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本书精选了工作、学习、生活中经常涉及的词汇，精心设计了词语精解、对话练习等内容，覆盖全面、讲解细致，能够帮助读者增强学习兴趣、提高英语水平。

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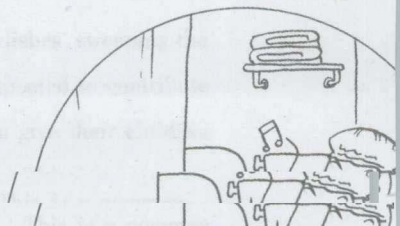
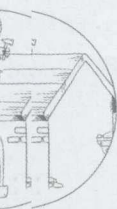
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## 第一部分

# 情景词汇





# Unit 1

## Housework 家务劳动



In North America, everyone in the family will do some of the housework.

Children are given “**chores**” such as washing dishes, sweeping the floors, and **emptying** the garbage cans. They are expected to contribute to keeping the house clean. Usually, parents like to give their children a weekly **allowance** for helping with the housework. This is a common way to teach children that hard work is necessary for **financial** gain.

In families where the husband and wife both have jobs, it is most common for them to **share** the housework.

在北美,家庭里的每个成员一般都会做一些家务活。

父母都会给孩子们一些家务活,比如洗碗、扫地、倒垃圾等,希望他们能在房屋清洁方面作点儿贡献。通常父母每周都会给孩子一些零花钱,以鼓励他们做家务。这也是使孩子懂得勤劳致富的好办法。

在夫妻双方都有工作的家庭里,两个人分担家务活是非常普遍的。

## Words

**chore** 日常琐事;家庭杂务

**empty** 倒空 **emptied/emptying/empties**

At last, Mike emptied all the wastebaskets.

最后迈克把所有的废纸篓倒空了。

empty... of... 把……倒空/把(……的东西)全拿出来

Grandpa emptied the box of its contents.

爷爷把箱子里的东西全部拿了出來。

**allowance** 津贴,补贴

Her father gave her an allowance of \$1,000 a year.

她父亲每年给她 1000 美元生活费。

travel / clothing / housing allowance 旅行/服装/住房补贴

**financial** 财政的,金融的

Mr. Daniel is our financial adviser.

丹尼尔先生是我们的金融财政顾问。

**share** 共用;分摊;共有

Bill and Bob shared the work equally between them.

比尔和鲍勃两个人把工作平分分了。

share sth. with sb. 和某人分享某物

I share the room with her in college.

我上大学时和她共住一间房子。

## Dialogue 1

(It's really not easy to move into a new house. Moreover, after moving into a new house, there are so many things to do. Now, the family is busy cleaning. Everybody gets involved. Let's see what everybody is doing!)

Mom: Aunt Susan just called. She's coming for a visit from France next week and this place is still a **mess**!

Dad: Don't worry, honey. We just **moved** in yesterday, so relax!  
If everybody gives a hand, we will get it done quickly.

Mom: You're right. OK kids, who wants to **vacuum** the carpets?

Mike: I will, Mom.

(搬家真是不容易。而且在搬进新房子之后还有好多事情要做。现在这个家庭正忙于打扫卫生,每个人都忙得不可开交。让我们来看看他们都在做什么!)

母亲: 苏珊姨妈刚才打电话过来说下周她会从法国过来拜访, 可这里现在仍是一团糟!

父亲: 别着急, 亲爱的。我们昨天才刚刚搬进来, 放松点儿。如果我们大家都帮忙的话, 这里很快就可以收拾好的。



母亲: 嗯, 说得也是。好了, 孩子们, 谁想用吸尘器打扫地毯?  
迈克: 我来吧, 妈妈。

## Words

**mess** 凌乱状态, 脏乱情形

Clean up this mess! 把这脏乱状态收拾一下!

be in a mess 杂乱无章; 脏乱不堪

Now my life was in a real mess and I didn't know what to do.

我现在的的生活狼狈不堪, 不知道怎么办好了。

**move** 搬家 **moved/moving/moves**

The Greens bought a new house, and they moved in yesterday.

