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# 编写说明

## 一、编写原则

在多年阅读课程的教学实践中,我们发现学生的英语速读能力培养没有得到应有的重视。在一项调查中我们发现,学生在阅读诸如英文菜单、简历、图书目录、地图、网络资源等方面的能力十分欠缺。经过我们几年来对学生速读技巧方法的指导和有针对性的反复练习,学生在快速有效地识别重要信息方面取得了明显的进步。在此基础上我们编写了这本快速阅读教材。本教材的设计是想改变以教师讲解为主要形式的阅读教学模式,把学生通过自主学习对速读方法的掌握和速读能力的养成作为主要目标,从而形成精读与速读相结合,学生自主阅读和教师适时指导相结合的课内课外相结合的良好教学模式。

## 二、编写特点

### 1. 语言地道

本教材所选文章注重了语言的地道性,所选材料都是来自英国、美国、加拿大等各个生活领域中的真实场景所用语言,突出了语言的原汁原味,如报刊中的原版广告、目录、会议通知、展览告示、教堂活动时间表、大学选课单等。这些地道的场景语言会使学生有身临其境之感,仿佛置身于当地的真实生活中,从而提高学生对外语学习的兴趣。

### 2. 题材广泛

本教程共有 20 个单元,每个单元有 7—9 篇文章。单元顺序按照主题排列。所涉及主题包括社会生活、广告、会议通知、菜单、简历、网络资源查询、地图识别、飞机或列车日程表识别、报纸信息、入学选课、西方文化、食品、旅游、统计数字、目录等。阅读这些文章,学生会看到一个英文世界生活全景,从而加深对目标语文化背景知识的了解,逐渐消除文化差异的冲击。

### 3. 练习形式多样

本教程练习形式包含了选择、填空、简答等多种方式,灵活多变,题量充足,可以很好地锻炼读者的阅读能力并巩固记忆。

### 4. 实用性强

所选文章旨在帮助学生快速适应英语国家日常生活中英语速读以获取实用信息的需



要,阅读这些文章不仅能够使读者加深对英语国家文化的了解,也对他们适应我国英语四、六级新题型有所帮助。

#### 5. 自主训练

快速阅读的技能是通过不断实践和练习获得的。本教程中没有再罗列那些抽象的速读指导技巧,而是让学生在有限的时间内做大量练习和对地道语言的体会中去琢磨体会出自己的心得和学习方法,由此缩短他们的练习时间,扩大知识的容量,使学生自主学习的积极性和兴趣在不断的进步中得到自我提高。

#### 6. 循序渐进

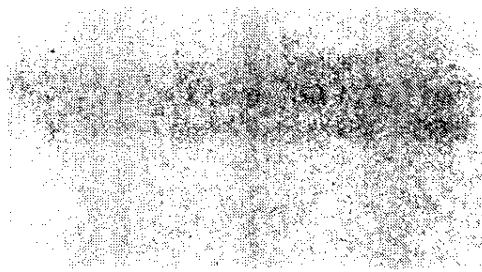
本教程内容从生活化的语言材料开始,从易到难,循序渐进,读者可根据各自情况制定学习时间表,短则一学期,长则一学年。

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## Passage 1

### News in Brief

*China Daily* Monday, May 30, 2005-8-5

#### Changchun

##### Stock rights

Northeast China's Jilin Province plans to transfer the stock rights of its 100 State-owned enterprises, which are valued at 40.8 billion *yuan* (US\$4.9 billion).

The stock rights will be sold at the 2005 Jilin SOE Stock Right Transfer Fair, which opens on Thursday in the provincial capital, Changchun.

More than 800 State-owned enterprises are looking to reform through stock rights transfer.

At the same time, the provincial government is providing 100 industrial programmes to attract foreign investment at the fair.

#### Beijing

##### New Zealand PM

New Zealand's Prime Minister Helen Elizabeth Clark arrived in Beijing yesterday evening, kicking off her three-day working visit to China.

#### Air partners

Air transport between China and Spain will be made simpler thanks to an agreement signed at the weekend.

Both parties have agreed to lift restrictions on the number of designated aviation companies on the China-Spain air routes, and increase the number of destinations.

Spain's Air Europa launched the first direct flight between Beijing and Madrid shortly before the agreement was signed.



## **Yantai**

### **White trash seized**

Customs intercepted nearly 60 tons of smuggled rubbish on Saturday including 294 used photocopiers, 177 printers, 590 used computers, and 150 old laptops.

Customs officials in the city of East China's Shandong Province said the electronic waste was hidden in 12 tons of waste water tanks and 3.6 tons of waste electrical wire in just one of 16 such cases of the past two years.



**Scan the passage and answer the following questions in brief words.**

- 1** How many State-owned enterprises are looking to reform through stock rights transfer?
- 2** Between which two cities was the first direct flight launched by Spain's Air Europa?
- 3** The city in which province has intercepted smuggled rubbish?
- 4** How many days will Helen Elizabeth Clark will stay in Beijing?
- 5** What was the smuggled rubbish seized by customs officials?

