

英语时文轻松阅读  
高级  
第2集

# 宇宙中



# 充满了 黑洞

Universe Awash in  
Black Holes

Universe Awash in

Black Holes

赵恒元 主编

天津人民出版社

19.4  
08.1

H319.4  
Z308.1

大学英语时文轻松阅读(高级 第2集)

Universe Awash in Black Holes  
宇宙中充满了黑洞

赵恒元 主编

天津人民出版社

## 图书在版编目(CIP)数据

宇宙中充满了黑洞/赵恒元主编. —天津:天津人民出版社, 2004.1

(大学英语时文轻松阅读)

ISBN 7-201-04250-5

I. 宇... II. 赵... III. 英语—阅读教学—高等学校—自学参考资料 IV. H319.4

中国版本图书馆 CIP 数据核字(2002)第 081989 号

天津人民出版社出版

出版人:刘晓津

(天津市西康路 35 号 邮政编码:300051)

邮购部电话:(022)23332446

网址:<http://www.tjrm.com.cn>.

电子信箱:tjrmchbs@public.tpt.tj.cn

天津永兴印刷厂印刷 新华书店经销

\*

2004 年 1 月第 1 版 2004 年 1 月第 1 次印刷

850 × 1168 毫米 32 开本 6 印张

字数:130 千字 印数:1-5,000

定价:10.00 元

# 前 言

《大学英语教学大纲》(最新修订本)指出：“阅读是掌握语言知识、打好语言基础、获取信息的重要渠道。阅读能力是大部分大学生今后工作所需的主要语言技能。在大学英语教学中要始终注重阅读能力的培养。从语言学习的规律来看，英语能力的提高是建立在大量的语言输入，尤其是大量的阅读的基础上的。”

依据最新《大学英语教学大纲》的精神，我们编写了本套《大学英语时文轻松阅读》。阅读在大学英语的学习过程中是重点，在考试中所占总分的百分比也越来越大，因此抓住了短文阅读就是抓住了重点。然而对许多学生来说，重点并不是他们的强点，而是他们的弱点。如何变弱点为强点，固然有一些技巧，但是最根本的、最关键的、最起作用的还是进行大量的语言实践，即多看英语短文，尤其是多看那些原汁原味的文章。

本套丛书的一篇篇短文均来自英美国家的网站、报刊、杂志、广播、电视等多种媒体。文章选材，涉猎广泛。我们从中可以了解到国外的

诸多风俗习惯、文化传统、社会生活、政经现状、文体发展、科技进步、环境保护、休闲娱乐以及名人生平、奇人逸事、世界之谜、热点话题等等。

本丛书分初、中、高三个级别,供大学生不同的学习阶段或不同程度的大学生选择使用。词汇范围不超过最新颁布的《大学英语教学大纲词汇表》。对于个别超大纲的词汇和一些背景、语言难点等均作了简明注释。每篇短文后编写了阅读理解题,题后附有答案。

参加本书编写工作的还有:李静、敖萍、梁淑珍、赵永清、雷云燕、高峰英、张虹、宋海玲、赵荻川、简易、潘书祥、郑宏、牛建新、赵庆国、王泽斌、杜振中、倪群、赵丽芬、刘琛、李银素、张培权、姚霞等。

赵恒元

hengyuanzhao@yahoo.com

# CONTENTS

## 目 录

1. Friendship Proverbs and Quotes / 1  
友谊谚语和名言
2. Mend a Broken Friendship / 8  
修复破裂的友谊
3. Police Question Mom Accused of Beating Her Daughter / 16  
母亲打女儿,警察要过问
4. The New Millennium Thrill Ride / 21  
坐坐试试——新千年的刺激
5. People Who Become Words / 25  
源于人名的单词
6. Origin of Maverick / 34  
“小牛”一词源于哪里?
7. Face to Face with Muhammad Ali / 40  
和拳王阿里面对面
8. Presidential Medal of Freedom / 50  
总统自由奖章
9. Web Ads, From Roach To Rich / 57  
互联网广告,从人人喊打到广受喜爱

