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编者的话

1. 高校英语专业教学大纲规定二、四年级学生分别能听懂 VOA / BBC 国际新闻的主要内容及记者现场报道。本书是根据上述要求而编写的,内容充实,足够二、四年级学生各取所需;也适合英语自学者及在岗的英语爱好者使用。

2. 本书以主题为中心,汇集多则新闻而成单元。每单元有五条典型新闻作样例,反映了含大量相关信息的主题新闻有其内在的规律性。掌握了主题新闻的规律性即能预测新的新闻内容。同时,涉及同一主题新闻的单词、短语、表达方式以及语法现象也得到了必要的重复,以便巩固和掌握。通过后继词汇搭配及语法句型的操练又达到了温故而知新的目的。

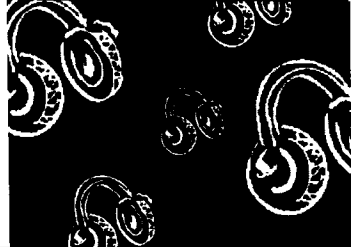
3. 本书每章都结合听力理解技巧的讲解及实例的佐证,凸显了同一主题的新闻报道的语言规律。

4. 本书配备了多种要求的语言听力操练。听力选择练习含有辨音及辨义的目的;听力填空练习要求拼写、记录;听力回答练习实为理解表达的训练。

5. 需要说明的是新闻报道的内容总是过时的,即使是实时报道,所报道的事件也是已经发生了的。作为教材,需要做的是:收集到足够的材料,予以合理的编排,必要的注释、分析,揭示其内在的规律,设计系统的知识传授及充实的技能训练,使学生能举一反三,触类旁通,用于理解时下发生的事件,与时俱进。编入本书的新闻内容虽已成为“故事”、“历史”,但它是典型的、有代表性的,既包含了大量的语言特征,又具备了一定的新闻价值,是良好的学习材料。

本书为上海杉达学院的一项教学科研课题,由黄次栋教授、谷仙春副教授编写,陈润宁先生收集资料。美国纽约市立大学教授 Marta Martino 博士校阅。经过一年的试用,已经声文并举,配有 CD 原声新闻报道。

使用说明



英语教学中有一个共识：学习英语是交际，既是交际的过程，也是交际的结果。英语的交际活动的必备条件之一是发展好英语的听说读写四项基本技能。这四项基本技能以听为先，依次渐进。

听力是语言学习者要培养的第一技能。研究数据表明(Wolvin & Coakley: 14)：胎儿在母亲肚子里六个月时已经开始发展听力，并逐渐能随着母亲说话的节奏而浮动身体。要达到使用有声语言进行交际，听力教学活动在幼儿园、小学、中学各占 58%、46%、42%。在成人的日常交际中，听说读写的实际活动分别为 42%、32%、15%、11%，听占首位。

鉴此，本书编选了 250 余条 VOA / BBC 原汁原味的英语新闻报道以确保读者有充足的素材来进行听力训练。读者可根据下述各项训练的目的要求，安排实践：

1. 主题介绍 (Introduction)：根据 VOA / BBC 英语新闻广播的内容，选定热点问题，剖析美英两国政府对此的立场观点，并对照我国的态度，区别异同，分清是非。

2. 文本范例 (News Texts)：每单元选定五则相关新闻，作为范例，可先听后读，从听觉上熟悉新闻广播的语音、语调及语速。

3. 注解 (Notes)：不了解与主题相关的语汇就很难听懂该新闻。理解词语的意义，不能脱离它的语境。至少视搭配为一个单位，加以熟听。随后的填空练习的目的亦在于此。

4. 语法模式 (Grammatical Pattern)：此栏凸显了新闻文体的语法特征。所选重点练习的各模式均为新闻报道中最常见的。读者若能熟听熟用，使之习惯成自然，将可进一步提高听力理解的效率。

