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## 前 言

《中级英语教程》是一套专为各类非英语专业大、中专学生编写的教材。课文材料大多选自国外书刊，题材广泛，语言地道，知识性趣味性兼备。本书在编写上吸取了国内外同类教材的长处，考虑了公共外语教学的特点和目前专科生的实际英语程度，强调阅读理解能力的培养，注重语言基础的训练，力求通过系统的语法讲解和形式多样的练习，使学生迅速而有效地掌握基本语言技能。

本教程共三册；一、二册各含18课，按140学时编排，供基础阶段一学年教学使用。第三册20课，按40学时编排，供提高阶段选修使用。

参加本教材编写的单位有：第三军医大学、解放军后勤工程学院、解放军通信学院、第二飞行学院、军事经济学院、四川轻化工学院、成都军区军医学校、成都军区总医院、重庆河运学校、重庆煤碳工业学校、重庆机器制造学校、重庆电力学校等。

参加本教材审阅工作的除各册主审外还有：重庆师范学院的田蒙忻教授、四川外国语学院的郭家铨副教授、重庆大学的张兆祥副教授以及英国专家Chris Aldred女士等。

本教材在组织编写中，始终得到了重庆地区军队院校协作中心的大力支持和帮助。第三军医大学的沈锡庚教授为使本书的出版做了大量工作；成都军区军医学校的周子嘉主任、蒲林德主任以及第二飞行学院的杨瑞良主任在教材编写中给予了热情的指导和积极的支持。这里，我们一并向他们表示衷心的感谢。

由于编者水平有限和编写时间紧促，书中难免有疏漏之处，恳请读者批评指教。

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## Unit 1

*I slept and dreamed that life was beauty. I woke and found that life was duty.* (Hooper)

睡梦中我感到人生美妙绝伦，醒来时我发现人生充满责任。——胡珀

### Text

#### An Exciting Film

Last night George's parents gave him a reward for doing well in his school examination. They took him to see a film called "The Towering Inferno". George found the film very exciting. The film was about a fire which started in a very tall building and how people trapped in the building tried to get away.

The film began happily with a dinner party to celebrate the opening of "The Tower", the newest and tallest building ever built. During the party a fire broke out on one of the floors. At first the people who built and owned the building paid little attention to the fire. But soon the fire got out of control and spread to several floors. The city's fire brigade was called to help but it was useless. The fire grew more and more dangerous. A few people were burnt to death when they tried to escape. Several people fell through the

windows and were killed. The first helicopter sent to help the people exploded. In the end only some of them were saved. A brave man was brought up to the top of the building. He blew up the water tanks and soon the fire was put out by the water which gushed out of the tanks.

The film had a very good story. It showed the good and bad qualities of people. Some tried to save themselves and some tried to save others first. It also showed the dangers of tall buildings when certain safety steps are not taken.

Many famous actors and actresses took important parts in the film. Their fine acting made the film very real and enjoyable. The producers spent millions of dollars in making the film.

George went home with the film very much in his mind. Each time he passed a tall building, he looked up to see if it was on fire.

## New Words

- |                            |                  |                                     |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. parent                  | ['peərənt]       | n. 父亲; 母亲                           |
| 2. reward                  | [ri'wɔ:d]        | vt. 奖赏; 酬劳<br>n. 奖赏; 报偿             |
| 3. examination             | [ig,zæmi'neiʃən] | n. 考试; 检查                           |
| 4. towering                | ['tauəriŋ]       | a. 高耸的; 巨大的                         |
| 5. inferno                 | [in'fə:nou]      | n. 恐怖的景象                            |
| 6. trap(trapped, trapping) | [træp]           | vt. 使陷于困境<br>vt. 设陷阱<br>n. 陷阱; 落入圈套 |

