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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 and 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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## 青少年生活面面观


### PEER PRESSURE

#### 来自同伴的压力

Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where we do certain things or act in a certain way, even if what we are doing feels wrong. A 15-year-old girl called Sue wrote the following diary **entries**:

 **Monday 4 June 2007**

Lei is having a party on Friday. Everyone in our class has been invited.

 **Tuesday 5 June 2007**

Lily and I were talking to Lei about the party

today. Lei says that her parents are going to be away for the weekend. She also says that her brother and his college friends will be at the party. They will be bringing the **alcohol**. Lei is really excited, she says that this party will not be as boring as the others we have had, because there will be no parents to tell us that we shouldn't be drinking. I am not so excited about the party anymore. I am feeling **uncomfortable** that Lei's brother and his friends will be there. They are much older than us and I have heard stories about the parties that they go to; none of the stories





are good ones. I also think that we are too young to be drinking alcohol. Perhaps I should just stay at home.

### Wednesday 6 June 2007

I told my friends today that I am feeling uncomfortable about going to Lei's party. They wanted to know why, so I told them it was because of the alcohol. They laughed at me and told me that I am old-fashioned. They said that all the cool parties are the ones where there is alcohol. Lily told me that it was the right thing to do at parties and that everyone would be drinking. My friends said that if I didn't go to the party, I would be the only one **left out**.

### Thursday 7 June 2007

I spoke to my boyfriend Lee about the party today. I thought that at least he would understand. He told me that I was being silly. He said that if that was how I felt, I was not the fun person that he thought I was. He said that if I did not go to the party, maybe it was time for us to start seeing other people. I am beginning to doubt myself: maybe I am just being silly.

### Friday 8 June 2007

I thought about it a lot and decided to go to the party. I did not want to be the only one in our class not there: Everyone would laugh at me. I also like Lee a lot, and I do



not want him to start seeing other girls. As it turned out, I should have stayed at home. The music was so loud and there was so much noise that the neighbours called the police! When the police found out that we had been drinking alcohol, we were all in a lot of trouble because we are too young to be doing that. We were all taken down to the police station, and the police called our parents to come and fetch us. My parents were angry and I have been **grounded** for a very long time. Next time I think I will do what I feel is right; I will not do what my friends say is right.

## WORD BANK



entry	n.	(日记的) 一则
alcohol	n.	酒
uncomfortable	adj.	不舒服的
left out		被漏掉
ground	v.	不许(孩子)与朋友外出



## TEENAGE FAME 少年成名

**Ben:** Good morning, listeners! The **theme** of our radio **talk show** this morning is 'Teenage Fame'. I have three people with me this morning who are going to tell us their life stories. Minda Lin, let us start with you. You were a tennis player.

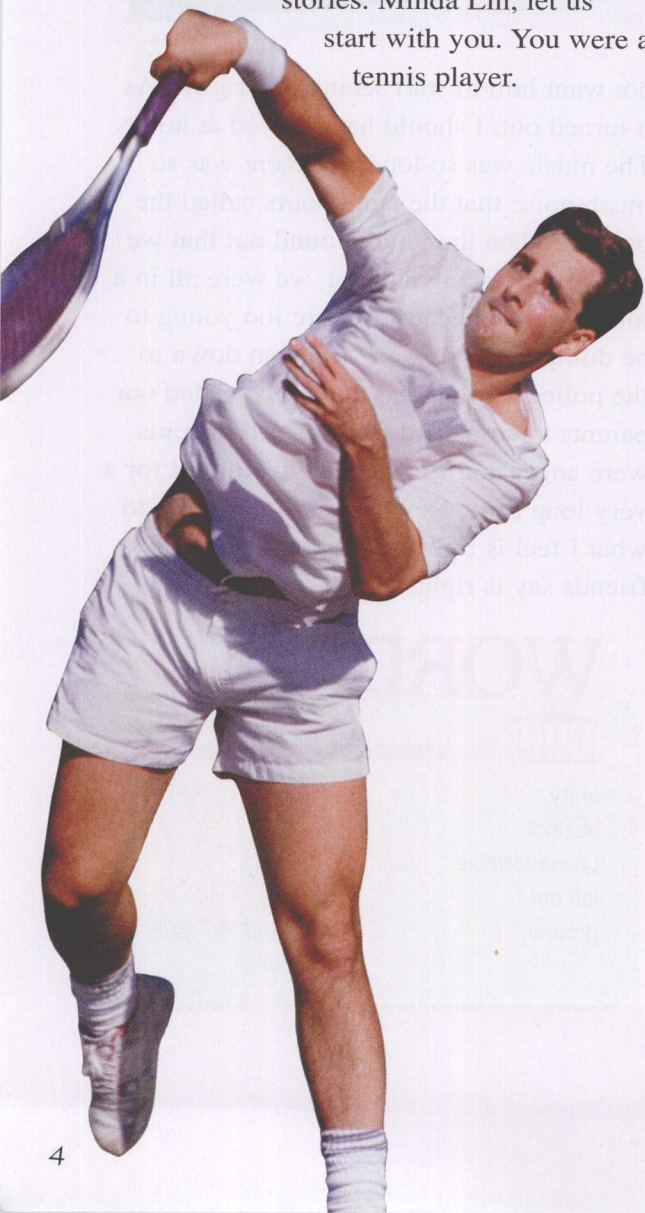
**Minda:** That is correct, Ben. I won my first national tennis **tournament** at the age of 12. I was 16 when I became the youngest player to win an international tennis tournament. I became the youngest player to win the **French Open** at 17 years and four months.