5. 听力理解技巧 (Listening Comprehension Skill)：追溯新闻广播稿的写作及演播特征，有针对性地提高听力理解能力，就必须通过抓住导语、记下细节、了解结尾等三个环节来掌握种种技巧，达到真正解听 VOA / BBC 英语新闻广播的目的。本栏目除了对重点技巧进行阐述，还配以相应的听力理解练习 (Drill on the Listening Skill)，对每一环节都进行系统的训练。

6. 听力理解实践 I (Practice I)：辨音及填空听写旨在提高听力理解的效率。

辨音 (Sound Recognition)：要求学员从音质、词汇、语法及语境中全面辨别正误。



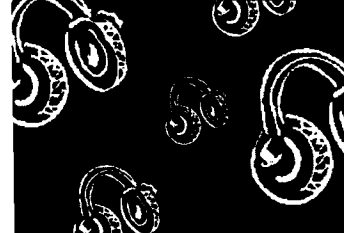
填空听写 (Spot Dictation): 要求学员快速理解意义并作快速记录, 通过对新词汇的掌握扩大学员的词汇量。

7. 听力理解实践 II (Practice II): 模拟测试自己的听力理解能力。

模拟测试 (Simulation Test): 使学员熟悉 TEM-4 和 TEM-8 的考试题型, 巩固与十大主题相关的信息、词汇、语法知识及听力理解技巧。

8. 十套练习题 (Practice Test): 使学员达到熟能生巧。要提高对 VOA / BBC 英语新闻报道的听力理解能力唯有通过多听、常听、巧听大量的原汁原味的英语新闻报道来实现。

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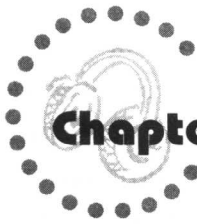


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Chapter 1 Anti-Terrorism

Introduction

Terrorism runs rampant in many parts of the world. Terrorists killed hundreds of innocent people including women and children in the United States, Russia, Indonesia, Pakistan, and other places in the past few years. We strongly and firmly condemn, oppose, and fight terrorism of all descriptions. Acts of terrorism and anti-terrorism are being reported on the VOA / BBC almost every time they occur. This chapter contains passages from the VOA / BBC news reports on this topic.

News Texts

- 1 *A powerful car bomb exploded Thursday near the Australian Embassy in the Indonesian capital Jakarta, leaving at least nine people dead and more than 180 others wounded. Police are blaming the Southeast Asian terror network Jamaah Islamiyah. The Al-Qaeda-linked group is also blamed for other attacks in the country including the Bali bomb attacks in 2002 that killed 202 people. Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said there were warnings of an impending attack.*
- 2 *Pakistan says it has captured a key Al-Qaeda member wanted in the 1998 bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. The Islamabad Interior Ministry identifies the man as Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian national. The US Federal Bureau Investigation put him on its list of most wanted terrorists and offered a reward of up to 25 million dollars for information leading to his conviction.*
- 3 *Pakistani Prime Minister designate Shaukat Aziz has survived an apparent suicide attack on his motorcade in Punjab state, but at least five other people were killed and thirty wounded. Officials say Mr. Aziz was ambushed in his car after addressing an election rally in Punjab province. Mr. Aziz is the current Finance Minister of Pakistan, a former executive of CitiBank. He is credited with turning around Pakistan's economy under President Pervez Musharraf.*
- 4 *An Islamic extremist group is claiming responsibility for Tuesday's suicide bombing*



outside a Moscow subway station that left 10 people dead and 51 others wounded. The group calling itself the Islambouli Brigades made its claim on an Internet website. The group also took responsibility for last week's bombings of two Russian passenger jets that killed 90 people. Neither claim has been verified. Investigators are blaming Tuesday's subway blast on a female suicide bomber. Witnesses say they saw a woman approach the subway station, but say she turned back when she saw police checking bags and blew herself up.