### A National Historic Landmark

Eleutherian College was constructed between 1854 and 1856, and was the first college in Indiana to admit students without regard to race or gender. Some of the college's trustees were among the most active participants in the Underground Railroad in and around Lancaster. From the Greek Eleutheros' meaning "freedom and equality," the school embodied its founders antislavery sentiments, and the school's location, atop the highest hill in the area, was a physical and symbolic statement of the community's beliefs. Continuing to operate as a private, coeducational secondary school until the mid-1880s, the college was purchased by Lancaster Township in 1888 and used as a public school until 1938. Today, Eleutherian College Classroom and Chapel Building stands vacant.

Lancaster was a known stop for fugitive slaves traveling from Madison, Indiana to Indianapolis. Three of Eleutherian's trustees, Samuel Tibbetts, Lyman Hoyt, and James Nelson, were frequently mentioned in connection with the Underground Railroad and its efforts in the vicinity of Lancaster and Madison. James Nelson was arrested by a local sheriff under the Indiana Fugitive Slave Act of 1851 for "encouraging Negroes to come into the state." Judge Stephen C. Stevens, sympathetic to the antislavery cause, had the case thrown out of court.

Eleutherian College Classroom and Chapel Building is located on State Route 250, just east of Lancaster. Though currently not open to the public, the building is owned by Historic Eleutherian Inc. who is seeking funds for a long-range plan for the site.



**Scan the passage and choose the best answers.**

- 1 Which trustee of Eleutherian College was arrested for "encouraging Negroes to come into the state"?
  - A. Stephen C. Stevens.
  - B. James Nelson.
  - C. Samuel Tibbetts.
  - D. Lyman Hoyt.

- 2** From where did fugitive slaves travel to Indianapolis?
- A. Lancaster.
  - B. Eleutherian.
  - C. Madison.
  - D. Tibbetts.
- 3** The college was used as a public school until \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 1888
  - B. 1854
  - C. 1938
  - D. 1940
- 4** Eleutherian was the first college to admit students \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. from the area around Lancaster
  - B. from the Underground Railroad
  - C. without regard to race or gender
  - D. who were trustees of the college
- 5** The school is a physical and symbolic statement of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the community's beliefs
  - B. the antislavery movement
  - C. gender free education
  - D. the Lancaster area



A list of burgers from Jimbo's Hamburger Place in New York City. All of the prices are in American Dollars and are current as of 2005.

### Hamburgers

Made with The Finest Chopped Meat Money Can Buy

Beef Burger	3.20	Deluxe 4.85
Cheese Burger	3.45	Deluxe 5.10
Swiss Burger	3.65	Deluxe 5.30
Blue Cheese Burger Danish	3.95	Deluxe 5.60
Mozzarella Burger	3.95	Deluxe 5.60
Cheddar Cheese Burger	3.95	Deluxe 5.60
Mushroom Burger	3.95	Deluxe 5.60
Chili Burger	4.70	Deluxe 6.35
Pizza Burger Mozzarella Cheese & Pizza Sauce	4.70	Deluxe 6.35
Cheese Burger	4.20	Deluxe 5.85
Barbeque Burger	3.60	Deluxe 5.25
Bacon Burger	3.95	Deluxe 5.60
Bacon Swiss Burger	4.40	Deluxe 6.50
Bacon Blue Cheese Burger	4.75	Deluxe 6.35
Mushroom & Mozzarella	4.90	Deluxe 6.55
California Burger Lettuce, Tomato, Raw Onion & Mayonnaise	3.65	
Texas Burger Fried Egg On Top	3.90	Deluxe 5.55
English Burger	3.90	Deluxe 5.55
Pita Burger	3.90	Deluxe 5.55
Onion Ring Substitution for French Fries	0.75	

*Deluxe served with French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle & Cole Slaw*

### Turkey Burgers

Low In Fat & Cholesterol

Turkey Burger	3.70	Deluxe 5.45
With Cheese	4.10	Deluxe 5.85
With Swiss Cheese	4.25	Deluxe 6.00
With Mozzarella Cheese	4.45	Deluxe 6.20
With Cheddar Cheese	4.45	Deluxe 6.20



With Blue Cheese	4.45	Deluxe 6.20
With Bacon & American Cheese	4.95	Deluxe 6.70
With Mushroom	4.55	Deluxe 6.30
<i>Deluxe served with French Fries, Tomato, Pickle &amp; Cole Slaw. Onion Ring Substitution for French Fries 0.75</i>		

**Questions 1 to 5 are based on the menu you have just read. Try to answer each question by scanning the material.**

- 1** Which deluxe burger costs \$6.55?  
 A. Mushroom & Mozzarella.  
 B. English Burger.  
 C. Barbecue Burger.  
 D. Cheese Burger.
- 2** How much does it cost to get onion rings instead of French fries?  
 A. 0.95.  
 B. 0.65.  
 C. 0.75.  
 D. 0.55.
- 3** Which is the cheapest burger "low in fat and cholesterol"?  
 A. Turkey Burger with Cheddar Cheese.  
 B. Turkey Burger.  
 C. Turkey Burger with Swiss Cheese.  
 D. Turkey Burger with Blue Cheese.

