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前言

学习任何语言(包括母语)都要正确把握两种关系:一是语言输入(Input)与输出(Output)的关系;一是语言学得(Language Learning)和习得(Language Acquisition)的关系。一个学习者,要想能够正确地进行口头(说)和笔头(写)交流,也就是语言输出,就必须有大量的语言输入(读和听)。没有后者,前者是不可能实现的。正如俗语所说:天生的聋子必然是哑巴。一个学习者,要想掌握一种语言来进行交流,仅靠教师和教材中有限的学得是远远不够的,必须要靠教室和教材之外、老师不在身旁的情况下做大量的习得(一般所称的课外读和听)。

鉴于此,国家英语课程标准规定:学生初中毕业,英语应该达到五级,除掌握教材内容外,课外阅读量应达到15万词以上,学生高中毕业,英语应该达到七级,课外阅读量应累计达到30万词以上。同时还规定了一定的听的要求。那么阅读和听什么样的材料才能达到事半功倍的效果呢?研究证明,应尽可能地让学生多接触贴近日常生活、贴近时代及展示世界各国优秀文明的大量读物等。

2005年初,外语教学与研究出版社基础英语教育出版分社在做了大量细致、科学的调研后,决定和英国知名出版社海涅曼(Heinemann)教育出版集团合作,开发一套遵循课程标准精神、符合中国英语教学实际的读物。值得一提的是这套读物并非简单地引进出版,而是由中方专家按照课程标准的精神提出思路和方案,由来自利兹大学等著名大学的教授撰写。在稿件完成后,中方专家又根据我国中学生英语学习的现状,就难度、趣味性等方面对稿件提出意见,然后由英方作者再进行完善而成,因此这套书可谓是一套真正意义上为我国中学生量身制作的优秀读物。

我在审阅了这套读物之后,感觉它值得向大家推荐。

首先,正如前文所述,学英语必须有尽可能大的有声和文字的英语信息输入量,在题材、体裁、内容和表现形式上必须多样化。而这套丛书就具备这样的特点。除了一篇篇精雕细琢、内容新颖的美文外,附赠的MP3录音,由多名英美人士参与录制。读者除了能够听到准确地道的发音,还可以感受到不同地域口音的细微差异,从而为以后真正用英语进行沟通奠定基础。

其次,作者大都为英国知名大学教授,他们对中国和中国的读者比较了解。他们行走于东西方文化之间,行文之间既带着西方文化的审美情趣,又融合了东方文化的含蓄细腻,易于被中国读者接受。文章的题材大都折射着作者个人的经历、兴趣和观点。阅读时,读者可以感悟和作者"对话"、甚至"争辩"的趣味,感悟思想和思考的乐趣。通过阅读这些文章,读者可以了解中西文化的异同,拓展视野,培养爱国主义精神,形成健全的人生观。

第三,本丛书图文并茂,大量优美的图片除了能带给读者艺术的享受外,图片 所传递的大量信息能够使读者直观感受到文章所表达的意境。

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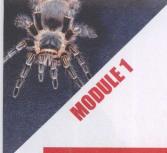
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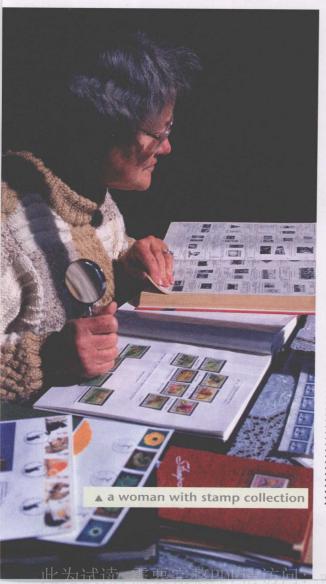


HOBBIES

业余爱好

COLLECTORS AND MAD COLLECTORS

收藏家和狂热的收藏家



Personally, I am not much of a collector. I collect photos of special times in my life, and I have a big collection of soft toys—rabbits, bears, elephants, dogs and snakes. I love them!

Most people collect things at some time in their life. Who hasn't got a collection of photos, or books? Many people collect the letters or emails they've got from friends. And most children have a good toy collection. Most people don't think of themselves as 'collectors' because they think that having a lot of photos or toys is part of life. However, there are some people who love collecting things as a hobby, and there is no limit to the things you can collect. You can collect anything, from stamps to toys to football match programmes to old photos. In fact, some people have extraordinary collections.

For example, Robert Opie collects things we normally throw away, things like old newspapers, sweet papers and boxes.