**Ben:** You were obviously a very **talented** player. Lily Wu, you are known as the world's best **figure skater**, but you have never won an Olympic gold medal.

**Lily:** That's right, Ben. By the time I was 16, I had won nine national **championships**, five world championships and an Olympic medal. It is unlucky that I never won an Olympic gold medal, but I was injured at the 2004 Olympic Games held in Athens.

**Ben:** I am sorry to hear that, Lily. Ned Hardy is an actor. Ned is probably best known for the 'Larry Otter, Teenage Detective' films. He **played** Larry Otter, but he has done a lot more acting since then.

**Ned:** Yes, I have, Ben. But it was Larry Otter that made me famous. I was the youngest person ever to win a 'best actor' award. I was just 13 then. By the time I was 17, I had starred in seven films and three stage plays. I am busy working on a new film at the moment.





**Ben:** You have been busy! As you were all famous at a very young age, what I would like to know now is, what was it like growing up famous?

**Minda:** I had lessons in the morning, all by myself at home. My parents hired a teacher for me that could travel with me to all the tournaments, so I did not **miss out on** any schooling. All afternoon during the week and all day over the weekends, I practised tennis with my **coach**. I was lonely sometimes.

**Lily:** It was lonely for me too. I was always at the **ice rink**, practising. I am lucky though, I have a sister, and so I had someone to talk to.

**Ned:** I am in the **film industry**, so there are people around me all the time. I did not get lonely. But I had to have someone with me **at all times**, in case someone tried to **kidnap** me. I always had people from the media following me and people asking for autographs. It would have been nice to be alone sometimes.

**Ben:** Well, listeners, it would seem that to be young and famous is quite difficult. Thank you all for sharing your stories with us.

## WORD BANK



theme	n.	主题
talk show		脱口秀 (节目)
tournament	n.	锦标赛
French Open		法国网球公开赛
talented	adj.	有才能的
figure skater		花样滑冰运动员
championship	n.	锦标赛
play	v.	扮演
miss out on		错过
coach	n.	教练
ice rink		溜冰场
film industry		影视业
at all times		总是
kidnap	v.	绑架





## ODD JOBS 零工

**H**ave you ever thought about what you would like to do after school? Perhaps one of these rather different jobs will suit you.

**CHOCOLATE ENGINEER:** You will spend your time inventing and tasting new chocolates. You will also be responsible for making all the chocolates. But **beware**, you could **get tired of** so much chocolate and

may just want to eat a plate of vegetables instead.

**FORTUNE COOKIE WRITER:** Your responsibility will be to write the 'fortunes' for the inside of **fortune cookies**. You need to enjoy **poetry** if you are going to be successful at this job. Don't worry, nobody will ever find out your name. That way if a 'fortune' does not come true, you cannot be **blamed**.

**PROFESSIONAL WHISTLER:** Many people are hiring **whistlers** to whistle at their parties, weddings and other family gatherings. You do not need any special training for this job. You just need to be able to whistle **in tune**.

**ICE DELIVERER:** If you think that **delivering** 136-kilogram blocks of ice is a 'cool' thing to do, then this job is for you. You will be delivering ice to hotels and shops. This job will keep you cool in summer, but it could get a bit uncomfortable in winter.

**SNAKE MILKER:** This **involves** taking the poison out of a snake's fangs (teeth). You hold the snake over a glass and make it open its mouth very wide. The poison will then **drip** from the back of the fangs into the





