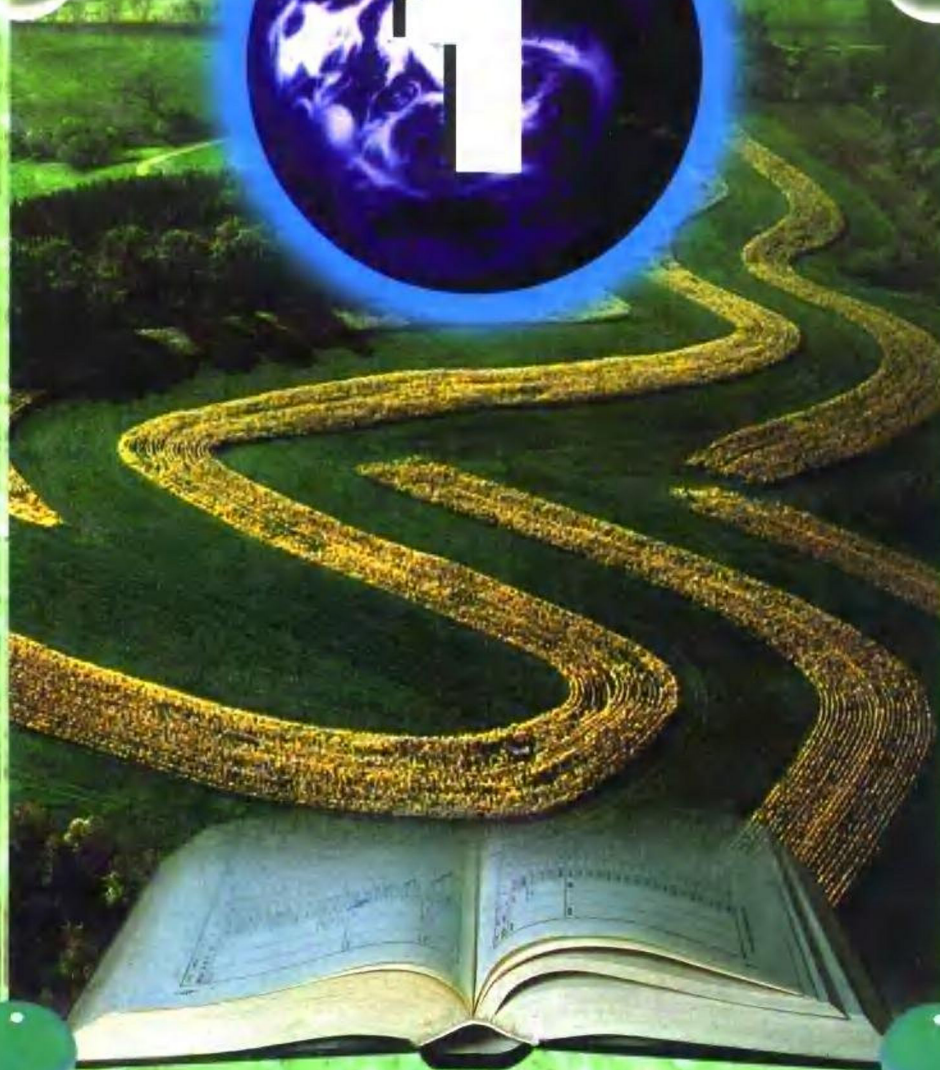


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英语扩充词汇阅读欣赏系列的内容充实,选材多样。其中不乏名人巨擘们的美文宏论。这些盖世之作溢泛的那黄钟大吕之响与惊涛裂岸之势定会产生振聋发聩刻骨铭心之效,使您终身受益无穷。而多数篇章则选自报章文摘寻常百姓们的散文随笔。朴实无华的语言述说着他们的爱情、婚姻、家庭和工作;酣畅淋漓的文思闪耀着他们智慧的火花和丰富的情感世界,从中读者可以领略大洋彼岸芸芸众生们真实的生活情趣,他们对人生的感悟、对世界的认知,他们的理念、他们的智慧、他们的不幸遭际及对幸福和未来的渴求。不同的国度、不同的文化传统,使东西文化异彩纷呈。生活在此岸的我们,阅读该书会感受到异域文化的魅力;不同的视角反映出同一事物的不同侧面,同一事物却有不同的价值取向。正是从这