- 5 Uzbek officials say they believe the Muslim extremist group responsible for the wave of violence earlier this year was behind Friday's bomb blast in Tashkent. B. G. reports from Moscow. Authorities in Uzbekistan say investigation is continuing into the simultaneous bombings near three key buildings in the capital city Tashkent. Police were stopping and inspecting cars, while Uzbek troops reinforced guards at the US and Israeli embassies which were targeted in the attacks. A policeman at the US Embassy died overnight from wounds suffered during one of the bombings. Two security guards outside the Israeli Embassy died on Friday when a bomber detonated explosives there. A third bombing struck the general prosecutor's office, leading to the suspicion of a link between the attacks and the start of a trial of 15 people charged with carrying out similar attacks in March. At least 47 people died in those incidents which the government of hard-line president Islam Karimov blamed on the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan or IMU. The IMU carried out occasional attacks on the country prior to 2001, seen at that time as a response to repression against Islamic activities in the country. B. G. for VOA news, Moscow.

Notes

(Part 1 from Introduction and News Texts)

1. Terrorism runs rampant ... 恐怖主义猖獗...
2. condemn terrorism of all descriptions 谴责各种形式的恐怖主义
3. A car bomb exploded ... 汽车炸弹爆炸...
4. the Australian Embassy 澳大利亚大使馆
5. the Indonesian capital Jakarta 印度尼西亚首都雅加达
6. leave many people dead / wounded 造成许多伤亡
7. blame the Southeast Asian terror network 归咎于东南亚恐怖组织
8. the Al-Qaeda-linked group 这个跟“基地”有联系的组织
9. be blamed for 因...而受到指责
10. the Bali bomb attacks in 2002 2002年(印尼)巴厘岛爆炸事件



11. an impending attack 一次即将发生的攻击
12. a key Al-Qaeda member 一名重要的“基地”组织成员
13. wanted in the 1998 bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania 因1998年肯尼亚和坦桑尼亚的美国大使馆爆炸事件而遭到通缉的
14. The Islamabad Interior Ministry 伊斯兰堡内务部
15. identifies the man as ... 认定此人是...
16. put him on its list of most wanted terrorists 将他列入首要通缉的恐怖分子名单之中
17. offer a reward of 25 million dollars for ... 悬赏二千五百万美元获取...
18. Prime Minister designate 已被任命但尚未上任的总理
19. a former executive of CitiBank 花旗银行的前业务主管
20. be credited with turning around Pakistan's economy 因使巴基斯坦的经济好转而有功
21. is claiming responsibility for ... 声称对...负责
22. make the claim on an Internet website 在因特网的一个网站上声称
23. take responsibility for ... 对...负责
24. blame the blast on a female suicide bomber 把这次爆炸归咎于一位当人体炸弹的妇女
25. the wave of violence 暴力浪潮
26. was behind the bomb blast in Tashkent 是发生在塔什干的炸弹爆炸事件的幕后指使人
27. authorities in Uzbekistan 乌兹别克当局
28. simultaneous bombings 连环爆炸事件
29. be targeted in the attacks 被定为攻击的目标
30. detonate explosives 引爆炸药
31. the general prosecutor 总检察官
32. be charged with ... 被指控(犯有)...
33. prior to 2001 在2001年之前
34. be seen as a response to repression ... 被看作是对压制...的一种回应

(Part 2 from the rest of the chapter)

35. pound insurgent targets 猛烈轰击叛乱分子的目标
36. an act of barbarity 野蛮的行径
37. coalition planes 联军的飞机
38. the deployment of the aircraft 军机调度
39. in connection with the shooting spree 与连环射杀有关的
40. give the rebels a month's grace 给反政府分子一个月的宽限