coffee tasters ►

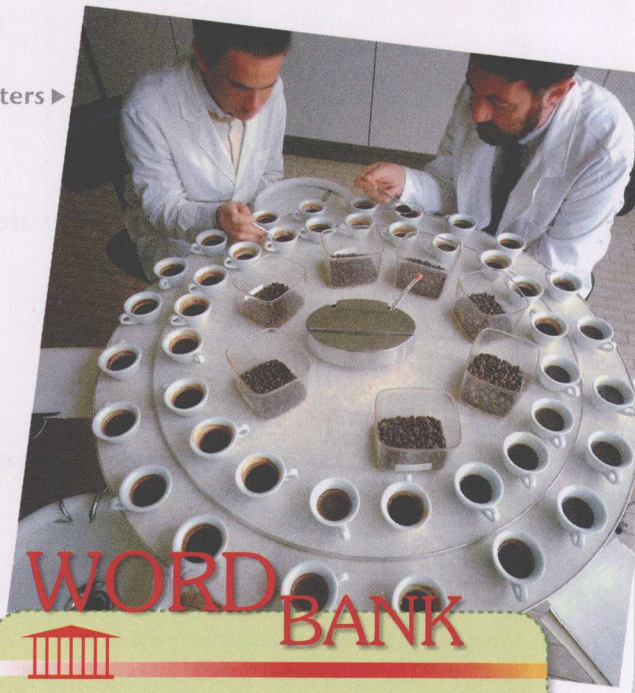
glass; this is known as milking the snake. You have to be very brave if you want to try this.

**EYE PAINTER:** This is a job for a careful person as it involves painting false eyes. Many people lose their eyes in accidents or because of illnesses. For this reason there is a lot of work **available**. It is a difficult job because the false eye needs to match the real eye.

**GOLF BALL HUNTER:** All you need is **scuba gear** and a net. You will spend your day diving into **waterholes** at different **golf courses** to hunt for lost golf balls. You could be picking up as many as 5,000 balls a day. Many golfers are willing to buy used golf balls and you could be making a lot of money.

**TASTER:** Food companies need people to taste the products that they are making. This is so that no bad-tasting food is put onto the supermarket shelves. All tasters do all day is take small bites of food or small **sips** of drinks. They make notes of what tastes good and what tastes bad. It is not a job for those who would like to stay thin.

**CLOCK CLEANER:** Every day you will be climbing to the top of the clock towers in the city. Your responsibilities will be to oil, wind and repair the clocks. This is not a job for someone who is afraid of **heights**.



## WORD BANK

beware	v.	要注意
get tired of		对……厌烦了
fortune cookie		(美) 签饼, 幸运曲奇 (一种中式小饼, 内有 纸条, 上写预测运气 的格言或幽默套话)
poetry	n.	诗歌
blame	v.	责备
whistler	n.	吹口哨的人
in tune		合调
deliver	v.	派送
involve	v.	涉及
drip	v.	滴下
available	adj.	可获得的
scuba gear		便携式水下呼吸器
waterhole	n.	池塘
golf course		高尔夫球场
sip	n.	一小口 (饮料等)
height	n.	高度



# EXERCISES

## PASSAGE 1

### 1. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1) Lei says that the party she is having will not be exciting without alcohol. ( )
- 2) Sue doesn't want to go to the party simply because she feels uncomfortable about Lei's brother and his friends being there. ( )
- 3) Sue's boyfriend Lee said Sue shouldn't take part in the party because he didn't want her to see other boys. ( )

### 2. Read the passage again and then choose the best answer.

- 1) What does the word 'old-fashioned' mean in the sentence "They laughed at me and told me that I am old-fashioned."?  
A. quite strange                      B. too careful  
C. not popular                      D. unusual
- 2) What does the word 'cool' mean in the sentence "They said that all the cool parties are the ones where there is alcohol."?  
A. 凉的                                  B. 酷的  
C. 冷静的                              D. 放松的

## PASSAGE 2

### 1. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1) Minda won the French Open when she was 17 years and five months old. ( )
- 2) Lily had won an Olympic gold medal by the time she was 16. ( )
- 3) Ned won a 'best actor' award at the age of 12. ( )

### 2. Read the passage again and then choose the best answer.

- 1) What does the word 'star' mean in "By the time I was 17, I had starred in seven films and three stage plays"?  
A. 用符号显示等级                  B. 担任主角  
C. 表现出众                          D. 当明星

- 2) It seems that to be young and famous is quite difficult because a person should \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. be talented                      B. be lonely most of the time  
C. practise a lot                      D. both A and C
- 3) In the film industry, a film star doesn't feel as lonely as a tennis player because he \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. always has someone with him  
B. doesn't practise hard  
C. has many more fans  
D. is much more famous

## PASSAGE 3

### Read the passage again and then choose the best answer.

1. If a person is good at poetry, what kind of job suits him best?  
A. Taster.  
B. Fortune cookie writer.  
C. Professional whistler.  
D. Chocolate engineer.
2. If you want to stay thin, you may avoid choosing working as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. taster                                  B. fortune cookie writer  
C. eye painter                          D. ice deliverer
3. If you are afraid of heights, you'd better not choose the job as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. snake milker                      B. ice deliverer  
C. golf ball hunter                  D. clock cleaner
4. Which of the following jobs is more like an entertainer?  
A. Fortune cookie writer.  
B. Professional whistler.  
C. Golf ball hunter.  
D. Snake milker.
5. Which of the following jobs needs a very brave person to do?  
A. Clock cleaner.                      B. Taster.  
C. Professional whistler. D. Snake milker.