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写给读者的话

谢谢你选中本书作为你的听力教科书,你的选择是正确的!这套 Advanced Listening Series 的策划是五年以前开始的。起因非常简单,1991 年的时候,我不断收到全国各地英语爱好者的来信,请我推荐听力教材。他们都是有一定英语基础的人,有的是英语专科毕业,有的甚至是英语本科毕业。他们在信中谈到,书店里几乎没有适合他们使用的听力教材。我本着对学生负责的态度,在当地跑过不少新华书店和外文书店,到外地出差,光顾书店也成了我必不可少的一项任务,结果是可想而知的。目前图书市场上的英语听力教材大体可分为两类,一类是初级听力,重点是简单句型和简单模仿,对象是初学者,另一类是习题训练,以托福习题为主,对象是托福应试者。对于那些不想参加托福考试的英语爱好者来说,的确没有合适的听力教材。托福类型的练习题属于应试型的,对应试者来说,它的确能起到“临阵磨枪,不快也光”的作用,但对于那些想扎扎实实地提高英语听力能力的人来说,并不完全适合。正是基于这个原因,我开始了这套高级听力丛书的策划。

然而,动手之后却发现,所需要的素材很不容易找到,这也许正是图书市场缺乏这类教材的主要原因。素材最终找到了,但两年的时间已经过去,之后又用两年的时间进行编写和反复推敲。尽管现在已经定稿,但仍然感到很不尽人意,因为

编写这类属于高级阶段的听力教科书毕竟还是个尝试。希望能够得到大家的支持。

这套高级听力丛书到底有哪些特点呢？

* 首先，我们的对象是明确的，使用这套教材，必须具有相当于大学英语二年级的水平和词汇量。

* 课文内容新颖，知识面广；练习紧扣课文主题，形式活泼多样；既适用于课堂教学，又可作为自我提高的补充教材。

* 本套教材共分三册，全部采用地道的美国英语。从内容上分，包括旅游类、科技类、社会生活类；从语言层次上分，包括地道标准的书面语言、文雅正规的文学语言和粗犷随意的口头语言。

* 三册教材在内容上不保持任何联系，但在难度上有所区别。因此，使用时建议按照循序渐进的原则进行，先从《一步高英语听力》开始，然后再学习《两步高英语听力》和《三步高英语听力》。

* 《一步高英语听力》以旅游风光、科技知识等为主要内容，介绍世界著名旅游胜地的风土人情、名人轶事、历史典故、科普知识以及应用科学等。语言准确简练，语音语调优美，适合学习者模仿、朗诵和背诵。

* 《两步高英语听力》以广播剧为主要体裁，故事情节引人入胜，内容题材富有哲理，有些地方甚至会使你感到“神秘”、“离奇”，产生“听一遍不过瘾”的感觉。这本书的语言特点是用词恰当、选词优雅，尽管多数对白为标准英语，但也不乏俚语、粗语等。

* 《三步高英语听力》以电视剧为主要体裁，故事情节错综复杂、人物背景深浅莫测。然而，听电视剧和看电视剧不一

样,听电视剧你随时可以暂停、复听,甚至参考课文中的文字材料,通过听录音、看课文、作练习等一系列活动来了解人物、掌握情节。本书的语言特点是用词灵活、口语性强,语言表达适时、贴切,是真正的“活的语言”。

* 本套丛书采用先进的生词排列方式,将生词全部以字母顺序进行排列,打破了以往按照先后顺序排列的旧模式,使学习者查找生词更快捷。书后的“生词表”会帮助你复习和掌握已经学过的单词,使你很快就能查到生词在课文中的出处和具体用法。

本套丛书在编写过程中得到了许多同行的支持,他们对本套丛书的选材、定稿都提出过不少好的建议和意见。大连外国语学院院长汪榕培教授在百忙中审订了全部书稿,避免了一些容易被人忽略的错误,美国语言专家 Tamula Drum 为本套丛书磁带的录制做了大量的工作,在此一并表示诚挚的谢意。

参加《一步高英语听力》的主要编写人员有杨俊峰、胡晓慧、马立东,李洁和左秀兰也做了部分工作。参加《两步高英语听力》的编写人员有杨俊峰、于晶、贺平、代冰和王丽娟。参加《三步高英语听力》的主要编写人员有杨俊峰、常骏跃、代冰、邓建华、李莉和付丽艳也做了部分工作。

由于编写者水平有限,错误在所难免,如在使用过程中发现不妥之处,请批评指正。

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Lesson One

Miami and Miami Beach

TEXT

Going places and doing things, this is what Miami and Miami Beach are all about. Miami is a metropolitan city. Unlike any other in the United States, water, crystal blue water, surrounds and cuts through the entire area. No other U. S. city can match Miami and Miami Beach for its number of pleasure crafts and marinas. Everywhere you look, Miami is a magic city. With all this water, this is a sailors' paradise, and then some.

