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## 内容简介

本书以学生的生活体验为背景,设置了 11 个章节,涉及大学新生生活的各主要层面以及学生感兴趣的热点话题。具体主题包括:新伙伴与校园新生活,学习规划,美食,运动,购物,旅行,志愿者活动,生活中的科技,节假日,娱乐休闲,生肖与星座;书的最后附有 8 篇经典美文,供欣赏和练习。

本书可以作为夜大、函大、高职高专院校等的教学用书,也可以作为英语爱好者的自学用书。

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## **Preface**

## 前言

随着世界经济全球化的进程加快,中国与外部世界的融合愈来愈多。英语已经不仅仅是一种技能,更日益成为当代世界公民的基本素质。在此背景下,新颁布的《高等学校英语专业英语教学大纲》和《大学英语教学大纲(修订本)》也对英语口语教学提出了更高更新的要求。大学生学习英语口语的热情也空前高涨,各种口语教材更是层出不穷。然而,对于高职高专学生而言,寻找一本合适的教材却是一项艰巨的任务。有的口语教材针对大学本科生,内容太深太难;有的教材内容陈旧,距离学生的生活太远,难以与学生产生共鸣。针对这一现状,编者结合10来年的教学经验,特编撰了这本《实用生活英语口语(初级)》。

本书以学生的生活体验为基础,设置了 11 个单元,涉及高职新生在校生活开始阶段的各个方面。具体主题包括:新伙伴与校园新生活,学习规划,美食,运动,购物,旅行,志愿者活动,生活中的科技,节假日,娱乐休闲,生肖与星座;书的最后附有 8 篇经典美文,供欣赏和练习。每个单元基于任务型教学法,设置了口语操练模板,学生可基于模板展开口语练习,练习过程语境真实,富于创造性,同时又有可操作性。学生可以灵活地运用功能句型,融汇所学知识和语言,最终达到交际目的。与此同时,练习过程中,学生与学生之间、学生与老师之间互动性强,使得口语练习氛围融洽而高效。每单元均精选了文化部分,如 Having some fun, Sing a song,活跃气氛,提高学生学习语言的兴趣。另外,歌曲内容与本单元主题相关,可以以娱乐的形式加强对口语的操练和加深对主题的理解。最后,每单元的结尾处设置了与主题相关的口语测试试题,方便学生应对各种英语测试。

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## Unit 1 My New Pals and My New School Life



## **Teaching Goals**

Freshmen will learn to

- ♦get to know the new learning environment;
- describe new pals and campus;
- set up a harmonious human relationship.



#### Tasks

- Describe my new pals.
- ◆Describe my new campus.
- Describe my hometown.
- ♦Some specific tasks.

## Task 1 Describe My New Pals

Directions: In this task, you will first read a model description and some useful new words and functional expressions, then try to describe your new classmates, roommates or new friends.

## 1.1 Model Description

My New Classmate

Her name is Xiaofang, and she is from Heping county, Guangdong

province. She is nineteen years old, the same as me. Her favorite color is black. She also likes Hunan dishes and all kinds of sports. She hates holiday because she doesn't have anything to do during the period. Her hobby is to play the guitar and to surf. She always says, "There is a beautiful lake in my county, so beautiful!" There are four people in her family, her father, her mother and a younger sister. She speaks English very well and very funny. I can't speak English very well, but she often speaks to me very fast. I can only understand about half. But she is very kind because she always helps me. So I like her!

## 1.2 Useful New Words and Some Functional Expressions

#### 1.2.1 Words for Looks

In your new school, you have met a lot of strangers. In the next few days or months, some of them will be your best friends, friends or just acquaintances. Although we often say friendship sees no color, age, or looks, it only sees what in your heart. Anyway, the quickest way to make friends is to memorize their names and their looks.

The following are some useful expressions to describe one's looks. Try to discuss with your partner and describe one of your classmates.

Expressions		More Expres-			
	Typical Expressions	sions in Your			
Items		Life			
Hair	black/jet-black/pitch-black straight/curly/wavy pigtail/braid/plait				

续表

<b>Expressions Items</b>	Typical Expressions	More Expressions in Your Life			
Eyes	big/small/bright/beady/round/ slanted/deep-set/double-lid/single-lid	3			
Eyebrow	thick/heavy/sparse/thin/ light/dark-colored				
Nose	pointed/hooked/narrow/well-shaped/ brandy				
Mouth	cherry-shaped/well-shaped				
Chin	pointed/round				
Figure	short/tall/ overweight/plump/thin/skinny slim/ medium height/tubby				

#### 1.2.2 Words for Characteristics

There are may famous people in the ancient as well as the modern society, and they all have certain characteristics. These good characteristics are of great importance to their success. We may find may sayings about valuable characteristics, such as Modesty helps one go forward; conceit makes one lag behind, and Who has patience has all things. The following are some useful expressions to describe some famous people and their characteristics. Discuss with your partner and try to match the persons with their typical characteristics.

