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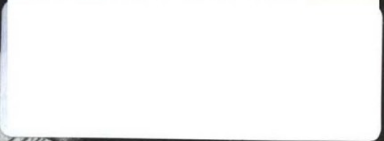
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前言 Foreword

英语学习者都知道,听、说、读、写是英语学习的基本要素。而其中的“听”则是学习英语当中最基础、最重要、也是最困难的环节,同时它也最能体现出一个人的英语水平。目前在我国学习英语已相当普及,从未学过英语的人屈指可数,可谓全民同学英语。然而,真正学好英语的人却为数不多,或者说相当多的人学习效果不甚理想,究其原因,主要是学习语言的环境较差。我们知道,语言是思想交流的工具,其主要作用是沟通、交流,一旦达不到其作用,学习语言也随之失去了意义。为了帮助英语学习者攻克英语听力这道难关,本书编者精心挑选了部分最新 VOA 环境方面的新闻报道资料,供广大英语学习者巩固英语听力之用。

编者相信,如果能认真学习此书,掌握本书的所有内容,在今后收听 VOA、BBC 或使用英语交流时,定会收到意想不到的效果,使自己的听力水平跨上一个新的台阶,达到更高的水平。

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由于编者水平有限,加之编写内容较新,如有不妥之处,敬请批评指正。

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Tests

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Unit 1

Saving the Earth Starts on Your Towel Rack

Words & Expressions

picket sign	示威标语牌
venue <i>n.</i>	(行动、事件等的)发生地点;场所
grass-roots <i>a.</i>	群众的;基层的;基础的
forgo <i>v.</i>	放弃;抛弃
washcloth <i>n.</i>	浴巾
bed linen	床单和枕套
variance <i>n.</i>	变化;差异
placard <i>n.</i>	告示牌;标语牌
patron <i>n.</i>	主顾
upscale <i>a.</i>	高消费阶层的;质优价高的
grouse <i>v.</i>	抱怨;发牢骚
pamper <i>v.</i>	尽量满足;纵容

Exercises

I Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the report.


1. What is the message being spread across America?
2. What is the Project Planet?
3. If a 100-room hotel practices the skip-the-clean-towels pro-

gram, how much water can be saved in a month?

III Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. The message is spread by radical environmental activists.
- () 2. The skip-the-clean-towels program in a 100-room hotel can save the hotel almost \$ 700 each month.
- () 3. On the little Project Planet placards in the Holiday Inn Express chain reads: Yes, I need your help!
- () 4. At other hotels, about 95% of guests buy into the idea that they're saving the planet.

Note:



Unit 2

Has Rocky Mountains' Population Density Reached a Peak?

Words & Expressions

majestic <i>a.</i>	庄严的; 雄伟的
breathhtaking <i>a.</i>	令人兴奋的; 激动人心的
haze <i>n.</i>	烟雾; 霾
noxious <i>a.</i>	有害的; 有毒的
obscure <i>v.</i>	使不清楚; 使变得模糊
unspoiled <i>a.</i>	未丧失自然美的
ravine <i>n.</i>	峡谷; 沟壑
tract <i>n.</i>	一大片土地
ponderosa <i>n.</i>	北美黄松
ranchette <i>n.</i>	小牧场
rampant <i>a.</i>	无约束的; 猖獗的
aquifer <i>n.</i>	地下蓄水层
sprawl <i>n.</i>	无计划的扩展

Exercises


I Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the report.

1. To Americans, what does good life mean?
2. How is the Rocky Mountains?
3. In many mountain towns, what can you see on weekends?

II Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. Salt Lake City is not in America's high country.
- () 2. People are building fancy houses and mountain retreats so deep into wild places.
- () 3. In the United States, water is abundant in parts of the West.
- () 4. Human sprawl is steadily constricting the habitats of eagles, elk, and bears as well.

