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前言

《英语口语自学教程》下册是按照《北京市高等教育自学考试英语基础科考试计划》(1996 年)编写的。目的在于帮助英语自学者学习和掌握英语口语,提高口头表达能力:通过提问、回答问题、讨论和发表自己的观点以及连贯发言等技能训练,能就日常生活和社会生活中一般的话题进行连贯发言,能确切表达思想,语音语调基本正确,语言基本得体。

本书共分三大部分:

1. 访谈 (Interviews)
2. 讨论 (Discussions)
3. 专题讲话 (Talks)

每一部分均有 20 个单元,每个单元都是围绕某个题目进行练习。有的题目,例如 Smoking, Television, Pollution, 虽在三部分中都有,但讨论时角度不同,内容并不重复。本书的内容涉及日常生活和社会生活的方方面面,其中包括: Home, Food and Drink, Medicine, Travel, Holidays, Education, Work, Religion, Mass Media 等。本书还着重介绍了许多热门话题,例如:

Should smoking be banned altogether?

How important are qualifications?

Why do people keep pets?

Do you believe in romantic love?

第二部分“讨论”中的讨论题是以西方社会作为背景,但这些话题与我们的社会也有直接关系。

从口语技能训练来看,“访谈”主要是训练提问与回答问题

的能力，同时也培养学生初步掌握连续发言的表达方法。“讨论”的目的是帮助学生提高表达自己思想的能力，使学生能连续讲一段话，准确、清楚地表达自己的观点。“专题讲话”是为了进一步提高学生的口头表达能力，能就一般性的话题进行连贯发言。

本书既可作为口语课上使用的教材，也可作为自学教材。也就是说，学习时，可在老师带领下进行练习，也可组织自学小组，边听录音，边进行练习，努力做到在“无师”的情况下“自通”。这里要特别提到的是，“访谈”每单元所列的问题还可作为社会调查提纲，学生可以外出采访，收集情况，以便进一步开阔视野，更好地提高口头表达的能力。

参与本书编写的还有丁鹏儿，余宁，陈海宁等同志。本书编写后，澳大利亚专家 Colin Mackerras 在百忙中审阅了部分书稿，在此，我们向他表示感谢。

限于编写者水平，疏漏之处，尚望广大读者指正。

编者

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PART ONE

INTERVIEWS

(访谈)

Unit 1

The Home

WHAT IS THE INTERVIEW ABOUT?

Find out:

- a. What different types of homes do people live in?
- b. What kind of facilities do they have?
- c. How much time do they spend at home?
- d. How do they spend that time?

INTERVIEW

1. Where do you live?
 - A. In a room
 - B. In a dormitory
 - C. In a flat or apartment
 - D. In a house
 - E. Other (e.g. villa)
2. Where would you like to live?
 - A. In a room
 - B. In a dormitory
 - C. In a flat or apartment
 - D. In a house
 - E. Other (e.g. villa)
3. Are you (or your parents) _____?
 - A. owners of your home

- B. buying your home
 - C. renting your home
 - D. Other _____
4. How many people live in your home?
- A. Less than three
 - B. Three or four
 - C. Five or six
 - D. More than six
5. Where do you sleep?
- A. In a bedroom of your own
 - B. In a bedroom with one other
 - C. In a sitting room
 - D. Elsewhere
6. How many bedrooms are there in your home?
- A. One
 - B. Two
 - C. Three
 - D. More than three
7. How do you feel about your home?
- A. Very satisfied with it
 - B. Reasonably satisfied
 - C. Not really satisfied
 - D. Not at all satisfied
8. Does your home have any of the following?
- A. A dining room
 - B. A study
 - C. A bathroom
 - D. A garden
 - E. More than one toilet

