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出版说明

这是一个什么时代？

这是一个可以早晨在巴黎喝早茶，到了晚上却可以相约在纽约百老汇街头上的时代。现代科技的迅猛发展使这世界变得如此之小，不同肤色、不同民族、不同国度的人们的距离从没有像今天这样的近。

全球经济一体化更要求那些使用不同语言的人们进行面对面的交流。英语作为全球通用的一种语言在成为交流第一要素的同时也成了最主要的障碍，虽然它是交流感情，表达我们思想和意图的最基本的工具，可是大多数人在英语的掌握上很难达到这一基本的要求。这是非常严峻的现实。

从我国的实际出发，从学习英语的实际出发，我们邀请了大量的在英语教学第一线的优秀教师，经过多次的座谈、研究，吸取了国内外的各种经验，潜心编写了这套《新英语》系列丛书，旨在全面提高我国中学生的英语水平，为他们日后的发展提供最基本的基础。

英语的学习有很多的环节，这些环节都是学习英语所必需的，无论哪一个环节出现问题，都可能成为学习英语的障碍，从而影响日后的再提高。因此，我们从不同的角度和方面，将中学英语的听、说、读、写各个方面的内容按照由简到难的阶梯式体例编排，精耕细作，进行深加工。

我们希望这套书的出版，能够给我国的中学生提供一个较开阔的空间，让他们从中学到一种学习英语的能力和方法，使他们的英语表达水平有一个较大的飞跃。我们也真诚地希望广大中学生朋友和教师能够提出宝贵意见，以便我们会及时修订。

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前 言

培养学生的阅读能力是中学英语教学的主要目的之一。国家教委颁布的英语教学大纲和即将颁布的国家英语课程标准都明确规定，英语教学的目的是：“培养学生口头上和书面上初步运用英语进行交际的能力，侧重培养阅读能力。”

近年来，全国各省、地、市的中、高考英语测试都很注重对学生阅读能力的考查，阅读量所占比例高达30%~55%。测试中，阅读理解题综合性比较强，占试卷总分比例也较大，它要求学生要有相当的知识面，既考查学生对文章的理解能力和概括能力，又测试学生对语言的运用能力；既考查表层理解能力，又考查深层理解能力。

目前，中学教科书提供的阅读材料有限，同学们的阅读能力亟待加强。因此，为了帮助广大中学生养成良好的阅读习惯，掌握必要的阅读技巧，切实提高英语阅读理解能力，我们根据新编中学英语课本、中学英语教学大纲和高考入学考试大纲，认真研究历年中高考英语试卷中的阅读理解题，精心编写了《中学英语分级阅读》这套丛书，编写中力求选材的广泛性，知识的趣味性，考查的针对性，训练的实效性，力求让学生通过一定量的阅读训练，提高阅读理解应试能力。

本套丛书共分五册，初中两册，高中三册。每册书均以单元的形式出现，每个单元分A、B两篇文体形式一致，内容由浅入深的短文。同时每篇短文前配有概括性很强的汉语导读。

本丛书所选材料，题材广泛，超过一般英语教本，有奇观胜景、珍禽异兽、民情风俗、名人轶事、劳动生产、饮食起居、体育游艺、科技知识、幽默小品等，可以说是面面俱到。

这套书的另一个重要特色是书中印有大量生动传神和说明问题的插图，

对形象而真切地领会短文大有帮助。

为了便于英语学习者使用，我们在每篇短文之后加上了词汇注释。

全书由美音专家 Stella Thomas 主审，使文章的语言自然、地道、生动，是学习现代英语的好材料。

能够提供一套权威、实用、有效的阅读丛书，是我们编者的初衷，能否达到这一目的，还有待检验。同时我们希望这套丛书能带领读者步入广阔的英语世界。

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Unit 1



本篇短文描写了鸟妈妈为了保护小鸟与一个饥饿的男子搏斗的情景。

This was a cloudy day, and hunger waked him again. He was very weak. It was no uncommon thing now for him to fall. Once he fell into a bird's nest. There were four tiny birds, no more than a mouthful. He ate them greedily, putting them alive into his mouth and crushing them like eggshells between his teeth. The mother bird flew about him with cries of anger. He used his gun as a strick with which to hit her, but she flew beyond his reach. He threw stones at her and by chance one broke a wing. Then she ran away, dragging the broken wing, with him following her.



He tired the mother bird, but he tired himself also. She lay on her side breathing heavily. He lay on his side, a dozen feet away, unable to move toward her.

And as he recovered. She recovered. She flew beyond reach as his hungry hand stretched out to catch her.

The hunt started again.

Notes

greedy [ˈɡri:di]

adj. 贪婪的

crush [krʌʃ]

v. 冲

Comprehension

根据短文内容,选择正确答案。

- () 1. The man kept falling because of _____.
- A. the cloudy weather B. being woken with hunger
- C. weakness D. the wounded bird
- () 2. The mother bird cried angrily because the man _____.
- A. wanted to catch her
- B. had broken her wing
- C. attacked her with his gun as a stick
- D. was eating her baby alive
- () 3. The man wounded the mother bird in the wing _____.
- A. with his gun as a stick
- B. with a stone by chance
- C. because the mother bird was very tired
- D. because the stone was right for him to attack her

B

能够让一个聪明的考官满意是一件不容易的事。本文中的这个男孩的回答令这位考官很满意。

An intelligence tester among the Kentucky "poor whites" presented the following problem to a boy being tested "If you went to the store and bought six cents' worth of candy and gave the shop assistant ten cents,

what change would you receive?"The boy replied "I never had ten cents, and if I had I wouldn't spend it for candy, and anyway candy is what your mother makes."The intelligence tester tried again, restating the problem as follows. "If you had taken ten cows to pasture for your father and six of them ran away, how many would you have left to drive home?"The boy replied, "We don't have ten cows, but if we did and I lost six, I wouldn't dare go home."

