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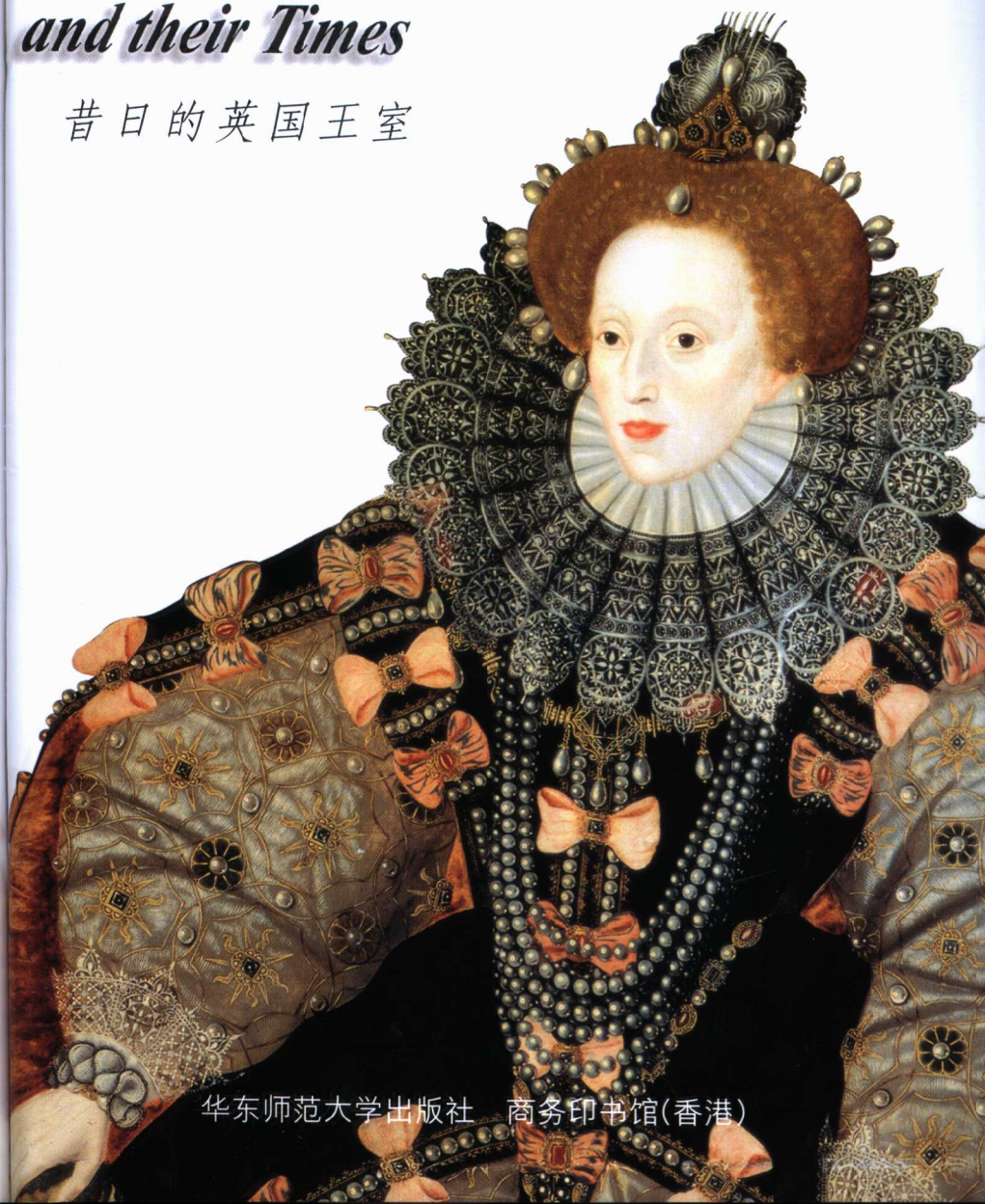
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首先，这是一套同时供听觉享受的书。一部作品，当它由专业演员朗读时，就能以其优美的声音、抑扬顿挫的语调、加上传神的表达，使读者和听者真正身临其境，最充分地领会作品中的情、境、思。而这一效果，就不是只有白纸黑字的书面材料所能提供的了。加之这套书图文并茂，更使视、听两种感官得以完美地结合。

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再者，虽是读物，却兼具教科书的功能。每本书都编入为数不少的练习，涉及阅读理解、词汇辨析以及语法结构等，为课堂的语言教学提供了有效的补充。