▲ Robert Opie's collection

He has more than a quarter of a million things in his collection and you can find some of them in his own museum in Gloucester, UK.

When Stuart Graham from Sydney, Australia died aged 87 he left behind some extraordinary collections. His son Andy only **discovered** Stuart was a **keen** collector when he found a collection of over 5,000 old bus tickets, 3,000 old matchboxes and 1,000 toy soldiers. Andy did not want to keep these collections and decided to look on the Internet to see if anyone else would like the collections. He was surprised to find out that his father's collections were very **valuable** and when he sold them, he bought a new car with the money.

Collectors collect things in different ways. You can go to **specialist shops** or markets to buy things for your collection, or you can buy collectors' magazines. You can even look on the Internet at **sites** such as Ebay. Or you can trade things you have for something else that you would like. For example, if you have two stamps that are exactly the same, you might be able to trade one of them for a different one that you prefer.

EXERCISES

 Choose the correct words or phrases to put into the sentences below and change the form where necessary.

| | form where necessary. | | | | |
|----|--|------------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| | collect | throw away | leave behind | trade | |
| 1) | Jane _ food. | a p | iece of her jewe | llery for | |
| 2) | | ould not | the train | n ticket | |
| | while y | ou're still on t | he train. | | |
| 3) | Xiao Jiang, a lover of Peking Opera, has | | | | |
| | | over 15 | O Peking Opera | VCDs. | |
| 4) | John re | ally doesn't k | now what his fa | ther has | |
| | | na tonna la | | | |
| 2. | Answe | r the following | ng questions. | | |
| 1) | Accord | ing to the pas | sage, who does | the autho | |

- According to the passage, who does the author consider to be mad collectors?
- 2) How do collectors collect things?

WORDBANK

personally adv extraordinary adj. discover v. keen adj.

valuable

site

specialist shop

adv. 就本人而论;就个人而言 adj. 特别的,非凡的

v. 发现, 发觉

adj. 热心的

adj. 贵重的,有价值的 专卖店

地点,场所



a toy soldier

BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO TARANTULAS 狼蛛入门指南

So you want to have a tarantula as a pet? You want to join the fastest growing hobby in the United States? Read this beginner's guide to learn the most important facts.

What is a tarantula?

Tarantulas are **primitive spiders**. They are usually **hairier** and larger than normal spiders.

Why keep tarantulas?

Tarantulas are really interesting pets. They don't need much space, they aren't expensive to feed, they live a long time, they don't make much mess, and they aren't dangerous.

When did people start keeping tarantulas as a hobby?

They started in the 1970s when the 'Mexican Redknee' was brought to the US. By the 1990s there were about 200 different kinds of tarantula in the US, but some are better for beginners than others. Good beginner tarantulas include the 'Pink Zebra Beauty' and the 'Brazilian Black and White' because they are not as dangerous as some of the other ones.



How do I look after a tarantula?

You can keep tarantulas in 10 gallon, glass boxes. They need a water bowl in the box and you should feed them once a week. Tarantulas eat insects, small mice and lizards. You can buy these (already dead) from a pet shop. You only need to clean the glass box about once every six months.

Can I get my tarantula out of its box and hold it?

No! A tarantula is not a pet like a dog, a cat or a rabbit and they do not like being held in your hands. Keep it in the glass box and watch it.

Are tarantulas dangerous?

Nobody has ever died from a tarantula bite, but some kinds of tarantula could give you a bad bite. Usually they prefer to run away from you than to bite you.

How can I find out more?

Look for a club near you for people who keep tarantulas as a hobby. You can also read these books:



EXERCISES

1. Match the word with its correct meaning in the text.

feed

an animal such as a cat or a dog which you keep and look after at home

dangerous

give food to a person or animal

bite

able or likely to harm or kill you

pet

the act of cutting or crushing something with your teeth

2. Choose the best answer.

- 1) Some tarantulas are better for beginners than others because ___
 - A. they don't need much space
 - B. they don't make much mess
 - C. they are not as dangerous as other ones
- 2) What do tarantulas NOT eat?

A. Insects.

B. Lizards

C. Big mice.



primitive

原始的, 远古的

spider hairy

蜘蛛 多毛的

adí.

mess

混乱, 脏乱

gallon

加仑 (液量单位)

lizard

蜥蜴

bite

咬,咬伤

AN INTERVIEW WITH HANNAH

汉娜谈爱好

Welcome to today's guest, Hannah Buchanan, from England. Hannah has come to talk to us about her hobbies. Hello, Hannah. Thank you for coming today.