些差异中扩大升华了我们的知识,开阔丰富了我们的视野和胸怀,达到了东西文化的交流和贯通。一种语言是本民族人民历史、文化、生活的反映和载体。没有对本民族人民历史、文化、生活的了解,该语言就成了无源之水、无本之木,想学好它只能是缘木求鱼而已。因此,本阅读欣赏系列不仅给您提供了丰富广博的人文知识,就其实质而言,它不啻是可供您选择的最佳英语阅读教材。

参加本系列书籍编纂的编者大多都参加了“英语扩充词汇阶梯阅读系列”的编写工作,因此保证了两套系列书在选材风格上的一致性。为了便于读者更准确地理解原文,本系列书在练习设置上除词汇练习外,又增加了阅读理解练习,因而练习形式更加丰富和充实。

需要指出的是,“英语扩充词汇阅读欣赏系列”(1~3册)重在扩展学生的知识面,扩大英语词汇量及掌握地道的英语,并不体现阶梯性,因此,具有中级英语水平(相当于大学英语四级)的读者可随意选读。

最后,我们真诚地希望我们的努力能得到广大新老读者的厚爱,使之也和“英语扩充词汇阶梯阅读系列”一样成为您英语学习方面的进身之阶。

书籍编纂不仅需要扎实的外语功力,而且需要深厚的文化底蕴,无奈编者才疏学浅,虽尽心尽力错误亦在所难免,敬请读者涵谅。

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1 The Flags of Midnight

回归大典

香港回归是全世界中国人的骄傲。历史将会证明,在祖国的怀抱里,香港的明天将更好。



The moment was 13 years in the making, the culmination(告终) of more than a decade of tense jockeying(谈判) between the British and Chinese governments, of promises, name-calling, and of nervous anticipation in Hong Kong.¹ British and Chinese dignitaries(显要) watched stiffly from a stage before some 4,000 guests. As the British military band, dressed in red uniforms, launched "God Save the Queen," the Union Jack slowly dropped for the last time a few seconds before mid-night. Ten seconds later the red and yellow flag of the People's Republic of China rose. It was July 1, and the richest British colony was suddenly transformed into Hong Kong, China.

After so much Sino-British wrangling, it was hard to believe that China was finally in charge. But if anyone was unclear, the announcer instantly reversed the

order of the ceremony's languages, presenting Chinese President Jiang Zemin first in Mandarin Chinese², then in English. "The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China is established!" Jiang proclaimed, interrupted by applause from the Hong Kong tycoons(巨头), conservative and democratic legislators, international dignitaries and mainland Chinese officials in the hall. For that one moment, they all had left their differences behind. It was the end of 156 years of British rule—and for Chinese in Hong Kong and around the world, the closing of what many view as the most shameful chapter in China's history.

The buildup to the handover(移交) was especially emotional for Gov. Chris Patten(前总督彭定康) and his family. On his last Sunday in office, Patten gave a rousing speech at a Roman Catholic mass. "Here's the contract," Patten said, "I'll pray for Hong Kong, that it flies like a bird to the heavens, and you say a prayer for us." As the Union Jack³ was lowered a final time at Government House, Patten bit his lip to keep the tears back. Then, at sunset, 10,000 Hong Kong people and dignitaries huddled(挤成一团) in the colonial masters at East Tamar, the former British naval headquarters.

Hoping to soothe(平息) all fears, Hong Kong's new Chinese leaders sent out strong, positive messages on the first day of Chinese rule. In the celebration ceremony, Jiang stated several times the need for China to stay out of Hong Kong affairs. Officials in Beijing told University of Michigan political scientist Kenneth Lieberthal that the speech was aimed at reassuring the people of Hong Kong—and also warning Chinese ministries to keep their hands off. Various Chinese agencies already are pressuring Beijing to allow them to administer their own policies in Hong Kong. Jiang included representatives from every ministry in his delegation—so they could hear first-hand his "Don't touch" message.