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| intelligence [in'telidʒəns] | n. 智力 |
| present [pri'zent] | v. 提供 |

Comprehension

根据短文内容,选择正确答案。

- () 1. The boy's answers to the test question shows us _____ .
- he is good at solving word problems
 - his experience is quite different from the tester's
 - he has no maths ability
 - his intelligence is far below the average boy's
- () 2. Based on the boy's answers, which of the following qualities do poor whites in Kentucky probably value most?
- Common sense.
 - Wild imagination.
 - Honesty.
 - Book knowledge.
- () 3. Which is the best conclusion for the passage?
- The boy is very silly.
 - The cultural background influenced the boy.
 - The boy didn't know the answers to the questions.
 - The boy didn't understand the questions.

- () 4. What does the underlined word “pasture” probably mean?
- A. Grassland for feeding cows.
 - B. Big farm for raising animals.
 - C. Vegetable fields.
 - D. Mountains with green grass.

Unit 8



这是一则出售钢琴的
广告。

A piano.

Black, white button, 49 keys

Robin GT-520. Made in 1990. Like
new.

\$ 800 or best offer. By original owner.

5789255 weekdays. 3617982 week-
ends. Ask for Ross Lewis.



Notes

button ['bʌtn] n. 键

original [ə'ridʒnəl] adj. 原来的

Comprehension

根据短文内容,选择正确答案。

() 1. What color is the piano?

A. It's red.

B. It's brown.

- C. It's white. D. It's black.
- () 2. What may be concluded from the passage?
- A. Ross Lewis will sell his piano to the original owner.
- B. Ross Lewis will sell his piano to the buyer who could offer him 750 if no one offers more.
- C. Ross Lewis will sell Robin GT-520 for more than 850 dollars.
- D. Ross Lewis will not sell his Robin GT-520 for less than 800 Dollars.
- () 3. What kind of writing is this passage?
- A. Notice B. A new item
- C. A report D. An advertisement



这是一则健美中心的
宣传广告。

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With a busy life and job, pressure
can make you look tired and aged.
Kiss Health-Beauty center gives

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class time: Gymnastic class, 18 : 30—19 : 30 every Monday, wednesday and Friday.

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Address: 16 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District, Beijing.

Notes

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| individual file | 个人档案 |
| muscle ['mʌsl] | n. 肌肉 |
| rhythm ['rɪðəm] | n. 节律 |
| anatom [ə'nætəm] | n. 解剖 |
| kinematic [kaini'mætɪk] | adj. 运动学的 |
| abdomen ['æbdəmən] | n. 腹 |

Comprehension

根据短文内容, 选择正确答案。

- () 1. The purpose of this passages is to _____.
- A. give advice
B. introduce new ways of body-building
C. ask you to go to the center
D. introduce ways to lose weight
- () 2. Through the advertisement the center wants to show its _____ one.
- A. the cheapest B. the largest

C. the newest

D. the most advanced

- () 3. If you want some exercises as well as relaxation after a busy day, you'll go to the center and _____.
- A. use the imported gym equipment
 - B. use the "Lazy-bone" fitness center
 - C. join in the gymnastic exercises
 - D. buy a special card
- () 4. We can infer those who keep lazy-bone fitness cards are _____ people.
- A. any
 - B. rich
 - C. athlete
 - D. work

Unit 8



这是一篇说明文，介绍了美国的父亲节和母亲节。

People in the United States honor their parents with two special days: Mother's Day, on the second Sunday in May, and Father's Day, on the third Sunday in June. These days are set aside to show love and respect for parents. They raise their children and educate them to be responsible citizens. They give love and care. These two days offer an opportunity to think about the changing roles of mothers and fathers. More mothers now work outside the home. More fathers must help with child-care.

These two special days are celebrated in many different ways. On Mother's Day people wear carnations. A red one symbolizes a living mother. A white one shows that the mother is dead. Many people attend religious services to honor parents. It is also a day when people whose parents are dead visit the cemetery. On these days families get together at home, as well as in restaurants. They often have outdoor barbecues for Father's Day. These are days of fun and good feelings and memories.



Another tradition is to give cards and gifts. Children make them in school. Many people make their own presents. These are valued more than the ones bought in stores. It is not the value of the gift that is important, but it is "the thought that counts." Greeting card stores, florists, candy makers, bakeries, telephone companies, and other stores do a lot of business during these holidays.

Notes

religious [ri'tidʒəs]

adj. 宗教的

florist ['flɒrɪst]

n. 花商

Comprehension

根据短文内容,选择正确答案。

- () 1. Which is NOT a reason for children to show love and respect for parents?
- A. Parents bring up children.
B. Parents give love and care to children.
C. Parents educate children to be good persons.
D. Parents pass away before children grow up.
- () 2. What do you know from the passage?
- A. Mother's Day and Father's Day are both in May.
B. Fewer women worked outside the home in the past.
C. Not all the children respect their parents.
D. Fathers are not as important as mothers at home.
- () 3. Which do you think is right about "carnation"?
- A. It only has two kinds of color.
B. It refers the special clothes people wear on Mother's Day or Father's Day.
C. It's a kind of flower showing love and best wishes.
D. People can wear carnations only on the second Sunday in May.