**4** Which burger has raw onion?

- A. Bacon Burger.
- B. English Burger.
- C. Turkey Burger.
- D. California Burger.

**5** Which is the most expensive item on the menu?

- A. A deluxe pizza burger with mozzarella cheese and pizza sauce.
- B. A deluxe mushroom and mozzarella burger.
- C. A deluxe turkey burger with bacon and American cheese.
- D. A California Burger Lettuce, Tomato, Raw Onion & Mayonnaise.

## Passage 4

A web search for "Chinese Literature" returned 578,000 results. Here are the first few.

Chinese Literature Classics - Main Page

Chinese Literature Classics - [English] - English text [Chinese] - Chinese text in gif file: Can be viewed without Chinese software

[www.chinapage.com/classic1.html](http://www.chinapage.com/classic1.html) - 9k - Cached - Similar pages

Chinese Classical Literature

Classical Chinese Literature. Welcome. This site contains Chinese classics with each character hyperlinked to its definition and etymology. ...

[zhongwen.com/gudian.htm](http://zhongwen.com/gudian.htm) - 4k - Cached - Similar pages

JSTOR: Chinese Literature: Essays, Articles, Reviews (CLEAR)

Journal Information for Chinese Literature: Essays, Articles, Reviews (CLEAR)

Established in 1978 (first issue in 1979), Chinese Literature: Essays, ...

[www.jstor.org/journals/01619705.html](http://www.jstor.org/journals/01619705.html) - 6k - 16 Jun 2005 - Cached - Similar pages

Chinese Literature

Chinese Literature Classics (texts in English and Chinese), Confucius, Mencius, Lao Tze, Golden Tide: Chinese Literature (texts in Chinese and English),

[mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm](http://mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm) - 9k - Cached - Similar pages

[www.chinaembassy.org.in/eng/mt/zgzymt/W02004013059...](http://www.chinaembassy.org.in/eng/mt/zgzymt/W02004013059...)

Similar pages

### LITERATURE WORKS

Art of China Homepage/Classic Chinese Literature (English):

Chinese Classics (GB, Hz, Big5, Gif): Chinese Poems from Song and ...

[pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html](http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html) - 5k - Cached - Similar pages

### Lu Xun Father of Modern Chinese Literature

The classic Chinese literature by Lao Zi (or Lao Tze) and Confucius for example were written in literary Chinese which is different than the language spoken...

[www-hsc.usc.edu/~gallaher/luxun/luxun.html](http://www-hsc.usc.edu/~gallaher/luxun/luxun.html) - 18k - Cached - Similar pages

### Modern Chinese Literature and Culture Resource Center

of mostly English-language materials on modern Chinese literature, film, art, in conjunction with the journal Modern Chinese Literature and Culture. ...

[mclc.osu.edu/](http://mclc.osu.edu/) - 11k - Cached - Similar pages

### Chinese Cultural Studies: Chinese Literature: Brief Guide

Two of the greatest poets in all Chinese literature lived during the Tang Dynasty...

During its reign most Chinese literature tended to be old-fashioned and...

[acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html](http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html) - 25k - Cached - Similar pages



**Questions 1 to 5 are based on the web search you have just read. Try to answer each question by scanning the material.**

**1** How many times is Lao Tze referenced?

- A. 1.
- B. 2.
- C. 3.
- D. 4.

**2** Which site references the Tang Dynasty?

- A. [mclc.osu.edu/](http://mclc.osu.edu/).
- B. [mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm](http://mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm).
- C. [pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html](http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html).
- D. [acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html](http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html).





- 3** Which site references Big5 Character software?
- A. [acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html](http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html).
  - B. [pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html](http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html).
  - C. [mclc.osu.edu/](http://mclc.osu.edu/).
  - D. [mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm](http://mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm).
- 4** Which site has the largest cached pages?
- A. [mclc.osu.edu/](http://mclc.osu.edu/).
  - B. [mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm](http://mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm).
  - C. [pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html](http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html).
  - D. [acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html](http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html).
- 5** Which site references Mencius?
- A. [pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html](http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/China/page10.html).
  - B. [www-hsc.usc.edu/~gallaher/luxun/luxun.html](http://www-hsc.usc.edu/~gallaher/luxun/luxun.html).
  - C. [mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm](http://mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/worldlit/wldocs/china.htm).
  - D. [acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html](http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinlit.html).