格林一家买了新房, 他们昨天搬了进来。

move in/move out 搬进/出

We moved out to the suburbs last week.

上星期我们搬到郊区住了。

**vacuum** 用吸尘器吸(尘土) **vacuumed/vacuuming/vacuums**

Mary began to vacuum the carpet.

玛丽开始用吸尘器吸地毯。

## Dialogue 2

Miss Note: Hi, Mr. Why. Do you know Gus was **cleaned** out by some robbers and Mr. Green **cleaned** up during the bull market yesterday?

Mr. Why: Really? Why did the robbers clean him out?

Miss Note: Because they are robbers! "Clean out" here means they robbed Gus of all his money.

Mr. Why: Oh, I see. But why did Mr. Green cleaned up in the bull market? I remember he works in a company.

点滴小姐: 你好, 问号先生。你知道吗? 昨天格斯被一群强盗洗劫一空, 格林先生在牛市上大赚了一笔!

问号先生: 真的吗? 为什么强盗把他“清扫出去”?

点滴小姐: 因为他们是强盗! "clean out" 在这里是指把格斯身上的钱洗劫一空。

问号先生: 哦, 我明白了。但是为什么格林先生要“打扫公牛市场”呢? 我记得他在公司上班啊。

## Words

**clean** 打扫/洗涤 **cleaned/cleaning/cleans**

Mom cleaned the house in the morning.

妈妈早上打扫了房子。

## Dialogue 3

Mr. Why: I'm puzzled about this word because I always remember to spell it like this: sweap.

Miss Note: Yeah. Many people make such a mistake. So remember the correct spelling **s - w - e - e - p**.

Mr. Why: Oh, I'll remember this forever!

问号先生: 这个单词极其恼人, 因为我老是记得它是这样拼

的:sweep。

点滴小姐:是啊,很多人都犯这样的错误,所以你要记住正确的拼法:s-w-e-e-p。

问号先生:噢,我会永远记住它的!

## Words

**sweep** 打扫 **swept/sweeping/sweeps**

Mom asked Mike to sweep the yard, but he is always playing.

妈妈叫迈克扫院子,可他总是玩。

sweep away 扫走/刮走

The rubbish has all been swept away.

垃圾都被扫走了。

sweep up 打扫干净/收拾干净

Dad swept up all of the dirt.

爸爸把所有脏东西都扫干净了。

## Dialogue 4

Mr. Why: Miss Note, you are so beautiful and it's nice to stay with you!

Miss Note: Don't **polish** the apple.

Mr. Why: I have washed all the apples here. There's no need to wash them again.

Miss Note: (*smiling*) The phrase "to polish the apple" is actually an idiom, meaning "to curve one's favor" in other words, "to kiss one's ass".

Mr. Why: Oh!

问号先生: 点滴小姐, 您真漂亮! 能和你在一起实在是太好了。

点滴小姐: 别拍马屁了(苹果就不用再擦亮了 polish the apple)。

问号先生: 这儿的苹果我都洗干净了, 不用再洗了。

点滴小姐: (微笑) “to polish the apple” 这个短语实际上是一个习语, 意思是“讨他人欢心”, 或者说“拍马屁”。

问号先生: 噢!

## Words

**polish** 擦亮 **polished/polishing/polishes**

Then Mom polished all the furniture.

然后妈妈把所有的家具都擦得很亮。

polish up 擦得亮亮的/装饰一新

She polished up all the silver spoons.

她把所有的银勺都擦得亮亮的。

## Dialogue 5

Mr. Why: Miss Note, does the phrase “**water** under the bridge” means water runs under a bridge?

Miss Note: No. It means “accomplished fact”. It especially refers to a past occurrence or something that can't be changed or something is unfortunate.

Mr. Why: Oh, I see. Thank you, Miss Note. Ok. Wait a minute.

I'll have to go somewhere.

问号先生: 点滴小姐“water under the bridge”这个短语是指桥下流过的水吗?

