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斯推出的《空中差语》将以系列丛书—— e时代英语有声读物的形式奉献给大家。丛书分为中级篇和高级篇两本,每年推出两辑(上述年和下述年各一辑)。作者仍旧为美国哥伦比亚等大学的教授,各栏目也依旧保留二十年来一贯的风格,但开本和形式上都将有金新的变化。文章经过进一步的精选,并重新分类整理、编辑加工,使其不仅保留了原有的实用性、知识性和趣味性的特点,而且更加时尚化,更贴近青年朋友的需求。在编排上也更强化其学习功能—— 听说读写金方位帮助读者提升英语的实用技能。书中的每一个章节都有一个突出的特点,从听说入门,再进入读写训练,每一步都会使读者学而有获。

本书是《空中美语》的中级篇,由上篇和下篇组成。上篇的全部内容取自原《空中美语》A+ 部分,适合于初中生或同等水平的英语爱好者学习;下篇的全部内容取自原《空中美语》471 部分,适合于高中生或同等水平的英语爱好者学习。在上下两篇中都有大量的以听说为主的对话内容和以读写为主的阅读内容组成的章节。读者可以按部就班地,循序渐进地,一个章节、一个章节地学,也可以根据需要跳跃式地选学。

本书尚上篇共有九个栏目—— 实用会话、生活广场、羡食天地、文学橱窗、空中剧场、中外节日、哈啦英语吧、幽默小品和漫画天堂。

本书的下篇共有17个程目---生活英语、文化漫步、科技信息、羡食广场、世界城市巡礼、文学艺术、动物世界和健康环保。

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为了便于读者学习,本书除哈啦英语吧、漫画天堂外,其余所有栏目的课文部分均配有原文朗读。听力练习的录音部分随课文出现,不再另设。读者可以边听、边学、边练,跟盖籍老师近距离亲密接触,通过模仿和跟读的方式,轻松学说纯正盖语。

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Part One

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Making a Date

约会

Conversation A

Karen and Sam are in a nice café. They are waiting for their **order**¹ to come. They are talking about their next **date**².

Sam: About our date, I think Cindy and Stuart would like to come, too. They've been asking about you.

Karen: Is that right? You haven't told me anything about them. Could you pass me the **sugar**³? Thanks.

Sam: I told you that Stuart was one of my best friends, and Cindy told me to tell you she was looking forward to meeting you.

Karen: Aren't you having any tea?

Sam: No. I've been <u>considering</u> not drinking <u>caffeine</u> anymore. I'm having a <u>milkshake</u>⁴ instead.

Vocabulary

order n. 点餐, 订单
 After waiting thirty minutes, the waitress finally came with our order.

等了30分钟后,女服务员终于把我们点的餐送来了。

2. date n. 约会

On their first date, Alex and Miranda watched a movie.

亚历克斯和米兰达在第一次约会时看 了场电影。

sugar n. 糖
Sugar makes food taste sweet.
糖使食物吃起来甜甜的。

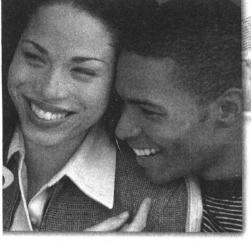
4. **milkshake** *n.* 奶昔

If you put milk and ice cream together, you will have a milkshake.

如果将牛奶和冰淇淋混和在一起,就 能得到奶昔了。

补充词汇

- 1. consider v. 考虑
- 2. caffeine n. 咖啡因





Sentence Pattern

am/is/are + V-ing (现在进行时)

例: They are waiting for their order to come. 他们正等着上菜。

Phrase of the Day

look forward to 期待……

A: We are going to Beijing together next month, right?

我们下个月要一起去北京,是吗?

B: Yes. I'm <u>looking forward to</u> it. 是啊,我期待着呢。

重组练习:

1

talking/in/are/They/English (他们正用英语交谈。)

2.

my/family/with/am/TV/watching/I (我正和家人一起看电视。)

Conversation B

Karen: That sounds good. Maybe I'll have one for **dessert**¹, too. Did you tell Stuart where we are going?

Sam: I told him we didn't know yet. I said we might be going to the mountains.

Karen: Good. We can get together and decide on the place later.

Sam: You'll really like Stuart, and Cindy, too.

Karen: Why?

Sam: They'll be able to tell us a lot of interesting² stories.

Karen: Really? Nothing **fascinates**³ me more than a good story.

Sam: They've been **travelling**⁴ <u>abroad</u> for a while, like we did last summer. We'll have a lot to talk about.