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Level 1 至 Level 3 出现的词汇较浅显，相对深的核心词汇均配上中文解释，节省读者查找词典的时间，以专心理解正文内容。在注释的帮助下，读者若能流畅地阅读正文内容，就不用担心这一本书程度过深。

Level 1 至 Level 3 出现的动词时态形式和句子结构比较简单。动词时态形式以一般现在时 (present simple)、现在进行时 (present continuous)、一般过去时 (past simple) 为主，句子结构大部分是简单句 (simple sentences)。此外，还包括比较级和最高级 (comparative and superlative forms)、可数和不可数名词 (countable and uncountable nouns) 以及冠词 (articles) 等语法知识点。

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精读，指小心认真地阅读内容精彩、组织有条理、遣词造句又正确的作品，着重点在于理解“准确”及“深入”，欣赏其精彩独到之处。精读时，可充分利用书中精心设计的练习，学习掌握有用的英语词汇和语法知识。精读后，可再花十分钟朗读其中一小段有趣的文字，边念边细心领会文字的结构和意思。

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聆听与阅读的安排可随读者喜爱，先读后听，先听后读，边听边读或交替进行。读者亦可以本系列的 CD 为核心，着重提高听的能力，此时应选择

程度稍浅的品种。

若将 CD 随身携带，反复聆听、诵读，日积月累，对英语理解能力和表达能力的提高必有显著成效。

#### 4 本系列的练习与测试有何功能？

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听力练习分两类，一是重听故事回答问题，二是聆听主角对话、书信朗读或模拟记者访问后写出答案，旨在以生活化的练习形式逐步提高听力。

模仿录音朗读故事或模仿主人翁在戏剧中的对白，则是训练口语能力的好方法。

阅读理解练习形式多样化，有纵横字谜、配对、填空、字句重组等等，注重训练读者的理解、推敲和联想等多种阅读技能。

写作练习尤具新意，教读者使用网式图示（spidergrams）记录重点，采用问答、书信、电报、记者采访等多样化形式，鼓励读者动手写作。

书后更设有升级测试（Exit Test）及答案，供读者检查学习效果。

充分利用书中的练习和测试，可全面提升听、说、读、写四项技能。

#### 5 本系列还能提供什么帮助？

《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》提倡丰富多元的现代阅读，巧用书中提供的资讯，有助于提升英语理解力，拓展视野。

每本书都设有专章介绍相关的历史文化知识，经典名著更有作者生平、社会背景等资讯。书内富有表现力的彩色插图、绘图和照片，使阅读充满趣味，部分加上如何解读古典名画的指导，增长见识。有些剧作包含舞台演出剧本，可供戏剧爱好者一显身手。有的书还提供一些与主题相关的网址，比如关于不同国家的节庆源流的网址，让读者多利用网上资源增进知识。






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PART ONE



*Portrait of Henry VIII, by Hans the Younger Holbein (1497 – 1543).  
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# HENRY VIII - A TUDOR KING

# INTRODUCTION



To understand the English monarchs it is important to understand their times. Today some of their actions seem cruel or extravagant.<sup>1</sup> But remember that their times were very different from ours. A king or queen of the 16th century had unlimited power. Everyone wanted to please the monarch. Rebels<sup>2</sup> or enemies were eliminated! Executions were a common event in Europe.

Henry VIII was the son of Henry VII, the first Tudor King. He became king during the Renaissance,<sup>3</sup> a time of great change. The Renaissance brought new ideas to art, science and philosophy. However, many of these new ideas clashed<sup>4</sup> with the church. So, the church and religion changed with the Reformation.<sup>5</sup> The geography of the world changed too. Explorers discovered new lands, new people and new products.

All his life Henry VIII desperately wanted a male heir<sup>6</sup> to keep the Tudors on the throne of England. He had a very complex personality.<sup>7</sup> He had his faults but he was a brilliant, talented man and an unforgettable monarch.

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1. **extravagant** : 挥霍无度的。

2. **rebels** : 叛乱分子。

3. **Renaissance** : 欧洲文艺复兴 (见第 17 页)。

4. **clashed** : 有重大分歧。

5. **Reformation** : 宗教改革。

6. **male heir** : 男继承人。

7. **complex personality** : 复杂性格。



## The Young King

*H*enry VIII became king in 1509, just before his eighteenth birthday. Young Henry was not prepared to be king. He became king only because his elder brother, Arthur, died at the age of fifteen.

Soon after the coronation <sup>1</sup> Henry married his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, who was his brother Arthur's widow. <sup>2</sup>

Catherine was the only child of King Ferdinand of Spain. Spain was then a very powerful country. This marriage created a strong alliance <sup>3</sup> between the two countries.

