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前 言

改革开放,国门大开。熟练掌握、运用外语,特别是英语已成为一种必然,加之中国“入世”和“申奥”的成功,更使高层次的外语人才炙手可热。为此,我们邀请了华东师范大学、南京师范大学外语系的专家教授和南京外国语学校、武汉外国语学校、上海外国语学校、南师大附中、华东师大二附中等一批国家级示范高中的特级教师,和江苏、浙江、湖北、上海、北京等省市英语学科带头人和一批优秀英语教研员,群策群力,根据教育部颁布的《英语课程标准》精神,准确把握考试改革的走向,参考奥林匹克英语竞赛,结合英语教学的实践,开展专题研讨,总结编写了这套《新概念英语教材》丛书。

这是一套由我们中国人自己编写的、完全根据我们中国人的语言思维习惯,同时又遵循英语学习规律的学习用书。它具有以下几个特点:

一、内容新颖。按话题,分单元编写。话题内容十分广泛,包括以英语为母语的国家的风土人情,涉及人们日常生活中所关心的求学、就业、健康问题,以及政治、经济、文化、科技、教育、军事、交通等诸多方面。本丛书中的绝大多数阅读文章选自最新的外文报刊、杂志和书籍,选材新颖,同时兼顾趣味性和实用性,使读者不仅可以扩大词汇量,学到地道的英语,享受到语音语言独

特的氛围,广泛接触英语语言知识;而且还可以开拓眼界,丰富综合学科等多方面的知识。

二、形式别致。每个单元分为三部分。第一部分为阅读,围绕一个话题,共有5篇文章,每篇文章后设有2~3个与文章内容相关的问题;对文章中难句的注释,还列出关键的词语,帮助读者准确地理解文章。第二部分为语法,每个单元重点讲解一个语法现象,全套书基本上涵盖了英语中常见的语法现象。第三部分为练习设计,一单元一练习,分层递进,让学生练在关键点,在练习中澄清概念;在练习中掌握规律,清晰思路;在练习中产生灵感,提高素质,完成知识向能力的成功过渡。

三、实用性强。突出重点,授之以渔;突破难点,培养能力,将知识、能力、素质三元合一。投身高考的学生可以用它攻关;参加竞赛的精英可以用它取胜;爱好英语的同仁可以用它攀升。

四、命中率高。小学升初中也好,中、高考也好,竞赛也好,是一场没有硝烟的战场。能否打赢这一仗,得看装备精良与否。最好的装备,便是能够全方位、多角度提供学习方法,提供最实用的攻关战略和最佳的训练方案。相信这套经过我们“全副武装”的《新概念英语教材》会给学生们带来开启考试成功大门的钥匙,提高考试命中率。

由于编写时间匆忙和我们能力所限,本丛书定有不少需要改进之处,希望广大师生多提宝贵意见,我们不胜感激。

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Unit 1 Easter Holiday

Warming-up questions

1. What festivals do you know in the world?
2. What's your favourite festival?
3. Have you ever heard of Easter Holiday?
4. What countries have Easter Holiday, do you know?

Texts

A. Easter Holiday

Julia: Maria, did you enjoy the Easter Holiday?

Maria: Having a holiday is better than no holiday.

Julia: It seems that you didn't have much fun in this holiday.

Maria: You know — as at the Christmas, I had quite a lot of assignment to do.

Julia: By the way, do you know the meaning of Easter?

Maria: Sure! It commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Julia: We are asked to forgive one another also, what do you think about that?

Maria: This is very important though it is easier said than done. Sometimes I think this is too ideal, but sometimes I think it is not that difficult if we make the effort, what's more, it is worth it. There will be no more arguments and wars if everybody does that. I believe this is the first thing to do if we really love one another. And I think we should start with our family and friends.

Julia: In this respect, Easter Holiday is more meaningful than any other Festivals. It may help the world to be peaceful.

New words

Easter Holiday		复活节
commemorate	[kə'meməreit]	vt. 纪念
resurrection	[ˌrezə'rekʃən]	n. 耶稣复活
forgive	[fə'giv]	vt. 宽恕, 赦免, 原谅
ideal	[ai'diəl]	adj. 理想的, 完美的
effort	['efət]	n. 努力, 尽力
argument	['ɑ:gjumənt]	n. 辩论, 争论

Notes

1. though it is easier said than done 尽管说比做起来容易
2. if we make the effort 如果我们大家都作出努力
3. what's more 而且, 也
4. it is worth it 这样做有用

5. I think we should start with our family and friends. 我想我们得从我们的家人和朋友开始。

Exercises

I. These questions are about the Easter Holiday. Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. Does Maria enjoy Easter Holiday? Why?
2. What's the meaning of Easter?
3. What are people asked to do on Easter Holiday according to the old tradition?
4. What will the world be like if we follow the old tradition? Talk about your opinion.