Notes:



Unit 3

Sustainable Wine Maker Harvests for Future Generations

Words & Expressions

sustainable <i>a.</i>	可持续的
fertile <i>a.</i>	肥沃的
vintner <i>n.</i>	酒商; 酿酒人
viticulture <i>n.</i>	葡萄栽培; 葡萄栽培学
stewardship <i>n.</i>	管理工作
fungi <i>n.</i>	真菌
spray <i>v.</i>	喷洒
conscientiously <i>ad.</i>	认真地; 小心谨慎地
biodiversity <i>n.</i>	生物多样性
compost <i>n.</i>	堆肥; 混合肥料
windrow <i>n.</i>	一行摊开以便吹干的草(或谷物)
fertilizer <i>n.</i>	肥料
humus <i>n.</i>	腐殖质; 腐质土壤

Exercises

1 Fill in the blanks with the information you have heard from the report.

1. In the Pacific Northwest state of Washington is a _____ pocket of vineyards where the combination of _____, soil and _____ farming practices are helping to produce some of the country's best wines.
2. Mr. Pellet is a third-generation winemaker from Switzerland

whose _____ as a vintner _____ him to Walla Walla.

3. In to make _____ grapes, and really fine wine, many of the region's wine makers have _____ basic sustainable _____ techniques.
4. The Pepper Bridge Winery uses drip _____ to conserve water. Shrubs and trees planted throughout the vineyard _____ biodiversity and composting helps to _____ the soil.

II Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. At the end of the growing season this year, and the vines are heavy with bunches of small dark purple grapes ready for harvest.
- () 2. Mr. Pellet has three children and he thinks his goal in life is to return the land the way he got it.
- () 3. The old farm is lined with dark, earthy-looking and clean-smelling windrows—each as long as a basketball field.
- () 4. According to Jean-Francois, the compost is a food bank for his soil, and it may take a decade or more to enrich the land.

Notes:




Unit 4

Bear Season Stirs Up Hunters, Foes

Words & Expressions

coonskin <i>n.</i>	浣熊毛皮
caliber <i>n.</i>	(枪、炮等的)口径
inflamm <i>v.</i>	使愤怒;使极度激动
bloodthirsty <i>a.</i>	嗜血的;残忍好杀戮的
line up	排队
bloodlust <i>n.</i>	杀戮欲
camaraderie <i>n.</i>	同志情谊
rite <i>n.</i>	礼节;仪式
version <i>n.</i>	变化形式;变体
squirrel stew	煨松鼠
carcass <i>n.</i>	动物尸体

Exercises

 Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. A generation ago, American people learned all about a hero in a coonskin cap named Davy Crockett, the King of the Wild Frontier.
- () 2. According to the report, Ol' Davy killed a bear when he was only eight.
- () 3. Sierra Stiles was the first person to shoot a bear in the western state of Maryland's bear-hunting season.

- ()4. The notion that someone taught this little girl to put two shots from a 243-caliber rifle into the chest of a black bear made those who find hunting bloodthirsty and cruel angry.

Notes:



Unit 5

UN Food Agency Says Hunger Kills Six Million Every Year

Words & Expressions

bleak <i>a.</i>	凄楚的;黯淡的
malnutrition <i>n.</i>	营养不良
come into being	存在
diarrhea <i>n.</i>	腹泻
pneumonia <i>n.</i>	肺炎
malaria <i>n.</i>	疟疾
measles <i>n.</i>	麻疹
millennium <i>n.</i>	一千年;美满时期;黄金时代
ambitious <i>a.</i>	雄心勃勃的;有野心的
mortality <i>n.</i>	死亡
incidence <i>n.</i>	发生率
tuberculosis <i>n.</i>	肺结核

Exercises

I Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the report.

1. According to FAO's report, how many children died from hunger and malnutrition every year?
2. At the World Food Summit held in 1996, what did world leaders pledge to do?
3. According to Dr. Diouf, what are essential things for increasing agricultural productivity and rural incomes?

III Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. According to the report, the FAO was founded sixty-five years ago.
- () 2. According to Dr. Diouf, hunger reduction is essential to meet the goal set out nearly 5 years ago.
- () 3. Dr. Diouf thinks hunger and malnutrition are among the basic causes not only of poverty but also illiteracy, child mortality and disease.
- () 4. Dr. Diouf thinks that good education and improvements in the situation of women are also effective measures in reducing hunger and poverty.

Notes:

