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前言

本书是一部英语学习的中级教材,是为已经掌握一定基础的英语学习者进一步提高交流能力而编写的。其宗旨是主观能动地培养学习者说英语的能力。这个阶段的英语学习者可能做不到用词精确、构句地道,一个现实的目标是能将自己的基本思想用英语简明扼要地表达清楚,其中可能夹杂着一些汉式英语句或洋泾浜英语,但这是一个不可避免的学习过程。这时的英语学习,不是以英美人怎么表达为准,而应以中国人如何能将自己的思想用英语大致表达出来为目的。如果能用十句八句把自己的基本观点和想达出来为目的。如果能用十句八句把自己的基本观点和想法用英语表达明白,就应看做是一种成功,而不能过高地要求纯正和地道。这样,我们这本书的编撰原则是:中国人的思想(思维)、英语的表达。

我们把言语交流主要归纳为四大方面:(1)介绍情况 (人或事物概况、自己的现状);(2)讲述一个过程;(3)表达 自己的观点;(4)与别人讨论问题。其中每个方面又大致分 为五个话题,每个话题基本由两个短文和两个对话构成。 这之中,我们将每个短文及对话分解成单个句子,给出可替 换词语,这样便可以生成无数个适应说话者表达思想需要 的句子,然后,再将这些句子按需要和表达程序重新组合,成为又一篇具有新思想的短文。这实际上是在训练学习者 掌握分解与重组的方法,并很快具备独立运用英语构思的 能力。

本书对英美国情文化和语法疑难点均做了适当的注释,本书为保证语言的纯正和实用,所有英语部分均经哈尔滨理工大学外语系外教 Briggs Ikpeme 和 Jeffrey John Ortlieb两位专家审订,在此我们表示衷心的感谢。相信读者掌握本书主要内容之后,实际交际能力会有较大提高。

由于我们水平有限,书中不足乃至错误在所难免,诚望 读者批评指正。

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第一部分 介绍情况

Lesson 1 第一课

Text 1 Michael Jordan

There were already signs that Michael Jordan had a great deal of talent. Harvest Smith who played basketball with him every day thought he was the best player: not tall, but very quick.

There was no doubt as to which of the two of them was the better player—it was Michael. But on the day the players were announced, Smith's name was on the list, and Michael's was not.

It was the worst day of Jordan's young life. He kept on reading the list, hoping that he had missed it. That day he went home by himself sadly. After he entered the room, he burst into tears.

"We knew Michael was good," his coach said later, "but we wanted him to play more and more and we thought the jayvee was better for him." He easily became the best player on the jayvee that year.

"The first time I ever saw him, I had no idea who Michael Jordan was. I entered the gym when the jayvee game was just ending. There were nine players on the court, but there was one kid playing his heart out. With the way he was playing I thought his team was down one point. So I looked up at the clock and his team was down with twenty points and there was only

one minute left. It was Michael, and I quickly learned he was always like that." His coach said so.

Between the time he was cut off and the start of basketball in his junior year, Jordan grew about four inches. His speed had always been quick, and now he was stronger, and he could dunk. He was as driven as ever, the hardest-working player on the team during practice. If he thought that his teammates were not working hard enough, he would persuade them himself or pushed the coaches to persuade them. Suddenly Laney High had a very good basketball team, and its rising star was Michael Jordan.

I.New Words & Expressions (生词和习惯用语)

deal [di:l] n. 大量,许多;交易,买卖.生意 talent ['tælənt] n. 天才,天资,才能;人才 player ['pleiə] n. 演员;游戏者;运动者 doubt [daut] n. 怀疑,不相信 v. 怀疑 burst [bo:st] v. 爆发;猝发 n. (一阵)点射 jayvee ['dʒei'vi:] n. & adj. (院校或俱乐部的)二线队(的):二线队 员(的) enter ['entə] v. 讲人 gym [dzim] n. (= gymnasium) 体育馆 end [end] v. 结束;终止 kid [kid] n. [俚]小孩;年轻人 down [daun] adj. 落后的 point [point] n. 〈体〉分 coach [kout]] n. 教练;四轮大马车,长途汽车 v. 训练,指导 junior ['dʒuːnjə] adj. 年少的;年轻的 inch[int] n. 英寸(一英尺的十二分之一) speed [spi:d] n. 速度 dunk [dʌnk] v. 〈体〉(篮球)扣篮 teamate ['timeit] n. 队友