Person	Useful Expressions to Describe One's Characters					
Chairman Mao	aggressive/ambitious/amiable/audacious/					
Albert Einstein	charitable/competent/contemplative/modest/					
Lionel Messi						
Jay Chou	discreet/disciplined/efficient/energetic/					
Victor Lee	enthusiastic/industrious/objective/					
Dong Cunrui	expressive/humorous /open-minded					

What's your character and what kind of person do you think your deskmate is? Discuss with your partner and try to speak out in class. Try to use the following sentence structures.

You Ask	Your Deskmate Answers
(1) What kind of characteristics do you think you	
have?	
(2) Are you introverted or extroverted?	
(3) How do you get along with others?	

Then make a short report to your classmates in class.

#### 1.2.3 Words for Hobbies

To make your campus life colorful, you have to find a hobby, which will relax your nerves and be beneficial for your study.

swim/baseball/basketball/volleyball/tabletennis/soccer/diving/tennis/cycle/badminton/books/music/chess/bridge/I-go

Use the above-listed words and the following structures to commu-

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nicate with your partner.

You Ask	Your Deskmate Answers				
(1) How do you spend your spare time?	I like playing table tennis very much in my spare time, for I can get a lot of fun from doing it.				
(2) Do you have any particular strengths or weaknesses?	97				
(3) What kind of sports do you like most?					
(4) What are your hobbies?					

## 1.3 Try Your Hand

Describe one of your new classmates, roommates or friends.

#### My New Roommate

Her name is			She 1	has	е	eyes.	She	likes	g very			
much.	When	she	smiles,	she	looks	very	lovel	y,	becaus	se she	has	a
mouth. Also her				nose a	and		chin makes her a beau-					
tiful aı	nd typic	cal C	hinese gi	irl. I	like he	er ver	y muo	ch.				

#### My New Friend

My new friend comes from Shantou, a beautiful city in Guangdong province. He likes sports very much. His favorite sport is \_\_\_\_\_. He thinks that the game makes him a \_\_\_\_\_ man. But I don't like it, because I think playing \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_. I like reading, since I think reading will make me wiser.

#### 1.4 Game

#### Who Is He/She?

Every student writes down his/her name, hometown, hobbies, characters and his/her dream on a piece of paper. Then the students will stand in a circle. All the students twist the paper up into a ball and throw it to the middle of the circle. After that, every student will pick up a paper ball and find a name in the paper, then one of the students read the paper and introduce the person who was just introduced to other students. And the person will then take his/her turn to introduce the next person. After finishing this game, the students can get know each other through this game.

## 1.5 Pair Work

Life on campus is colorful, and the first step is to make friends. Exchange views with your partner on your understandings of the following sentences about friendship, then make a conclusion and report to the class.

Friendship is like the light of fireflies. The darker it is, the brighter the light will be.

If you expect to find a friend without any faults, you will never find any.

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Many a friend is better than a lot of wealth.

One enemy is too many, and a hundred friends too few.

The most valuable in life is life; the greatest necessity in life is study; the greatest pleasure in life is work, while the most important in

life is friendship.

## Task 2 Describe My New Campus

Directions: In this task, you will first read a model description and some useful new words and functional expressions, then try to describe your new campus.

## 2.1 Model Description

#### My Campus

Good morning, distinguished professor, my dear classmates: Welcome to Heyuan College!

My name is Zhang Xiaoqiang. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to introduce our campus.

Our college is called Heyuan Polytechnic. Our campus is very beautiful. It is located by the Dongjiang River. Founded in 1921, the college has developed into a polytechnic.

Now there are 6 schools and 12,000 students in our college. The staff number is over 800. There are advanced teaching facilities including many advanced a beautiful library and labs. They can meet our needs for learning and acquisition of expertise. Our college has been carrying out a large-scale educational reform. All the teaching activities are quality-oriented. It tries to train more and more qualified graduates for the society.

I like the college very much not only because there is a very beautiful campus environment around here, but also because we have found that the professors and scholars here are very knowledgeable, responsible and friendly to us.