Catherine was beautiful and intelligent, and Henry loved her. For almost twenty years they were the perfect royal couple and were happy together.

The new King looked like a hero. Henry was handsome and robust. <sup>4</sup> He was six foot (1.83 metres) tall. At that time most men

1. coronation : 加冕。

2. widow : 寡妇。

3. alliance : 联盟。

4. robust : 壮健的。

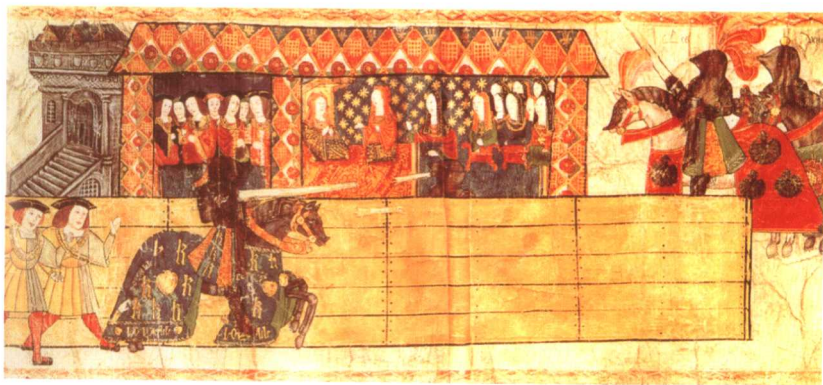
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were about five foot four inches (1.60 metres) tall. He had bright blue eyes and red hair. He also had a strong personality. The people of England liked King Henry.

Young Henry was strong and full of energy. He loved playing tennis, riding horses and hunting. He hunted in the forests with hawks.<sup>1</sup> He was a very skilled swordsman and loved mock<sup>2</sup> fights called jousts.

Henry was also a great scholar. He spoke English, French, Latin and Spanish. He studied ancient Greek, religious writings, mathematics and astronomy. He was an avid<sup>3</sup> reader and encouraged others to read too. He loved music and played several instruments very well: the harp, the organ, the lute<sup>4</sup> and



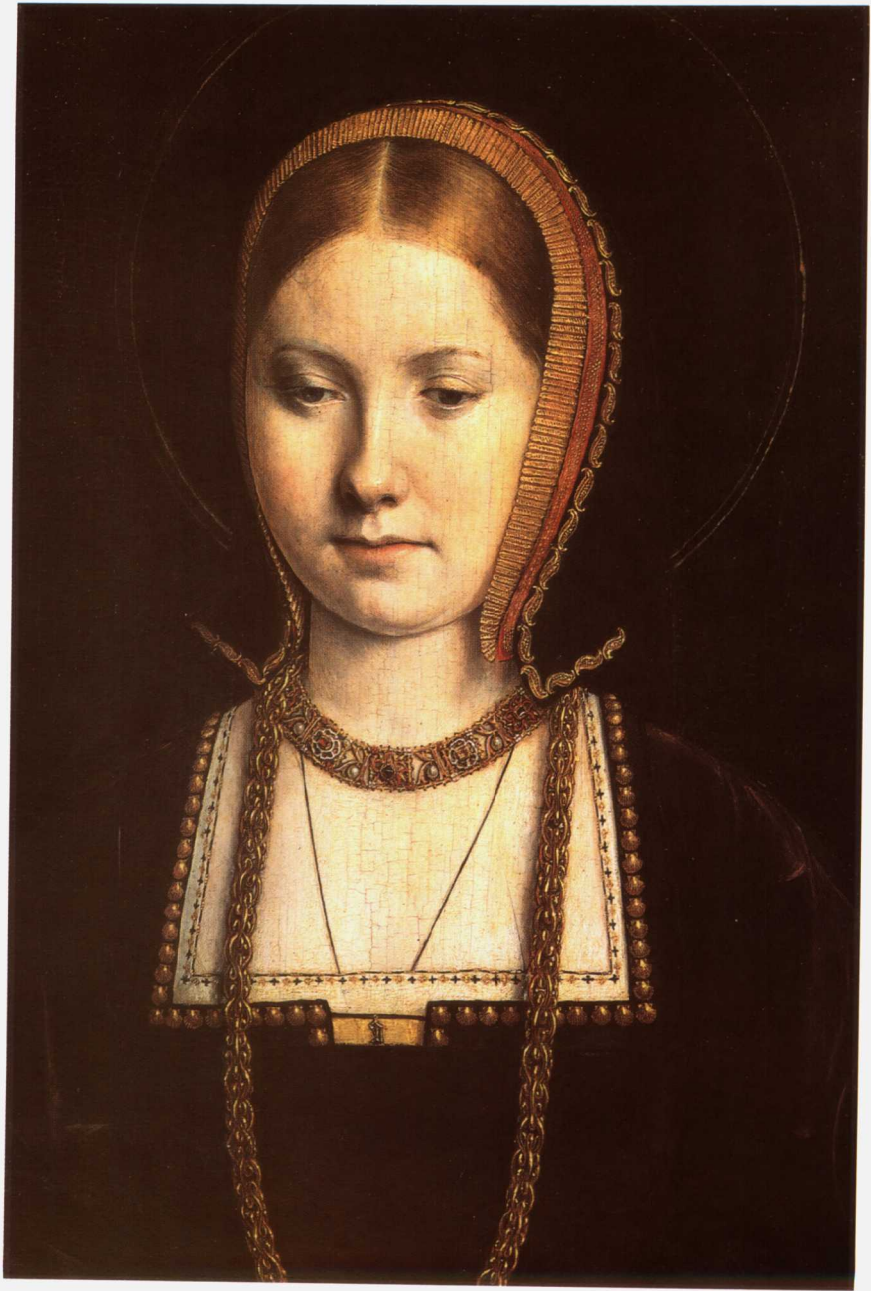
Henry VIII jousts before Catherine of Aragon (1511).