10. Promote Stem Cell Research / 66  
推动干细胞的研究
11. Biotech Corn Rejected / 73  
转基因玉米遭拒绝
12. A Plan to Reform Education / 82  
教育改革计划
13. Hands off Our Schools / 92  
让我们自己管理学校
14. Our Insane Focus on Iraq / 98  
瞄准伊拉克的荒唐之举
15. One-Stop Shopping a Mixed Bag / 105  
一篮子购齐,喜忧参半
16. Can Embryos Be "Adopted"? / 112  
胚胎也能收养?
17. Singapore: Searching for a New Groovy Image / 118  
新加坡:寻求新形象
18. Universe Awash in Black Holes / 125  
宇宙中充满了黑洞
19. West Nile Appears Able to Paralyze / 131  
使人瘫痪的西尼罗河病毒
20. Single-Sex Classrooms Gaining Favor / 138  
单一性别学校赢得青睐
21. Bush Isn't as Lonely as He Looks / 145  
布什并不寂寞难堪
22. Certain Species of Trees Contribute to Air Pollution / 152  
有的树木会导致空气污染

23. The Electrocutation Photos / 158  
电椅死刑照片
24. The Pulitzer Prizes / 164  
普利策奖
25. Ten In-Demand Job Skills / 170  
10 种急需的工作能力
26. The Essence of the Coast Guard: America's Maritime  
Guardians / 176  
美国海上警卫队



## 1. Friendship Proverbs and Quotes

### 友谊谚语和名言

有关朋友和友谊的谚语往往是一些精辟的语句,人们能从中悟出不少人生的哲理。

#### Girl's Mottos

The following Girl's Motto has been submitted by many people in varying forms.

“Make new friends and keep the old, one is silver and the other gold.”

“Make new friends, both young and old, one in Silver, the other Gold.”

“Make new friends but keep the old, some are silver and others are Gold.”

“I have a hand, and you have another; put them together and we have each other.”

#### Friendship Proverbs

“Books and friends should be few but good.”

“A friend in need is a friend indeed.”

— Latin Proverb

“A good friend is my nearest relation.”

“A hedge between keeps friendship green.”

“Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes.”

“Love is blind. Friendship tries not to notice.”

人 “The best of friends must part.”

“Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend’s forehead.”

— Chinese Proverb

“To have a friend, be a friend.”

“The death of a friend is equivalent to the loss of a limb.”

— German Proverb

“Life without a friend is like death without a witness.”

— Spanish Proverb

“The best mirror is an old friend.”

“May there always be work for your hands to do, may your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine on your windowpane, may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you, may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.”

— Irish Blessing

“A cheerful friend is like a sunny day spreading brightness all around.”

— John Lubcock ( English Astronomer )

“There are many types of ships. There are wooden ships, plastic ships, and metal ships. But the best and most important types of ships are friendships.”

— Old Irish Quote

“The only unsinkable ship is FRIENDSHIP.”

“A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away.”

— Arabian Proverb

“It is better to be in chains with friends, than to be in a garden with strangers.”

— Persian Proverb

### Friendship Quotes

“True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.”

“Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.”

“My friends are my estate.”

“A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.”

“A friend is one who walks in when others walk out.”

“A friend is someone who is there for you when he'd rather be anywhere else.”

“A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.”

“A friend is one who believes in you when you have ceased to believe in yourself.”

“Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.

Walk beside me and be my friend.”

“A hug is worth a thousand words. A friend is worth more.”

“Everyone is a friend, until they prove otherwise.”

“Every person is a new door to a different world.”

“It takes a long time to grow an old friend.”

“Your friend is the man who knows all about you, and still likes you.”

“I get by with a little help from my friends.”

“Two may talk together under the same roof for many years, yet never really meet; and two others at first speech are old friends.”

“Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather is one of those things that give value

to survival.”

“Friends are the most important ingredient in this recipe of life.”

“The better part of one’s life consists of his friendships.”

— Abraham Lincoln

“The love of my life is the love between friends.”

“One’s best friend is oneself.”