41. the Muslim holy month of Ramadan 伊斯兰教历的斋月
42. face a major military onslaught 面临一次重大的军事攻击
43. the Arab News Network Al-Jazeera 阿拉伯半岛新闻网
44. Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone 巴格达重兵守卫的绿区
45. house Iraq's interim government 伊拉克临时政府的所在地
46. Sunni Muslim radicals 逊尼派穆斯林激进分子
47. the Taliban 塔利班
48. grenades strapped to his body 绑在他身上的手榴弹
49. charge against a British man 指控一名英国人
50. conspiring with the convicted shoe bomber 与定了罪的利用鞋子投掷炸弹者同谋
51. Al-Zarqawi's militant group was behind ... 扎拉维武装集团是...的幕后操纵者
52. make the claim in an Internet posting 在因特网的一个帖子上宣称
53. an inverted-pyramid style 倒金字塔型的模式
54. protest the US military presence 抗议美国的军事存在
55. the United Nations' refugee agency 联合国难民署
56. Indian-controlled Kashmir 印控克什米尔区
57. (a video) shows the alleged beheading of an Egyptian hostage (录像)播放了据称是对埃及人质斩首的场面
58. The footage identifies the victim as ... (影片的)连续镜头验明遇难者是...
59. holding a Turkish truck driver hostage 劫持了一位土耳其卡车司机作人质
60. launch preemptive strikes against ... 对...发动先发制人的打击
61. announce a 10-million-dollar bounty for ... 宣布悬赏一千万美元给...
62. the capture or killing of two Chechen separatists 捕获或杀死两名车臣分裂分子
63. stage a week of daily attacks 进行一周的连续攻击
64. a nationwide manhunt for Al-Qaeda-linked militants 全国范围搜捕与“基地”有联系的武装分子
65. The Associated Press reports ... 美联社报道...
66. Mr. Karzai's vice presidential running mate 卡尔扎伊先生的副总统竞选伙伴
67. militants loyal to wanted terrorist Al-Zarqawi 忠于受通缉的恐怖分子扎拉维的武装分子
68. the acting Iraqi Prime Minister 伊拉克代总理
69. the hostage takers 人质劫持者
70. memorials are scheduled for ... 对...的纪念活动已安排好
71. four hijackers took over the cockpit 四名劫机者控制了(飞机)驾驶舱
72. set fire to a train 放火烧列车
73. fire teargas to disperse the protestors 发射催泪瓦斯驱散抗议者



74. ransack a railway station 洗劫火车站
75. (people) take to the streets (人们)走上了街头
76. reaffirm one's absolute solidarity with ... 重申与...绝对团结
77. reiterate one's support for ... 重申支持...
78. The State Department acknowledges ... (美国) 国务院承认...
79. none with members of factions associated with acts of terror 没有与和恐怖活动有联系的派别成员接触过
80. pay a condolence visit to the Russian Embassy 去俄罗斯大使馆吊唁
81. (attacks) claimed 13 victims 袭击夺走了 13 条人命
82. ... was broadcast on the Qatar's Al-Jazeera Television channel 在卡塔尔的半岛电视台频道播出...
83. a spokesman for Osama bin Laden's terror group 拉登恐怖集团的发言人
84. more "lethal" attacks against ... 对...进行更多“致命的”打击
85. His whereabouts are unknown. 他的行踪无人知晓。
86. the Indonesian fugitive 一名印尼逃犯
87. after a brief firefight 在一次短暂的交火之后
88. will "never get far" 终“难道遥法外”
89. an expert in demolition 搞破坏的高手
90. the self-confessed explosives expert 自己公开承认是个爆炸专家
91. the mastermind behind a bomb attack 是一次炸弹爆炸的幕后操纵者
92. Terrorism prevention will top the agenda ... 反恐是议程中最重要的事...
93. a committed supporter of ... 对...坚定的支持者
94. ... terrorist groups operate in the southern provinces恐怖组织在南方各省活动...
95. sentence someone to 20 years in prison 判某人二十年监禁
96. be found guilty of ... 因...而被判有罪
97. in a televised address 在一次电视讲话中
98. ... explosions went off inside a gymnasium. ...爆炸声在体操馆里响起。
99. Baghdad's upscale Al Muthanna district 巴格达的 A.M. 高档商业区
100. mourners gathered at funeral services for ... 聚集在...葬礼上的送葬者
101. ... security was increased outside mosques and around an Islamic seminary ...
...清真寺外和伊斯兰神学院周围都增强了安全措施...
102. Israeli medics say ... 以色列的军医说...
103. an explosion from a gas leak 因煤气泄漏而引起的爆炸
104. the Egyptian Red Sea resorts 埃及红海旅游胜地
105. the Jewish festival of Sukkot 住棚节(犹太教的收割节)

