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# 前 言

收听英语新闻节目是英语学习者学习英语的主要途径之一；听懂英语新闻节目是英语学习者希望达到的目标，也是各类英语教学大纲所规定的重要内容。《英语新闻听力教程》是一套旨在帮助英语学习者提高英语新闻听力水平的系列训练教材。本系列教材的素材选自最新英语新闻，内容包括新闻报道、时事评论、词语掌故、历史文化、休闲娱乐诸方面，按语速的快慢和内容的类别分册组成，定期陆续出版，以适应不同英语程度和有不同兴趣爱好的英语学习者的需要。

本分册收录 2002 年 4 月至 2002 年 11 月英语新闻节目的时事报道与评论 24 篇，涉及工业、农业、环保、贸易、教育、发展、灾害事故等各方面内容。为了便于学习者学习，每篇配有详尽的词汇和实用有效的各种练习，书中还附有录音文字和练习答案供学习者对照参考。

本分册适合于大学英语专业低年级学生、非英语专业学生以及其他英语爱好者，可供在校生课堂使用，也可供英语自学者进行自学，或作为大学英语 4、6 级、英语专业 4 级、PE TS 三级及英语专业自学考试大专考试听力训练使用。

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由于编者水平有限，书中难免存在不妥或错误之处，敬请广大读者批评指正。

编 者

2002年11月于广东外语外贸大学

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## Item 1

# Education Report: Better Teachers

### Words and Expressions

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| expert       | n. 专家, 行家       |
| decrease     | v. 减少           |
| policy-maker | n. 政策制定者        |
| conference   | n. 会议, 讨论会, 协商会 |
| historian    | n. 历史学家         |
| moral        | n. 道德           |
| committee    | n. 委员会          |
| call for     | v. 要求, 提倡       |
| liberal arts | n. 文科           |
| currently    | adv. 现在, 当前     |
| urge         | vt. 催促          |
| supervise    | v. 指导           |
| recognize    | vt. 承认, 认出来     |

### Proper Nouns

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| the Bush Administration             | 布什政府    |
| the American Federation of Teachers | 美国教师联合会 |
| Laura Bush                          | 劳拉·布什   |



Diane Ravitch  
Sandra Feldman  
Jerilyn Watson

黛安·拉维奇  
桑德拉·菲尔曼  
杰瑞琳·沃特森

## **Exercises**

### **I. Questions.**

1. What is the Bush Administration trying to do?
2. How many new teachers will the nation need during the next ten years?
3. What's the name of the meeting held by Laura Bush?
4. What did Diane Ravitch say about the governmental requirements?
5. What did Ms Feldman mainly talk about at the conference?
6. What did Laura Bush say about her college education?

### **II. True or False.**

- (     ) 1. The goal of the Bush Administration's efforts is to have most of the American teachers well prepared by the

school year beginning in 2005.

- ( ) 2. Experts say the number of possible new teachers is increasing.
- ( ) 3. There are enough teachers in the schools in large cities.
- ( ) 4. Currently, many college students studying to be teachers spend less time learning teaching methods than subject content.
- ( ) 5. Laura Bush was once a teacher.

### III. Spot Dictation.

Sandra Feldman is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the American Federation of Teachers, a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ union. She noted a report that a committee of her union (3) \_\_\_\_\_ two years ago. The report called for (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in teacher-education programs in universities. It said students who want to become teachers should study more (5) \_\_\_\_\_ arts and science subjects. The goal is to increase knowledge of the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ they will teach. Currently, many college students studying to be teachers spend more time learning teaching methods than subject content.

However, Ms. Feldman also said knowing educational methods is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ important. She asked those attending the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to consider how they would teach children without knowing what methods (9) \_\_\_\_\_. She asked them how they would teach twenty-five children to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ without knowing how children learn.

Ms Feldman noted that the report called for (11) \_\_\_\_\_

teachers to succeed on (12) \_\_\_\_\_ before they can begin teaching. She also (13) \_\_\_\_\_ that the best teachers (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and support new teachers.

## Item 2

# Environment Report: Medicinal Plant Conservation

### **Words and Expressions**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| conservation    | n. 保护, 保存      |
| environment     | n. 环境          |
| traditional     | adj. 传统的       |
| acceptance      | n. 接受, 赞同, 相信  |
| popularity      | n. 普及, 流行      |
| concern         | n. 所关切的事       |
| herbal medicine | n. 草药          |
| harvest         | v. 收获, 收割      |
| ginseng         | n. 人参          |
| agency          | n. 代理处         |
| representative  | n. 代表          |
| tribal          | adj. 部落的, 种族的  |
| medicinal       | adj. 医学的, 药的   |
| preserve        | vt. 保护, 保持, 保存 |
| explore         | v. 探索, 研究      |

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| echinacea  | n. 一种植物的名称        |
| infection  | n. [医]传染, 传染病, 感染 |
| profitable | adj. 有利可图的        |

### **Proper Nouns**

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| the National Park Service       | 国家公园管理部       |
| the Plant Conservation Alliance | 植物保护联盟        |
| Philadelphia                    | 费城 (美国城市名)    |
| Pennsylvania                    | 宾夕法尼亚州 (美国州名) |
| Mario Ritter                    | 马里奥·瑞达        |

### **Exercises**

#### **I. Questions.**

1. What problem has been brought about by the popularity of medicines and products made from plants?
2. Is there much research on how best to use herbal medicines without destroying natural populations of the plants?
3. What are the members of the Plant Conservation Alliance?
4. What subject was discussed at the conference which was held in

## Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in February?

