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编 者 的 话

为配合中学英语教学,帮助中学生提高听力和口语水平,准备高考口试,我们编写了《新编英语高考口试训练》一书,并由北京外语音像教材出版社制成磁带,供学生使用。

本书分两部分:(1)听力材料 30 篇。对其中少量生词,作了注释。每篇都有提问,并附答案。(2)日常生活问答,共 70 题。

听时先不要看文字材料,听不懂可反复听,并跟录音朗读,模仿正确的语音、语调,直到听懂为止。然后,对照文字材料,熟读,背诵。这样循序渐进,有助于听力和口语能力的提高。

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第一部分

1. Fear

Edward was in busy Market Street. In fact, he was going to buy the morning paper. A white dog came out of a side road thirty metres away. Edward saw it — and a shiver¹ danced up and down his back.

At that moment the dog lifted its head and smelt the air. It came straight towards Edward. Edward's blood raced. He hurried into a shop — the nearest shop. It was 'Homes and Gardens.' He shut the glass door. The white dog stopped at the door and smelt around. Then it looked in at Edward with hostile (= unfriendly) animal eyes.

Edwards face felt bloodless. He sat down on a garden seat.

'Are you all right, sir?' the shopkeeper asked.

'Er — I'll be OK,' said Edward. 'It's this hot weather.'

He looked through the door. The dog was watching him. It's tongue and the whites of its eyes were the same color. Pink.

'Did you want to buy anything, sir?'

'Er — yes.' The hostile² eyes outside were looking straight into his. They never moved. 'Some tomato seeds.

please.'

'It's a bit late for planting tomatoes, sir.'

The white dog sat down and waited. Its lips were pink too, and wet. 'Perhaps it is,' Edward said. Then he got a sudden idea. 'I'll buy this garden seat,' he said. 'It's very comfortable.' He took £ 10 out of his pocket. 'I want it today — Now, in fact.' The white dog pricked up its ears³. 'I haven't much time. Have you got a lorry to carry it home for me?'

'Yes, sir, behind the shop, in Green Street. My son will drive it home for you. And you, too. You'll be better at home.'

Edward left the shop through the back door. Away — away! Away from that fearful white dog with the pink lips!

Notes:

1. shiver — tremble, shake because of fear or cold
2. hostile — unfriendly
3. pricked up its ears — raised up its ears

Questions:

- 1) Where was Edward? He was in Market Street.
- 2) Why did he shiver? He saw a white dog came out of a side road thirty metres away.
- 3) How did the dog look at him? It looked at

Edward with hostile animal eyes.

- 4) Why did Edward hurry into the shop? Because at that moment the dog lifted its head and smelt the air. It came straight towards Edward.
- 5) What did Edward do in order to keep away from the fearful dog? Edward left the shop through the back door.
- 6) Do you like the story? Has anything similar to that of Edward happened to you? Yes, I like the story very much. I think its very interesting and humourous. (No, nothing similar to that of Edward ever happened to me.)

2. Early One Morning

On Sundays, father takes us for a drive into the country. We enjoy this very much.

Last Sunday we got up very early. We sat in the car and waited for father. At six-thirty mother and father were ready. Father sat behind the wheel and started the engine.

The car didn't move.

'That's funny,' father said. 'It was all right yesterday.'

He tried again, but the car didn't move. 'There isn't any petrol in the tank!' Jimmy said

'You are right, Jimmy!' father said. 'I'll go and get some petrol from the garage,' Jimmy said. 'It's half past six,' my mother said. 'The garage is shut.'

'What shall we do?' I asked. 'We can go back to bed and get up at nine o'clock,' father said.

Mother and father went back to bed, but Jimmy and I stayed in the car.

'We are not going to sleep,' we said.

Suddenly, father knocked at the window of the car. 'Wake up, children,' he said. 'It's nine o'clock.'

Questions:

- 1) What does father often do on Sundays? He takes us for a drive into the country.

- 2) Did the car move last Sunday? No, it didn't.
- 3) Why didn't they get petrol from the garage? Because the garage was shut.
- 4) What time was it when they wanted to go back to bed? It was already nine.

3. Mr. Perry's Lunch

One morning Mrs. Perry said to her husband, 'Jack, there's a meeting of our ladies' club at Mrs. Young's house at lunch time today, and I want to go to it. I'll leave you some food for your lunch. Is that all right?'

'Oh, yes,' her husband answered. 'That's all right. What are you going to leave for my lunch?'

