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## 内 容 提 要

阅读能力是外语学习及外语的读听说写译等能力的基础。当前英语的教学要求日益提高,英语学习已从偏重语言知识向知识与技能并重的方向转变。为此,必须首先大力强化学生的阅读训练。为了使学生们更好地适应这一形势,尽快提高英语阅读水平,作者特编写了本“优化指导”。

书中作者从国外报刊中精心挑选了 100 篇精采短文,其程度正适合并稍高于初中教材的内容;每篇短文均作了一些必要的注释并加了若干针对性很强的习题,还在末了附上答案,以利学习者的巩固、提高与自测,使其能以尽可能少的时间,获得尽可能快的提高,并在不觉中扩大知识面与视野。

因此,无论对平时还是对中考复习,本书都是初中学生英语学习的理想参考书。

# 前 言

按照教育部《中学英语教学大纲》对初中学生英语阅读的要求,我们编写了本书。旨在培养学生对英语的感性知识,了解英语国家的一些社会文化背景,从而提高英语的阅读水平。

在英语学习的听、说、读、写四项技能中,阅读最为关键。没有大量的阅读,听、说、写都很难提高。现今初中学生的一个通病是阅读量太少,因而影响了听、说、写这几个方面。

本书中,我们从英美报刊中精心挑选了 100 篇阅读材料,难易程度略高于初中(1~3 年级)英语教材内容,并加上注释,提出问题。值得注意的是,书中选材兼及历史、地理、生物、科技、体育等诸多范围,目的正是让学生扩大知识面,拓展他们的文化视野。

在历届英语中考试题中,阅读占很大比重,学生在这部分失分也很严重,故而本书为初中学生提供了一本既是平时学习,也是中考复习的十分理想的读物。

由于编者水平有限与时间仓促,疏漏之处在所难免,切盼使用者提供宝贵意见,以便再版时加以完善。

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## Passage 1

Hob sat in the doctor's waiting-room. There were many people there. Some had coughs<sup>①</sup>, some had colds and some had headaches. They all looked<sup>②</sup> unhappy except Hob, who was reading a detective story<sup>③</sup> in a magazine. Just then the doctor came in and said he was ready to see the next one. He asked Hob to go into his room.

Before Hob could say a word, the doctor said, "Now what's your trouble? Lie down there and I will have a look at you. Take off your coat, please. I will listen to your heart." Hob tried to speak but the doctor ordered(命令道), "Be quiet, young man. Open your mouth." The doctor had a good look, and then he said, "Well, you are not ill at all. There is nothing wrong with you." "I know there isn't," said Hob, "I have just come to read the magazines in the waiting-room."

How disappointed<sup>③</sup> the doctor was! His face turned angry.

### Notes:

- ① cough: *n.* 咳; 咳嗽
- ② detective story: 侦探小说
- ③ disappointed: *adj.* 失望的, 沮丧的; (希望等) 破灭的

### Questions:

True or False(判断下列句子是否符合短文内容。符合的用“T”, 不符合的用“F”表示, 填入括号内, 后文同):

- ( ) 1. Hob was ill. He went to see the doctor.
- ( ) 2. Sick people were sitting in the doctor's waiting-room.
- ( ) 3. Hob was waiting there to see the doctor, too.

- ( )4. Hob likes reading the magazines in the waiting-room.
- ( )5. At first the doctor didn't let Hob say a word.
- ( )6. At last the doctor was very disappointed.

## Passage 2

Miss Zhang works in the school library. She loves her work because she loves books. In the library she has got books on many different subjects<sup>①</sup>. She works very hard and (she) is very helpful. She likes the children to read newspapers and books in the reading-room. She also likes them to borrow books. But she is very strict<sup>②</sup>. You must always return your library books on time!

One morning she was working at her desk in the library when a boy came in. He asked very politely<sup>③</sup>: "Excuse me, have you got any books about the moon and the stars?"

"Yes." said Miss Zhang. "They're on that shelf<sup>④</sup> over there."

