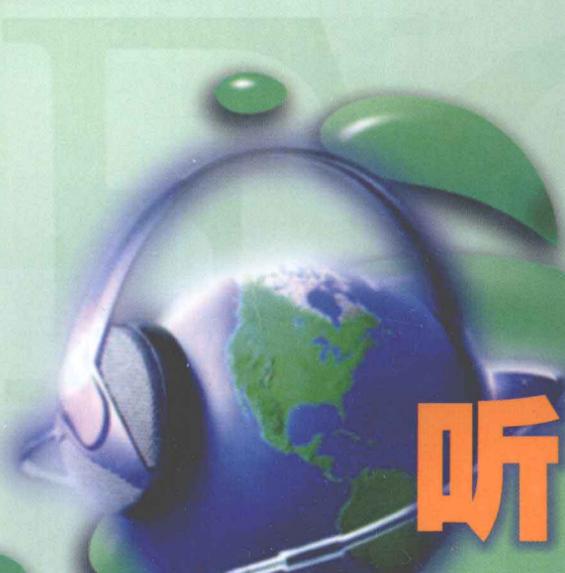


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前言

随着我国改革开放步伐的加快和国际交往的迅速扩大,中国的英语教学对英语专业人才及广大英语学习者交际能力的要求更高了。在“听”、“说”、“读”、“写”四种主要语言技能中,对听说能力的培养比以往任何时候都更为重要。在语言习得过程中,“听”作为一种接受性技能必然先于“说”这一产出性技能,它既是获取信息的重要渠道,也是进行面对面交际的前提。试想需要用英语交流的场合,如果听不懂对方说的是什么,怎么会有交际产生?再试想同在一个教室里听英文讲座,听力好的和听力不好的所获取的信息量会有多么大的差异?可见克服听力障碍是培养交际能力首先要解决的问题。然而听力这一重要技能恰恰是大多数中国学生学习中的一个薄弱环节。因此突破听力难关对提高“说”的能力,以及全面提高英语综合能力是至关重要的。我们这套听力教材就是为适应新形势下提高英语听力的新要求而编写的。

本教材的使用对象为英语专业一至二年级学生,同时也适合参加自学考试及准备大学四、六级听力考试的理工科院校学生使用。它既可以作为正式教学教材,也可以作为零课堂教材供学生自学时使用。本教材分为四册:

第一册:听力基础

Towards Perfection in Listening: Gateway (I of IV);

第二册:听力提高

Towards Perfection in Listening: Improvement (II of IV);

第三册:听力突破

Towards Perfection in Listening: Breakthrough (III of IV);

第四册:听力巩固

Towards Perfection in Listening: Consolidation (Tests) (IV of IV)。

每分册含学生用书、教师用书和配套的录音带。学生用书包括生词表、文化背景注释和练习三部分。为了方便学生自学,生词表中加注了生词在相关材料中的词性及中文词义。教师用书包括录音的书面材料和练习答案。

本教材按“高等学校英语专业英语教学大纲”的要求编写,力求将知识性、科学性、实践性和趣味性相结合,使教材的内容和语言能够反映出快速发展的时代特征。

本教材具有以下特点:

知识性:题材广泛,包括政治、经济、文化、教育、科技、文学、艺术、地理、历史、医学、环境、体育、人物、家庭、娱乐等方面。内容新颖,吸取了大量反映当代社会生活、科技文化等领域的

新发展和新潮流的题材。每课围绕一个主题展开,涉及同一主题的不同侧面。

科学性:由浅入深,循序渐进。从第一册到第四册语言难度逐渐增加。每一课的各部分也注意到不同难度层次的安排顺序。例如第一册从语音模仿训练入手,然后依次过渡到句子和对话。听力技能的训练贯穿始终,从第一册到第四册反复循环训练,并不断予以强化。

真实性:听力材料选自英语原文,语言地道。许多对话中加入了口语中特有的停顿、重复、改口等,以增加语言情景的真实性。

实践性:练习和测试题目形式多样。除了多项选择、判断正误等客观题以外,还有大量问答题、填空题、段落听写题以及用英语简要地做笔记等各项训练题,能有效地检查使用者的实际水平。练习的情景真实,贴近生活,容易引起讨论。

趣味性:课文中增加幽默故事等趣味性内容,以提高学生的学习兴趣,增强他们学习的主动性。

本册(第三册)每六单元为一组,共有 18 单元。每课最后一单元为测试,复习并测试前五单元所学内容。本册的特点是加入了新闻广播的内容。为了帮助学生尽快掌握听新闻的基本要领,第一、二单元全部用于新闻的听力训练,目的是通过较系统的训练,使学生熟悉一些重要的国际组织和新闻社,并接触到政治、经济、金融以及其他多种类型的新闻,为以后在课内、课外听懂英语广播打下基础。第三单元以后每单元涉及一个主题,包含新闻、对话和段落三部分。

