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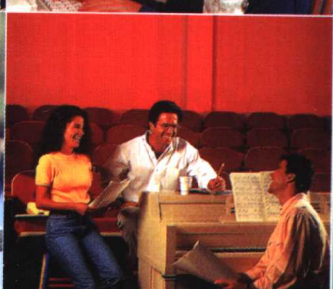
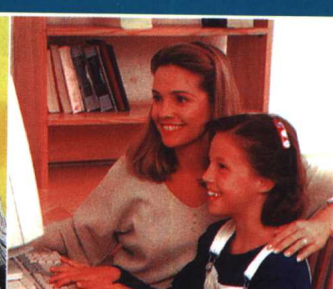


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《今日美国口语》的美国原版书名为《今日美语》, 由于其内容特别有助于提高中国读者的听说能力, 故我们在引进此版后将书名改为与内容相符的《今日美国口语》。此外, 原书初级、中级共 10 本一套, 我们为了降低书价, 在 100% 保留原书内容的前提下, 将 10 本压缩为现在的 4 本一套, 从而节省了读者的开支。

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我们诚邀您尝试使用本教程, 希望能通过循序渐进的学习, 使您感受到地道美语的乐趣。

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## PREFACE

*English for USA Today* is a course in spoken American English designed for non-English speakers. This updated series features entirely new dialogues and narratives written with an eye toward the latest trends in American English, but retains the features of previous texts that made the course so popular among Asian students.

The scripts are combined with oral exercises, the use of charts and pictures, realistic speech models, and notes on grammar, vocabulary and usage to make a complete teaching and learning tool. Each book is divided into ten easy-to-follow lessons and covers a greater variety of conversational situations, with grammatical structures being introduced at a faster but more consistent pace.

The material, which is presented in two levels—junior and intermediate—ensures continued reinforcement of the more frequently used grammatical constructions. It has the added advantage that students who only have time to complete the junior series can still benefit from a virtually complete exposure to the grammar of spoken English, and are not left with the many gaps typical of introductory courses. At each new level, students will be faced with a progressively more complex structural and lexical framework, challenging them to make the most of their English-speaking ability.

The entire *English for USA Today* series includes a complete set of audio and video tape recordings for private study, and the editorial team invites students to try the course, in the certainty they will find they have begun to use a most effective tool in their efforts to learn conversational English.

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# LESSON 1

Emilie, Bob and  
Randy



**DIALOGUE**

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**Moving to Los Angeles**

*Ken and Cynthia just moved from New York to a new house in Los Angeles. They are in the study now.*

Ken: I'm happy to be in this new house. It's much larger than I thought.

Cynthia: Yes, but I can't find any place to put this bookcase.

Ken: I see. I guess it is too big. The one we had before wasn't as big as this one.

Cynthia: I will try to put it in the living room. Anyway, this place is brighter than our old house in New York.

Ken: And, it's more spacious. Though the rent is more expensive, it's worth it.

Cynthia: But we will have to work harder to pay for it.

Ken: Don't worry. That's life. Life is easier down here. We can make much more money than we ever did in New York.

Cynthia: Money isn't everything. It's more polluted in Los Angeles.

Ken: Yes... because of all the cars and all the freeways.

Cynthia: Yes. And, that's why it's quieter in New York.

Ken: But think of the weather, Cynthia!

Cynthia: Right! Some things are better, and some things are worse. Living in Los Angeles really isn't the same as living in New York.

参考译文

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## 迁居洛杉矶

肯与辛西娅刚由纽约迁入洛杉矶的新家。他们此刻正在书房。

肯：我很高兴能够搬进这个新家。它比我原先想的还要大。

辛西娅：是啊，不过我找不到放这个书柜的地方。

肯：我知道。我觉得这个柜子太大了，我们以前那个柜子没这么大。

辛西娅：我想，把它放到客厅试试看。不管怎么说，这栋房子的光线比我们纽约那栋旧房子的光线要好。

肯：而且也更宽敞。虽然租金要贵一些，不过挺值的。

辛西娅：可是我们得更努力工作才付得起房租。

肯：别担心。这就是生活。这里的日子会比较轻松。我们赚的钱会比以前在纽约的时候更多。

辛西娅：金钱不是一切。洛杉矶的污染比较严重。

肯：是啊……那是因为汽车和高速公路的原因。

辛西娅：没错。所以纽约才会比较宁静。

肯：可是，辛西娅，想想天气吧。

辛西娅：对啊！有好有坏。住在洛杉矶和住在纽约真是不同。

## EXERCISES

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### I . Comparison: *-er/more... than* ( Substitution )

#### **Examples:**

This place is larger than I thought.

This place is better than I thought.

This book is better than I thought.

This book is more exciting than I thought.

This lecture is more exciting than I thought.

#### **Continue**

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|----------------|--|
| 1. long        | This lecture is longer than I thought.               |
| 2. train trip  | This train trip is longer than I thought.            |
| 3. scenic      | This train trip is more scenic than I thought.       |
| 4. comfortable | This train trip is more comfortable than I thought.  |
| 5. armchairs   | These armchairs are more comfortable than I thought. |
| 6. soft        | These armchairs are softer than I thought.           |
| 7. elegant     | These armchairs are more elegant than I thought.     |
| 8. wide        | These armchairs are wider than I thought.            |
| 9. closet      | This closet is wider than I thought.                 |
| 10. spacious   | This closet is more spacious than I thought.         |

### II . Comparison: *Not As... As*

Teacher : the cold soup –good

S. 1 : The cold soup isn't as good as the hot one.

Teacher : the new secretary –fast

S. 2 : The new secretary isn't as fast as the old one.

Teacher : the light suit – practical

S. 3 : The light suit isn't as practical as the dark one.

#### **Continue**

1. young child – attractive

- The young child isn't as attractive as the older one.
2. low building – modern  
→ The low building isn't as modern as the high one.
3. manual typewriter – useful  
→ The manual typewriter isn't as useful as the electric one.
4. sour sauce – popular  
→ The sour sauce isn't as popular as the sweet one.
5. narrow hall – long  
→ The narrow hall isn't as long as the wide one.
6. traditional market – clean  
→ The traditional market isn't as clean as the modern one.
7. rough sea – safe  
→ The rough sea isn't as safe as the calm one.
8. local products – expensive  
→ The local products aren't as expensive as the foreign ones.
9. light coat – warm  
→ The light coat isn't as warm as the heavy one.
10. first question – confusing  
→ The first question isn't as confusing as the second one.

### III. Comparison: *The Same...As*

Teacher : refrigerator – kind

S.1 : The new refrigerator is the same kind as the old one.

Teacher : bookcase – size

S.2 : The new bookcase is the same size as the old one.

Teacher : highway – length

S.3 : The new highway is the same length as the old one.

#### **Continue**

1. order – quantity

→ The new order is the same quantity as the old one.

2. city hall – height