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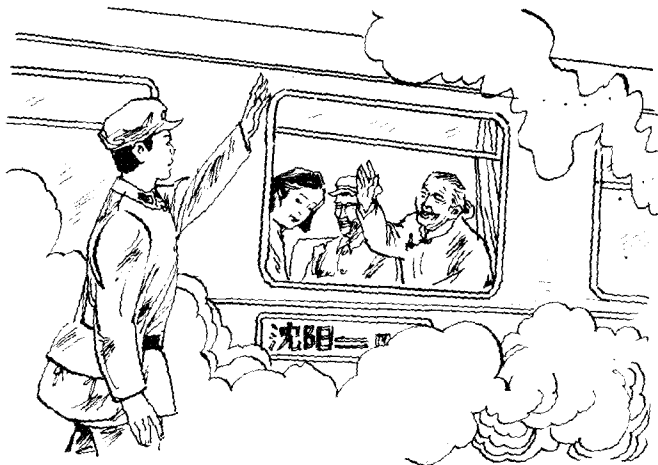
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Unit 1

Exercise 1 Read this story

Always ready to help others



One day, Lei Feng was going to take a train to Dandong from Shenyang Station. He saw some people standing and talking in front of the gate. Lei Feng went over and saw a woman sitting there. She looked very worried.

Lei Feng went up to her and asked, "What's the matter, madam? Can I help you?"

"I'm from Shandong," the woman said, "and I'm on my way to Jilin to see my husband. I bought a ticket this morning, but I can't find it now."

"It's not in any of your pockets?" asked Lei Feng.

"No. I'm sure it's lost, and I have no money to buy another one. Oh, dear! What shall I do?" Then she began to cry.

"Don't worry. Let's see what we can do."

Lei Feng took the woman to the ticket office. There were still some tickets left. He bought her a ticket and said: "The train is going to leave in a minute. Let's hurry."

The woman did not know what to say, she said "Thank you" again and again.

When the train started moving, she waved to the kind young man. Then she suddenly remembered that she did not even know his name.

Exercise 2 Answer these questions

- 1 Why was the woman worried?
- 2 Did Lei Feng help the woman?
- 3 What did he do for the woman?
- 4 What did Lei Feng say to the woman?
- 5 What did the woman say to Lei Feng?
- 6 Do you often help others?

Exercise 3 Read and act

A play



NARRATOR : Last week Mrs Watson was ill and Mr Watson had to take her to hospital in the car. They had to leave their little children at home by themselves. Mrs Watson was very worried.

MRS WATSON: We can't leave the children by themselves. They are too small.

MR WATSON: They are good children. They can look after themselves. I must take your mother to hospital because she is ill.

LINDA : I am big enough, Father. Tim can help me. We can look after ourselves.

TIM: Don't worry, Mother. We can look after ourselves.

NARRATOR : So Mr and Mrs Watson went to the hospital, and the children stayed at home. Mrs White lived next door. She came to see Mr Watson's children.

MRS WHITE: Good morning, children. Are you by yourselves? Where is your mother?

TIM: She is ill, so Father had to take her to hospital.

- MRS WHITE: I'm sorry. Can I help you? You can't stay here by yourselves. You aren't big enough.
- LINDA : Thank you, but we are not too small. We are old enough. We can look after ourselves.
- NARRATOR : So Mrs White went home. The children had to do everything themselves. They were only little children, but they tried very hard. Tim cleaned the house. He swept the floor and made a fire. Linda made the meal. She cooked rice and fried bananas. The house was clean and the meal was ready when their mother came back from the hospital.
- MR WATSON: The house is clean and the meal is ready. Who helped you, children? Did Mrs White help you cook the meal, Linda?
- LINDA : No, she didn't. I did it myself.
- MRS WATSON: But who cleaned the house? Tim isn't big enough.
- TIM: Yes, I am, Mother. I did it myself.
- MRS WATSON: Did he, Linda? Did he do it himself?
- LINDA : Yes, he did it all himself. We did all the work ourselves. We were both working very hard when you were at the hospital.

Exercise 4 Tick the answer

Right or Wrong

- 1 Mr Watson has three children,
Linda, Tim and Bob. () ()
- 2 Mrs Watson was ill. Her husband
must take her to hospital. () ()
- 3 Mrs Watson was worried about
her children. () ()
- 4 Mrs White next door
helped Mrs Watson's children. () ()
- 5 Linda made the meal and Tim
swept the floor. () ()
- 6 The house was clean and the
meal was ready when their
mother came back from the
hospital. () ()

Exercise 5 Read these proverbs ()

Pride goes before a fall.

Every beginning is hard.

Easier said than done.

Unit 2

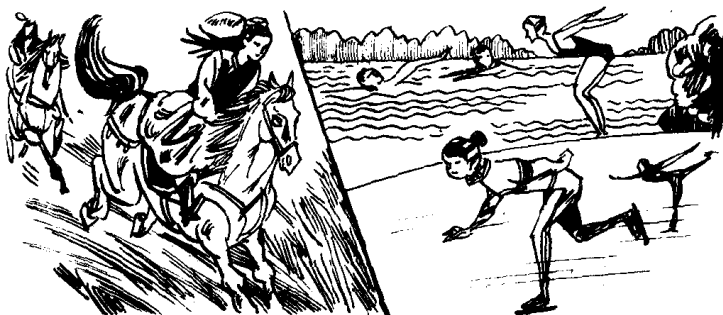
Exercise 1 Read this story

Sports

All over the world people enjoy sports. Sports help people to keep healthy, happy and to live longer.