在使用本册教材时,教师可要求学生每天听 CCTV 的英语新闻以及 VOA 或 BBC 等英语国家电台的新闻广播,并在每次上课开始时讲述当天的新闻。教师要不失时机地向学生介绍有关的文化背景知识,并引导学生主动利用网络或其他现代化手段了解英语国家的历史、地理、文化、习俗等,以帮助学生正确理解所学内容。

本册教材的编写分工如下:Unit 1~Unit 6, Unit 15 的内容主要由贺莺编写;Unit 10, Unit 11, Unit 14 的内容主要由尚梅编写;Unit 7~Unit 9, Unit 12, Unit 13, Unit 16~Unit 18 的内容主要由江澜编写;甄建明也参与了部分课文的编写。

在本册教材的编写过程中王九萍老师为我们提供了不少宝贵资料,美国专家 William O. Coggin 对语言进行了审定,我们在此谨表诚挚的谢意。同时,借此机会对西安外国语学院及英文学院领导对本教材出版给予的大力支持表示衷心感谢。

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Unit 1

Radio Program (I)

Vocabulary

summit (n.) 峰会

aeronautical (adj.) 航空的

alliance (n.) 同盟

medium-range missiles (n.) 中程导弹

rebound (n.) 回升

merger (n.) 合并

parliamentary (n.) 议会的

Saudi Arabia 沙特阿拉伯

landslides (n.) 山体滑坡

budget (n.) 预算



Part I Starters

Task 1. International Organizations



Directions: Write out the full name of each of the following acronyms according to the recording.

1. **PLO:** The _____ was formed in 1964 at the first Arab summit meeting. Yasser Arafat was the Chairman of the PLO from 1968 till 2004.
2. **ASEAN:** _____ was formed in 1967 by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand to promote political and

- economic cooperation among the member countries.
3. **WHO:** The _____ is a specialized agency of the United Nations, formed in 1948, with its headquarters in Geneva.
4. **UNESCO:** _____ is an agent of the UN with its headquarters in Paris.
5. **CIA:** The _____ is an agency of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, created in 1947, responsible for keeping the government informed of foreign actions affecting the nation's interests.
6. **OAU:** The _____ was formed in 1963 by 30 African countries to coordinate cultural, political, scientific, and economic policies and to end colonialism in Africa.
7. **NASA:** _____, is an agency of the U. S. government, established in 1958, to plan, direct and conduct all U. S. aeronautical and space activities.
8. **NATO:** _____ is a regional defense alliance, created by North Atlantic Treaty in 1949, to enhance the stability, well being, and freedom of its members by means of a system of collective security.

Task 2. Sources of News



Directions: Write out the source of each of the following news according to the recording.

- _____ said improved relations depend completely on the question of Taiwan.
- _____ said the German Government still supports a complete ban on medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.
- _____ from Israel and Lebanon indicate the two countries may soon begin direct talks.
- _____ say Japanese trade with the two nations has increased almost nine percent in the first five months of the year.
- _____ have announced that explosives were found on both planes that crashed last week with the loss of 90 lives, focusing attention on the roles of two dead

female passengers believed to be of Chechen origin.

6. Vice-President Dick Cheney will visit China next week at the end of his present visit to five Asian and Pacific countries, _____ says.
7. Former US Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize winner Henry Kissinger has suffered a heart attack but is doing well, according to _____.
8. _____ says at least eleven persons have been killed and many injured in a powerful explosion in the Iranian capital.

Task 3. WHO & WHAT in the News Lead



Directions: Write out the subject (WHO or WHAT) of each of the following news leads according to the recording.

1. _____ met its end Friday upon a fiery re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, scattering tons of metal debris over the Pacific.
2. _____ rebounded on Friday.
3. _____ meet Monday in Wellington to open a two-week conference on the future of Antarctica.
4. _____ is planning to approve the merger of America Online and Time Warner but block the tie-up between EMI and Time Warner, according to reports.
5. _____ demonstrated in Damascus Monday at the embassies of the United States, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.
6. The _____ in a California _____ rises to 10 as rescuers find the bodies of a woman and three children.
7. Much of Europe remains grave today by protests over higher fuel prices as _____ call on European governments to slash energy taxes.
8. The _____ has a new lease on life, at least according to the Israeli prime minister.
9. _____ have sharply criticized President Bush's budget plan.

Vocabulary

World Economic Forum 世界经济论坛

memorial service 纪念活动

slash (v.) 大幅削减

trucker (n.) 卡车驾驶员

refinery (n.) 炼油厂

nasty (adj.) 糟糕的



Culture Note

VOA: Voice of America is the radio broadcasting network of the U. S. government, a unit of the United States Information Agency. It broadcasts 900 hours of news and information programs in 53 languages every week. Its daily broadcasts include news reports, stories and discussions on American political and cultural events, and editorials setting forth U. S. government policy.