In the early 1920s, Miami was little more than hills of sand, weeds, mangroves and alligators. Now the alligators have been replaced by tall buildings. Marshes turned into picturesque canals. Modern luxury condominiums continue to shoot skyward through Miami's palms. The names of the hotels are familiar to all, either through fact or fiction. The new hotels redefine the word "luxury". Many parks and gardens have downtown Miami put on a smile for visitors. And everyone, even the cop on the beat, is friendly. This is a city with a definite international flair.

Miami is uniquely situated geographically. To develop as a

world class center for arts and culture, the city takes on a futuristic look. It is one of the few southern cities in the U. S. , with a rapid rail transit system, soon to be connected to a downtown people — mover. There is an extensive restoration effort under way. Classic arc decor hotels are being returned to the original ice-cream colors.

Star Island in the inner coastal waterways, private hide-aways of the very wealthy. Key Biscayne, Florida's answer to the Venetian waterways, where every mansion has a yacht moored at the backdoor.

Miami is the cruise ship capital of the world. The giant floating pleasure palaces depart daily for destinations of mystery and excitement in ports of the Caribbean, Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

The sun sets, and this magic city puts on a different face. Miami night life people being with other people partying and having fun. The city offers hundreds of nightspots.

Calle Ocho, 8th Avenue, Little Havana, a unique area of Latin heritage, representing one-third of Miami population. When you're hungry, our many restaurants offer nearly anything you could desire, but sea food has to be tops on the list.

The Vizcaya Museum and gardens, 50 rooms decorated authentically with works from the 15th through 19th century. Vizcaya was begun in 1912, and worked on by a thousand artisans. It is, perhaps, the most beautiful spot in Florida.

Beauty comes in all shapes and sizes, and Miami has de-

veloped a whole industry to help vacationers find it. Try one of the many guided tours through the winding waterways. Or put on your own mask and fins, and take your own tour of the John Pennican Park, the only national underwater park in the continental U. S. For a bird's-eye view, lots of folks visit the Cape Florida lighthouse.

The jungles of Miami, and there're several, are crowded with rare and exotic inhabitants. The pari-mutuel tracks invite visitors and locals to take a chance for big bucks. For those seeking more thrills, there's racing and other spectator sports. And there is always do-it-yourself sports, sailing, fishing and golf.

This is Coconut Grove, a lovely city within a city, a special village which combines youth and elegance, the traditional with avant-garde. The grove is a great place to shop. You can spend ten dollars or ten thousand dollars, or you just sit and relax in the sun and watch the day go by. You can live like a millionaire in this unmatched paradise. Whatever you desire.

There is nowhere on earth quite like Miami and its beaches.

New Words and Expressions

alligator 大鳄鱼

authentically 真正地

avant-garde (法语)先锋,先驱

buck (美俚)元

condominium 一套公寓房间的个人所有权,由个人占用的一
套公寓房间 decor (法语)装饰,修饰
exotic 异国情调,外国产的
fin 橡皮脚掌,鳍,鳍状物
flair 鉴别力,眼光,资质
heritage 继承物,传统,遗产,(长子)继承权
restoration (受损文物的)修补,修复(物),重建(物)
mangrove 红树属植物,美洲红树
mansion 大厦,大楼
metropolitan 大城市的,大城市人
pari-mutuel (赛马)前三名赢家分享(除赌场抽头提成外的)
全部赌金的方法
yacht 快艇,游艇 the Caribbean 加勒比海