9. Does your home have any of the following?
- A. A telephone
 - B. An air – conditioner
 - C. A stereo system
 - D. A video recorder
 - E. A CD player
 - F. A home computer
10. Where do you live?
- A. In the inner city
 - B. In the suburbs
 - C. In the countryside
 - D. In a country town
 - E. On the coast
11. Where would you like to live?
- A. In the inner city
 - B. In the suburbs
 - C. In the countryside
 - D. In a country town
 - E. On the coast
12. What changes would you like to make to your home?
- A. More rooms
 - B. Larger rooms
 - C. Move it to a different place
 - D. Carpet the rooms
 - E. Paper the walls
 - F. Buy better furniture
13. What facilities are near your home?
- A. A vegetable market
 - B. A grocery

- C. A chain store
 - D. A supermarket
 - E. A shopping centre
 - F. A school
 - G. A bus stop
14. How much privacy do you have at home?
- A. As much as I want
 - B. Enough
 - C. Some, but not enough
 - D. None or almost none
15. How would you rate your home for comfort, space and cleanliness?
- A. Very comfortable
 - B. Quite comfortable
 - C. A bit cramped
 - D. Very clean and tidy
 - E. Quite messy
 - F. Very dirty
16. How many hours a week, on average, do you spend doing jobs in your home?
- A. More than fifteen
 - B. Between ten and fifteen
 - C. Between five and ten
 - D. Between one and five
 - E. Less than one
17. Which of the following jobs do you regularly do in your home?
- A. Keep my room tidy
 - B. Help with the washing up
 - C. Do the washing

- D. Do the cooking
 - E. Do general tidying and cleaning
18. How much of your spare time do you spend at home?
- A. Most of my time
 - B. About half my time
 - C. Not more than a couple of hours a day
 - D. As little as possible
19. How do you spend most of your time at home?
- A. Eating
 - B. Watching television
 - C. Doing homework
 - D. Talking with family
 - E. Helping with housework
 - F. Other _____
20. How do your parents spend most of their time at home?
- A. Watching television
 - B. Reading
 - C. Entertaining
 - D. Cooking, cleaning or washing
 - E. Doing their hobbies
 - F. Other _____

MODEL SUMMARY

Our home is in Beijing. My parents work at Beijing University. They live on campus. They have a three bedroom flat. Three people live in our home. I sleep in a bedroom of my own. Our home has a dining area and a bathroom. We have a stereo system in the sitting room. We live in the suburbs. We enjoy the peace and quiet

of the neighbourhood. There are good shops nearby. We can buy almost anything we want from these shops. We are also near public transport. It is easy to get to the city by bus or by bike.

I am reasonably satisfied with our home. I think it is quite comfortable and it is big enough for the three of us. But there are a few changes I would like to make. I would like to have the sitting room carpeted and all the walls papered. Also we need to buy better furniture for our home.

I have enough privacy at home. When I am working I can easily concentrate. On average I spend between five and ten hours a week doing jobs in our home. I usually help with the washing up. I also make my own bed and keep my room tidy. I spend about half of my spare time at home. I spend most of my time watching television and talking with family. My parents spend most of their time reading and watching television. They also cook meals for us every day. I like our home. It is clean, tidy and comfortable.

NOTES

facility /fə'sɪlɪti/ 设备

villa /'vɪlə/ 别墅

reasonably /'rɪzənəbəli/ 相当地

toilet /'tɔɪlɪt/ 卫生间

stereo system /'sterɪə 'sɪstəm/ 组合音响

carpet (v.) /'kɑ:pɪt/ 铺地毯

paper (v.) /'peɪpə/ 贴墙

grocery /'grəʊsəri/ 副食店

chain store /tʃeɪn stɔ:/ 连锁店

privacy /'praɪvəsi/ 隐私

cramped = crowded /kræmpt/ 拥挤

messy /'mesi/ 凌乱的

entertain /enta'tein/ 请客, 款待

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

1. Draw a floor plan of your own home.

Explain to your partners what furniture and equipment is in each room.

Find out about your partners' homes and the area or district they live in.

How are your homes different from each other's?

If they had the choice, where would your partners most like to live?

2. Nowadays many people are improving their homes. Find out what is the most common addition to homes and what is the most popular appliance in homes.