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前 言

《侃侃而谈:中级英语口语》的适用对象是具有英语中、高级水平的学生。它实用有效,对如何组织讨论课具有创造性的尝试。

本书特点

- ●每个单元内容设计为五部分: Read(阅读), Consider(思考), Decide & Write(做决定并写作), Discuss (讨论) 及Extend(扩展内容);
- 扩展内容包括大量的、引人深思的讨论话题及活动:
- 每单元都在空白处列出了一些生词, 而且在课文的最后有一个生词总表;
- 每个单元都配有图画来激发学生讨论的兴趣。

讨论课的通病是教师讲的过多,学生说的太少。究其原因可能是学生认为讨论题目枯燥乏味或学生对开口说英语有心理障碍。不管什么原因,讨论课常常变成了一问一答的形式而学生并没有得到足够的口语锻炼。本书的目的就是让学生自己开口说,让学生自己完成几乎所有的练习。

为此,我们提供了一些能激发学生兴趣的话题,让学生提出简洁明了的解决方式。大部分问题既严肃又具有挑战性,如: 生死问题、城市规划问题等等,各式各样。其目的是吸引尽可能多的学生加入到讨论的行列。每个问题都配有照片、图画及文字说明、场景设置等。文字说明包括五部分:

Read部分引出问题; Consider部分列出了在解决问题过程中需要考虑的各个因素; Decide & Write对如何作决定提供指导并让学生在讨论开始前写下他们的想法; Discuss部分要求学生口头讨论; 最后, Extend部分鼓励全班学生积极思考, 以得到问题的最终解决方案。此外, 学生还不能仅仅局限于讨论, 还要进行其他活动, 如写作。

解决问题的方法多种多样, 教师要灵活掌握。但大体都分为4步:

首先, 教师提出问题; 接着, 学生思考, 并写下问题的初步解决方案; 然后, 分组讨论、分析, 最终解决问题; 最后, 小组之间比较他们的解决方案。

当讨论小组有4~6人时,这种方法工作起来最有效。比如: 15个学生可以平均分成3组,每小组5人,这种讨论效果最好,因为:

- (1) 比起在大班上与老师讨论、学生在小组里更愿意与同学交谈:
- (2) 小组讨论让学生更放松,可以畅所欲言;
- (3) 小组里的人越少,每个成员说话和练习的机会就越多。

教师的灵活性非常重要。如果每天陈词滥调,老生常谈,学生就会厌烦;同理,一种方法,毫无新意,学生也会失去兴趣。为避免这种情况的发生,教师可以布置一个问题作为家庭作业,这样学生可以有更多的时间进行思考并掌握其中生词,或者教师可以随其中一个小组参加讨论,然后让学生用10~15分钟时间自行解决问题。教师也可根据学生的兴趣或课时的需要,灵活地选择使用课文内容。

对于教学时间使用的建议(以50分钟课堂为例)

第一节课:

A. 提出问题(15~20分钟)

通过对照片、图画的简单讨论, 教师提出问题。教师可以大声朗读, 学生小声随读, 确保学生完全理解问题背景; 此外, 教师还应陪学生简单浏览一遍生词; 然后, 至少给学生10分钟时间让他们去阅读问题, 并写下他们的解决方案; 最后, 学生分组讨论。

B. 讨论(30~35分钟)

学生讨论时, 教师可以来回巡视, 随时回答出现的问题, 并听取他们的讨论意见。各讨论小组必须对问题达成一致意见。教师可以放手让学生自由讨论, 以表现对学生处理问题能力的信任。

第二节课:

A. 比较解决方案(20~25分钟)

比较的方法可以多种多样,其中之一是在黑板上列一个表,每组找一个学生去写下他们小组的结论。下面是 "Ordering a Baby" (订购婴儿)活动的一个例表:

	第一组	第二组	第三组
头发颜色			
眼睛颜色			,
身高			
体重			
智商			
性格			
职业			

学生填完表,教师可以进行点评,指出其中的相同/不同处,并让学生为他们与众不同的选择作出解释。

另一个方法是口头比较他们的结果。但是,因为没有书面写下来,各小组不能互相看到他 方的结果,可能会使讨论受到一定影响。

B. 扩展内容(20~25分钟)

这一步是让学生对提出的问题进行更深刻的分析。方法之一是全班一起(而不是以讨论小组为单位)回答问题。

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Unit

1

钱花在哪里? What Gets the Money?

Read

You are the **Budget** Department of the new South American country of Amazonas, which has just been created from parts of southeastern Colombia and northwestern Brazil. Located **in the heart of** the Amazon jungle, Amazonas (pop.: 100,000; area: 125,000 sq. mi.) has abundant, undeveloped natural resources (iron, gold, diamonds, oil); however, most of the **indigenous** population experiences the negative effects of primitive living conditions.