Part II News in Brief

Task 1. Top News of the Hour



Directions: Listen to the following news and fill in the missing words.

1. Protests over _____ paralyze much of _____.
2. In central Japan, _____ and _____ kill at least 5 people, and force hundreds of thousands from their homes.
3. Australian police _____ with _____ for a second day outside a meeting of _____.

the _____ in Melbourne.

4. _____ are held in _____ to remember hundreds of _____ who were killed during the 2nd World War when their boat _____ in the Black Sea.

Task 2. A Top News Item



Directions: Listen to the news and choose the best answer to complete each of the following statements.

- Protests are organized to call on governments to _____.
A. cut energy taxes
B. use emergency powers
C. offer higher wages
- The protesters do NOT include _____.
A. drivers
B. farmers
C. road constructors
- The protests have not caused traffic disruption in _____.
A. Belgium
B. Italy
C. Britain
- The British government would _____.
A. lower fuel prices
B. use emergency powers
C. remain firm about its gasoline tax

Task 3. News Summaries



Directions: Listen to the news summaries and decide whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write "T" for true and "F" for false in the blank before each question number.

- _____ 1. The international standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons program will be settled because the U. S. has dropped its goal of toppling the communist regime.
- _____ 2. Students in the U. S. can use wireless computers anywhere on campus.

3. Students in Congo have begun to study despite the fighting in the country.
4. A car bomb killed 25 Shiite Moslems near a police station in Southern Baghdad.

Vocabulary

coup (n.) 政变

swearing-in (n.) 宣誓就职

abstain (v.) 戒除

meddling in 干涉

ballots (n.) 选票

Tel Aviv 特拉维夫

retaliation (n.) 报复

Al-Aqsa Martyrs 阿克萨烈士旅

Hezbollah guerrillas

(黎巴嫩)真主党游击队

reconnaissance (n.)

侦察



Culture Note

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE): 牛绵状脑病(疯牛病) Also named Mad Cow Disease, BSE is a degenerative brain disease of cattle that has been linked to a fatal degenerative brain disease in humans.



Part III News Reports

Subject 1. Politics

Task 1. Negotiation



Directions: Listen to the news items and decide whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write "T" for true and "F" for false in the blank before each question number.

- _____ 1. Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma had a negotiation with other political parties on the verge of a coup.
- _____ 2. Kuchma accused Yushchenko and his supporters of trying to use force.
- _____ 3. Kuchma said Yushchenko's swearing-in as Ukrainian president is illegal.
- _____ 4. Kuchma expressed his fear of a civil war in his speech.
- _____ 5. Kuchma said the situation in Ukraine is almost out of control.
- _____ 6. Kuchma appealed to other nations for help.

Task 2. Election



Directions: Listen to the following news item and fill in the missing words.

Nearly 30 percent of military (1) _____ who requested ballots in 2000 didn't get them in time to vote. (2) _____ vary, but most states, including Illinois, require that ballots be received by (3) _____. Other states, including Ohio and (4) _____, count them for up to 10 or more days later. The handling of military ballots was a major issue in the ballot (5) _____ in Florida in 2000 that led to Bush's victory, when election officials rejected hundreds of military (6) _____ ballots, mainly because they lacked (7) _____ or signatures. With many more troops overseas now because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, (8) _____ could be an even bigger issue this year.

Task 3. Conflict



Directions: Listen to the news item and choose the best answer to complete each of the following statements.

1. The bomb explosion today did NOT happen _____.
 A. near an Israeli army checkpoint
 B. near the line dividing Israel and the Palestinian territory
 C. in Kfar Sava near Tel Aviv
2. _____ injured by today's blast.
 A. None was
 B. One soldier was
 C. More than 40 Palestinians were
3. All of the following incidents have taken place in the area EXCEPT _____.

- A. a pipe bomb explosion
 B. an exchange of gunfire between the Israeli soldiers and palestinians
 C. Hezbollah guerrillas' missile attack at an Israeli plane
4. _____ claimed responsibility for today's action.
 A. Hezbollah guerrillas
 B. Al-Agsa martyrs
 C. A Palestinian intelligence agency

Task 4. Incident



Directions: Listen to the news and discuss the following questions with your classmates.

1. What are the Sino-US talks about?

2. Where is the US naval spy plane at present?

3. What is the demand of the Chinese government?

4. What is the demand of the Bush Administration?

5. What did both countries agree on?

Subject 2. Disasters

Task 1. Austrian Ski Tunnel Fire



Directions: Listen to the news and decide whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write "T" for true and "F" for false in the blank before each question number.

- _____ 1. The accident happened on Monday.
- _____ 2. About 100 skiers were killed in the tunnel fire.
- _____ 3. Salzburg is a city in Australia.