one and have been together ever since."

14. He discovered she was even nerdier than he was, in the best possible way.

"She corrected me when I mispronounced the name of Gandalf's sword. God, I love this woman."

15. When his S.O. was willing to conquer her fears, just for him.

"My now wife sang and played Hey Jude for me on my sister-in-law's couch three days into our relationship. She has horrible stage fright but at that moment I knew she was The One. Six years later we have a beautiful son named Jude."

16. The moment he realized he was truly loved.

"When her car was damaged in a parking lot while under my care (not at fault) and her first words to me upon seeing the damage were 'Are you OK?' That moment when you discover the woman you' re dating cares more for you than an expensive inanimate object is the moment you know."

17. When he knew his whole life could be an adventure if they spent it together.

"We booked a trip to Italy pretty early in our relationship and [while at the airport] our flight was canceled due to the volcano in Iceland. We met with a lady who asked us, 'Well, where do you wanna go?' My girlfriend (now wife) turned to me and said, 'Oh my God, we could see Machu Picchu. You wanna?' We had only been dating a few months at that point, but I told her I loved her in the fountain park in Lima...We just celebrated our 2-year wedding anniversary last month!"

18. When his S.O. was willing to sacrifice anything to help him.

"We were on our way to a dinner thing. I had to stop and get air for the tires, and it started to rain—hard. She spent three hours in the bathroom getting ready, and she got out of the car and put a hoodie on, and held the flashlight for me."

19. He couldn't remember not being in love.

"I honestly can't remember a time I didn't want to marry her."

20. When his S.O. became his source of strength.

"We hadn't slept in over 36 hours and we were driving down back roads from Six Flags Great America toward home. We got lost, and when I usually would get upset or flustered, I was oddly calm with her helping navigate. It seemed so significant to me that she had, just by being there, calmed me down that I knew our relationship was special."

21. There were no reasons not to love her.

"My very good friend at the time asked me, 'Then why don't you marry her?' I couldn't come up with a single reason not to. We just celebrated our seven year anniversary today."

22. When even so-called "bad" moments became memories.

"We were waiting for the rain to stop after we had finished buying groceries. It was pouring rain, and I thought it would be great to run in the rain. I turned to my GF and was about to ask her when she asked me if I wanted to run in the rain. We walked to the car getting soaked together laughing."



23. When all the little moments added up to something extraordinary.

"It was not really a single moment, but a long line of little things that built up to it. She is my best friend in the world and the most beautiful woman in the world to me. One day I decided I wanted to get married and have her in my life till the end. Of course, I had a feeling that I would ask her on day one, but I was in love and thought that after a year or two I would feel different. Nope. Still love her like the day I met her."