**Exercise: (collocations and expressions)**

Fill in each blank with an appropriate phrase from those given below to form a proper collocation or expression. Change the form if necessary.

spend on	build up	charge with	back and forth
strike back against	take away	flare up	take place
make up	lay down	push into	

1. Witnesses say that US troops _____ the city Thursday night as warplanes pounded insurgent targets.
2. The indiscriminate, brutal and despicable way in which lives have been _____ on this occasion by an act of barbarity will deeply shock all Australians.
3. It is not clear how many of the dead are Australian, but Australians _____ a high percentage of tourists to Bali, particularly to Kuta Beach, the scene of the massive bomb attack late Saturday night.
4. Mr. Rumsfeld vowed coalition planes would continue to _____ Iraqi air defense targets to protect the lives of American and British pilots.
5. The official says it is unclear how soon the aircraft will begin flying over the Washington area but says the deployment will _____ as soon as possible.
6. John Allen Muhammad and 17-year-old John Lee Malvo are _____ murder in connection with the shooting spree that left 10 people dead.
7. The government has given the rebels a month's grace until early December, the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, to _____ their arms, or face a major military onslaught.
8. There is still quite a bit of tenseness in the air and as late afternoon sort of comes in there's a fear that things might _____ again.
9. Another message repeated often is that millions of dollars Washington would _____ a war against Iraq should be used to create jobs and _____ schools in the United States.
10. Two Australian Air Force Hercules planes have begun shuttling _____ between Darwin and Bali to bring injured Australians home.

Grammatical Pattern: N+V pres. / past participle**Exercise:**

Choose the right form between the past and the present participle.

1. The Arab news network Al-Jazeera showed video of 10 new hostages _____



- (seized by / seizing) the militants.
2. The Arab news network Al-Jazeera said the six Iraqis, two Lebanese and two Indonesians were taken by a group _____ (called / calling) itself the Islamic Army in Iraq.
 3. A blast near the entrance of Baghdad's heavily _____ (fortified / fortifying) Green Zone which houses Iraq's interim government took the lives of 15 people.
 4. Two bomb attacks on Sunni Muslim radicals in central Pakistan have killed at least 40 people _____ (wounded / wounding) more than 100.
 5. The Taliban is _____ (claimed / claiming) responsibility for a suicide attack on the Afghan capital that wounded seven people including three foreign peacekeepers.
 6. Interior Ministry officials say the bodies were discovered _____ (lined / lining) up in four rows with about 12 bodies in each row.
 7. The _____ (wounded / wounding) soldiers are part of the _____ (NATO-led / NATO-leading) international security assistant force _____ (patrolled / patrolling) Kabul.
 8. Afghan police said the bomber died after he triggered three explosions _____ (used / using) grenades _____ (strapped / strapping) to his body.
 9. US authorities have brought charges against a British man they say _____ (conspired / conspiring) with the convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid to blow up commercial airliners using _____ (concealed / concealing) explosives.
 10. Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi's militant group says it was behind the massacre of nearly 50 _____ (unarmed / unarming) Iraqi army recruits on Saturday. The group which has been _____ (linked / linking) to Al-Qaeda made the claim in an Internet posting that could not be _____ (verified / verifying).

Listening Comprehension Skill 1:

How to Understand the Topic of a News Story

A general pattern in which the writer tells news stories is an inverted-pyramid style. It begins with the lead, continues with the details of the body and finishes up with or without an end. It moves from the most important to the least important. So the news is reported in sentences or paragraphs arranged in order of descending importance. The pattern is used in the foregoing five news items.

As a rule, the message the news reporter primarily wants to pass on to the listener is carried in the first sentence or paragraph, that is, the lead. The lead carries the main idea. It usually occurs in the very beginning of a news story, so we tend to focus on the first or the first two sentences. To achieve a better understanding of the main