Vocabulary

1. dessert n. 甜点, 点心

That was a great dinner. Now let's have some dessert.

这真是一顿很棒的晚餐。现在我们来吃些甜点吧。

2. interesting adj. 有趣的

The Chinese language is so interesting that studying it is never boring.

汉语真有意思,学习这种语言绝不会让你感到无聊。

fascinate v. 迷住, 使……陶醉
Watching the stars at night really fascinates me.

仰望夜空的满天繁星, 真让我陶醉不已。

4. travel v. 旅行

Harold's dream is to travel around the world in a boat.

哈罗德的梦想是乘船环游世界。

补充词汇

abroad adv. 到国外

Phrase of the Day

for a while 一会儿;一阵子

- A: You have been working a lot this week. 你这个星期工作很忙。
- B: I know. I'm going to take it easy <u>for a while</u>. 没错,我会休息放松一下的。

Oral Practice

(You have 15 seconds to answer using spoken English. Try to make your answer as clear as possible.)

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英文小帮手 🕎

我们来看看各种约会的说法吧:

blind date: 男女双方事先互不相识, 两人的约会可能是通过电话邀约或朋友介绍。

double date: 两对男女一起进行的 约会。

steady date: 此时双方关系已为固定的男女朋友。

heavy date: 有可能决定未来的重要约会。



Making Dinner

料理晚餐

Conversation A

It's Wednesday night. Meg's been working very hard on a book. Ellen's had a long day at an auction¹. They're trying to make dinner from the food they have in the house.

Ellen: Let's hurry up. I'm starving²!

Meg: Me, too. Let's see... We've got some cheese, some bread... hmmm... we've got some of last night's soup....

Ellen: Ugh! I know I cooked too much, but I can't eat any more! You cook much better than I do.

Meg: We still have a lot of it, though!

Ellen: I know. Let me see what's in the cabinets³... Meg!

Meg: What's wrong?

Ellen: There's hardly4 anything up there!

Meg: Do we have any noodles?

Ellen: We have a lot of rice, but we haven't

got many noodles. Just one package.

Vocabulary

它们都饿昏了口

- auction n. 拍卖会 Jack bought an old car at the auction. 杰克在拍卖会上买了一部旧车。
- starving adj. 非常饿
 Those dogs have not been fed for aweek

 hey are starving!

 那些狗已经一个星期没人喂食了——
- cabinet n. 橱柜
 Please get me a cup from the cabinet in the kitchen.

请帮我从厨房的柜子里拿一个杯子。

4. hardly adv. 几乎不 I am tired because I hardly slept last night. 我很疲倦因为我昨晚几乎没睡。



Phrase of the Day

What's wrong? 怎么了?

A: You look sad. What's wrong?

你看起来很难过。怎么了?

B: My dog died today. 我家的狗今天死了。



在美国,dinner是指一天当中最主要且最丰盛的正餐。而在感恩节和圣诞节这两个重要节日当天,人们通常会将晚餐提前至下午2点或3点开始,且一直持续到晚上。这两顿特殊的晚餐被称为Thanksgiving dinner和Christmas dinner。

Conversation B

Meg: Then I guess we'll make some **stirfry**¹. Is there any <u>soy sauce</u>?

Ellen: Yes, there's <u>plenty of</u> that. Shall we use a few of these dried <u>mushrooms</u>, too?

Meg: Yes. You got a lot of those, didn't you?

Ellen: That's right. I bought them in Hong Kong, but I didn't buy any china², which was what you asked for³.

Meg: The next time you go there, you can get some.

Ellen: Do we have any eggs?

Meg: Yeah. We have a <u>couple</u> eggs, but we haven't got any chicken.

Ellen: Well, we can still make a stir-fry

even if we don't have any meat.

Meg: How much fruit is left in the bowl4?

Ellen: A few apples, some grapes, and several bananas.

Meg: Great. Why don't you make a lot of fruit salad, and I'll make the stir-fry?

Ellen: Sounds good to me. But let's go shopping tomorrow, okay?

Meg: I think we'd better!

Vocabulary

1. stir-fry n. 爆炒,炒菜

I eat stir-fry because I love the taste of fried vegetables together with fried meat. 我吃炒菜是因为我喜欢青菜和肉放在一起炒的味道。

2. china n. 瓷器

Before dinner, Sally put her best china on the table.

晚餐前, 萨莉将她最好的瓷器摆在餐桌上。

3. ask for v. phr 要求

I asked for chicken and the waiter brought duck.

