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# 序 言

《英语趣味阅读测验》(*Readings for Fun*) 编辑的目的,在提供读者丰富有趣的阅读材料,让读者经过轻松的阅读,提高英语能力,并培养对英语的兴趣。

本书主要特色如下:

☆**精练短小,趣味横溢**——本书所选文章,用字浅显,精巧迷人,不到五分钟就能读完一篇。内容幽默风趣,您会忍不住一篇接一篇地读下去,马上获得成就感,建立自信心。

☆**取材广泛,编排明朗**——本书涵括:幽默短文、生活小品、奇风异俗、名人轶闻……包罗万象,不胜枚举;配合简单清爽的版面编排,详尽的注解和流畅的翻译,使您的阅读成为一种享受。

☆**启发式习题,激发阅读潜力**——本书每篇都附有精选习题,可测验您的理解力(*comprehension*),帮助您掌握文章重点,突破阅读盲点(*blind spot*)!

☆**由浅入深,渐入佳境**——本书共分三级,只要您具备基本的英语水平,就能随着本书,逐步进入多姿多采的阅读领域,体会渐入佳境的奇妙感受。

本书虽经多次审慎校阅,惟恐尚有疏失之处,切盼读者不吝批评指正。

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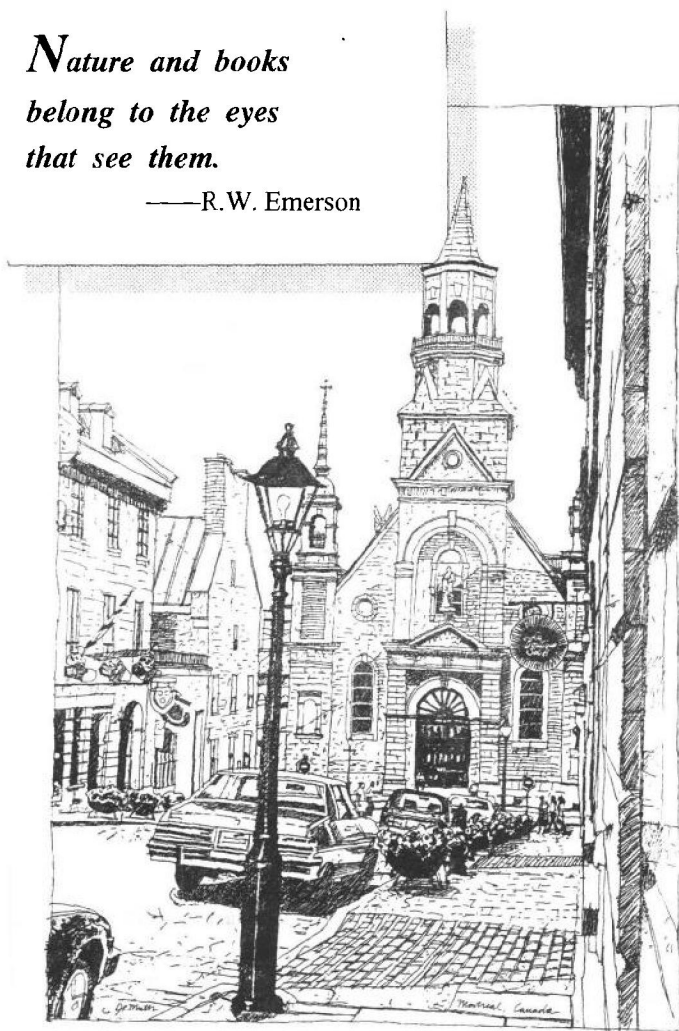


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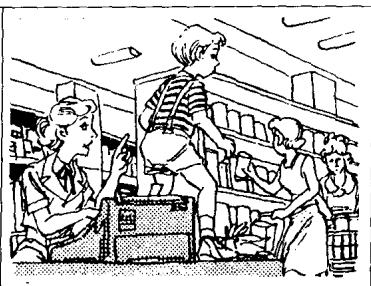
*Nature and books  
belong to the eyes  
that see them.*

—R.W. Emerson



## 1

## The Lost Child



My mother used to work in a supermarket.

One morning, a little boy walked up to her with big, sad eyes and told her he was lost. Mom took his hand, gave him a reassuring hug and said not to worry—she would find his mother. They looked up aisle after aisle. Every time Mom asked, “Do you see your mother?” the boy answered, “No.” Finally, Mom took the child up to the front of the store and stood him on a counter. She told him to look around very carefully, and once more she asked, “Now, do you see your mother?”

“No,” answered the child. “I just keep seeing my daddy!”

