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前 言

收听英语电台节目是英语学习者学习英语的主要途径之一，听懂英语电台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不同兴趣爱好的英语学习者的需要。

本分册收录 2003 年 3 月至 2003 年 5 月英语新闻节目的时事背景报道与评论 24 篇，主要涉及伊拉克战争的各方面。为了便于学习者学习，每篇配有详尽的词汇和实用有效的练习，书中还附有录音文字稿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、PETS 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。

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Item 1

Saddem Hussein

Words and Expressions

depressed	<i>adj.</i> 沮丧的, 降低的
mistreat	<i>v.</i> 虐待
dictator	<i>n.</i> 独裁者
escape	<i>v.</i> 逃脱, 避开
repress	<i>v.</i> 压制
expel	<i>v.</i> 驱逐, 开除
opponent	<i>n.</i> 对手, 反对者
invade	<i>v.</i> 侵略, 侵袭
chemical weapons	<i>n.</i> 化学武器
invasion	<i>n.</i> 侵略, 侵袭
coalition	<i>n.</i> 合并, 接合, 联合
withdraw	<i>v.</i> 缩回, 退出
severe	<i>adj.</i> 严厉的, 严格的
restriction	<i>n.</i> 限制, 约束

Proper names

Abdul Kareem Kassem	阿卜杜拉·卡瑞穆·卡塞姆 (人名)
Saddam Hussein	萨达姆·侯赛因 (人名)
Syria	叙利亚共和国 (西南亚国家)

the Baath Party	伊拉克复兴社会党
Ahmed Hasan al - Bakr	阿罕穆德·哈桑·艾尔巴克 (人名)
Kurd	库尔德人 (主要居住在伊拉克、伊朗、土耳其及叙利亚边界的地区)
the Persian Gulf	波斯湾 (阿拉伯海的一个海湾, 位于阿拉伯半岛和伊朗西南部之间)
Kuwait	科威特 (中东国家)

Exercises

I. True or False.

- () 1. Saddam Hussein was from a rich family.
- () 2. Saddam Hussein had a happy childhood.
- () 3. Abdul Kareem Kassem was killed by Saddam Hussein.
- () 4. Saddam Hussein was very kind to Kurdish people.
- () 5. The United Nations punished Iraq with severe economic restrictions because of its invasion of Kuwait.

II. Questions.

1. When was Saddam Hussein born?

2. Where did the family of Saddam Hussein live when he was a child?

3. How did Saddam Hussein rise to power after he escaped from prison in the late 1960s?

4. When did Saddam Hussein become president of Iraq?

5. How did Saddam Hussein treat Kurdish people?

III. Spot Dictation.

1. By the late (1) _____, Saddam Hussein was a young (2) _____ . He helped (3) _____ to (4) _____ Abdul Kareem Kassem, the Iraqi (5) _____ . After that, he (6) _____ to Syria and Egypt, but later (7) _____ home and went to (8) _____ . While there, he was (9) _____ to the National Command of the Baath Party. He (10) _____ from prison in the late (11) _____ and rose to power with the support of other (12) _____ nationalists.

2. In (1) _____, Iraq (2) _____ Iran. Among the issues was (3) _____ support for Iraqi Kurdish (4) _____. During the war, Saddam Hussein's troops (5) _____ thousands of (6) _____ in the north with (7) _____ weapons. The (8) _____ years of war deeply (9) _____ Iraq's (10) _____ .

3. In (1) _____, Saddam Hussein (2) _____ the invasion of Kuwait. An American - led (3) _____ attacked Iraq the following (4) _____. The war began with (5) _____ days of (6) _____. Then came four days of (7) _____ war, before Iraq (8) _____ from Kuwait.
4. The United Nations (1) _____ Iraq with severe (2) _____ restrictions. The U. N. also (3) _____ Iraq to (4) _____ its (5) _____, (6) _____ and (7) _____ weapons programs. Now, (8) _____ years later, there is another (9) _____ in the Persian Gulf.

Item 2

Level of Fighting Increases



military	<i>adj.</i> 军事的; 军用的
intense	<i>adj.</i> 强烈的
target	<i>n.</i> 目标
campaign	<i>n.</i> 战役

awe	<i>n.</i> 敬畏
surrender	<i>v.</i> 投降
resistance	<i>n.</i> 抵抗; 反抗
conflict	<i>n.</i> 战争; 战斗
destruction	<i>n.</i> 破坏; 毁灭

Proper names

Alex Belida	亚历克斯·比利德 (人名)
Donald Rumsfeld	唐纳德·拉姆斯菲尔德 (人名)
Tommy Franks	托米·弗兰克斯 (人名)
Abdullah	阿卜杜拉 (人名)
Vietnam	越南 (国名)
Jordan	约旦 (国名)
Pakistan	巴基斯坦 (国名)
Wynnewood	威恩伍德 (地名)
Oklahoma	俄克拉荷马 (美国南部州名)
Midland	梅德兰德 (地名)
Texas	得克萨斯 (美国州名)
Defense Secretary	国防部长
the Gulf War	海湾战争
the United States Central Command	美国中央司令部

Exercises

I. True or False.

- () 1. The American military efforts to force the Iraqi leadership to surrender have been successful.

