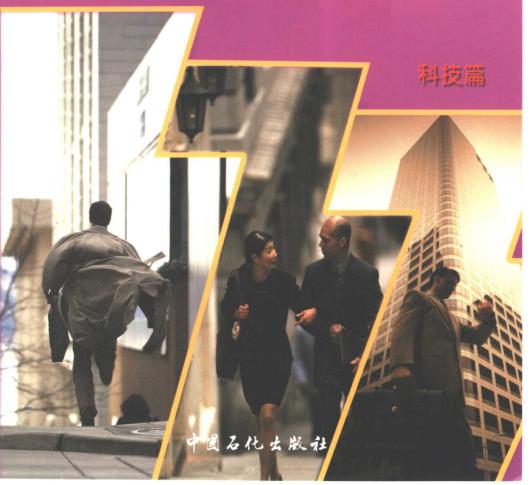
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## 总序

经过一段时间的充分酝酿和准备,我们的《英语时文阅读进阶》终于和大家见面了。这套丛书共有五册——幽默篇、风土人情篇、史地篇、科技篇和名人演讲篇。这套丛书的目标在于帮助读者通过大量的阅读提高其英语综合运用能力,特别是阅读和翻译能力。这套丛书具有以下几个特点:

- 一、给读者提供一个较理想的、真实的语言环境。该 丛书选文题材广泛、内容丰富、既反映了英语国家的历史 传统和文化背景,又包括了当代科学技术的最新发展和 应用前景。这样就给读者提供了一个和自己的生活、学 习、工作和科学研究有密切关系的、比较真实的语言环境,使读者能够比较轻松自然地进行阅读,在吸收语言的 同时也学习进行中外双向交流所必需的文化背景知识, 从而增加读者的阅读兴趣,在不知不觉中提高应用语言 的能力。
- 二、给读者提供既地道规范又生动活泼的当代英语。 丛书取材于英语国家(特别是美国)在当代有影响的报刊 杂志、文学读物、科技报道及各种优秀教材。不仅有较正 式的书面语体,还有非正式的口语语体。这样使读者接 触到的是富有时代气息的、比较实用的语言形式,从而学 到地道规范、恰当得体的当代英语,进而提高对英语的感

悟能力、理解能力和表达能力。同时也可以管窥到一些英语的最新发展趋势。

三、注释翔实、明晰,译文通顺达意。丛书对原文中的难点均做了翔实明确的注释。每篇文章都配有参考译文,译文力求忠实原文,朴实无华,以利读者自学参考。这样不仅有助于提高阅读理解能力,而且通过对照译文,促进翻译能力的提高。

四、既具有针对性、又符合科学性和系统性原则。该 丛书大致适合于大学和研究生阶段的学生以及具有同等 水平的英语学习者的阅读需要。愿该丛书带您走进一个 较理想的英语语言环境,为您开辟一个新的英语世界,帮 助您成为既有科学知识,又有较强的英语交际能力的 21 世纪的新型人才。

本书在编写的过程中,参阅了大量的书刊并选编了 其中的一些文章。在此对这些文章的作者表示最衷心的 感谢。

由于水平有限,其中肯定有不少难尽人意之处,因此 我们恳请广大读者不吝赐教,以便我们再版时作进一步 的修订,使其更加完美,走进更多读者的心田。 您想了解世界的奥秘吗?您想预测我们的未来吗?那么,请走进《英语时文阅读进阶——科技篇》。本书是"英语时文阅读进阶"的第四册,精选文章 37篇。它们大多选自近几年来国外出版的英文报刊杂志及科技书籍。文章内容丰富,涉及面广,语言文字规范,有助于提高读者的阅读理解能力。选材时,我们既考虑了材料的知识性,又注意了文章的趣味性。

我们平常接触到的知识中,科普知识占了很大的比重。所以通过阅读一些英文科普材料,不仅可以开阔您的视野,丰富您的科学知识,而且可以进一步扩大您的词汇量,提高英语语言的应用能力。

为了便于读者学习,对文章的难点和重点增加了注释,并赋有参考译文。适合大中专院校基础阶段的学生, 也可供有一定英语基础的读者做自学提高之用,同时也 可作为英语教师教学的参考资料。

