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前言

随着我国加入世贸组织,以及申奥、申博成功,社会对人们英语水平要求越来越高。我们和老外打交道或是前往海外旅游时,最感困扰的就是不知如何与人进行交谈。当人家以“Hi!”和你打招呼,你却无法立即对答而张口结舌时,一场精彩的会话就无法展开。道理很简单:

在中国,没环境,再怎么学也学不好英语;到美国,不出三个月,怎么都能说好一口流利的英语!

没有环境,再诱人的方法、再激情的老师、再好看的书,还是没用。学英语还是三个字:难!难!难!

什么是环境?不是背几段日常对话就算环境;不是找个学汉语的老外练几下就算环境;不是有了英语角,就算有了环境;读破万卷书,一样还是哑巴口语!什么是环境?很简单,一个让你完全融入其中、身临其境、打开心扉、表情达意的交流氛围便是!

在本书中,我们尽可能地改变以往设定会话场景的编辑方法,指导读者将每天反复出现的动作、常见的状况、偶然出现在心中的喃喃自语等用流畅且正确的英语一一表达出来。为了使读者不拘泥于与具体某个人交谈,避免会话练习沦为死板的教条,本书没有设定会话的对象,而保持了单独练习讲英语的特色。

我们学习英语最大的动机之一,就是要跟外国人用英语沟通。本书编辑的基本模式是:1. 示范描述某一设定状况,并兼及动作的描述;2. 示范心中对该状况所产生的感想;3. 示范如何将心中的感想传达给对方,以及种种相关的应答法。



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本书内容丰富。它从生活的各个角度,详尽地介绍了国外人民生活的真实情况。虽然不能说包罗万象,但基本上包括了日常生活的各个方面。课文就像剧本,情节生动,轻松幽默,学起来趣味盎然,无须记很多单词,无须背语法规则,辛苦的学习变成了一种享受。它教给读者的不仅是去国外学习、访问或旅游所必须具备的语言技能,同时还有不可缺少的生活知识。

日常工作、学习、生活中的语言是地道的口语。本书充分体现了英语口语教材必须具备的这一语言特点,全新营造一种身在国外的氛围,相信广大英语学习者阅读本书后定能受益匪浅。

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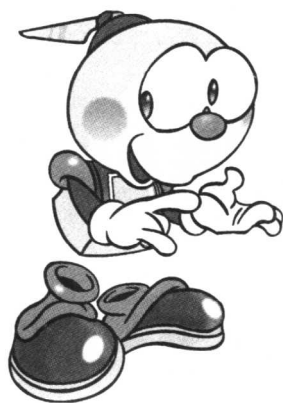
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UNIT 1

介 绍

日常交际中，介绍是常见的礼仪活动。初次见面，给人留下的印象最为深刻，我们应该好好把握，彼此介绍时，我们要说出自己的兴趣爱好、职业、性格等等，这样有助于建立谈话基础，也有助于促进社交活动的开展。



Part 1 野外郊游

口语环境介绍:

学校组织同学们去郊外探险,在汽车上,我们的教练弗洛拉让我们彼此介绍,相互了解,以便增进我们的感情。

“Let’s find out more about each other,” Flora suggested.

“Willard, where are you from?”

Willard named a town that Amy had never heard of, but Flora seemed familiar with it and nodded in approval.

“There’s a great skiing up there!”

“I guess,” Willard said. **“I don’t ski.”**

“What activity do you like?”

“Video games,” Willard said. **“Computer games. And I collect comic books.”**

“What kind?” Eric asked.

“Superman, Batman, and Spider-Man.”

“So you’re interested in superheroes,” Flora commented.

“Yeah.”

Brooke turned to Willard, **“Is that why you decided to join up with Wilderness Adventure? So you could act out some superhero fantasies?”**

Her tone was perfectly innocent, but Amy got the feeling she was mocking Willard. He had the kind of pallor that





meant he didn't spend a lot of time outdoors, and she guessed that maybe he really didn't want to be here at all, that his parents were making him to this. In any case, he didn't answer Brooke's question, just shrugged, and made it clear he didn't really want to talk.

Flora got the message. **"What about you, Brooke? Tell us something about yourself."**

Brooke clearly didn't mind talking. In the next few minutes, they learned that she was an eighth-grader from a town near San Francisco, with interests that ranged from diving to gymnastics. **"I've just started spelunking,"** she added.

"What's spelunking?" Amy asked.

"Exploring caves," Brooke told her.

"It sounds scary," Tasha blurted out.

"I love to take risks," Brooke said. **"I'm into danger."**

Amy could practically feel Tasha's shudder. She thought Flora would be pleased to hear what Brooke was telling them, but the counselor actually frowned slightly.

