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前 言

《美国之音标准英语新闻听力教程》第九辑是一本起点较高的外台听力教材,是为具有一定英语基础的学习者进一步提高外台听力水平而编写的。

本书素材选自 2000 年末和 2001 年美国之音标准英语新闻节目。内容涉及政治、经济、军事、外交、科技、航天、体育、医疗保健、社会文化、事故与灾害以及人间奇闻、天地万象,不乏历史与当今的新闻精华,例如几届美国总统就职评说,古巴导弹危机回顾,布什总统就职誓词和演说,以及“9. 11”特大恐怖事件,等等。近百条新闻,内容广泛,丰富多彩,寓趣于知,经久耐听。编有详尽的词汇和多样练习以及必要的背景介绍。

本书适用于大学英语专业和非英语专业学生、英语教师以及准备参加 BEC 二级以上、PETS 第四、五级和 TOEFL 等考试应试者学习或培训。

由于编者水平有限,书中缺点和差错在所难免,诚望广大学习者和同行不吝赐教。

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Workbook

News Item 1

Words and Expressions

1. Okinawa 冲绳岛(冲绳群岛的主岛)
2. score vt. 取得, 获得
3. breakthrough n. 突破
4. Pyongyang 平壤(朝鲜民主主义共和国首都)
5. pledge n. (政府或政党领袖的) 诺言
6. missile program 导弹计划
7. Kim Jong-il 金正日
8. in return (for) 作为(对...的) 回报

Exercises

I. Fill in the blanks with what you hear on the tape.

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrives in Okinawa shortly after a landmark visit to North Korea. Russian media say Mr. Putin scored a major breakthrough in Pyongyang by winning a pledge by North Korean leader Kim Jong-il to end Pyongyang's missile in return for international for space research. program W/p

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 2

Words and Expressions

1. charter n. 共同纲领
2. concrete a. 具体的, 确实的
3. in grants and loans 拨款和贷款
4. infrastructure n. (社会、国家或一个地区居民赖以生存的) 基础设施
5. summit n. 最高级会议

Exercises

I. Fill in the blanks with what you hear from the tape.

1. Leaders of the world's seven top 10 and Russia have adopted a charter to deal with state Japan in information technology between industrial and.
2. The Digital Opportunity Task Force, or DOT Force, will develop in to lower information technology and ensure benefits available to everyone. 200m
3. Japan has pledged 1 billion in

grants and loans to developed nations to aid them in building up their technology infrastructures.

4. developed nations countries are also expected to offer aid to fight aid, which is affecting 35 million worldwide, 2/3 of them worldwide.

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 3

Words and Expressions

1. harassment n. 骚扰, 扰乱
2. discipline vt. 训导; 处罚
3. homosexual a. 同性恋的
4. under-secretary of the Air Force 美国空军部副部长
5. panel n. (由选定人员组成的)专门小组, 评判小组
6. discrimination n. 歧视
7. gay n. (美俚)同性恋者

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. What is the new anti-harassment plan about?

homosexual behavior

2. Who presented the proposal? And when?

Fredrickson

3. Who drafted the proposal?

News Item 3

4. What do the plans call for?

Words and Expressions

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 4

Words and Expressions

1. erupt vi. 突然发生, 爆发
2. Vientiane n. 万象(老挝首都)
3. suspicious a. 可疑的
4. explosion n. 爆炸
5. blaze n. 火灾, 烈火
6. blast n. 爆炸
7. Lao a. 老挝的

Exercises

I. Fill in the blanks with what you hear on the tape.

An enormous fire has erupted at a _____ in the Lao capital Vientiane, which has been shaken by a number of _____ over the past few months. Officials said the _____ broke out at the _____ and quickly spread to _____. There were no reports of serious _____. The fire comes after an _____ at the city's central post office. It was one of at least eight _____ in the Lao capital _____.

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 5

Words and Expressions

1. trigger vt. 触发, 引起
2. crash n. (飞机等的) 坠毁
3. Concorde jetliner 协和喷气式飞机 (英法合造的超音速客机)
4. puncture vt. 刺穿

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. When and where did the crash of a Concorde jet-liner happen?
2. What may be the cause for the accident?

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 6

Words and Expressions

1. mortar attack 迫击炮炮击
2. casualty n. (事故、灾害等的) 伤亡者
3. ordnance n. 弹药; 军械
4. land mines 地雷
5. shell n. 炮弹(美)
6. grenade n. 手榴弹
7. maim vt. 使成残废, 使受重伤
8. acute a. 严重的, 尖锐的
9. embroil vt. 使卷入
10. staggering a. 巨大的

11. UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund 联合国儿童基金会(是其前身 United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund 的缩略, 现仍沿用。)

Exercises

I. Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. (X) A Vietnam War era mortar attack killed 10 children in a central provincial village earlier this week.
2. (✓) The casualties are just the latest victims of unexploded ordnance and land mines that still litter great stretches of Southeast Asia.
3. (X) The United Nations children's organization UNICEF says people in at least 58 countries currently live on land strewn with live mines.
4. (X) It says more than 100 billion land mines of various types, plus millions more unexploded bombs, shells and grenades, remain hidden around the world, maiming or killing some 25,000 people a year.
5. (X) And nowhere is the problem more acute than in the Southeast Asian countries of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

6. (X) In Vietnam, the government says unexploded ordnance and land mines have killed at least 3,800 people and have injured 6,800 more since the war ended in communist victory in 1976.
7. (✓) Human Rights Watch says casualty rates in Vietnam, as well as in Cambodia and Laos, are going down.
8. (✓) During the Vietnam War, an estimated 20% to 30% of some two million tons of bombs dropped on the country never exploded.
9. (✓) Mine clearing workers say it is not common for them to find families with 200 kilo bombs in their backyards.

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 7

Words and Expressions

1. assault vt. 攻击, 袭击
2. hoodlum n. 暴徒, 恶棍
3. obscene a. 下流的
4. aluminum n. 铝
5. shattered a. 被打碎的, 碎裂的
6. perpetrator n. 犯罪者

7. assailant n. 攻击者, 袭击者
8. pending prep. 在等待... 之际
9. bail-jumping 保释后逃之夭夭(美)
10. fugitive n. 逃亡者
11. district attorney (美) 地方检察官
12. baseball bat (棒球) 球棒
13. plastic surgery 整容手术
14. confidential a. 保密的
15. in absentia (拉丁语) 缺席

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. When and where was the black American assaulted?
Dec. 27, 1974 New York City

2. Who assaulted him?

3. What remarks did the hoodlums make?

4. How did they assault the black man? And what was the result?

5. What did the police do then?