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前　　言

很多人有集邮和摄影之类的业余爱好，而我在澳大利亚攻读博士学位期间，养成了收集应用于现实生活各种场合的英语单词、短语和句型的业余爱好。尽管《地质英语会话》中所有的会话都是我重新创作的，但它们主要源于我所收集的各类地质人员在不同的地质科目中应用的英语。由于地质学涉及的范围相当广，因此我并不自诩本书包罗万象。实际上，本书涉及的只是我所经历过的一些情况，并且侧重于教学活动方面。我希望本书对那些想了解澳大利亚的地质学学生及其有关人员可能说些什么，会话中通常运用哪些英语单词、短语和句型的人能有所帮助。

由于我不是语言学专业的学生，而且本书所有的工作都是在我有限的业余时间内完成的，因此错误和缺点在所难免。欢迎读者批评和提出建议。

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UNIT 1 CONVERSATIONS IN THE FIELD

1. A first year excursion (1)

In the field, between a lecturer (Mark) and several students (Helen, Bruce, John, Peter and Keith)

At Stop 1

Mark (M), Right, this is our first stop. First of all, check your handout and mark your present locality on the map. Then I want you to identify the rock types present. Are they igneous, or sedimentary, or metamorphic rocks? What minerals are present? You also need a detailed description of grain size. For example, are they coarse-grained, medium-grained or fine-grained? If you identify a rock as igneous, is it porphyritic or not? If it is a sedimentary rock, are there any primary sedi-

mentary features? If you observe carefully, you may also find some structural features. Anyway, let's have a look around first.

Bruce (B): This is a sequence of sedimentary rocks, I think. You see, the bedding is so well developed. These look like cross bedding.

M,: That's exactly right. Any other primary sedimentary features?

Helen (H): Yes, I saw some ripple marks here.

M,: Good. By the way, how do you recognize bedding?

H,: By looking at the variation in colour, grain size, composition and the degree of weathering.

M,: Fine. Since these are layered rocks, what other observation can we make?

B,: The scale of the layering.

M,: Right.

H,: We should also measure the strike and the dip of the bedding.

M,: Yes, then how do you measure the strike?

H,: Put the compass parallel to a

horizontal line on the bedding plane, then read off the bearing.

M: Correct. Remember that the true dip is always perpendicular to the strike. ...

Has anybody noticed any variation in grain size within an individual layer?

B: Yes, within the unit here, the fine sand grades up into clay.

M: Good observation. This feature is called graded bedding.

New words

excursion	[eks'kju:ʒən]	n.	短途旅行, (集体)游览
igneous	[igniəs]	a.	火成的
sedimentary	[sedim'entorɪ]	a.	沉积的
metamorphic	[meta'mɔ:fɪk]	a.	变质的
rock	[rɒk]	n.	岩石
structural	[straktʃərəl]	a.	构造的
porphyritic	[po:fɪ'rɪtɪk]	a.	斑状
bedding	['bedɪŋ]	n.	层理
cross bedding	[kros][bedɪŋ]		交错层理
graded bedding	[greidid][bedɪŋ]		粒级层理, 遗变层理
ripple mark	[ripl][ma:k]		波痕
weathering	[weðəriŋ]	n.	风化
strike	[straik]	v. & n.	走向
dip	[dip]	v. & n.	倾斜, 倾向

bearing	('beəriŋ)	n.	方位, 方位角
compass	('kʌmpəs)	n.	罗盘
fine	(fain)	a.	细的, 细粒的
sand	(sænd)	n.	砂
clay	(kleɪ)	n.	粘土
observation	(, əbzoʊ'veɪʃn)	n.	观察

2. A first year excursion (2)

Continued from Conversation 1

At Stop 2

M: This is Stop 2. Have a look at the rocks here, compare them with those we've already seen at stop 1 and try to work out the similarities and differences.

Peter(P): Both are layered.

M: That's a similarity.

P: The rocks here are harder.

M: Correct. Notice that the rocks here are recrystallized.

John (J): Is this hornfels?

M: Yes, but not in a strict sense. What rock type might have been present prior to metamorphism?

P: Shale.

M: Is the hornfels here a high or a

low grade thermally metamorphosed rock?

J: Low grade.

M: How can you tell?

J: Because the degree of recrystallization is low. Some primary components still remain. In addition, the original layering is recognizable.

M: That's correct.

At Stop 3

M: This is our last stop for today. First, have a look at the rocks and then tell me what rock types are present.

Keith (K): I think this is an igneous rock.

M: Why?

K: Well, it's crystalline, fairly homogeneous, coarse-grained, and consists mainly of quartz and feldspars. It looks like a granite to me.

M: Great! Are there one or more types of feldspar in the rock?

P: There are definitely two types of feldspar present, a pinkish K-feldspar and a greyish plagioclase.

- M: That's right. Then how should we classify the granitoid here?
- P: I beg your pardon. I don't quite understand your question.
- M: Well, let me put it another way. Is it a granite or a granodiorite?
- P: What's the difference between a granite and a granodiorite?
- M: Is there anybody who can answer that question?
- K: The proportion of K-feldspar and plagioclase. Granodiorites contain more plagioclase.
- M: Good answer. What do you think the rock here is?
- K: To me, it appears to be a granodiorite.
- M: Correct. What kind of ferromagnesian minerals have you observed in the rock?
- P: Both hornblende and biotite.
- J: What's the glittering grain in this piece of rock?
- M: That could be a bit of pyrite.

New words

recrystallized	(ri:'kristalaizid)	a.	重结晶了的
hornfels	('ho:nfels)	n.	角页岩
metamorphism	(, metə'mɔ:fizm)	n.	变质(作用)
shale	(ʃeɪl)	n.	页岩
crystalline	('kristalain)	a.	晶质的, 结晶的
quartz	(kwa:ts)	n.	石英
granite	('gra:nit)	n.	花岗岩
feldspar	('feldspɑ:)	n.	长石
plagioclase	('pleɪdʒaʊklæs)	n.	斜长石
granitoid	('gra:nitoid)	n.	花岗岩类
granodiorite	(, gra:nou'daɪəraɪt)	n.	花岗闪长岩
K-feldspar	-	a.	钾长石
ferromagnesian	('ferəʊmæg'nɪə:sən)	a.	含铁镁的
hornblende	('ho:nblend)	n.	角闪石
biotite	('baɪətaɪt)	n.	黑云母
pyrite	('paɪəraɪt)	n.	黄铁矿

3. Preparation for a mapping trip (1)

In the Department*, between two students
(Sam and Ian)

Sam (S): Ian, I haven't seen you for a while. Where have you been these days?

Ian (I): I had two exams last week, so I had to study very hard and go over all my notes and references.