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内 容 简 介

本书以学生生活体验为背景,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

续表

Expressions Items	Typical Expressions	More Expressions in Your Life
Eyes	big/small/bright/beady/round/ slanted/deep-set/double-lid/single-lid	
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 many 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 many 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/ charitable/competent/contemplative/modest/ discreet/disciplined/efficient/energetic/ enthusiastic/industrious/objective/ expressive/humorous /open-minded
Albert Einstein	
Lionel Messi	
Jay Chou	
Victor Lee	
Dong Cunrui	

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



nicate with your partner.

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

Describe one of your new classmates, roommates or friends.

My New Roommate

Her name is _____. She has _____ eyes. She likes smiling very much. When she smiles, she looks very lovely, because she has a _____ mouth. Also her _____ nose and _____ chin makes her a beautiful and typical Chinese girl. I like her very much.

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.

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.

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!

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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!

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2.4 Try Your Hand

Try to use your own words to describe your new campus to your partner, then to the class.

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.