The Prime Minister of Amazonas has just directed your department to decide how to spend this year's \$2 million budget. For which of the following items on the list do you recommend **funding**, and what percentage of the budget should each item you select receive?

budget: financial plan

in the heart of: in the center of

indigenous: native

funding: money

PROGRAM 1: AGRICULTURE

Consider

Most Amazonians suffer from **malnutrition**, especially the children. In fact, over 70% of the children currently receive less than one-fourth of the calories necessary for a healthy life. Agricultural conditions are poor because most of the country is **dense** rain forest.

malnutrition: poor diet

dense: heavy

% of budget:	Reasons:
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tributaries: small rivers
carrying water to a large
river

	PROGRAM 2: TRANSPORTATION	l .	
	Consider		
tributaries: small rivers carrying water to a large river	Boat travel on the Amazon River and its tributaries is the main form of transportation in the country. There are few roads and no airports or railroads.		
	% of budget:	Reasons:	
	PROGRAM 3: POLICE AND NATI	IONAL GUARD	
	Consider		
lured: attracted	adventurers lured by the prospe	experience increasing crime from the influx of ct of sudden riches. Moreover, the government il resources are developed, Amazonas' large independence	
	% of budget:	Reasons:	
	PROGRAM 4: EDUCATION Consider		
scattered: spread	missionary (religious) schools	as, has two high schools. There are also a few scattered throughout the country. However, ver 90% of the country is illiterate.	
	% of budget:	Reasons:	
	program 5: develop utiliti	IES	
	Consider		
•	•	pes not have electricity despite the tremendous r. No people outside the capital have refrigera- thts.	

% of budget: ______ Reasons: _____

PROGRAM 6: DEVELOP NATURAL RESOURCES

Consider

Iron, gold, diamonds, oil: the money gained from developing these resources could make Amazonas a rich country benefitting all of its citizens. As yet, however, there are no mines or oil wells.			
% of budget:	Reasons:		
PROGRAM 7: SOCIAL SERVICES Consider			
There is only one doctor for every 5,000 the capital of Capana. There are no ho extremely high, and the average life experiment women: 42).	spitals. The infant mortality rate is		
% of budget:	Reasons:		
PROGRAM 8: COMMUNICATIONS Consider			
Amazonians have telephone service only in the capital. There is a primitive postal service. Telegraph and television are nonexistent.			
% of budget:	Reasons:		
PROGRAM 9: PUBLIC RELATIONS Consider			
Amazonas needs people and foreign investment. The Prime Minister feels that some means should be found to attract new settlers and investors from other countries to help develop Amazonas.			
% of budget:	Reasons:		

PROGRAM 10: PROTECTION OF INDIGENOUS POPULATION Consider

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ım	pending:	coming

The government strongly feels that the native people of Amazonas (particularly Indians) must be protected from the **impending** problems of development.

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70	or budget:	* ************************************	keasons:	

administrative managers

PROGRAM 11: TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANPOWER COnsider

Amazonas simply does not have enough qualified people at present to run existing programs efficiently or to design new ones.

% of budget: Reasons:

Discuss

Verbally compare your decisions with those of the classmates in your discussion group. Explain and defend your opinions. Listen carefully to your classmates' opinions, but do not be afraid to disagree with those opinions. Try to reach a group concensus on the best solution to the problem. One person in the group should write down the group's decision.

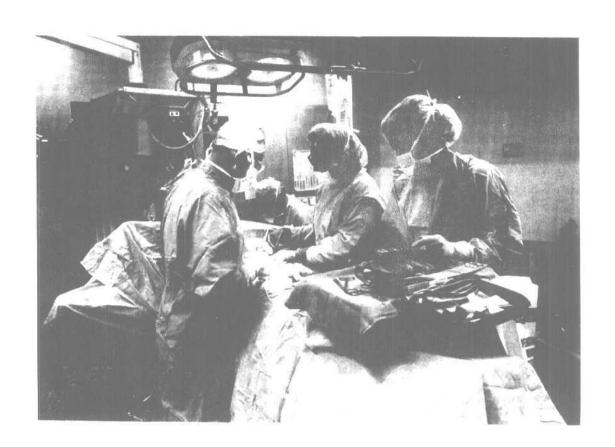
Extend

- 1. There are many terms used for countries such as Amazonas: non-industrialized, underdeveloped, developing, Third World, technologically new. Which term do you prefer?
- 2. What is the main problem that faces most developing countries?
- 3. Do developed countries have a responsibility to help developing countries? If yes, why and how?

4. What are some reasons that developed countries might want to hinder Third World countries from developing?

hinder: block, slow down

5. List three positive and three negative effects of industrial development. Give examples.



Unit

2

谁得此"心"? Who Gets the Heart?