点滴小姐: 不是, 它说的是“既成事实”, 尤指不幸之事且不可改变或无法挽回。

问号先生: 噢, 我明白了。非常感谢, 点滴小姐。对了, 请稍等一下, 我还得去一下别的地方。

## Words

**water** 浇水/洒水 **watered/watering/waters**

Grandma could take her time to water the flowers in the garden.

奶奶可以悠闲地在园子里浇花。

water down 掺水/稀释

The orange has been watered down.

橙汁已经掺水调稀了。

## Dialogue 6

Mr. Why: Miss Note, I remember that **wax** can be used to refer to the change of the moon, right?

Miss Note: Yeah. “Wax and wane”, that is what you should say.

“Wax” here means “to increase in size, number etc.”.

“Wane” means “decrease in size, amount etc.”. Together they refer to the changing of the moon.

Mr. Why: I see. But how can you use it in your daily conversation?

Miss Note: Well, you can say "..."

问号先生: 点滴小姐, 我记得“wax”这个词可以用作描述月亮的盈亏变化, 是吗?

点滴小姐: 是, 完整的应该是“wax and wane”。“wax”在这儿的意思是“规模数目逐渐变大”, “wane”指规模数目变小。这两者一起描述月亮的盈亏变化。

问号先生: 我明白了, 但是我们怎样在日常对话中使用呢?

点滴小姐: 你可以说……

## Words

**wax** 打蜡 **waxed/waxing/waxes**

Dad offered to wax the kitchen floor.

爸爸主动提出要给厨房的地板打蜡。

## Unit 2

### House Repairs 房屋修补



In North America, most people have their own houses. As these houses get older, both minor and major **maintenance** is necessary to keep the house **intact**.

Most people don't do major repairs by themselves. Instead, they hire skilled workers, such as **contractors**, **electricians** and **plumbers** to do the work. All of the major work performed by these workers requires government's permits and must pass safety inspections.

For minor repairs and **renovations**, it is becoming more popular for the homeowners themselves to perform the work. DIY, or "Do It Yourself", is a less expensive alternative to hire a worker. They only

need to pay for the materials. It is common for the homeowners to build patios, install sinks and paint rooms by themselves.

在北美,许多人都有他们自己的房子。随着房子的年头变得越来越久,总要做一些或大或小的修理工作来保持房子的完好。

许多人并不是自己做大的修理,而是雇专业人员如承包人、电工和水管工人来修理。所有大的修理工作必须得到政府允许而且要通过安全检查。

小的维修工作由房主自己来做变得越来越流行。DIY,又叫“自己动手”,比用专业人员更省钱,只需买一些材料。房主自己整修院子、安装水池和粉刷房间是很常见的。

## Words

**maintenance** 保持,维持

He is taking classes in car maintenance.

他正在上汽车保养课。

**intact** 完整无缺的,尚未被人碰过的

He can scarcely survive this scandal with his reputation intact.

他的绯闻使声誉受到影响。

**contractor** 订约人,承包人

The roofing contractor is very busy recently.

这位屋顶承包商近期非常忙。

**electrician** 电工,电学家

It is necessary for them to get an electrician to do the work for them.



对他们来说请一位电工来为他们做这项工作是有必要的。

**plumber** 水管工人

His father is a plumber.

他的爸爸是一位水管工人。

**renovation** 修复, 装修

They are living in temporary accommodation during the renovation.

公寓装修期间他们住在临时住所。

## Dialogue 1

(You can't guarantee that house trouble won't happen, even if it's a new house! You may ask some professional person to do the work, but it will be very interesting if you do it yourself. Meanwhile, you can save a large sum of money. After a big storm, the new house of the Greens is in a mess: all the pipes are leaking, the refrigerator, light bulbs and heating system don't work, the pictures have fallen off the wall, and even the doors make strange noises.)

Gus: Hi, Bob, how is it going?

Bob: Not so good. My wife and I just bought a new house and it's falling apart!

Gus: Really? What happened?

Bob: All of the pipes leak and are very **damaged**. The heating system and the new refrigerator don't work. The electrical wire is broken and all the lights don't work. We had to have a