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persuade [pə'sweid] v. 说服,使相信
push [pu:f] v. 推,推动
high [hai] n. [美口]中学
beginning [big'ining] n. 开始;开端;起点
star [sta:] n. 星;明星
keep on 继续(进行)
have no idea 不知道
play out (使)筋疲力尽;把(比赛)进行到底

Ⅱ.Notes (注释)

- 1. Michael Jordan ['maikl'dʒoːdn]迈克尔·乔丹
- 2. Harvest Smith ['ha:vist 'smiθ]哈维斯特·史密斯
- 3. Laney High ['læni 'hai]兰尼中学

Ⅲ. Meaningful Structure Patterns (语义句型结构)

1. There were already signs that Michael Jordan had a good deal of

Tom

Mary

they

talent.

money.

wisdom.

wealth.

2. There was no doubt which of the two of them was the

the two girls

the twins

the three

better player.

more beautiful one.

cleverer.

most diligent.

3. He kept on reading the list,

hoping that

working hard, encouraging his son, criticizing the student,

he had missed it.

he had passed the exam.

he would make greater progress.

he could correct his mistakes.

4. The first time I ever saw him,

I had no idea

came here,

met you,

went to your office,

who Michael Jordan was. .

what I should do.

what kind of person you are.

5. There were nine players

where I put the homework.

on the court, but there was

many students

in the classroom,

some boys

in the open air,

a few of girls

in the hall,

one kid playing.

one child reading.

a boy running.

a girl singing.

6. His team was down twenty points and there was only

Shanghai

two points

The Japan's

five points

Dalian

ten points

one minute left.

half a minute

ten seconds

two minutes

7. He was as diligent as ever.

lazy

busy

kind

N. Cultural Notes (文化点滴)

迈克尔·乔丹

1963年2月17日生于美国,身高1.98m,体重98.1kg。

场上位置:后卫

NBA 生涯:14 个赛季(1984~1993、1994~1998、2001~2002)

主要战绩:6 次获得 NBA 总冠军:(1990~1991, 1991~1992, 1992~1993, 1995~1996, 1996~1997和1997~1998)2次夺得奥运会冠军:1984年、1992年

荣誉:1985 年获 NBA 年度最佳新人奖

- 6次当选 NBA 总决赛最有价值球员(1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998)
 - 5次当选 NBA 最有价值球员(1988, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998)
 - 3次当选 NBA 全明星赛最有价值球员(1988, 1996, 1998)

1996 年当选"NBA 历史上最伟大的 50 位球员"之一

单场得分纪录:69分(1990年3月28日对骑士队)

V. Translation (译文)

迈克尔·乔丹

已经有迹象表明迈克尔·乔丹很有天赋。每天与他打篮球的哈维斯特·史密斯认为他是最好的球员:虽然个子不高,但是速度非常

快。

要说他们两个之中准是更出色的球员,那么毫无疑问是迈克尔。但是在校运动队队员被公布那天,名单上有史密斯的名字,却没有迈克尔。

对于年轻的乔丹来说这一天简直糟透了。他一遍又一遍地看着,真希望是自己看漏了,那天他独自回了家,进屋后便大哭起来。

他的教练后来说:"我们知道迈克尔很出色,但我们想让他多练练,所以觉得二队更适合他。"就在那一年他轻松地成了二队中最出色的队员。

"我第一次见到他的时候,我不知道迈克尔·乔丹是谁。我走进体育馆的时候,二队比赛正接近尾声。场上有九个球员,但只有一个孩子在努力打完比赛。他打比赛的那种架势,我还以为他的队落后1分。于是我抬头看了一下表,他的队落后20分,而比赛时间只剩1分钟了。是迈克尔,我很快知道他总是如此。"他的教练这样说。

