



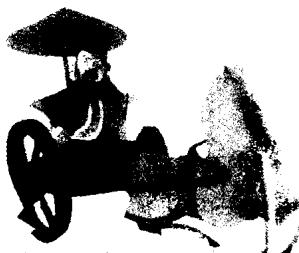
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## 编者的话

五千年的文化在时间的长河里源远流长，积淀了无数的文化瑰宝。成语就是其中一块不可多得的奇石，经过岁月的冲刷，愈加光亮夺目，慧色天成。

中华成语，寓意深刻，简练形象，内涵丰富，充满真知灼见。真可谓言有尽而意无穷。学习成语不仅能增强自身的文化底蕴，而且还能强化英汉两种语言的表达。

本书的成语故事大部分选自中华成语精要，还有一部分选自西方典故。其内容分为“情感篇”、“忠告篇”、“勤奋篇”、“道德篇”、“策略篇”、“谬误篇”、“邪恶篇”、“经验篇”。每篇小故事都独立成章。每篇故事都是由故事欣赏、寓意点评、英文汉译、词语注释四个部分组成。该书以中英文对照的形式编排，其目的就是让读者从中吸取丰富的语言营养，同时学习一些积极向上的处世方法，并增强自己的英语阅读能力。

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# 一、情 感 篇



**故事欣赏**

## 1. Appreciating Music

In the Spring and Autumn Period, there once lived a famous musician named Boya, who played the lute wonderfully. Every time he began to play, a great audience would come together, among whom was Zhong Ziqi, a highly appreciative music lover.

Once, coming back from a trip, filled with the nobility of the mountains, Boya played his tune forcefully and beautifully. Zhong Ziqi, standing beside him, couldn't help crying out excitedly, "Wonderful! The towering tops high and steep, the great Mount Tai is before my mind's eye!"

Surprised, Boya suddenly changed to another tune, sweet but strong.

"Very good!" Zhong Ziqi again cheered, "Hundreds of vast and mighty rivers push their turning waves forward, washing my breast clean and pure!"

More surprised, Boya changed his tune several times: Now as if a spring rain knocking the leaves of lotus; now seemingly an autumn breeze singing in the peaceful moonlight; now like a storm sweeping down on the earth. But every time Zhong Ziqi could tell exactly.

Finally Boya put down his lute, sighed deeply and said, "Oh,

that's really unusual! You can not only enjoy my music, but also understand me thoroughly. You are the only one that is so intimate with me, although we have scarcely talked with each other before. I hope I call you my good friend!"

Thus their friendship lasted until Zhong Ziqi's death, which saddened Boya so much that he tore the strings and broke the lute. He never played it again.

### 寓意点评

比喻很难寻到知音的人。

如果你能把快乐告诉你的知音，你将得到两个人的快乐；如果你能把忧愁向你的知音倾吐，将被分掉一半的忧愁。

因此我们应该百倍珍惜友情，在世俗中去觅回一份“黄金易得，知音难求”的清醒。

### 英文汉译

## 高山流水

春秋时期，有一位知名的乐师，名伯牙。他演奏古筝悦耳动听。只要他演奏，就会招徕无数听众，围观欣赏。其中有一个叫钟子期，是一个很有鉴赏力的音乐爱好者。

有一次，伯牙旅行回来，满怀对高山叠峰的敬仰，他弹琴抒情，曲调优美、节奏有力。钟子期站在旁边，不由得高声赞叹起来，“妙啊，泰山屹立，如在眼前！”

伯牙感到很惊奇，于是突然换了一个调子，甜美然而强劲。

“好极了！”钟子期欢呼着说，“百川奔流，波涛滚滚，荡涤情怀！”

伯牙感到更惊奇了，他又几次变换曲调：一下子如潇潇春雨，拍打碧荷；一会儿如秋风和鸣，月光如银；一会儿又如风卷狂飙，漫卷天地。可是，每一次钟子期都能准确地品味到其中的玄妙。

最后，伯牙弹毕，抚琴长叹：“啊，真了不起！你不但解我琴音，而且还最懂我心。以前我们虽然沟通不多，你却是惟一使我觉得最亲近的人。让我们成为知心朋友吧！”

他们的友谊一直延续到钟子期死的那天。钟子期死后，伯牙悲痛万分，他扯断琴弦，摔破琴箱，从此不再弹琴。

### 词语注释

1. lute n. 琴；古筝
2. audience n. 观众
3. appreciative adj. 有欣赏力的
4. nobility n. 崇高
5. steep adj. 陡峭的
6. wave n. 波浪
7. lotus n. 荷花
8. sigh v. 叹息
9. intimate adj. 亲密的
10. string n. 弦
11. sadden v. 使伤心