'This tin of fish,' Mrs. Perry said. 'And there are some cold, boiled potatoes and some beans here, too.'

'Good,' Mr. Perry answered. 'I'll have a good lunch.'

So Mrs. Perry went to her meeting. All the ladies had lunch at Mrs. Young's house, and at three o'clock Mrs. Perry came home.

'Was your fish nice, Jack?' she asked.

'Yes, but my feet are hurting,' he answered.

'Why are they hurting?' Mrs. Perry asked.

'Well, the words on the tin were, "Open tin and stand in hot water for five minutes".'

Questions:

- 1) Why didn't Mrs. Perry want to cook her husband's lunch? Because there was a meeting of ladies' club at Mrs. Young's house at lunch time.

- 2) What did she leave him for lunch? He left him some food for his lunch.
- 3) Did Mr. Perry enjoy his lunch? Yes, he did.
- 4) What was the matter with his feet? His feet was hurt.
- 5) What mistake did Mr. Perry make when he read the words on the tin? He thought the words 'stand in hot water for five minutes' meant that he himself had to stand in the hot water.

4. The Landlord and the Garlic

A landlord wanted to plant garlic in his fields. He saw a group of peasant boys and asked them to come and do the work for him.

At supper time he told the children to go into his house to eat because he did not want the other farmers to see the bad food which he gave the boys. He said to the boys, 'If you eat outside, the dog may come and eat your food.'

The next morning after work, the boys went into the landlord's house again for breakfast. When they walked past the landlord's own room they looked in through the window and saw a big table with all kinds of good food on it. The landlord and his family were sitting around the table and eating happily. The children were very angry. They decided to plant his garlic upside down.

After a few days, the garlic in other people's field had come out, but in the landlord's field, nothing could be seen. He was very worried and asked the boys why this was so.

'The garlic is afraid the dog will eat it,' it was the answer.

Questions:

- 1) What did the landlord want to plant in his fields?

He wanted to plant garlic.

- 2) Why did the landlord want the boys to eat inside his house? Because he did not want the other farmers to see the bad food which he gave the boys.
- 3) What did the boys see when they looked in through the window? They saw a big table with all kinds of good food on it and the landlord and his family sitting around the table and eating happily.
- 4) Were the boys very angry? Yes, they were.
- 5) What did they decide to do? They decided to plant the landlord's garlic upside down.

5. A Human Mistake

While traveling abroad, Mr. Jackson Frank ran short of money¹. So he wrote to his brother asking for £ 500. 'Send the money by telegram, ' he wrote, to the Fisher Bank in P. . . '

After a week he began calling at the Fisher Bank. He showed his passport². 'Nothing has come for you, ' he was told. This went off for two weeks, and Mr. Frank got very worried. He sent a telegram to his brother, asking where the money was. There was no reply, and no money arrived for him.

In the fourth week Mr. Frank was arrested³ for failing to pay his hotel bill. His passport and baggage⁴ were taken from him. He tried to explain the problem, but no one believed him. He was sent to prison for sixty days.

When he came out, he went immediately to the Fisher Bank. The clerk he spoke to was a new man. 'Have you received £ 500 for me?' he asked. 'My name is Jackson Frank.'

The clerk checked his books. 'Yes, Mr. Jackson, it's here. It came by telegram — let me see — oh, more than two months ago. We wondered where you were. ' He showed Mr. Frank the order.

The order read: 'Pay Mr. Frank Jackson the sum of £ 500. . . ' 'But my name is Jackson Frank, not Frank

Jackson.'

'Oh, that's all right sir. It was in our books under the letter "J", but it's your money.' The clerk laughed. 'A human mistake, sir! We're all human beings, aren't we? And so we all make mistakes. A family name like Frank sounds odd⁵ to me.'

Mr. Frank was silent. He really wanted to hit somebody. At last he said, 'A human mistake — is that what you call it? I think some humans need kicking.'

Notes:

1. run short of money — had little money left
2. passport — government document to be carried by a traveller abroad
3. arrest — take prisoner
4. baggage — things taken on a journey
5. odd — strange

Questions:

- 1) When and why was Mr. Frank arrested? In the fourth week Mr. Frank was arrested for failing to pay his hotel bill.
- 2) Did Frank's brother send him the money? Yes, he did.
- 3) Did Frank receive his money at first? No, he didn't, because the name written on the order

was Frank Jackson and not his name Jackson Frank.

- 4) Would Mr. Frank like to punish those who brought sufferings to others by making human mistakes? Yes, he said that he thought some humans needed kicking.