从乔丹少年时开始打篮球到被筛选掉的这段时间,他长了四英寸。他的速度仍然是那么快,只是现在他健壮了许多,并且也能扣篮了。他一直充满着紧迫感,他是队中最勤于练球的队员。倘若他发现队友不够努力,他就会亲自去说服他们,或者鼓励教练去做说服工作。一时间兰尼中学出了一支非常优秀的篮球队,而一颗冉冉升起的明星就是迈克尔·乔丹。

Ⅵ. Writing Practice (习作)

Xiao Wang

There were already signs that **Xiao Wang** had a great deal of talent. Xiao Zhang, who **often** played the **violin**⁽¹⁾ with him, thought he was the best **performer**: **performing gracefully and very skillfully**.

There was no doubt as to which of the two of them was the better performer—it was Xiao Wang. But on the day the performers, who would engage (take part) in a musical contest, were announced, Xiao Zhang's

name was on the list, but Xiao Wang's was not.

It was the worst day of Xiao Wang's young life. He kept on looking over⁽²⁾ the list, hoping that he had got it wrong. That day he went to his dormitory alone⁽³⁾ sadly.

"We knew Xiao Wang was good," his teacher said later, "but we wanted him to play more and more." Later, there was a contest in which he would score the highest point.

Between the time he was cut off and the start of playing the violin in his younger⁽⁴⁾ years, Xiao Wang grew more mature. His basic skills had always been astonishing, and now his skills were more perfect. He was as diligent⁽⁵⁾ as ever, the hardest-working player in his class during practice. If he thought that his classmates were not working hard enough, he would persuade them himself or pushed the teachers to persuade them. Gradually, he became a popular star.

violin (ˌvaiə'lin) n.小提琴diligent ['dilidʒənt) adj.勤勉的,用功的performer (pə'fərmə] n.演奏者gracefully ['greisfulli) adv.优美地skillfully ['skilfəli] adv.灵巧地,熟练地mature [mə'tjuə] adj.成熟astonish [əs'təniʃ] adj.使惊讶

- (1)play basketball/football/the violin 打篮球/踢足球/拉小提琴
- (2)keep on reading/looking over/checking the list 反复看/检查名单
- (3)go home by himself/alone/on his own 独自回家
- (4) in his junior/young/old year 在他少年/青年/老年的时候
- (5)be as driven/diligent/lazy as ever 像以往一样有紧迫感/勤奋/懒惰

Text 2 Bill Gates in His Boyhood

As a child-and as an adult as well-Bill was untidy. He hated wast-

ing time, whether at work or during his leisure time.

Bill's contemporaries recognized that he was exceptional. When he was nine or ten years old, he talked like an adult and could express himself in ways that nobody could understand.

Bill was also well ahead of his classmates in mathematics and science. He needed to go to a school that challenged him. His parents decided to send him to Lakeside—an all-boys' school for exceptional students. It was Seattle's most restricted school and was famous for its strict academic demands, a place where "even the dumb kids were smart."

Lakeside allowed students to go after their own interests, to whatever extent they wished. It was the ideal place for someone like Bill Gates.

In 1968, the school made a decision that would change thirteen-yearold Bill Gates' life.

Funds were raised mainly by parents, which enabled the school to use a computer—a Program Data processor (PDP)—through a teletype machine. Bill Gates was immediately attracted, and so was his friend, Paul Allen.

Whenever they had free time (and sometimes when they didn't) they would go to the computer room hurriedly to use the machine. The students became so interested that they soon were better than their teachers in knowledge about computing, and got into a lot of trouble because of their obsession. They were neglecting their other studies—every piece of work was handed late, and classes were cut.

At fourteen, Bill was already writing short programs for the computer to perform. Early games programs were written in what was to become Bill's second language, BASIC.

If Bill Gates was going to be good at something, he was sure to be the best.

Computer time was expensive and, because both boys were desperate to get more time and because Bill already had found what they could succeed financially, Bill and Paul decided to set up a company: The Lakeside Pro-