Another reason why I chose Heyuan Polytechnic is that not only because of the beautiful environment, but also because of the knowledgeable, responsible and friendly professors and scholars here. I believe that Heyuan is unique and attractive. As an outstanding tourist city in the south of China, Heyuan provides you the beautiful scenery of Wanlv Lake, the grand Statue of Zhaotuo, and an enjoyable hot spring bath.

Maybe this is the first time for you to visit Heyuan and our college, and I do hope you have a very good time here. Thank you again for your attention!

## 2.2 Useful New Words and Some Functional Expressions

<b>Expressions</b> Items	Typical Expressions	More Expressions
Name	Our college is called <u>Heyuan Polytechnic</u> .	
History	Founded in 1921, the college has developed into a polytechnic.	
Location	It is located by the river of Dong Jiang.	
People	Now, there are approximately 12,000 students and over 800 faculty members studying or working in 6 schools	
Other features	Heyuan is an outstanding tourist city in the south of China.	

## 2.3 Group Work

Suppose one of your secondary school classmates visits you, and

you show him/her walk around the campus and introduce your campus to him/her.

#### A Model Dialogue

- A: Hi, Mingming, glad to see you again. Welcome to our college!
- B: Hi, Xiaoqiang, glad to see you again, too!
- A: It's a little bit earlier for us to have dinner. Do you want to walk around our campus with me?
- B: Sure. That's great!
- A: This is our teaching building, now all the students are having their classes in this building. Let's go and have a close look.
- B: Wow, it's beautiful! How many students are studying in your school?
- A: About 12,000 and there are more than 400 excellent teachers in our school.
- B: I get it.
- A: OK, now we arrive at the playground, and students can have their gym classes there.
- B: Mmm, the playground is really a big one.
- A: Students also do exercises here, and on weekends they will come here to play basketball and football.
- B: That sounds interesting.
- A: This is the dining room. Every day we provide students with safe and delicious food. That tall building is students' dormitory.
- B: It looks very beautiful. Do you live in this building?
- A: Yes. My room is on the third floor.
- B: Why not go and visit your room first?
- A: Good idea! Let's go!

## 2.4 Try Your Hand

Try	to use you	r own v	words	to desc	cribe y	our	new	campus	to	your
partner,	then to the	class.								
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## Task 3 Describe My Hometown

Directions: In this task, the teacher will put students from the same city (county or province) in a group (According to the game 1.4). The students in each group will discuss how to describe their own hometown. Then one of the students in the group will make a conclusion and speak out in class.

#### My Hometown

Good morning, everyone. It is really my honor to have this opportunity to introduce our hometown to all of you.

My hometown is Heping, which is a small county. My hometown is a beautiful place. There are many scenic spots in our hometown. You can enjoy different sceneries in different seasons here.

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## Task 4 Some Specific Tasks



## Culture Tips

Politeness is very important. When you meet someone, you'd better extend your greetings first.

- ★Some Formal Greetings
- Nice/Glad to meet you.
- ♦How are you?
- ◆How do you do? (out of date)
- ★Some Casual Greetings:
- ♦How's everything?
- ♦ How have you been?
- ♦What's new? What's up?

If you know two people who haven't met before, you can introduce them to each other. If you want to make friends with someone, you can introduce yourself. Here are some examples of introduction.

- ★Introducing Other People
- ◆I'd like you to meet Mr. Wang.
- ◆I'd like to introduce Mr. Wang.
- ♦Mr. Wang, this is Xiaoqiang.
- ★Introducing Yourself
- ◆I don't think we've met. May I introduce myself?
- ♦ Hello. My name is Zhang Xiaoqiang.
- ◆Hi, I'm Zhang Xiaoqiang.



## Having Some Fun

#### A Joke of Introduction

A student, whose name is Liu Hongtao, is very active in the class. One day in the English class, the teacher told the students that first name in English speaking countries is often put in the end. Liu memorized it. Then it's his turn to make an introduction:

My name is-Hongtao Liu.



Sing a Song

Take Me Home, Country Roads

John Denver

Almost heaven, west Virginia Blue ridge mountains, Shenandoah river Life is old there, older than the trees Younger than the mountains, blowing like a breeze Country roads, take me home To the place I belong West Virginia, mountain momma Take me home, country roads All my memories gather around her Miner's lady, stranger to blue water Dark and dusty, painted on the sky Misty taste of moonshine, tear-drop in my eye Country roads, take me home To the place I belong West Virginia, mountain momma Take me home, country roads I hear her voice, in the morning hours she calls me The radio reminds me of my home far away