本书旨在为您开辟一个新的英语世界,帮助您成为 既有科学知识,又有较强的英语阅读交际能力的 21 世纪 新型人才。

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#### 1. Shopping With Feeling

#### "触摸式"购物

#### 原文

- The trouble with shopping on the Internet is that you can't touch anything. Fortunately, that may be about to change with a motorized computer mouse that can give Web surfers the sensation of texture-or other physical attributes—of items pictured on the Net.
- Visitors to the Web'99 convention in San Francisco were able to test out the "Feel It" mouse: running the cursor over a picture of a tennis racket let a user feel the tautness of the strings. You could also feel the texture of a pair of corduroy jeans or test-drive a car, feeling how it handles the curves and accelerates on the straight. And the mouse even simulates an attempt to move through a heavy wind.
- Originally developed by Stanford Univ-

#### 译文

- 因特网上购物有一个的人,那便是你无法,这种更大的是你不要有所改变。一个状况将要有所改变网上原始,就可能感受到网上的,就可能感受到两品的质地或商品的质地或商品的质地或种特性。
- 3 强迫反馈技术最初由
- fortunately adv. 幸运地,幸亏 motorize vt. 给…装上发动机,使摩托化
- sensation n. 感觉,知觉,感情,感动 attribute n. 属性,品质,特性
- cursor n. [计]光标 tautness n. 紧绷 corduroy n. 灯芯绒,灯心绒裤子
- simulate vt. 模拟,模仿,假装, 冒充

ersity and NASA<sup>•</sup>, force-feedback technology was first used for flight simulation.

- Recently, Immersion Corporation in San Jose, California, managed to achieve the fast data exchange rates needed to provide realistic tactile sensations when someone is shopping on the Web.
- The mouse is attached to a pad which contains two motors in a small housing at the top, one to move the mouse right to left, and the other to move it up and down. As you move your cursor over an image on a Web page, embedded motion commands are sent to a microprocessor in the mouse, telling it how to move to produce the desired sensation.

#### 译文

斯坦福大学和美国国家航空 航天局开发,起初仅用于飞 行模拟。

- 最近,加州圣何塞市的"潜浸公司"成功地达到了数据快速交换的超高速,这种超高速是使网上购物的顾客有一种所必需的真实触感。

<sup>●</sup> NASA 为 National Aeronautics and Space Administration 的缩写,国家航空航天局

<sup>1</sup> tactile adj. 触觉的,可触知的

<sup>●</sup> attach v. 附属于

## 2. Bye – bye Credit<sup>®</sup> Cards & Hello Digital<sup>®</sup> Money

### 告别信用卡, 迎接数码币

#### 原文

Cash and credit cards soon may give way to digital money-currency that can be sent over computer networks in the form of digital information. "Shopping on the Internet has prompted the development of a new kind of money," Vary Coates and Steven Bonorris, who made a study of digital money for the Institute of Technology Assessment in Washington, D. C., told the World Future Society, Bethesda, Md. They explained that it may take the form of electronic tokens stored on a computer's hard drive or on "smart" cards that can be loaded with various monetary values.

Millicent is a kind of electronic scrip that carries a signed message, a serial number, and an expiration date. Customers receive Millicent from brokers and can then spend it using their modems.

#### 译文

臺分是一种记录了签 名资料、串列号码和有效期 的电子凭证。顾客从代理商 那儿获得毫分,然后通过调 制解调消费。

● credit n. 信誉,信用 ❷ digital adj. 数字的 ❸ cash n. 现金 ❶ give way to… 让位给… ❸ currency n. 流通货币 ❸ promote vt. 鼓励,促进 ❺ token n. 记号,标记 ❸ load vt. 装载,装填,使负担 ④ monetary adj. 货币的,金融的 ⑩ millicent n. 毫分 ❸ scrip n. 凭证,便条,收据 ❸ serial adj. 连续的,连载的 ❸ expiration n. 期满,终止 ❸ broker n. 经纪人 ❸ modem n. 调制解调器,适配器

- CyberCoins exist as digital tokens that can be purchased from a bank and exchanged for online products that cost less than \$10.
- CyberCash is a system that utilizes software to create a gateway between the Internet and a credit card company's authorization network. A cybercash system keeps records of transaction and encrypts your payments.
- "No one is yet sure what kind of electronic currency, if any, will most appeal to consumers," Coates and Bonorris indicated. Some enthusiasts want digital money to be just like paper money. They want to be able to "make change" electronically, have their new currency widely accepted, and have easy access to funds via computer, laptop, and smart cards. Others want electronic money to have customized features that paper money lacks. Some parents, for example, would like to give their children "conditional" digital allowances that couldn't be spent on cigarettes or liquor.