5. What's the significance of the conference?

### II. True or False.

- (    ) 1. At one time in the past medicines made from plants were not popular in the United States.
- (    ) 2. Each year Americans spend more than 3, 000 million dollars on herbal medicines.
- (    ) 3. The Park Service is a member of the Plant Conservation Alliance.
- (    ) 4. The meeting held in Philadelphia in February produced a statement on policy.
- (    ) 5. Concern for medicinal plant populations does not have any effect.
- (    ) 6. All medicinal plants are becoming rare.
- (    ) 7. Developed land is more profitable than undeveloped forests.

### III. Multiple Choice.

- 1. About \_\_\_\_\_ Americans use medicines made from plants.
  - A. six million
  - B. sixty million
  - C. three million
  - D. thirty million
- 2. Scientists, business representatives, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ met

in Philadelphia in February.

- A. Indian leaders
  - B. Indian doctors
  - C. American Indian tribal leaders
  - D. American leaders
3. At least \_\_\_\_\_ different kinds of plants are harvested for use as medicine.
- A. 175
  - B. 34
  - C. 705
  - D. 34 million
4. The National Park Service is trying to do more to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. study how to use the resources
  - B. discover more valuable herbal medicines
  - C. show why efforts are needed to preserve wild medicinal plants
  - D. discover how to preserve herbal medicines that may be disappearing from America's forests
5. Some delegates to the conference noted that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. industries that use herbs in their products are not interested in preserving forests and natural areas
  - B. industries that use herbs in their products are now interested in preserving forests and natural areas
  - C. concern for medicinal plant populations may have no effect
  - D. undeveloped forests are not as profitable as developed land

## Item 3

### In the News: International Criminal Court

#### Words and Expressions

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| approve        | v. 批准, 认可, 通过     |
| treaty         | n. 条约, 协约, 协定     |
| oppose         | v. 反对             |
| charge         | v. 指控             |
| individual     | adj. 单独的, 个别的     |
| violation      | n. 违犯, 违背         |
| humanity       | n. 人类, 人性         |
| genocide       | n. 种族灭绝; 灭绝种族的大屠杀 |
| suspect        | n. 嫌疑犯, 犯罪嫌疑人     |
| investigate    | vt. 调查            |
| victim         | n. 牺牲品, 受害者       |
| go into effect | v. 生效             |
| ceremony       | n. 礼仪, 典礼         |
| launch         | v. 创办, 开展         |
| headquarters   | n. 总部             |
| judicial       | adj. 司法的          |
| democratic     | adj. 民主的, 民主政体的   |
| legislative    | adj. 立法机关的        |
| approval       | n. 批准             |
| cancel         | v. 取消             |
| sign           | v. 在...签字, 签名     |

### Proper Nouns

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| the International Criminal Court    | 国际刑事法庭                  |
| the United Nations Security Council | 联合国安理会                  |
| UN Secretary General                | 联合国秘书长                  |
| Bosnia                              | 波斯尼亚 (南斯拉夫一地区)          |
| Rwanda                              | 卢旺达                     |
| the Hague                           | 海牙 (荷兰西部濒北海城市, 国际法院所在地) |
| the Netherlands                     | 荷兰                      |
| Kofi Annan                          | 科菲·安南                   |
| Bill Clinton                        | 比尔·克林顿                  |
| Caty Weaver                         | 凯蒂·韦弗                   |
| Steve Ember                         | 史蒂夫·安姆博                 |



### **I. Questions.**

1. How many countries have approved the treaty establishing the International Criminal Court? 2. What will be the function of the International Criminal Court?
3. When is the treaty to go into effect?



4. Where will the International Criminal Court be based?
5. When will the International Criminal Court begin operation?
6. How many judges will the Court have? And How long do they serve?
7. Where and when was the ceremony launching the International Criminal Court held?
8. Why does the administration of President Bush strongly oppose the court?

## II. True or False.

- (    ) 1. The government of China has approved the treaty.
- (    ) 2. The International Criminal Court will be able to try crimes carried out before and after July 1st.
- (    ) 3. Because of the establishment of the new court, the two existing United Nations courts for Bosnia and Rwanda will stop trying war crimes suspects.
- (    ) 4. The judges of the court will be designated by the United Nations.
- (    ) 5. The International Criminal Court will be part of the U-