“A Friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you anyway!”

“To be depressed is to be lonely; to have a friend is to be happy...”

“Strangers are just friends waiting to happen.”

“Sometimes you pick your friends, sometimes they pick you.”

“Though our communication wanes at times of absence, I’m aware of a strength that emanates in the background.”

“I can trust my friends. These people force me to examine, encourage me to grow.”

“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being.”

注释：

1. motto 座右铭
2. hedge 树篱笆, 障碍

3. hatchet 小斧头
4. windowpane 窗玻璃
5. chaff 谷壳
6. sift 筛, 过滤
7. estate 财产, 遗产, 房地产
8. hug 拥抱
9. ingredient 成分
10. recipe 配料, 烹饪法
11. wane 减少, 变暗淡, 消失
12. emanate 发射, 发出

### Reading Comprehension

Directions: *The following questions are based on the above passage. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should decide on the best choice.*

1. What kind of friend is symbolized as gold in one of the girl's mottos?
 

A) A new friend.	B) An old friend.
C) A male friend.	D) A female friend.
2. "Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes" means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) if you fall in love with somebody, you can not see his or her mistakes
  - B) please close your eyes if you want to keep your friendship with him or her
  - C) close friends can be lovers

- D) love is love and friendship is friendship
3. "To have a friend, be a friend" implies that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) if you have a friend, never try to be a true friend
  - B) every friend could become a true friend
  - C) you can be her friend, but never believe you can get her
  - D) if you want to get a friend, you have to do something friendly
4. What ship in the world will never be sinkable?
- A) Wooden ship.
  - B) Metal ship.
  - C) Friendship.
  - D) Plastic ship.
5. "A hedge between keeps friendship green" refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) building a tree fence if you want to keep friendship with your neighbors
  - B) keeping your friend at an arm's length if you want to keep friendship longer
  - C) that a hedge is needed to be built as a symbol between two friends
  - D) that two friends should build a hedge and keep it green all the time

**KEY**

1. B 2. A 3. D 4. C 5. B

## 2. Mend a Broken Friendship

### 修复破裂的友谊

友谊是珍贵的,但是也有可能破裂。破裂后怎样修复呢? 本文提出的四点建议很有帮助。

Growing up across the street from each other in Twin Falls, Idaho, Lisa Fry and Paula Turner never doubted their friendship would last forever. But after Fry married, moved to New York City and had a baby, her letters to Turner suddenly went unanswered. "Do you think I've somehow offended her?" Fry asked her husband.

Turner, meanwhile, had convinced herself she was no longer important to Fry. "She's got a family now," she told herself. "We're just too different to be close like before."

Finally, Fry summoned the courage to call her old friend. At first, the conversation was awkward, yet soon they both admitted that they missed each other. A month later, they got together and quickly fell into their old habit of laughing and sharing confidences.

"Thank goodness I finally took action," Fry says. "We both



realized we were as important to each other as ever.”

There are good reasons to cherish our friendships. Some years ago a public-opinion research firm, Roper Starch Worldwide, asked 2007 people to identify one or two things that said the most about themselves. Friends far outranked homes, jobs, clothes and cars.

“A well-established friendship carries a long history of experience and interaction that defines who we are and keeps us connected,” says Donald Pannen, executive officer of the Western Psychological Association. “It is a heritage we should protect.”

“Ironically,” says Brant R. Burleson, professor of communication at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., “the better friends you are, the more likely you’ll face conflicts.” And the outcome can be precisely what you don’t want — an end to the relationship.

The good news is that most troubled friendships can be mended. Here’s what experts suggest:

Swallow your pride. It wasn’t easy, but that’s what Denise Moreland of Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii did when a friendship turned sour. For nearly four months, Moreland, 45, had watched over Nora Huizenga’s two young daughters, who were living with their father on the base, while Huizenga, 40, completed training as a dental hygienist in Nevada. “I felt honored to be asked to step in,” Moreland says.

When Huizenga returned at Christmas, Moreland recalls, “I had so much to tell her, but she never called.” One daughter had