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本套教材涵盖三大模块:语言技能类、专业英语类、专业知识类。作者都是本专业的"双师型"教师,不仅具有丰富的语言教学经验,而且具备企业第一线的工作经历,主持或参与过多项国家或省市级相关科研项目,这为本套教材的编写质量提供了有力的保证。

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同时,本套教材配有 PPT 课件等立体化教学资源,供教师教学参考(下载网址: http://www.uibep.com)。

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本教材设计紧密围绕职业教育课程体系改革指导思想,突出"以素质为基础,以就业为导向,以能力为本位,以学生为主体"的教育理念。教材中积极融入基于实际应用的案例教学、项目教学和虚拟现实技术,运用真实任务、真实案例以辅助教学。教材总体思路以工作过程中的常见事项为导向,注重培养学生在现实商务活动中的实践技能,增强学生的就业与创业能力。本教材具有以下几个显著特征:

#### 一、专业性

本书所采用教学素材及案例皆由长期从事国际贸易专业人士及从事商务英语专业教学、科研及实践工作的教师精心筛选、编排而成。其内容基于现代商业信息化、全球化等特征,综合归纳国际商务实践中常用文体,包括通知、邀请函、备忘录、会议纪要、公司介绍、名片、产品广告文案、产品说明书、销售函、销售合同、投诉函与理赔函等,并根据写作目的与功能进行分类,满足国际商务实践中不同商务事项的写作需求。

#### 二、针对性

本书的内容设计主要针对高职高专英语专业学生的现有水平,在确保英文材料准确性及难易度的基础上,对一些专业性较强的术语、短语等作注释说明,辅助教师教学及学生学习。本书在选材上,大量参考各类具有权威性的高职高专教材的选材难易标准、训练设置方式等,并结合地方特色及产业特点,有针对性地选取、编排相关材料。

#### 三、实用性

本书的教学过程设计充分考虑到教学双方在规定时间内的可操作性,全书总体知识点布局及单元教授流程皆经过深度探讨及实践检验,在紧扣行业发展需求的前提下,科学、合理地安排教授内容与步骤。同时,本书提供相应教学环节的教学方法、技巧、建议等,并附上训练任务参考答案,使教师教授、学生学习过程的开展更加顺畅、高效。

#### 四、系统性

本书对国际商务实践中常用的文体从其定义、内涵、结构、类别、写作原则、技巧、方法等作全面介绍,同时结合训练任务,层层递进、逐级强化,较为全面、系统地引导学生对某一特定商务文体的学习及运用,提升学生商务英语语言表达能力,增强学生国际商务实践沟通能力。

本教材总共包含五个部分内容:

- 一、基础介绍:包括两部分内容,第一部分介绍商务英语写作基础概念、定义、写作步骤、原则及现代商业沟通工具;第二部分介绍两种最常见的商务英语应用文体:商务信函和商务报告。
- 二、公司日常业务相关文体:包括通知、邀请函、备忘录和会议纪要的写作内容与训练。
- 三、公司对外宣传相关文体:包括公司介绍、名片、产品广告文案和产品说明书的写作内容与训练。

四、外贸业务相关文体:包括销售函、销售合同、投诉函和理赔函的写作内容与训练。

五、求职应聘相关文体:包括简历与求职信的写作内容与训练。

本书的编写参考了国内外许多具有代表性的商务英语写作教材,并结合行业特色融入部分实操案例、经典佳作。揭阳职业技术学院外语系多位教师以及揭阳本地部分优秀企业代表参与了教材编写的前期准备和后续编写工作,为本书的出版做出了重要贡献, 谨在此表示衷心地感谢!

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# Part One Introduction 商务写作基础介绍

Business writing is a type of professional communication by organizations to communicate with internal or external audience, which is also known as business communication and professional writing. Business writing should be understood clearly when read quickly. The message should be well planned, simple, clear and direct.



# Unit 1

# **Basics of Business English Writing**

# 商务英语写作基础知识介绍

#### I. Learning Objectives



#### In this unit, you will learn:

- the connotation of business English and business English writing;
- the business writing process;
- the business writing principles;
- contemporary communication tools;
- some effective business English expressions.