我点的是鸡肉而侍者却送来鸭肉。

4. bowl n. 碗

Angel bought some nice soup bowls at the night market.

安杰尔在夜市里买了一些不错的汤碗。

补	充词汇		
1.	soy sauce	n.	酱油
2.	plenty of	phr.	多量的, 充足的
	mushroom		
4.	couple	n.	一对,两个
5 .	grape	n.	葡萄
1			

Phrase of the Day

had better 最好

A: We'd better get this house painted.

我们最好将这栋房子粉刷一下。

B: I agree. We'r e waited too long already. 我赞成,我们已经等的太久了。

Sentence Pattern

even if + S + V (即使,纵使·····)

例: Well, we can still make a stir-fry, even if we don't have any meat. 即使什么肉也没有,我们也可以做炒面。

填空练习:

1.	We must go to school,	we do not want to
	(即使我们不想上学, 我们]也必须去学校。)
2.	The Smiths are happy,	they are poor.
	(尽管史密斯一家人很穷,	但他们仍很快乐。)

Oral Practice

(You have 15 seconds to answer using spoken English. Try to make your answer as clear as possible.)
1.
2.
3

Breaking

Conversation A

Sarah has been dating Eric for a while now, but they've been **arguing**¹ and having problems for the last month. Today they're going out for dinner to talk.

Sarah: I'm glad we made this date. I really want to talk with you.

Eric: Me, too. I shouldn't have **yelled**² at you last week and started this whole argument. I'm sorry.

Sarah: Well, Eric, it's been more than a week.

Eric: I guess you're right. We both must have been in pretty bad **moods**³.

Sarah: I am under a lot of **pressure**⁴ right now. That's true.

Eric: You should have told me.

Sarah: Eric, if we keep on arguing, we might have to break up.

Eric: What? Why are you making such a <u>fuss</u> about a little arguing? Everyone argues once in a while.

Vocabulary

1. **argue** v. 争执, 争吵

The two men argued about which baseball team was better.

那两个男人为了哪一支棒球队比较厉害 而争执。

Up A.E

2. **yell** v. 大喊

Tommy yelled at his dog for following him to school.

汤米朝他的狗大喊,因为它一直跟着他 上学。

3. mood n. 心情

Watching the sun come up always puts me in a good mood.

望着旭日升起总会带给我好心情。

4. pressure n. 压力

Students feel a lot of pressure to do well on their exams.

学生对考试要取得好成绩感到压力很大。

补充词汇

fuss n. 大惊小怪

Sentence Pattern

both 可置于人称代词之后 (强调两人/两者之意)

例: We both must have been in pretty bad moods.

我们两个人一定是心情都不好。

重组练习:

1.

students/both/They/are

(他们两个人都是学生。)

2.

both/you/children/Do/like

(你们两个都很喜欢小孩吗?)

Phrase of the Day

once in a while 偶尔

A: I didn't know you could dance. 我不知道原来你会跳舞。

B: I only dance every <u>once in a while</u>. 我只是偶尔跳跳

Conversation B

Sarah: But not for a whole month. Neither of us has been very nice to be around.

Eric: True. We're both pretty short-tempered¹.

Sarah: I don't think so. I'm not shorttempered.

Eric: I wouldn't say that. You get mad² pretty³ fast.

Sarah: No, I don't.

Eric: See what I mean? Look, let's forget about it, and have a nice dinner, OK?

Sarah: OK. But I think we really might have to **cool off*** for a while.

Eric: You mean just be friends? Sarah: Yeah. It might do us good. Eric: But Sarah, I love you. Sarah: I really care about you, too, Eric, but I just want a little time to myself.

Eric: Whatever you say, babe. Let's just eat. OK... friend?

Sarah: OK.

Vocabulary

short-tempered adj. 脾气坏的
 It is difficult to talk to a short-tempered man without making him angry.
 很难让一个脾气坏的人平心静气地跟你讲话。

mad adj. 愤怒的
 Catherine got mad and shouted at everyone she worked with.
 凯瑟琳气疯了,她对每个同事吼叫。

pretty adv. 颇, 十分
 I am pretty tired, so I will not go out tonight.
 我实在太累,所以今晚不出去了。

4. cool off v. phr. 冷静
After Janet went outside to cool off, she felt better about the fight.

珍妮特出去冷静了一下,这才对刚才 的争论感到好受了一些。

Phrase of the Day

Forget about it. 算了吧。

A: Can I borrow one thousand dollars from you?

我可以跟你借一千美元吗?

B: <u>Forget about it!</u> I don't have that kind of money.

别想了! 我没有那么多钱。