Read

You are members of the heart transplant surgery **team** at a university hospital in Washington, D.C. At the moment, you have seven patients who desperately need a transplant if they are to have any chance of living. All seven patients are classified as "critically ill," and could die at any time.

You have just received news that the heart of a 16-year-old boy who was killed in an auto accident has become available for transplantation. Speed is extremely important as you decide which of the following patients is to receive the heart: not only might one of the patients die, but the **donor** heart will soon begin to **deteriorate.**

team: group

donor heart: heart that will be put in a patient **deteriorate:** become

worse

Consider

 The age and sex of the donor has no relationship to the age and sex of the recipient. In other words, the heart of the 16-year-old would work well in a 50-year-old woman. Size, however, might be a consideration in the case of the infant.

recipient: receiver

2. Rank the option/patients in order of preference: 1 = first to receive, 8 = last to receive.

Decide and Write

Patients

2.

3.

renowned: famous

inspiration: source of encouragement

deteriorating: worsening

1. Amegneza Edorh, female, age 57. Mrs. Edorh, a renowned poet and novelist from Nigeria, received the 1987 Nobel Prize for literature. An inspiration throughout the developing world because of her anti-colonialist writings, Mrs. Edorh has been confined to bed for the past five months with steadily deteriorating health.

(Married: four children between the ages of 30 and 37)

Reasons she should receive the heart:
Reasons she should not receive the heart:
Ranking of heart transplant team:
Soohan Kim, male, age 12. Soohan, a junior high school student from South Korea, was born with a congenital heart defect. Doctors wanted to wait until he was a teenager to replace his heart, but his condition has worsened dramatically . He is being kept alive on a heart-lung machine.
Reasons he should receive the heart:
Reasons he should not receive the heart:
Ranking of heart transplant team:
Alicia Fagan, female, age 27. Ms. Fagan's heart problems, though recent, seem to have a genetic basis inasmuch as her twin sister (patient 4) is similarly affected. Although Ms. Fagan is a promising Ph.D. student in biochemistry at Georgetown University, her failing heart and kidneys have caused her to drop out of school temporarily. (Unmarried)
Reasons she should receive the heart:
Reasons she should not receive the heart:
Ranking of heart transplant team:

dramatically: rapidly

4.	Galia Feinstein, female, age 27. Mrs. Feinstein is Ms. Fagan's twin sister. Mrs. Feinstein, who holds a Master's degree from Harvard University in computer science, currently operates a computer business with her husband. (One daughter, age 4.) Mrs. Feinstein's condition differs from that of her sister in that her kidneys have not been affected.	
	Reasons she should receive the heart:	
	Reasons she should not receive the heart:	
	Ranking of heart transplant team:	
5.	Leonid Gromykovitch, male, age 34. Mr. Gromykovitch works for the U.S. government as a researcher for the Central Intelligence Agency. Born in the Soviet Union, Mr. Gromykovitch is considered the Agency's foremost Kremlinologist (Soviet expert). Like patient 2, Mr. Gromykovitch is being kept alive on a heart-lung machine. Unmarried (his wife died in an automobile accident), he has three children (ages 6, 3, 2).	
	Reasons he should receive the heart:	
	Reasons he should not receive the heart:	
	Ranking of heart transplant team:	
6.	Martha Rosales, female, age 23. Mrs. Rosales' heart problems originated from a bout she had with scarlet fever while growing up in the slums of New York. Unemployed and on welfare , Mrs. Rosales raised money for her operation through the contributions of those in her neighborhood. Never married, she has four children (ages 8, 6, 5, 1).	bout: battle welfare: government money for poor people
	Reasons she should receive the heart:	
	Reasons she should not receive the heart:	
	Ranking of heart transplant team:	

7.	Peter Jacobsen, male, age 42. Mr. Jacobsen's family has a history of heart disease (his father died from a heart attack at age 39). Considered the leading scientist in the world in the area of bacteriological diseases, Mr. Jacobsen has already had one heart transplant operation. Since his body rejected that heart (three weeks ago), Mr. Jacobsen has been kept alive by an artificial heart. (Never married, no children)
	Reasons he should receive the heart:
	Reasons he should not receive the heart:
	Ranking of heart transplant team:
8.	None of the above. Save the heart for someone else.

Discuss

Ranking of heart transplant team:

Verbally compare your decisions with those of the classmates in your discussion group. Explain and defend your opinions. Listen carefully to your classmates' opinions, but do not be afraid to disagree with those opinions. Try to reach a group concensus on the best solution to the problem. One person in the group should write down the group's decision.

Extend

- 1. Do you think that only doctors should decide who receives transplants? Are there any other people who should help make such decisions?
- 2. What do you think about cross-species transplants—such as putting a baboon heart in a person?
- 3. How do you think you would feel if you received the heart of another person? How would it feel to have another person's heart in your chest?