Hello.

Could you tell us something about your hobbies?

Well, I like dancing and I play the piano and clarinet. I also have a rabbit and a hamster, and my sister has a guinea pig. I like looking after the pets—feeding them and cleaning their cages. Once a week I like going to the gym too, with my friends, to keep me fit.

How did you start dancing?

I don't really know! I've been dancing

since I was three years old. I changed schools when I was about eight because the dancing

lessons at my old dancing school were not very serious. The dancing school I go to now is really good. I do one-to-one lessons and dancing competitions, which I really enjoy.

Have you ever danced on stage?

Yes, I've been in two theatre **productions**—when I was 9 and 11, and then I was in a big show that my dancing school did. I love being on stage and **entertaining** people. All my family and some of my friends come and see me. It's very exciting.



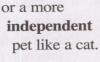
Why did you choose the piano and clarinet?

I chose the piano because I think it sounds nice and my mum said it was a good instrument to start with. I started learning the piano when I was seven and I have a lesson after school every Wednesday. When I was seven, I also wanted to learn the saxophone but the teacher said I was too small and it was better to learn the clarinet until I was bigger. I do my clarinet lessons at school and have done four exams now. I've never changed to the saxophone and I think I'll stay with the clarinet now.

Do you think it's a good idea to have pets?

Yes! I'd love to have a dog. If we had one, it would keep us **company** and it would keep us healthy when we took it for walks. But if everyone in the family is out all day it might not be a good idea because

the dog might get **lonely**. In that case I think it's better to have a smaller animal like a rabbit or a hamster,



EXERCISES

- 1. Complete the following sentences according to the passage.
- 1) Since I was three years old,

2) When I was seven years old,

I _____ and also .

3) When I was about eight years old,

4) When I was 9 and 11 years old,

- 2. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).
- 1) Hannah also has a guinea pig. ()
- 2) Hannah learned the clarinet first but changed to the saxophone later. ()
- Hannah thinks it's better to have a cat than a dog.

WORDBANK

clarinet n. 竖笛, 单簧管 hamster n. 仓鼠 guinea pig 豚鼠 cage n. 笼 qvm n. 体育馆

gym n. 体育馆 fit adj. 健康的,结实的 production n. 作品

entertain v. 娱乐 saxophone n. [音]萨克斯管

company n. 陪伴
lonely adj. 孤独的,寂寞的
independent adj. 独立自主的

ODULE ACTIVITY

 Do you think it's important to have a hobby? Talk about it with your classmates and try to find the ones who share the hobby with you.

OTES

PASSAGE 1

- 1. Personally, I am not much of a collector. 就我个人而言,我算不上收藏家。
- 2. However, there are some people who love collecting things as a hobby, and there is no limit to the things you can collect. 但是有些人喜欢将收藏作为个人的业余爱好,对于可以收藏的东西是没有限制的。
- 3. His son Andy only discovered Stuart was a keen collector when he found a collection of over 5,000 old bus tickets, 3,000 old matchboxes and 1,000 toy soldiers. 他的儿子安迪在发现他收藏的 5000 多张公共汽车车票、3000 个旧火柴盒和 1000 个小锡兵后,才知道斯图尔特是一个热衷于收藏的人。

PASSAGE 2

- 1. You want to join the fastest growing hobby in the United States? 你想加入美国增长最快的业余爱好大军吗?
- They started in the 1970s when the 'Mexican Redknee' was brought to the US.
 世纪 70 年代 "墨西哥红膝头"进入美国后,人们开始将饲养狼蛛当成一种业余爱好。

3. Good beginner tarantulas include the 'Pink Zebra Beauty' and the 'Brazilian Black and White' because they are not as dangerous as some of the other ones. "粉红斑马脚"和"巴西黑白脚"都是不错的新手级狼蛛,因为它们不像其他一些狼蛛那么危险。

PASSAGE 3

- 1. Once a week I like going to the gym too, with my friends, to keep me fit. 为了保持健康,我每周还喜欢和朋友们去一次健身房。
- 2. I do one-to-one lessons and dancing competitions, which I really enjoy. 我去上一对一的课程及参加舞蹈比赛,我非常喜欢这些活动。
- I love being on stage and entertaining people. 我喜欢在舞台上, 带给人们 快乐。
- 4. If we had one, it would keep us company and it would keep us healthy when we took it for walks. 如果我们有条狗的话,它将陪伴我们,我们在遛狗的同时,还可以保持自身健康。