#### 译文

- 图 网络硬币作为一种数字记号,可以从银行购买,然后用来交换低于10美元的网上产品。
- 网络现金是一种利用 软件在互联网络和信用卡公司授权的网络之间设置不个 网关的系统。网络现金系统 记录下每一笔交易并对付款 予以加密。
- CyberCoin n. 网络硬币 purchase v. 购买 online n. 在线式, 联机 CyberCash n. 网络现金 utilize vt. 利用 software n. 软件 authorization n. 授权, 认可 transaction n. 交易, 办理, 处理, 事物, 处理事物 encrypt v. 对…予以加密 appeal vi. 求助, 诉诸, 要求; vt 控诉; n. 请求, 呼吁, 上诉, 吸引力, 要求 enthusiast n. 热心者 have access to 有权获得…, 有机会进人… via prep. 经由 laptop n. 手提式电脑 customize v. 定制, 定做 allowance n. 津贴, 补助, 宽容, 允许; vt. 定量供应 liquor n. 酒类, 流液; vt. 浸水; vi. 喝酒

Some consumers already are using digital money. First Virtual Bank began offering it in 1994 and now has 150, 000 accounts. Most Internet merchants, though, are waiting to see which of the competing electronic systems will win out in the marketplace.

#### 译文

们子女"限制使用"的零花 钱,使得这些钱不能用在香 烟或者酒上面。

有些顾客已经开始使 用数字货币。第一任供 身,至今已经有了 15 万个网 头。不过,大多数因看看在 头。不过,大多数因看看在 些互相竞争的电子系统中 些互相竞争的电影出。

● virtual ady. 有效的;事实上的,实质上的

#### 3. Three Things That Will Change Your Life

#### 原文

- Today our lives are changing faster than at any time in history. Here we report on three important changes that will have a big impact on our everyday lives in the future.
- The cashless occuety Cash and banknotes will disappear almost completely. They will be replaced by smart cards—plastic cards with microchip<sup>3</sup> processors loaded with some money. When we pay for goods, the retailer will insert our smart card into a payment terminal and money will be transferred from our card to the retailer's card. When all the mon ey is used up, we will be able to "reload" 1t by inserting in into a telephone, dialing our bank account and transferring money to the card from the account. If we want to transfer money from card to a bank account, we will use the same method. Smart cards will be able to hold several different currencies at the same time, so if we go aboard, we will used our

#### 改变你生活的 三样事情

#### 译文

- 今天我们的生活变化 得比历史上任何时候都快。 下面我们报道的是未来将对 我们日常生活产生重大影响 的三个重要变化。
- ) 无现金社会 现金和 纸币将完全消失。取代它们 的将是智能卡---存有一定 金额的内置微芯片处理器的 塑胶卡片。当我们支付所购 物品时, 零售商将我们的智 能卡插入一个付账终端机中, 这时支付的金额就从我们的 卡中转移到零售商的卡中。 当所有的金额用完后, 通过将 卡插入电话然后拨打我们的 银行账号, 就可以重新向智 能卡中庄入一定金额。假如 我们打算从智能卡中向银行 账号转账, 我们可以用同样

- ❶ cashless adj. 无现金的, 无现款的
- ❷ replace vt. 代替,取代,接替
- 3 microchip n. 集成电路
- retailer n. 零售商,零售店
- 5 reload vt 再装,重新装载

smart cards in the same way.

3 Interactive telephones Human telephone operator will be sharply replaced by talking computers. These computers will recognize speech, ask us what information we need. access the information from database<sup>6</sup>, and convert<sup>6</sup> it to speech. If we want to'book a flight or pay a bill by phone, we will interact with a talking computer to do so. Of course, this won't happen until all the technology is in place, but when it is we will soon get used to interacting with computers in this way. Human telephone operators will be used only for more complex operations such as dealing with complaints or solving concrete problems.