Notes to the Text

1. Miami 迈阿密,美国佛罗里达州东南端的大城,位于大西洋沿岸。气候温和,拥有大量娱乐场所和设施,豪华旅馆到处林立。迈阿密及其周围地区因而成为世界上最著名的游览胜地之一。

2. Miami Beach 迈阿密海滩,位于迈阿密东部的近海岛屿上,包括为数可观的小岛。地处热带湿润气候区,又有众多的观光与娱乐设施,因而成为美国手屈一指的度假胜地。

3. Key Biscayne 比斯坎岛,迈阿密东部近海岛屿之一。它以堤道与美国本土相通。

4. and then some 而且还不止这些,至少。例如:It needs great patience and then some. 那至少需要极大的耐心。

5. under way 前进着;进行中。例如:Preparations for celebrating the Spring Festival is well under way. 欢度春节的准备工作正在扎实地进行着。

6. Star Island in the inner coastal waterways private hideaways of the very wealthy. 在这个句子中 Star Island in the inner coastal waterways 是主语,private hideaways of the very wealthy 是表语,而动词被省略了。动词可以是“is”。

本文中与此句子相似的还有:

Key Biscayne Florida's answer to the Venetian waterways...

Miami night life people being together with...

Exercises

I. True / False Statements

Read the following statements and decide if they are true or false according to the text. If the statement is false, write down the facts in the space provided.

1. Miami is a town in Florida.

2. Miami was already a metropolitan city in the early 1920's.

3. Every spot in Miami shows that it is a magic city.

4. Everyone in Miami, even the police officer on patrol, is friendly.

5. The railway system in Miami will soon be connected to a downtown device which can carry people from one place to another.
-
6. In Key Biscayne, few families have their yacht moored at the backdoor.
-
7. When it gets dark, Miami is a quiet city with everyone there staying at home, having a peaceful evening.
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8. The Latin descendants make up one—third of the population in Miami.
-
9. Various kinds of foods are served in the restaurants in Miami.
-
10. John Pennican Park is the only national park in the U. S.
-
11. Miami is a city surrounded by water, but there are no woods, not to mention jungles.
-
12. We can learn from the recording that Coconut Grove is a great place for sports.
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II. Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Is Miami similar to most American cities? Why?
2. What changes have taken place in Miami since 1920s
3. Please tell each other about the hotels in Miami.
4. Is Miami a center of arts and culture in the world? What advantage does it have in developing into such a center?
5. Why is Miami considered as the cruise ship capital of the world?
6. Where do you suggest him / her going if one of your friends wants to see works of arts in Miami? Why?
7. What is do-it-yourself sports? Give some examples.
8. Where would you go shopping in Miami?

III. Matching

Match the following terms / names in column A with the description / definition in column B

Column A

- __ 1. marshes
- __ 2. the names of the hotels
- __ 3. apartment buildings
- __ 4. Star Island
- __ 5. sea food
- __ 6. the Cape Florida light-house
- __ 7. Coconut Grove

Column B

- a. continue to shoot skyward
- b. have to be tops on the list
- c. the private hideaways of the very rich
- d. a city within a city
- e. turn into picturesque canals
- f. familiar to everyone
- g. where one can have a

bird's-eye view

IV. Blank Filling

Fill in the blanks with words from the text.

1. No other U. S. city can match Miami and Miami Beach for its number of pleasure _____ and _____.
2. With all this water, this is a sailor's _____ and _____ some.
3. The new hotels redefine the word " _____ " .
4. This is a city with a definite _____ flair.
5. ... arc decor hotels are being returned to the _____ ice—cream colors.
6. Key Biscayne Florida's _____ to the Venetian _____.
7. The sun sets, and this magic city puts on a _____ face.
8. _____ comes in all shapes and sizes, and Miami has developed a whole _____ to help vacationers find it.
9. Try one of the many _____ tours through the _____ water ways .
10. You can live like a _____ in this unmatched _____...

V. Reading and Recitation

Read aloud the following paragraph three times and then close your book and recite.

In the early 1920s, Miami was little more than hills of sand, weeds, mangroves and alligators. Now the alligators have been replaced by tall buildings. Marshes turned into picturesque canals. Modern luxury condominiums continue to shoot skyward through Miami's palms. The names of the hotels are familiar to all, either through fact or fiction. The new hotels redefine the word "luxury". Many parks and gardens have downtown Miami put on a smile for visitors. And everyone, even the cop on the beat, is friendly. This is a city with a definite international flair.