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前 言

国家教委《大学英语教学大纲》中有关大学英语教学目的的指导是“培养学生具有较强的阅读能力、一定的听的能力、初步的写和说的能力。”在《大纲》的说明部分还明确规定：一级的泛读教材是精读的4倍，以后逐级增多，五、六级泛读量是精读的5倍，实践证明，要培养学生听说读写诸方面的技能，提高学生的阅读能力是关键。因此，学生不仅要学好精读，而且要重视泛读。只有前者而没有后者，则容易陷入“只见树木，不见森林”的境地，故而在学习上要想打下扎实的根基，就须在泛读课中同样下功夫，所谓“精深”还需“博大”作基础。大量地阅读难度适当的各种英文材料可使学生迅速增加词汇量，开阔视野，丰富不同的文化背景知识，提高阅读速度和理解力，增强语感并提高语言运用能力，最终促使学生的听力、写作能力亦得到相应的提高。

然而要求非英语专业学生在课堂上大量阅读或在课余拿出完整的时间集中读大块文章是不切实际的，应该帮助他们利用零星时间，见缝插针，日积月累。许多学生对目前一些泛读教材单一的文学性或科普性，以及过长的篇幅逐渐失去了兴趣，他们热切希望有适合实际需要的新教材，本书正是为适应学生的上述要求和教学的实际需要而编写，其特点是集知识性、趣味性于一体，寓英语学习于娱乐之中；图文并茂，题材广泛，生动活泼，妙趣横生；篇幅随学习阶段的提高而适当增加，旨在配合高校非英语专业的英语分级教学和二、三、四、六级的统考。该书除适合高校研究生、本科生和专科生使用外，对高中生及英语爱好者、成人高教自学者也颇为有益。

全书分上下两册，每册20个单元，每单元6课。每篇读物的生词和语言难点均在文后有注释，注释形式不拘一格，包括中文释义、英文释义和中英文双重释义等三种，目的是便于学生学习和领会释文含义；之后是阅读理解测试题，以帮助学生理解、消化和吸收所读内容；最后配有补白性质的小品文，形式包括谜语、笑话、绕

口令、名人名言、小常识、小测验、小幽默、应用文、明星简介、英文歌曲等。为便于学生自学,书后附有阅读理解参考答案。英文歌曲配有录音磁带一盒,读者可与南开大学公外教学部电教室联系。

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UNIT ONE

Lesson One

1. "Me-book"

In America, where labor costs are so high, "do-it-yourself" is a way of life. Many people repair their own cars, build their own garages, even remodel¹ their own houses. Soon they may also be writing their own books. In Hollywood there is a company that publishes children's books with the aid of computers. Although other book companies also publish that way, this particular company is very unusual. It "personalizes" the books by having the computer make the reader the leading character in the story. Here is how they do it. Let us say your child is named Jenny. She lives on Oak Drive in St. Louis, has a dog named Spot, a cat named Tabby, and three playmates whose names are Betsy, Sandy, and Jody. The computer uses this information to fill out² a story that has already been prepared and illustrated. The story is then printed with standard equipment as a hardcover³ book. A child who receives such a book might say, "This book is about *me*", the company therefore calls itself the "Me-Books Publishing Company."

Children like the me-books because they like to see in print their own names and the names of their friends and their pets. But more important, "personalization" has been found to be an important tool in developing enthusiasm for reading. Me-books are thus helping a child to learn how to read, by appealing to that natural desire to see his own name in print.⁴

Notes

1. remodel: 改建(房屋); 改造, 改编。
2. fill out: 使(故事, 作品等)更充实。
3. hardcover: (=hardbound) 精装的, 硬书皮装订的。

4. appealing to that...in print: 利用人们天性中想看到自己的名字印成铅字的愿望。

Comprehension Questions

1. All of the following are examples of "do it yourself" except _____.
A. repairing your own car C. doing your homework
B. building your own garages D. remodeling your own houses
2. Which of the following is closest in meaning to "There is a company that publishes children's books with the aid of computers"?
A. Computers are used in the publication of books.
B. Computers publish children's books.
C. Children publish their own books with the help of computers.
D. A certain company publishes children's books with the help of computers.
3. By "personalization" the author means _____.
A. writing stories themselves
B. making readers the leading characters in the stories
C. describing private matters in the stories
D. adding the books to one's own collection of books
4. "Me-books" are written by _____.
A. young readers C. professional writers
B. their parents D. none of the above

2. The Boston Tea Party

The Boston Tea Party¹ was one of several events that led to the beginning of the American war for independence. On December 16, 1773, a group of American colonists, disguised as Indians, boarded three British ships in Boston harbor and dumped overboard 340 chests of tea.²

There had for some time been resistance to the tax on tea levied³ by the British Government. Popular politicians stirred up public senti-

ment⁴ on the grounds⁵ that the Tea Act⁶ was "taxation without representation." Also, the British East India Company was consigning its shipments of tea to⁷ a few individuals who would have a monopoly⁸ on its sale. The colonists were afraid that the monopoly would put local merchants out of business. The Town Meeting in Boston demanded that the tea be returned to England.⁹ When their demand was refused, 40 to 50 men boarded the unguarded ships, broke open the chests, and dumped the tea in the harbor. Afterwards, the English Parliament¹⁰ passed a series of laws to punish Boston and to increase British control over Massachusetts.¹¹

Notes

1. The Boston Tea Party: 波士顿茶叶事件。
2. On December 16, 1773, a group of American colonists, ... tea: 一群北美洲殖民者装扮成印第安人, 在波士顿港登上了三艘英国轮船, 将船上的 340 箱茶叶倒入海中。
3. levy: 征收(捐税、罚款、贡品等)。
4. sentiment: 情绪, 感情。
5. on (the) grounds of (或 that): 以...为理由; 以...为借口。例如: He is retiring on grounds of health. 他因健康关系行将退休。
6. Tea Act: 英国国会于 1773 年通过的茶叶专卖法案。
7. consign sb. /sth. to sb. /sth.: 将(某人或某物)交给(某人某物); 把...委托给...。
8. monopoly: 垄断, 独占。
9. The Town Meeting... be returned to England: 波士顿市民大会要求英国人将茶叶运回英国。(在 demand, order, ask, require, beg, prefer, urge, advise, insist 等动词的宾语从句中谓语动词多用 "should + 动词原形" 或直接用动词原形, 后一种形式比较普遍。)
10. parliament: 议会。Parliament 大写时通常指英国或加拿大议会。
11. Massachusetts: (美国的) 马萨诸塞州。

Comprehension Questions

1. Among the following statements (A, B, C, and D) about the Boston Tea Party, all are true except _____.
- A. Some American Indians boarded the ships and dumped the tea to the sea.

- B. The Boston Tea Party took place in December, 1773.
C. Some disguised American colonists got onto the ships and threw the tea into the sea.
D. This story took place in Boston, Massachusetts.
2. In the second paragraph, the phrase "on the grounds" means _____.
- A. on the surface of the earth
B. at the bottom of the sea
C. because of
D. for the purpose of
3. Why did some of American colonists get so angry that they dumped the tea on British ships overboard?
- A. Because the British Government imposed the tax on tea.
B. Because the British East India Company handed over its shipments.
C. Because the demand of the Town Meeting in Boston was turned down.
D. Because of all the reasons above.

谚语

Proverbs

1. Well begun is half done.
(良好的开端是成功的一半。)
2. Knowledge is power.
(知识就是力量。)
3. Time and tide wait for no man.
(岁月不待人)
4. Make hay while the sun shines.
(抓紧有利时机。)