#### II. Leading-In



#### **Business English Writing**





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Business English (商务英语) or Commercial English is a special term given to English by non-English speaking nations for international trade. In Britain, it is called Commercial



English or Commercial Letter. In the USA, it is usually called Business English, Business Correspondence or Business Letter. Business English is a kind of standard English adapted to specific business purposes. In the global commercial world, business English documents should be written

to customers, salesmen, agents, suppliers and many other people concerned. They cover every conceivable phase of business activities.

Business Writing Process (商务写作步骤) can be summarized as the following five steps.

First, *preparing* (准备), involves making it clear about the objective, the reader and the scope of writing. The objective is the purpose of writing. A careful reader analysis is crucial to achieving the writing objective. It also determines the scope of the writing task. The scope of the writing refers to the kind and amount of information for the reader to understand the objective.

Second, **formatting** (布局), refers to choosing the format or layout of the document. It involves choosing the right way of presenting the document and making the document more readable. Successful formatting may lead to a favorable attitude of the reader to what is written.

Third, **organizing** (组织), involves gathering information, sorting details, and making outlines. The information can be gathered from other people, from documents available, or from the Internet. Notes then should be grouped according to the information they have in common. The result of organizing is an outline that will guide the next step of drafting.

Forth, **drafting** (起草), is the actual writing of the business document. It is considered as the most difficult, however, natural if previous steps have been accomplished.

Fifth, **revising** (修改), turns the drafts into a finished product. It involves more than just editing and proofreading concerning the format or language. A check on the overall tone is also necessary based on a careful reader analysis.

Business Writing Principles (商务写作原则) involves the commonly mentioned "5Cs".

Clarity (清晰) means one sentence for one meaning only. It indicates a logical relationship between relevant sentences. No reversion or repetition is allowed to appear. Conciseness (简洁) means all the words, sentences and paragraphs in a letter must be clear-cut and straight forward. So it is with an e-mail or telex or fax. Correctness (准确) includes the correctness of forms of writing, of grammar, spelling and of punctuation, particularly of figures. Courtesy (礼貌) means being very polite and prompt in replying to the opposite party's letter. Your letter should be very mild and tactful, and possibly the reply should usually be sent on the same day. Any delay should be explained in a written form. Completeness (完整) includes the completeness of facts and explanations. It gives all the information necessary to accomplish the purpose for your letter or answer fully the questions asked or implied in the incoming letter.

Contemporary Communication Tools (现代商业沟通工具): Modern technology has enabled the creation of a myriad of new communication tools, sites and software. There are many types of communication available. The choice depends on where you are, how much time you have and how much (if any) you prefer to pay.

First, **cell phones** (手机), which have continued to increase since their introduction in the late 1980s, enable their users to send and receive emails, pictures and recorded videos.



Bluetooth (蓝牙) technology has further increased the communicative value of cell phones, allowing talkers to carry on their conversations hands-free with the use of a small, one-sided headset. **Skype** (网络电话) is a downloadable software that enables users to make free phone calls and send messages via the Internet. The service also offers video phone calling, allowing users to watch each other in real time while they speak. Use of Skype's free features requires a broadband Internet connection as does its paid features. Both businesses and private individuals have benefited from the convenience and immediacy of Skype's communication tools.

Twitter (推特网站) is a popular social networking site created in 2008 which is unique in that users can write (or "tweet") messages from either their computer or cell phone in short, concise updates, as often as they please. The concept of Twitter revolves around the idea that people can stay updated on the events of others' lives without spending a lot of time sifting through extraneous information or more elaborate weblogs. Another perk is the fact that Twitter is completely free and requires no special software. Wechat (微信) or QQ, both developed by Tencent, has been a fast and effective messaging application. This kind of instant messaging application enables users to communicate with each other on the Internet or mobile phone via short written, spoken or even video messages delivered almost immediately after the content is created.