In his turn, Tung(董建华) talked in Cantonese(白话) this time—despite of the fact that visiting Chinese leaders couldn't understand a word. He gave a bold speech mapping out his agenda(议程), including plans to revamp(改进) Hong Kong's disastrous education system, promote housing development and care for the elderly. After stressing Hong Kong's ties to Beijing and laying plans to trim individual rights for most of his six-month transition, on his first day in power Tung emphasized what people want to hear: Democracy is the hallmark(特征) of a new era for Hong Kong."

In the Beijing streets beyond the square, the celebration was sincere. Families moved dinner tables onto the sidewalk to enjoy the festival evening. Couples gathered on overpasses(天桥) to watch the fireworks. Nobody saw much, but that didn't seem to matter.⁴"China is great, and we feel proud," said Lui Weishen, a Ministry of Finance official who cut short a trip to the U.S. to organize celebra-

tions. Most people stayed home—and watched TV. Many Beijingers watched Hong Kong's Phoenix cable(凤凰有线电视台), instead of official CCTV—because Phoenix showed the British as well as the Chinese festivities. “We order take-out, got a bottle of champagne(香槟酒), and watched all night,” said one Beijing intellectual.

Notes

1. The moment... Hong Kong. 这一刻经过了 13 年。中英政府间 10 多年的紧张谈判终于有了结果, 许多的承诺、诽谤, 以及有关香港的紧张预测也终于得以了结。
2. Mandrin Chinese: 普通话
3. Union Jack: 英国国旗。有时也用此指代英国。
4. Nobody saw... seem to matter. 人们看见的不多, 但那似乎并不重要。

Exercises

I . Reading Comprehension

1. Answer the following questions in the fewest possible words.
 - 1) What is the name of the British national flag?
 - 2) What is the full name of Hong Kong now?
2. Decide whether the following statements are TRUE(T) or FALSE(F) according to the article.
 - 1) For that one monent, they all had left their differences behind.
 - 2) The British rule of Hong Kong is viewed as the most shameful chapter in China's history.

II . Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks with the following phrases in their proper forms.

in charge, in the making, pray for, send out

- 1) The sun _____ light and heat.
- 2) A great social transformation was _____.
- 3) Who is _____ here?
- 4) He got what he had _____.

2 Our Titanic Love Affair 泰坦尼克奇迹

电影“泰坦尼克号”已成为世界电影史上最为轰动的电影,它又一次证明了好莱坞电影的魅力。它何以成为世界上第一个票房收入超过 10 亿美元的电影?请看专家的分析。



Even James Cameron(詹姆斯·卡米拉) is, he says, “a little bit mystified” by the passionate reaction to his movie. The director of “Titanic” has been tirelessly circling the world to promote his film’s opening. Audiences don’t always laugh at the same jokes, he’s discovered. But whether it’s Moscow or Tokyo or Rome,

they all cry at the same places. If the tears shed over "Titanic" could be collected in rain clouds. ELNino(厄尔尼诺现象) would have stiff competition.

The dimensions of the mania(狂热), as we well know, are extraordinary. They love it in Slovenia(斯洛文尼亚). It's the most successful movie ever in Mexico(墨西哥) and Hong Kong. In some towns in France, cinema owners report that their admissions exceed the local population, which means that the French are going to it three or four times—something the French are not supposed to do. Last Saturday in the United States, "Titanic" hit the \$ 350 million mark(大关) after 58 days, it took "Jurassic Park"(侏罗纪公园) 67 days to break the \$ 300 million mark. What makes this number even more remarkable is that, because of its three-and-a-quarter-hour length, it can show only three times a day. On the Internet, the movie's Web site(网站) is averaging 4 million hits daily. By all estimates, before the end of next month "Titanic" will be the first billion-dollar movie ever released.

Movies this popular are usually shunned by the Academy (奥斯卡奖), but Cameron's epic is breaking all the rules. The 14 Oscar(奥斯卡奖) nominations it received last week—including bits for 22-year-old Kate Winslet and 87-year-old Gloria Stuart—ties the record set 47 years ago by "All About Eve," a movie it couldn't resemble less. It's the odds-on favorite to win best picture(最佳影片).

