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总序

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其乐无穷。

选材方面，《英语多媒体丛书》主要是针对广大英语学习者多方位的学习要求来编写的，本丛书的主要特色是针对性强，生动灵活，内容丰富，举例精当，言简意赅。学习者可以在较短的时间内多方位掌握每一个英语要点，从而触类旁通。

尽快提高您的英语水平是我们编者的良好愿望，希望《英语多媒体丛书》成为您的良师益友。

编 者

2000 年 7 月

本书导读

为了给广大读者朋友提供一本融知识性、趣味性于一体的读物，我们特编写了这本《英语故事厅 英语故事精选》，供大家在工作、学习之余放松自己的心情。

《英语故事精选》共收录了 122 篇精彩故事，这些故事分成八大部分：寓言故事、幽默小品、神话传说、风土人情、名胜史地、科普短文、名人轶事、名篇摘要。为了帮助大家更好地理解故事内容，对于疑点、难点的部分我们在每篇故事后加了注释。为了巩固故事内容，加了阅读理解部分，并配有答案，对于大家来说不失为一本值得珍藏的书。

《英语故事精选》特别适合初中、高中学生及英语爱好者阅读。我们编写本书的宗旨是为了满足他们对知识的渴求、对知识的理解，以及培养他们学习英语的兴趣，让他们在不知不觉中体会到学英语的乐趣。



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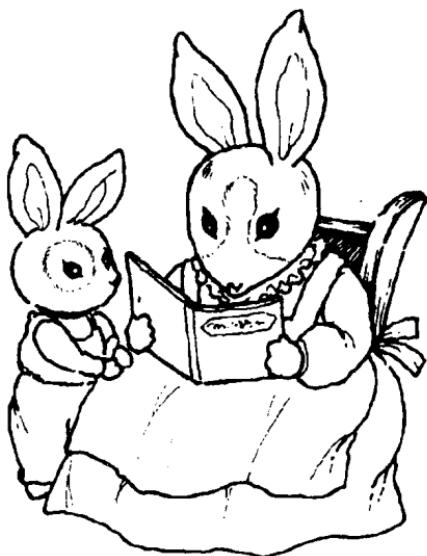
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第一部分

寓言故事



1. A Fox and a Tiger

A tiger went about *in search of* other weaker animals for food. Once in his *hunting*, he happened to find a fox.

"You won't dare to eat me," said the fox, "as I am head of all animals *appointed* by God. It is against the *will* of God, if you eat me now. *In case* you don't believe I say, let us go together. You just follow me as I go ahead to see if there is any animal that does not run away when I pass."

The tiger agreed and went with the fox. Certainly he saw all the animals run away *on seeing* the fox. He thought they were afraid of the fox without knowing it was he himself that they *feared*.

NOTES:

1. **in search of** 寻找,寻求
2. **hunting** [hʌntɪŋ] *n.* 打猎,狩猎
3. **appoint** [ə'pɔɪnt] *vt.* 委派,任命,指派

"You won't dare to eat me," said the fox, "as I am head of all animals appointed by God..."

“你不敢吃掉我”,狐狸说,“我是上帝委派的所有动物的首领……”

4. **will** [wil] *n.* 意志,意愿,心意

It is against the will of God.

这有违于上帝的旨意。

5. **in case** 如果,万一

6. **on seeing** 一看到

7. **fear** [fiə] *vi.* 害怕

Without knowing it was he himself that they feared.

而不知晓他们害怕的竟是他自己。



Reading Comprehension :

1. According to the fox's words, the head of all animals appointed by God is
 - (A) the fox.
 - (B) the tiger.
 - (C) the lion.
 - (D) the weak animal.
2. Why did all the animals run away on seeing the fox?
 - (A) Because they were afraid of the fox.
 - (B) Because they were afraid of the tiger.
 - (C) Because they liked running.
 - (D) Because they didn't like the fox.



2. The Fox and the Goat

One day a fox fell into a *well*. A goat came by, and looking into the well, saw the fox.

"Ho! ho! Master Fox," said the goat, "How did you get into the well?" "The water must be very good since you



went into the well to drink."

"The water is very sweet," said the fox. "It is so good, I cannot stop drinking it. Come down and drink all you want."

Then down jumped the goat into the well. The fox *immediately* jumped on her back, then on *horns*, and soon got out of the well. *Turning round*, the fox said to the goat, "When I pass this way again, I will *look in*. Good-bye!"

NOTES:

1. **goat** [gəut] *n.* 山羊
2. **well** [wel] *n.* 井, 水井
3. **ho** [həu] *int.* 哟(唤起注意或表示惊讶、满足等); 哈!
4. **master** ['mɑ:stə] *n.* 先生; 主人
5. **immediately** [i'mi:dʒətlɪ] *adv.* 立即, 马上
6. **horn** [hɔ:n] *n.* (牛、羊等动物的)角, 触角
7. **turn round** 转过身来
8. **look in** 顺便探望一下, 看望



Reading Comprehension:

1. How did the fox get into the well?

- (A) He was pushed into the well.
- (B) He fell into the well.
- (C) He jumped down the well.
- (D) None of the above.

2. The goat jumped down the well because he