#### Task 1

#### Directions: Make the best choice from A, B and C to fill in each of the blanks.

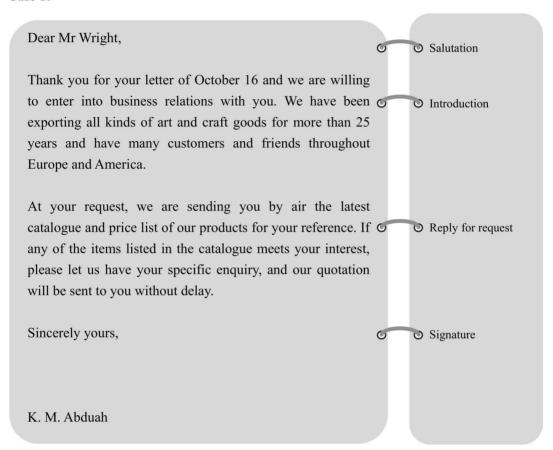
1.	Business English is a kind	of English wri	itten for specific business purposes.
	A. routine	B. standard	C. general
2.	as the final ste	p of the business writing j	process, turns the drafts into a finished
	product.		
	A. Formatting	B. Organizing	C. Revising
3.	means all the	expressions in a certain do	ocument must be clear-cut and straight
	forward.		
	A. Conciseness	B. Courtesy	C. Completeness
4.	technology allo	ows talkers to carry on thei	r conversations hands-free with the use
	of a small, one-sided head	lset.	
	A. Bluetooth	B. Skype	C. Twitter
5.	is now conside	ered the most popular and	effective instant messaging application
	in China.		
	A. Cell phone	B. Wechat	C. QQ



#### III. Formatting

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#### Case 1:



#### Task 2

#### Directions: Read the sample and answer the following questions.

- 1. Who is the writer?
- 2. What is the purpose for the writing?
- 3. What did the recipient inquire?
- 3. How does the writer try to reply?



#### Notes 注释

business relation	商业关系	export	ν. 出口
art and craft goods	工艺品	at your request	按你方要求



send	ν. 寄送	catalogue	n. 目录
price list	价格单	for your reference	供您参考
item	n. 项目	specific enquiry	具体询价
quotation	n. 报价	delay	n. 延迟,拖延

#### Case 2:

#### **Report on Survey of Job Satisfaction**

O Brief and specific

#### Introduction

In response to Ms Nagle, the manager's request, the report sets out to analyze the staff's job satisfaction according to the collected questionnaires.

#### Methodology

Introduction

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A questionnaire survey was conducted to learn about the job satisfaction in our company. 228 employees returned their questionnaires on time. In order to gain more factual figures, the employees were required to fill it anonymously.

#### **Findings**

O Present facts and ideas

According to the statistics, 72% of the employees are content with their work. Whereas, it was found that the female staff (75%) are more satisfied with their present job than the male staff (63%). In addition, the data showed that payment isn't relevant to happiness. 87% of younger people, aged 20-30, with lower payment expressed their approval. Meanwhile, 52% of the staff, aged 30-40, and 61%, aged 40-50, were more pessimistic. Most of them mentioned the reasons for their dissatisfaction: little chance to get promotion and a poor welfare system. In addition, a number of people suggested having a longer paid holiday to have more opportunity to be with their families and arrange more training courses to update their professional skills.

#### Conclusion

O Conclude the results

Based on the findings, it was concluded that most people in our company look at their present job optimistically but there is still space for our company to make some progress.

#### Recommendation

It would be advisable to readjust the promotion policy and welfare system to stimulate staff to be more enthusiastic about their work.

O Proposing suggestions for action to be taken

#### Task 3

Directions: Read the sample and	I summarize the writing process.
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Step 1:	
Step 2:	
Step 3:	
Sten 4.	



#### Notes 注释

In response to	对回应	set out	着手, 出发
questionnaire	n. 调查表,问卷	anonymously	adj. 匿名的
be content with	对满意	whereas	conj. 鉴于, 然而, 反之
payment	n. 支付,报酬	relevant	adj. 有关的,相关的
pessimistic	adj. 悲观的,悲观主义的	promotion	n. 晋升
paid holiday	带薪休假	update	ν. 更新,使现代化
professional	adj. 专业的,专业性的	optimistically	adv. 乐观地
readjust	ν. 再调整	stimulate	v. 激励,鼓舞
readjust	v. 再调整	stimulate	v. 激励,鼓舞

## IV. Useful Expressions



#### 1. Words and Phrases

#### Words

apply catalogue contract currently continuously discount	v. 申请 n. 产品目录 n. 合同 adv. 目前地 adv. 连续地 n. 折扣	buyer consultation competitive considerably chance durable	n. 买家 n. 咨询 adj. 竞争的 adv. 很,相当 n. 机会 adj. 耐用的
deliver	ν. 送货	employ	v. 雇佣