- () 2. Few of Iraqi soldiers have surrendered.
- () 3. Not all Iraqis welcome American and British troops.
- () 4. General Franks heads the United States Central Command.
- () 5. The strikes against Iraq were planned by Rumsfeld alone.

II. Questions.

1. Why are the military commanders using intense bombing and missile attacks on Iraqi targets?

2. What else is the American military using besides intense air strikes in order to force the Iraqi government to surrender?

3. Is Rumsfeld optimistic about the effect of the military activity?

4. What, according to General Franks, are the goals of the war?

5. How many years has General Franks been in the army?

III. Spot Dictation.

1. United States (1) _____ (2) _____
Donald Rumsfeld says Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's (3) _____

_____ is beginning to (4) _____ its (5) _____ on (6) _____. The American Defense Department hopes that (7) _____ air (8) _____ will cause the government to (9) _____. The American (10) _____ is using radio (11) _____, (12) _____ with Iraqi commanders and (13) _____ materials dropped from (14) _____. Reports say (15) _____ of Iraqi (16) _____ have surrendered.

2. General Franks is (1) _____ years old. He has been in the Army since he was (2) _____ years old. He served in (3) _____ and received three purple - heart (4) _____. In (5) _____, he finished studies at the University of Texas in (6) _____. He continued (7) _____ in the army, where he commanded troops in (8) _____ in the (9) _____. He took part in the Gulf War. Later in the (10) _____, he commanded troops in South Korea.

3. General Franks became (1) _____ of the United States Central Command in June of (2) _____. His (3) _____ include King Abdullah of (4) _____ and the presidents of (5) _____ and (6) _____. Tommy Franks was born in (7) _____ in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. He grew up in Midland, (8) _____.

Item 3

International Aid for Iraq

Words and Expressions

provide	<i>v.</i> 供给, 提供
supply	<i>n.</i> 供应品; 生活用品; 补给品
device	<i>n.</i> 装置, 设备
transport	<i>v.</i> 运输, 输送
negotiate	<i>v.</i> 谈判; 协商; 商谈
refugee	<i>n.</i> 难民, 避难者; 流亡者
suspend	<i>v.</i> 暂停; 暂缓
humanitarian	<i>adj.</i> 人道主义者的

Proper names

the International Committee of the Red Cross	国际红十字会委员会
Baghdad	巴格达 (伊拉克的首都及最大的城市)
Irbil	伊尔比尔 (伊拉克北部城市)
Ruweishid	卢伟士得 (约旦城镇)

Exercises

I. True or False.

- () 1. Red Cross teams are working all over Iraq.
- () 2. The Red Cross has placed supplies on trucks in several countries.
- () 3. Many aid trucks have crossed the Iraqi border since the fighting began.
- () 4. Many Iraqi citizens have come to the refugee camps to seek aid.
- () 5. The real concern of the aid workers is to provide food for those still in Iraq.

II. Questions.

1. Why did the Red Cross officials visit hospitals in Baghdad?

2. What are Red Cross teams doing in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil?

3. What will the Red Cross do to provide a continuing supply of needed aid?

4. What kind of people are coming to the refugee camps to seek aid?

5. When did the U. N. suspend the oil – for – food program?

III. Spot Dictation.

1. The Red Cross (1) _____ also said the (2) _____ has already placed (3) _____ on (4) _____ in several countries. The trucks are (5) _____ to (6) _____ aid to (7) _____ it is needed. The Red Cross spokesman said that no (8) _____ trucks have (9) _____ the Iraqi (10) _____ since the (11) _____ began. The spokesman also said his (12) _____ would be (13) _____ with countries (14) _____ in the conflict in an (15) _____ to provide a (16) _____ supply of needed aid.

2. The United Nations oil - for - food (1) _____ supplied almost (2) _____ percent of the (3) _____ needed for the (4) _____ people. The U. N. (5) _____ the program when its (6) _____ left Iraq (7) _____ 17th. U. N. (8) _____ say they plan to begin a huge (8) _____ effort to (9) _____ the country, including (10) _____ amounts of food. Other countries also are making (11) _____ to send (12) _____. The United States said last (13) _____ that it is immediately sending (14) _____ tons of (15) _____ to Iraq.