II. Complete the short passage with the new words and phrases you have learned in the dialogue.

_____ is one of the most important western festivals. People have it to _____ the death and _____ of Jesus _____. People are also asked to _____ one another on that day. _____ it is easier said than done, if everyone makes the effort to do it, the world will be full of peace(和平).

III. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the given words.

1. Tim's handwriting is _____ (good). But Kate's handwriting is much _____ (good) than his.
2. Jim is fat. Tom is much _____ than Jim. (fat)
3. Having a holiday is always _____ (good) than no holiday.
4. Easter is _____ (meaningful) than any other festival.
5. The novel *The Woman in White* is _____ (interesting) than any other novels.

B

These texts below are from an English magazine, they're all about the Easter.

(1) Back to the Egg

For thousands of years, the egg has been a symbol of rebirth, and giving decorated eggs has been a custom for 7000 years. People try to make their decorated eggs the most beautiful ones, and then give them to their friends or even strangers they meet on that day. The Chinese thought that man was born from an egg dropped from heaven. Hindus believe that Brahma, their supreme god, made the world from an egg. The first Christians adopted the egg as a symbol of the Resurrection and used them in church ceremonies.

(2) Easter Buns

People have eaten hot cross buns at Spring Festivals for thousands of years. They thought that the buns were the luckiest things in the world. They believed the buns could cure illness. They also hung them in their houses to protect them from fire and keep out rats. Sailors take them to sea with them to protect their vessels from shipwreck.

(3) Lucky Egg

An old English custom was to keep a decorated egg throughout the year to bring luck. In Europe today many farmers plant decorated eggs with their crops to protect them from bad weather. They believe that in this way their crops will be much better.

(4) Extra Eggs

Decorating eggs at Easter and playing games with them began in the 4th century. People had to find something to do with all the eggs they had because they were not allowed to eat them during Lent.

New words

celebrate	[ˈselibreɪt]	vt. 庆祝, 祝贺
custom	[ˈkʌstəm]	n. 风俗, 习俗
symbol	[ˈsɪmbəl]	n. 符号, 象征
rebirth	[ˈrɪːbəʊθ]	n. 新生, 再生
decorate	[ˈdekəreɪt]	vt. 装饰
shipwreck	[ˈʃɪp, rek]	n. 船舶之失事, 船难
Spring Festival		n. 春节
Lent	[lent]	n. 大斋
ceremony	[ˈseriməni]	n. 典礼, 仪式
vessel	[ˈvesl]	n. 船
throughout	[θruːˈaʊt]	adv. prep. 遍及, 在...整个期间
protect	[prəˈtekt]	vt. 防御, 保护
allow	[əˈlaʊ]	vt. 允许, 许可
Europe	[ˈjuərəp]	n. 欧洲

bun	[bʌn]	n. 小(圓)面包
illness	[ˈɪlnɪs]	n. 疾病
sailor	[ˈseɪlə]	n. 海員, 水手
meaningful	[ˈminɪŋfʊl]	adj. 有意义的

Notes

1. hot cross buns 帶十字架的小(圓)面包

2. They also hung them in their houses to protect them from fire and keep out rats. 他們也把它們掛在家里, 用以防火和耗子。

Protect... from sth. /doing sth. 保護……以免……

He raised his arm to protect his face from the blow. 他舉起手臂擋住臉部免受拳擊。

3. Because they were not allowed to eat them during Lent. 因為大齋期間他們不得吃蛋。

be allowed 被允許

Exercises

I. We have many new words in the texts, please try to guess its meaning and match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Column A

1) decorated

2) cure

3) protect

4) rats

5) vessels

6) shipwreck

7) plant

8) crops

Column B

a) animals with long tails, like mice but bigger

b) ships

c) painted

d) to put in the ground to make grow

e) to keep safe

f) to make better from an illness

g) a ship which has hit rocks or has gone down into the water

h) fruit, vegetables, which farmers grow

II. Write the correct text title in each blank, look at number 1 as an example.

Which text tells you:

1. that some people believed that certain food make sick people better? Lucky Eggs.
2. when people began decorating eggs at Easter? _____.
3. that the egg has been important for people from different parts of the world? _____.
4. that during certain days of the year people could not eat eggs? _____.
5. that some people believe that decorated eggs still bring good luck? _____.
6. that people kept some food to protect them from problems? _____.