1. hawks : 模拟。  
2. mock : 模拟。

3. avid : 非常热衷的。  
4. lute : 诗琴。

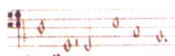




*Catherine of Aragon*, by Michael Sittow.  
Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna.

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the virginals.<sup>1</sup> He was a good singer and dancer, and also composed beautiful songs. We can still listen  to some of his compositions.

During this time the Renaissance developed in England. King Henry was a patron<sup>2</sup> of the arts. Writers, poets, painters and musicians were all welcome at his court. The famous Dutch scholar, Erasmus, was Henry's friend.

The young King was very busy with banquets, dancing, hunting and sports. He decorated his castles and palaces with beautiful furniture and paintings. He wore expensive clothes and jewellery, and was generous with his friends.

Henry did not have much time to govern his country. One of his advisers<sup>3</sup> began to govern England. His name was Thomas Wolsey, a clever man of humble origins.<sup>4</sup> He was a cardinal<sup>5</sup> of the Church.

Henry desperately<sup>6</sup> wanted an heir to the Tudor throne. Early in 1511 Catherine gave birth to a son. There were great celebrations, but the little Prince died after two months. King Henry was very disappointed.

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1. **virginals** : 16-17 世纪的键盘乐器。



2. **patron** : 赞助人。

3. **advisers** : 参谋。

4. **of humble origins** : 出身寒微。

5. **cardinal** : 枢机主教。

6. **desperately** : 极度地。

## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT



**Choose the correct answer.**

- a. Henry VIII became king in 1509
  - ☐ just after his fifteenth birthday
  - ☐ just before his eighteenth birthday
  - ☐ when his sister died
- b. Henry's first wife, Catherine of Aragon, was
  - ☐ King Ferdinand's youngest sister
  - ☐ his brother's best friend
  - ☐ his brother's widow and King Ferdinand's only child
- c. Young Henry was robust and handsome,
  - ☐ but he did not like sports or hunting
  - ☐ but he was not tall
  - ☐ and he loved hunting and sports
- d. He was a great scholar, an avid reader and
  - ☐ an excellent musician
  - ☐ a good painter
  - ☐ a courageous explorer
- e. During Henry's reign
  - ☐ there were wars between England and Spain
  - ☐ the Medieval Ages began
  - ☐ the Renaissance developed in England
- f. Thomas Wolsey began to govern the country
  - ☐ when Henry's brother died
  - ☐ because young Henry was busy with banquets, hunting and sports
  - ☐ because young Henry became very ill
- g. King Henry was very unhappy when
  - ☐ his two-month old son died
  - ☐ Cardinal Wolsey began to govern the country
  - ☐ Catherine of Aragon died

## The Past Simple.

Go back to Chapter One and underline in pencil the Past Simple of the following verbs. Then write the Past Simple and the Past Participle of each verb in the correct column.

Infinitive (不定式)	Past Simple (一般过去时)	Past Participle (过去分词)
to become		
to be		
to die		
to marry		
to love		
to look		
to have		
to speak		
to study		
to play		
to develop		
to begin		

Now circle the regular verbs (规则动词) in the first column in green and the irregular verbs in red.