\*\* *used to* 以前常... *walk up to* 走近 *reassure* {,ri:əʃʊ:(r)} *v.* 使安心

*hug* {hʌg} *n.* 拥抱

*aisle* {aɪl} *n.* 走道

*stand* {stænd} *v.* 使站立

*counter* {ˈkauntə} *n.* 柜台

## ◆ Comprehension ◆

1. The author's mother thought that the lost boy \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ( A ) was her own son  
 ( B ) didn't have any parents  
 ( C ) had come to the supermarket with his mother  
 ( D ) was probably trying to play a trick on her
  
2. The person who helped the little boy was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ( A ) his mother  
 ( B ) his father  
 ( C ) a supermarket clerk  
 ( D ) the author of this story
  
3. The boy stood up on the \_\_\_\_\_ in order to see better.  
 ( A ) aisle  
 ( B ) counter  
 ( C ) supermarket  
 ( D ) roof
  
4. In fact, the lost boy \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ( A ) was really from a different city  
 ( B ) had come to the supermarket with his father  
 ( C ) was trying to play a trick on the woman  
 ( D ) wanted to get a job in the supermarket

**\*\* play a trick on** 开...的玩笑

## 2

The Pious  
Taxi-Driver

A priest had to take services in several churches every Sunday, and one of them was in the center of a big city where there were lots of offices, but very few people lived, so hardly anyone ever went to this church on a Sunday. The priest used to go there in a taxi, and one Sunday he arrived as usual and told the taxi-driver to wait while he read the service. When he entered the church, he found that there was only one man there, so he inquired whether he would be willing to have a shortened service.

"No," replied the man firmly and without any hesitation, "I'd like to have the full service, without omitting anything."

When the priest said the last prayer and left, he discovered that the man in the church had been his taxi-driver, whose meter had been adding up the pence throughout the service.

\*\* **pious**['paɪəs] *adj.* 虔诚的

**take service** 主持礼拜

**firmly**[fɜ:mli] *adv.* 坚决地

**omit**[o'mit, ə'mit] *v.* 省略

**priest**[prɪst] *n.* 牧师

**inquire**[in'kwair] *v.* 询问

**with out any hesitation** 毫不迟疑

**say prayer** 吟祈祷文

## ◆ Comprehension ◆

1. The priest wanted to take a shortened service possibly because \_\_\_\_\_.

- ( A ) a service for only one man was not worth too much time and energy
- ( B ) he was too busy to stay in the church any longer
- ( C ) he didn' t belong to the church
- ( D ) the listener' s impolite behavior made the priest angry

2. The man in the church turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- ( A ) the priest
- ( B ) the janitor
- ( C ) the bishop
- ( D ) the taxi-driver

3. The man in the church wanted to have the full service because \_\_\_\_\_.

- ( A ) he wanted to have the service to himself
- ( B ) he wanted the taxi-fare to add up throughout the service
- ( C ) he had come to this church by taking a taxi
- ( D ) he wanted to embarrass the priest with an unexpected answer

4. To omit something means to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ( A ) charge for it
- ( B ) pray for it
- ( C ) leave it out
- ( D ) make it shorter

\*\* meter[ 'mitə ] n. 计量表

pence[ pens ] n. 便士(penny 的复数)

janitor[ 'dʒænətə ] n. 守所

bishop[ 'bɪʃəp ] n. 主教

leave out 省略



## 3

## Proof of Identity



Mr. and Mrs. Scott moved to a small town and they made arrangements at the local bank to open an account in both their names. But Mr. Scott was a businessman and always worked during the time that the bank was open, so his wife was the one who usually went there when they needed money.

Then one day Mr. Scott was on vacation, so he went to the bank, but the bank teller didn't know him, and wasn't willing to give him any money until she was sure that he was really Mr. Scott. She said politely, "I know Mrs. Scott, but I don't know you yet. Could you please show me something to prove that you are Mr. Scott?"

Mr. Scott looked in his wallet and found some photographs of his wife. He showed them to the teller, and she was satisfied and gave him his money.

\*\* **identity** [ai'dentiti] *n.* 身份

**open an account** 开户头

**look in** 往里面看

**arrangement** [ə'rendʒmənt] *n.* 准备

**teller** ['telə] *v.* (银行的)出纳员

**wallet** ['wɒli] *n.* 皮夹



◆ Comprehension ◆

1. The bank teller \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ( A ) did not know the Scotts  
 ( B ) liked Mrs. Scott, but disliked her husband  
 ( C ) went on a vacation  
 ( D ) knew Mrs. Scott, but not her husband
  
2. The bank teller's attitude was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ( A ) polite but careful  
 ( B ) unkind and unpleasant  
 ( C ) brave  
 ( D ) cowardly
  
3. Mr. Scott rarely went to the bank because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ( A ) the teller didn't know him  
 ( B ) he wasn't interested in business  
 ( C ) he had to work during banking hours  
 ( D ) he was a photographer
  
4. Mr. Scott's photographs of his wife \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ( A ) proved that he was a photographer  
 ( B ) convinced the teller of his identity  
 ( C ) did not satisfy the teller  
 ( D ) caused the teller to be polite

\*\* **photograph** [ 'fəʊtəgrɑ:f ] *n.* 照片

**cowardly** [ 'kauədli ] *adj.* 怯懦的

**convince A of B** 使 A 相信 B