Many people like to watch others play sport games. They buy tickets or turn on their TV sets to watch the games. Often they get very excited when “their” player or team wins.

Sports change with the seasons. People play different games in winter and summer. Swimming is good in warm weather, but skating is good in winter.



Games and sports often grow out of people's work and everyday activities. The people in Xinjiang use horses or camels in much of their everyday life; they use them in their sports too. It is the same with people in Neimenggu. Many people hunt and fish for a living, but hunting and fishing are very good sports too.

Some sports are very interesting and people everywhere go in for them. Football, for example, is very popular. Swimming is popular in all countries near the sea and in those with many rivers.

Some sports or games go back thousands of years, like running or jumping. But basketball and volleyball are rather new. They are no more than a hundred years old.

People are starting new sports or games all the time. Water skiing is one of the newest.

People from different countries may not be able to understand each other, but after a game they often become good friends.

Exercise 2 Fill in the blanks with the correct words

All over the world people _____ sports. Some people _____ to watch others play sport games. They _____ tickets or _____ their TV sets to watch the games. People _____ different games in winter and summer.

Some sports _____ very interesting and people everywhere go in for them. For example, football _____ very popular. Basketball and volleyball _____ popular in many countries, too.

What _____ your favourite sport?

Exercise 3 Read this passage



There is a small river near my home. It's not big and it's across the park. I like sitting by the river on fine afternoons.

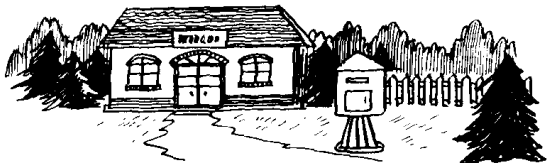
It was warm last Sunday, so I went and sat by the river as usual. Some children were playing games on the riverside and there were some people boating on the river. Suddenly, one of the children kicked a ball very hard and it went towards a boat. Some people on the riverside called out to the man in the boat, but he did not hear them. The ball hit him so hard that he nearly fell into the water. I turned to look at the children, but no one was there. They had all run away! The man laughed and laughed. He thought it was rather funny. He called out to the children, but they did not come out. Then the man threw the ball back to me!

Exercise 4 Answer these questions

- 1 What did the writer do last Sunday?
- 2 What were some children doing?
- 3 What did one of the children do suddenly?
- 4 Did the ball fall into the river?
- 5 Did the ball hit somebody?
- 6 Did the children run away? Why?
- 7 Why did the man laugh?
- 8 What did he do with the ball?

Exercise 5 Read these riddles

- 1 Which four letters can make everybody old?
- 2 What begins with P, ends with E, and has thousands of letters in it?



(Post office 2 Time 1)

Unit 3

Exercise 1 Read this story

“Litter” or “Letter”?

There was a schoolboy named Dennis. One day his mother told him to post a letter.

Dennis put the letter in his pocket and walked down the street in a hurry. He did not see a letter-box on the street. Instead he saw a basket with some words on it: “PUT LITTER IN THE BASKET.” Dennis took a look at the words, thought them over and said, “I can read, but they can’t write. Their spelling is poor. They can’t spell the word ‘letter’ correctly.”

Dennis put the letter in the basket. Then he ran home and told his mother about it.

“Oh, no, child!” said his mother. “You put the letter in a litter basket. A litter basket is for waste paper and other waste things.”

“Oh,” said Dennis in surprise. “Does the word on the basket mean something?”

“Yes, it does,” said his mother. “The word on the basket is ‘litter’, not ‘letter’. Now get the letter back and post it.”

Dennis ran all the way to the litter basket. When he got there, a truck was stopping at the basket and a man was putting the waste paper into the truck.

“Stop!” Dennis called out and then he told the man what he had done.

“All right, I’ll help you look for the letter,” said the man.

They looked for the letter, but they could not find it. Just then some paper fell from the truck. Dennis went after it at once.

“Aha, I’ve got it at last!” Dennis cried. “Thank you for your help.”

“Glad to help,” said the man. “Be sure not to put your letter into a litter basket again.”

“No, I won’t.”

Then Dennis walked down the street and put the letter into a letter-box. “Why don’t the teachers teach us all the words at school?” he said to himself. “Then I wouldn’t put a letter into a litter basket.”

Exercise 2 Answer these questions

- 1 What did Mother tell Dennis to do one day?
- 2 Did Dennis find a letter-box?
- 3 Why did Dennis put the letter in a litter basket?
- 4 What did the words on the basket mean?
- 5 Did he get the letter back from the litter basket?



Exercise 3 Read this story

Cao Chung weighs the elephant

Long, long ago, somebody sent Cao Cao, King of Wei, an elephant. Cao Cao wanted to know its weight.

"Who can think of a way to weigh it?" he asked. But nobody knew what to do, because there was nothing big enough to weigh it.

Then Cao Chung, one of the king's young sons, came up and said, "Father, I have an idea. Let me have a big boat and a lot of heavy stones and I'll be able to find out the weight of the elephant."

Cao Cao was surprised, but he told his men to do as the boy asked.

When the boat was ready, the boy told a man to lead the elephant down into it. The elephant was very heavy, and the water came up very high along the boat's sides. Cao Chung made a mark along the water line.



After that the man drove the elephant out of the boat. Cao Chung then told the men to put heavy stones into the boat till the water again came up to the line.