Like all megahits(轰动一时的巨片), the movie has become a kind of religion.¹ And as all religions, you don't worship at the altar just once.² Normally, films draw a 2 percent repeat audience; "Titanic" is drawing 20 percent. Consider these highly unusual statistics: 45 percent of all the women under 25 who have seen the movie have seen it twice. And 76 percent of all people who have seen the movie at least twice plan to see it again. What's particularly surprised the studio is that 37 percent of the audience is older than 25 — a larger percentage of adults than was expected. In Chicago, 28-year-old Maria Federici is on her way to see it a fifth time with her boyfriend and his mother. "I don't normally see movies twice. This is kind of weird(不可思议的) for me," she confesses. You got everything you want—love and a little gore. "Its appeal to women is well known, but 40 percent of the audience is male. Federici's boyfriend, Ken Lill, is on his third go-round. "I like action movies³, but this one touches," Lill says. "Guys can try to blow it off and say they're coming back just to learn about the Titanic— but that's bogus(假的), it's a movie that touches you." Sixteen-year-old William Rodriguez has a friend who's seen the movie seven times. "He took seven different girls to see it. And he still liked the movie after all those times," Rodriguez says. "I don't really like history movies or love stories, but I saw 'Romeo and Juliet'(罗密欧与朱丽叶) and that was the best. That's why I want to see this one."

Could the dizzying success of "Titanic" mark a sea change(巨大的变化) in

popular culture? It's not, on the face of it, anything a blockbuster Hollywood movie is supposed to be. Look at a list of the 15 top-grossing domestic films(国内影片) in history, from "Star War"(星球大战) and "E. T. (外星人)" down through "Independence Day,"(独立日) "Batman"(蝙蝠侠) and "Twister"(龙卷风). Every one before it has been primarily aimed at guys. Not one of them is a love story. Most are set in the present or the future. There's nothing you could remotely think of as a tragic romance. None, with the exception of "E. T.," and "Forrest Gump"(阿甘正传), even tries to put a lump in your throat⁴. Nor was "Titanic" designed, as so many movies are today, to generate merchandising tie-ins.⁵

Notes

1. Like all... religion. 像所有成功的电影一样,这部电影(《泰坦尼克号》)已形成了一种宗教般的狂热。
2. And as... just once. 而且像所有的宗教一样,你不会只在圣坛膜拜一次。
3. action movies. 动作片
4. a lump in the throat. 如骨鲠在喉,比喻情感被压抑的状态。
5. Nor was... tie-ins. 除了《阿甘正传》以及《外星人》外,甚至没有一部电影去试图压抑你的情感。同时,与当代的许多电影不同,《泰坦尼克》并不是为商业搭卖而拍摄的。

Exercises

I. Reading Comprehension

1. Answer the following questions in the fewest possible words.
 - 1) What did James Cameron discover?
 - 2) What is the percentage of repeat audience of "Titanic"?
2. Decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter.
 - 1) How many Oscar nomination has "Titanic" received?
A. 10 B. 12 C. 14 D. 15
 - 2) What does "megahits" mean?
A. superhits B. small hits
C. medium hits D. no hits at all

II. Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks with the following phrases in their proper forms.

aim at, on one's way, on the face of it, be supposed to

1. We _____ be there at six.
2. It seems quite reasonable _____.
3. She is _____ to school.
4. Most top-grossing films _____ guys.

3 Digital Divide 数字式电视

数字式高清晰度电视将成为世界潮流是确定无疑的,但是,它将如何到来却仍然是一个未知数。

Do believe the hype¹! When it comes digital television, the revolutionary new offering now on the communications horizon, the picture on the screen doesn't lie. And there were numerous screens showing the technology's promise in Las Vegas (拉斯维加斯) last week, at a convention(会议) of the nation's broadcasters(电视台). On one, birds in a wildlife documentary(纪录片) were so lifelike that they seem to react to movement in the audience, and the sound was so clear that they seemed to be fluttering and cawing right there in the room. On another, crystal-clear scenes from a Masters golf tournament(高尔夫球比赛) made you feel as if you were in the gallery. True, these were only demos(示范品). But if all goes according to the plans laid out this month by communications regulators, the age of digital TV is at hand. In 18 months TV signals will begin appearing in the infallible(绝无差错的) language of computers, sweeping away a half century of fuzzy(模糊的) analog TV(模拟式电视). "The promise here is to reinvent an industry," gushes(滔滔地说) Gerard J. Waldron, a Washington lawyer for broadcasters.