- database = databank n. [计] 数据库
- convert vt. 使转换, 使转变
- S interact vi. 互相作用, 互相影响

#### 译文

的方法。这种智能卡可以同时存入不同的币种,所以如果我们出国,我们仍然可以以同样的方式使用此卡。

3 交互式电话 交互式 计算机将很快取代人工电话 接线员。这些计算机能够识 别声音, 询问我们需要何种 信息,从某个数据库中获取 我们所需要的信息并把该信 息转化为声音。假如我们需 要利用电话订购机票或支付 账单, 我们将可以接通这种 会说话的计算机交由它们去 完成。当然,这些要等到所 有的技术都准备就绪后才能 变成现实,但是一旦交互式 电话出现, 我们将很快习惯 通过这种方式使用交互式计 算机。将来只有在诸如拨打 投诉电话或解决具体问题等 复杂操作时才会用到人工接 线员。

Intelligent cars Traffic congestion in cities will be reduced because drivers will used electronic route maps to find the quickest route to their destination and avoid traffic jams. Congestion will also decrease when electronic systems start changing motorists for driving in cities. As soon as motorists have to pay to drive in cities, they will stop using their cars and use public transport instead. Speed control systems will be built into cars. These systems will automatically regulate the speed of the car to take account of traffic and weather conditions and prevent accidents. It will be many years before these changes bring results but when they do, there will be a titanic improvement in road safety.

#### 译文

n 智能汽车 城市交通 阻塞将得以减少, 因为司机 将使用电子地图帮助他们寻 找到达目的地的最快捷路线 并避开交通阻塞。另外当电 子系统开始对城市司机驾车 提出变更要求时, 城市的交 通阻塞也会减少。一旦司机 们在城市开车需要付钱时, 他们将不用自己的汽车,而 使用公共交通工具。汽车中 将装有速度控制系统。这些 系统会自动调节车速以适应 交通情况和天气状况, 避免 发生事故。当然这还需要许 多年的时间才能变成现实. 但是一旦成为现实, 道路的 安全将会得到巨大的改善。

<sup>●</sup> congestion n. 拥塞,挤满,密集

<sup>●</sup> titanic adj. 巨大的, 庞大的

#### 4. The Integration of TV with The Internet 电视与互联网的结合

#### 原文

What really thrills television executives and advertisers alike is the integration of TV with the Internet, allowing subscribers® to move back and forth seamlessly, from one medium to the other. For instance, while you're watching Dilbert you could have a window open on your TV for chatting with other views about what's happening on-screen. Or while watching a movie, you could call up information about the director and the actors. Perhaps most alluringly from a corporate standpoint, advertisers will be able to offer one-click purchasing of merchandise that appears on the screen. Because virtually every American household has a TV, whereas PCs are not yet so ubiquitous, such a TV-based system greatly expands the potential audience for these services. Only the cable network is well equipped to offer such hybrid services.

#### 译文

П 真正使电视大亨和广 告商都震惊的是电视与因特 网的结合, 它使得客户能够 在两种"无缝连接"的媒体 间任意转换。举例来说, 当 你在看 Dilbert 的时候, 你可 以在电视屏幕上打开一个窗 口与其他观众就剧情发展讲 行闲聊。或者在看一部电影 的时候, 你可以获取关于导 演和演员的信息。或许从公 司的立场上最诱人的是, 广 告商可以在电视屏幕上提供 点击即可购买的东西。美国 几乎家家户户都有电视。而 个人电脑则没有无处不在, 所以类似于电视的系统极大 地扩大了这些服务的潜在客 户。只有有线网络能够胜任 提供这类似混合性的服务。

● thrill v. 发抖
● subscriber n. 订户,签署者,捐献者
● seamlessly adv. 无缝合线地,无伤痕地
● chat v. n. 聊天
● alluringly adv. 迷人地,吸引人地,诱惑地
● merchandise n. 商品,货物
● household n. 一家人,家庭,家族,王室;adj. 家庭的,家族的,家属的,普通的,平常的
● ubiquitous adj. 到处存在的,[同时]普遍存在的
● hybrid n. 杂种,混血儿,混合物; adj. 混合的,杂种的