Then Li Mingming came in. "Excuse me, Miss Zhang," she said. "I'm very sorry. I borrowed a book from the library two weeks ago. But I can't find it. I think I've lost it."

"Oh, dear!" said Miss Zhang. "Are you sure you've lost it?"

"Yes, I've looked for it everywhere," said Li Mingming, "I've looked around the whole school. I can't find it anywhere."

"What was the name of the book?" asked Miss Zhang.

"*Red Star over China*."

"What a pity! I'm afraid you'll have to pay for it," said Miss Zhang.

### Notes:

① subjects: *n.* 学科, 科目; 问题, 主题

② strict: *adj.* 严格的, 严厉的

③ politely: *adv.* 有礼貌地

④ shelf: *n.* (书橱, 壁橱等) 搁板; 架子

**Questions:**

True or False:

- ( ) 1. Miss Zhang is a library assistant.
- ( ) 2. There are many books on different subjects in the school library.
- ( ) 3. She is very kind. If you don't return your book on time, she isn't angry.
- ( ) 4. Miss Zhang doesn't like the students to borrow the books because she is afraid that they may lose them.
- ( ) 5. Li Mingming has lost the book about the moon and stars.
- ( ) 6. If you lose a book, you will have to pay for it.

### Passage 3

Mrs Green's telephone number was 3462; the number of the cinema<sup>①</sup> in her town was 3463. People often made a mistake and telephoned her when they wanted the cinema.

One evening the telephone bell rang<sup>②</sup> and Mrs Green answered it. A tired man's voice came over the phone: "At what time does your last film begin?"

"I'm sorry," said Mrs Green, "but you have the wrong number. This is not the cinema."

"Oh, it began twenty minutes ago," said the man. "I'm sorry about that. Well, goodbye."

Mrs Green was very surprised, so she told her husband. He laughed and said, "No, that wasn't a mistake. The man's wife wanted to go to the cinema, but he was feeling tired, so he telephoned the cinema. His wife heard him, but she didn't hear you. Now they will stay at home this evening, and the husband will be happy!"

#### Notes:

① cinema: *n.* 电影院

② ring: (*rang, rung*) *v.* (铃、钟等)响

#### Questions:

- ( ) 1. People often telephoned Mrs Green by mistake because her telephone number and the number of the cinema were the same.
- ( ) 2. When the tired man telephoned her by mistake, she was not at all surprised at first.

- ( )3. Mrs Green was very surprised because the tired man said something that had nothing to do with her answer.
- ( )4. The man's wife wanted to go to the cinema, but he didn't.
- ( )5. The man and his wife went to the cinema happily that evening.

## Passage 4

John liked chocolates very much, but his mother never gave him any, because they were bad for his teeth, she thought. John had a very nice grandfather. The old man loved his grandson very much, and sometimes he brought John chocolates when he came to visit him. Then his mother let him eat them, because she wanted to make the old man happy.

One evening, a few days before John's seventh birthday, he was saying his prayers<sup>①</sup> in his bedroom before he went to bed. "Please, God," he shouted, "make them give me a big box of chocolates for my birthday on Saturday."

His mother was in the kitchen<sup>②</sup>, but she heard the small boy shouting and went into his bedroom<sup>③</sup> quickly.

"Why are you shouting, John?" she asked him. "God can hear you when you talk quietly."

"I know," answered the clever boy with a smile, "but Grandfather's in the next room, and he can't."

### Notes:

- ① prayer: *n.* 祈祷
- ② kitchen: *n.* 厨房
- ③ bedroom: *n.* 卧室

### Questions:

- ( ) 1. John's mother never let him eat chocolates because they were not good for his teeth.
- ( ) 2. John's grandfather always gave him chocolates when he visited



him.

- ( )3. John's mother asked the old man not to give him any chocolates.
- ( )4. John wanted to get a big box of chocolates for his seventh birthday.
- ( )5. John shouted loudly because he wanted his grandfather to hear him.