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given word.

Joe Sanders has the _____ (beautiful) garden in our town. Nearly everybody enters for "The _____ (nice) Garden Competition" each year, but Joe wins every time. Bill Frith's garden is _____ (large) than Joe's. Bill works harder than Joe and grows _____ (many) flowers and vegetables, but Joe's garden is _____ (interesting). He has made neat paths and has built a wooden bridge over a pool. I like gardens too, but I don't like hard work. Every year I enter for the garden competition too, and I always win a little prize the _____ (bad).

C. Easter Holiday in Australia

In Australia, Easter is celebrated from Good Friday to Easter Monday, with Good Friday and Easter Monday being holidays. On Good Friday, everything is closed and you can't even buy a piece of

newspaper on this day, the only day of the year when you can't. Many people go to church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday to remember the death and rebirth of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, the Easter Bunny brings eggs which are hidden and then we have the fun of finding them. We always go outside to see if he has dropped any.

Many shops are selling the Easter Billby instead of the Easter Bunny this year. It is an endangered species which is a type of small bandicoot. A Billby weighs about 2500g and is about 550mm in length. The Billby has long ears and silky fur and is an Australian mammal. It lives in grasslands and shrubland. It forages at night for subterranean insects, bulbs and fungi. It also eats some fruits and seeds.

The Billby obtains sufficient water from its food, making drinking unnecessary. By day it sleeps in a deep burrow with an entrance which is usually hidden by some grass or a shrub or else beside a termite mound.

Males are much larger than females. Breeding carries on through the year but depends on a good food supply. A pair of Billbies normally rear two young.

So buy an Easter Billby this year and help save this unusual little creature.

New words

church	[tʃə: tʃ]	n. 教堂
hide	[haɪd]	v. 躲, 藏
be hidden		被藏起来
fun	[fʌn]	n. 乐趣
endanger	[ɪn'deɪndʒə]	v. 危及, 使危险

species	['spi:ʃi:z]	n. 种类
silky	['silki]	adj. 像丝的, 丝绸般的
mammal	['mæmə]	n. 哺乳动物
shrub	['ʃrʌb]	n. 灌木
forage	['fɔ:ridʒ]	vi. 搜寻
subterranean	[sʌbtə'reinjən]	adj. 地下的, 隐藏的
insect	['insekt]	n. 昆虫
bulb	[bʌlb]	n. 球茎
fungi	[fʌndʒai]	n. (pl. of fungus) 真菌类
sufficient	[sə'fɪʃənt]	adj. 足够的
burrow	[bʌrəʊ]	n. 洞穴
termite	['tɜ:maɪt]	n. 白蚁
mound	[maʊnd]	n. 土堆
rear	[riə]	v. 饲养
creature	['kri:tʃə]	n. 动物

Notes

1. Easter is celebrated from Good Friday to Easter Monday, with Good Friday and Easter Monday being holiday. 复活节从上周五一直持续到周一, 包含周五和周一, 都称之为复活节假日。

2. We have the fun of finding them. 我们从找寻复活蛋中获得无穷乐趣。

3. Many shops are selling the Easter Bunny instead of the Easter Bunny this year. 很多店铺如今已不再出售复活兔, 而是换上新的吉祥物, 一种模样似兔的小动物。

4. making drinking unnecessary. 不必喝水

5. by day 在白天

6. Breeding carries on through the year but depends on an good food supply. 它们的繁殖可持续一年, 但决定于充足的食物供给。

Exercises

I. Read the passage quickly, and try to find out the answers to the questions below.

1. Is Easter celebrated from Good Friday to Easter Monday?
2. Can you do some shopping on Good Friday? Why?
3. What do people usually do on Good Friday and Easter Sunday?
4. On Easter Sunday, who brings eggs which are hidden?
5. What is the Easter Billby like?
6. Do we have to change Billy's water often?
7. What do Billy do in the day?

II. Complete the dialogue, using new words and phrases we've learned in the passage above.

Anna: Hello! Mary.

Mary: Hi, Anna. How time flies! Another Easter has passed already.

Anna: Yes, how I hope we're still having_____ Holiday.

Mary: Well, how did you_____ the Easter?

Anna: I celebrated Easter by going out to_____ in the morning,
I like the songs of the church.

Mary: What about finding Easter_____?

Anna: That's really interesting. Did you buy an Easter Bunny this year?

Mary: No, I bought an_____ instead.

Anna: What's it like?

Mary: It_____ about 2500g and is about 550mm in_____. It
has long ears and silky fur.

Anna: It must be very lovely!

Mary: Yes, it's really quite lovely.