"Taking risks can be good," she said, **"but they should be realistic risks. And no one should be looking for danger. Keep in mind, people, there's a big difference between bravery and foolishness. What do you think of that, Eric?"**

"I'll try not to be too foolish," Eric said, and grinned.

Dallas, with his eyes on the road, called out a comment. **"No one knows that until the moment comes when your bravery is tested."**

Flora nodded in agreement. **“What else can you tell us about yourself, Eric?”**

“Well, I like running,” he said. **“I’m on the track team at school, and I’m a forward on the basketball team.”**

Brooke looked at him with bright eyes. **“High school?”**

“No, middle school.”

“Oh.” She looked away. Eric flushed slightly, but Amy was pleased to see that Brooke had lost interest in him.

Flora, however, was nodding with approval. **“Teamwork will be every important in our adventure,”** she told Eric. **“Andy, what about you?”**

“I’m a high-school sophomore in San Francisco,” he told the group. **“I play a fair amount of tennis.”**

“I knew it!” Brooke declared triumphantly. **“I could tell you were a tennis player.”**

“How?” Tasha asked her.

“His arms! You’re got great definition, Andy.”

Amy thought Brooke had to be embarrassing the guy, but it was true that Andy was a little more muscular than the average teenage boy.

He just smiled. **“Well, I’m not a pro or anything. My dad’s got some weights in the basement that I fool around with sometimes.”**

“I used to live in San Francisco,” Brooke continued. **“What high school do you go to?”**

“The Clayton Academy.”

“Oh!” Brooke’s eyes widened but she said no more.





Tasha went next, "I'm in the seventh grade at Parkside Middle School in Los Angeles. I write for the school news paper, and... and... I don't know what else to say about myself."

"And she's my best friend," Amy piped up. "And Erie's sister. And a very cool person."

Tasha smiled at her gratefully. "I guess I should tell everyone right now, I'm kind of a klutz. I hate phys. ed (physical education). So I'm a little nervous about this."

Flora spoke reassuringly. "It's natural to be nervous," she told Tasha. "And this will be a challenge for you, but you'll emerge from this experience feeling more empowered than you even though you could feel. Amy?"

"I'm a seventh-grader at Parkside Middle School in Los Angeles, too," Amy declared. "Just like Tasha."

Flora smiled. "And would yourself a klutz, too?"

Amy avoided Eric's eyes and tried to think of what to say. Flora misunderstood the silence. "This is a great opportunity to extend yourself," she said. "But I promise you, no one will be forced to do anything they can't do. Remember, the first goal of Wilderness Adventure is to have fun."

[译文]

"让我们来进一步互相认识一下,"弗洛拉建议道,"威拉德,你从什么地方来?"

威拉德说了一个小镇,艾米从来没有听说过,但弗洛拉似乎

很熟悉，她肯定地点点头。“那里有一个大滑雪场。”

“我想是，”威拉德说，“我不会滑雪。”

“你喜欢什么活动？”

“电子游戏，”威拉德说，“电脑游戏，我还收集连环画。”

“什么种类？”埃里克问。

“超人、蝙蝠人、蜘蛛人。”

“看来，你对超人感兴趣。”弗洛拉评论道。

“是的。”

布鲁克转向威拉德：“你就是为这才参加野外探险的吧？这样你就可以把有关超人的幻想付诸实践了吧？”

她说话的语调听上去天真无邪，但艾米感觉她是在讽刺威拉德。他那种苍白的样子说明他很少在户外活动，并且她猜想也许他根本就不想来这里，而是他父母让他来的。不管怎么样，反正他没有回答布鲁克的问题，只是耸耸肩表明他不太想说话。

弗洛拉注意到这一点：“怎么样，布鲁克？来谈谈你的情况吧。”

显然，布鲁克愿意交谈，接下来的几分钟，他们知道她是一名八年级的学生，家住在旧金山附近的一座小镇里，爱好潜水和体操。“我最近刚开始洞穴探险活动。”她补充说。

“什么叫洞穴探险？”艾米问。

“就是勘探洞穴。”布鲁克告诉她。

“听起来很恐怖。”塔莎随口说。

“我喜欢冒险，”布鲁克说，“我喜欢面对危险。”

艾米感觉到塔莎在发抖。她想弗洛拉听到了布鲁克这番话会感到高兴，但实际上，教练微微皱了皱眉头。

“冒险可以是件好事，”她说，“但应该是现实点的冒险。谁都不应该自找危险。大家记住，勇敢和愚蠢有着天壤之别。埃