7. dinner	['dinə]	<i>n.</i> 正餐;宴会
8. attention	[ə'tenʃən]	<i>n.</i> 注意;注意力
9. brigade	[bri'geid]	<i>n.</i> (执行一定任务的)队
10. useless	['ju:slis]	<i>a.</i> 无用的;无价值的
11. dangerous	['deindʒərəs]	<i>a.</i> 危险的
12. brave	[breiv]	<i>a.</i> 勇敢的
13. tank	[tæŋk]	<i>n.</i> 储水池;坦克
14. gush	[gʌʃ]	<i>vi.</i> 涌出;喷出 <i>vt.</i> 涌出;喷出
15. quality	['kwɒliti]	<i>n.</i> 质量;品质
16. certain	['sə:tən]	<i>a.</i> 确实的;一定的
17. safety	['seifti]	<i>n.</i> 安全;安全设备
18. famous	['feiməs]	<i>a.</i> 著名的;极好的
19. actor	['æktə]	<i>n.</i> 男演员;行动者
20. actress	['æktris]	<i>n.</i> 女演员
21. enjoyable	[in'dʒɔɪəbl]	<i>a.</i> 愉快的;有趣的
22. producer	[prə'dju:sə]	<i>n.</i> 制造者;制片人
23. dollar	['dɒlə]	<i>n.</i> 元(美国、加拿大等国的货币单位)

## Phrases and Expressions

1. break out (战争、火灾、疫病等的)突然发生
2. at first 起先;开始时候
3. pay attention(to) 给予注意
4. out of control 失去控制
5. in the end 最后;终于
6. put out 熄灭;放出;出产

7. take part (in)      参加; 参与  
8. on fire              着火

## Notes

1. They took him to see a film called "The Towering Inferno".

父母带他去看了一场片名为“高楼恐怖”的电影。

called "The Towering Inferno"为过去分词短语作后置定语, 来修饰film, Note 2 中trapped in the building 也是如此。

2. The film was about a fire which started in a very tall building and how people trapped in the building tried to get away.

这部电影描绘了一幢高楼突然着火和被困在楼里的人们如何逃离险境。

which started in a very tall building是定语从句, 修饰fire.

3. Each time he passed a tall building, he looked up to see if it was on fire.

每当路过高楼时, 他都要抬头看看是否失火。

if 在这儿是“是否”的意思, 等于whether。又如:

I asked Xiao Li if she could go with me.

I'll go round tonight and see if he wants anything.

## Word Study

1. get过去式和过去分词都是got, 但在美国, 过去分词有时用gotten

1) *vt.* 获得, 得到

I'm going to get a packet of cigarettes.

That was how I got my gastric trouble.

我的胃病就是这么得的。

I'll come and see you if I get time.

2) *link-v.* 变得

Please don't get angry.

We may not get wiser as we get older.

不一定年龄越大我们就越聪明。

The days are getting longer and longer.

白天变得愈来愈长了。

3) 构成各种成语

get about 传播

get over 克服

get on 进展

get up 起床

get away 离去

get rid of 摆脱

2. try

1) *vt.* 试; 尝试

We *tried* this method and the result was satisfactory.

Why not *try* doing it some other way.

Try whether you can jump across the stream.

试试看能不能跳过这条小溪。

2) *vi.* 试图; 设法

We *tried* to catch the train, but we missed it.

I don't think I can do it, but I'll *try*.

Don't worry. I'll *try and teach you*.

3) 后面跟不定式表示“设法、努力”, 跟动名词表示“试着做”



*I tried hard to restrain myself.*

*I'll try to get this done by six o'clock.*

*Have you tried sleeping on your back as a cure for snoring?*

你是否试过用仰卧睡眠来制止打鼾?

## Grammar

### The Gerund 动名词

动名词由动词原形 + *ing* 构成。动名词有动词的某些特征, 因而可以有自己的宾语或状语等。动名词或动名词短语在句中起名词的作用, 可作主语、宾语或表语等。

#### 1. 作主语

*Saying and doing are two things.*

说和做是两码事。

*Getting up early is a good habit.*

*Getting everything ready in time was very difficult.*

为使句子平衡常将动名词短语后置, 而用 *it* 作形式主语置于前部。

*It was very difficult getting everything ready in time.*

#### 2. 作表语

*His great pleasure is helping his classmates with their lessons.*

*My aim is mastering English in the shortest possible time.*

我的目标是尽快掌握英语。

#### 3. 作宾语

*The shoe needs mending.*