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本书经过修订,原版 70%的内容得以更新,题材更丰富,特点更突出,可读性更强。特点和主要内容如下:(1)新增酷句背诵栏目(所有酷句在文中用下画线标出),熟练诵读这些难句定会为你的英文写作锦上添花。(2)全书范文均选自英文原版报纸或杂志,题材广泛,紧跟时代,有些范文经编者改编后,更贴近课标要求,更方便学生使用。(3)单词短语解释,英汉对照,便于自学,是阅读和写作的最佳素材库。(4)一书多用,熟练诵读本书,就等于掌握了成功交际、成功演讲、成功翻译、成功作文的金钥匙。

前言

诵读是公认有效的传统学习方法之一。著名文学家巴金曾经说过:"我是读了几百篇古文能够背诵,就开始写起文章来。"世界上的文坛巨擘之所以创作出许许多多脍炙人口、流芳百世的诗文佳作,主要是因为他们锲而不舍坚持不懈地背诵了大量文质兼美的精品范文。

诵读范文对于外语学习尤其大有裨益。诵读可以帮助我们加深对文章的理解,提高阅读理解能力和作品赏析能力;还可以帮助我们了解文章中用词造句、布局谋篇的内在联系,培养和提高写作能力、听说能力和翻译能力。要想学好外语,诵读这种方法是必不可少的。诵读文章多了,在大脑这座仓库里储存的语言材料就多了,在阅读时,就会自然而然地联想起已接触并诵读过的词语、句式、结构、篇章,从而有助于我们对新文章的理解和赏析。通过诵读,语言材料增多了,知识增加了,理解技能增强了,听说译的能力也便随之提高了。在写作时,也会自然地联想起并且模仿运用那些已接触并背诵过的词语、句型和写法,从而有助于提高写作能力。这个道理是显而易见、毋庸置疑的,无数例子充分证明了这一点。

诵读的真正意义还在于它能够锻炼并提高一个人的记忆力,而记忆力对于青年学生的成长、成材、成就实在太重要了。俄国生理学家谢切诺夫(1829-1905)说过:"一切智慧的根源就在于记忆。"记忆的品质表现为记忆的敏捷性、准确性、持久性和记忆的备用性。古今中外有不少记忆力惊人的典型事例,一直传为佳话。马克思能够用英语背诵莎士比亚剧本中最微末角色的台词;明末学者顾炎武能够背诵《十三经》(即《诗》、《书》、《易》、《周礼》、《礼记》、《仪礼》、《左传》、《孝经》、《论语》、《尔雅》、《孟子》等13部儒家经典著作);1980年,日本索尼电器公司一名职员可背诵圆周率小数点后两万位数字,令人惊叹不已。

然而,上述这些例子是不是表明人的记忆力已经达到了极限呢?不是,远远不是。生理学家和心理学家的研究表明,人脑由 140 至 160 亿个高度特殊化的神经细胞组成。人脑的网络系统比北美洲的全部电报、电话通信网络还要复杂得多。因此,专家们认为,人脑记忆的可能容量相当于全世界图书馆藏书的信息总量!换言之,迄今为止,人们的记忆力还远远没有达到应有的水平,人们的记忆潜力还大得很哩!

人的记忆力的好坏,与本身的遗传天赋固然有关,但主要靠后天刻苦锻炼。训练记忆力的方法许许多多,而诵读范文就是其中最佳的方法之一。人生任何时期都可训练记忆力,但公认的最佳时期是青少年时代。充分把握最佳时期运用诵读

这种最佳方法把自己的记忆力训练好,对今后一生的发展都具有无可估量的重要意义。诵读并记住语言规范、内容健康、富有知识、富有教益、可读性强的英汉对照范文,不仅能够帮助我国初中生增长知识,优化知识结构,开阔知识视野,从而有助于他们大大提高听说读写译的能力,而且还能够帮助他们洗涤并净化心灵,纯洁和美化语言,进而有助于他们在潜移默化之中陶冶高尚情操,使之成为具有高度精神文明的人。

诵读范文的好处如此之多,那么在青少年最多、学习英语蔚然成风的中国,编写一部有特色的英语诵读范文(初中版)就显得十分必要,意义非常深远了。本书作为独具特色的英语诵读范文精品,作为我国广大初中生和英语爱好者的诵读本,必定会产生非同寻常且一举多得的效用,必定成为广大初中生走向成功的桥梁,必定成为他们的良师益友。

本书经过再次精心修订,原版 50%的范文得以更新,题材更丰富,可读性更强,特点更突出。本书由 18 个单元组成,每一个单元包括至少 3 篇短文。每个单元的短文自成一体,相辅相成,相得益彰。本书绝大多数范文精心选自国内外出版的英文报纸和书刊,其中有些范文是经主编加工、润饰,使之完善的结晶。每篇范文后面有生词注音、词语英汉释义和参考译文。所有译文经过主编谭卫国教授悉心校对和认真修正,最后由华东理工大学出版社责任编辑审定。

在编写此书的过程中,我们参考了国内外出版的有关书刊和报纸,谨此向所选范文的编者或作者表示衷心感谢。华东理工大学出版社领导和有关编辑积极支持本书的出版,责任编辑仔细审稿,提出了宝贵的修改意见。我们谨此向他们表示诚挚的谢意。编译者水平有限,书中不妥之处在所难免,诚请广大读者不吝指正,以便今后进一步完善。

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Unit I Home and Family 家庭与家人

1 The Dress of Kisses

By Rosaline

"Do you like my dress?" She asked a passing stranger. "My mommy made it just for me." She said with tears in her eyes.

"Well, I think it's very pretty, so tell me, little one, why are you crying?"

With a **quiver** in her voice the little girl answered, "After Mommy made me this dress, she had to go away."

"Well, now," said the lady, "with a little girl like you waiting for her, I'm sure she'll be right back."

"No, ma'am, you don't understand," said the child through her tears, "my Daddy said that she's up in heaven now with Grandfather."

Finally, the woman realized what the child meant and why she was crying.

Kneeling down, she gently cradled the child in her arms and together they cried for the mommy that was gone.

Then suddenly, the little girl did something that the woman thought was a bit strange.

She stopped crying, stepped back from the woman, and began to sing. She sang so softly that it was almost a **whisper**. It was the sweetest sound the woman had ever heard, almost like the song of a very small bird.

After the child stopped singing, she explained to the lady, "My mommy used to sing that song to me before she went away, and she made me a promise to sing it whenever I started crying and it would make me stop." "See," she **exclaimed**, "it did, and now my eyes are dry!"

As the woman turned to go, the little girl grabbed her sleeve, "Lady, can you stay just a minute? I want to show you something."

"Of course," she answered. "What do you want me to see?"

Pointing to a spot on her dress, she said, "Right here is where my Mommy kissed my dress, and here," pointing to another spot, "and here is another kiss, and here, and here, Mommy said that she put all those kisses on my dress so that I would have her kisses for every booboo that made my cry."

Then the lady realized that she wasn't just looking at a dress, no, she was looking at a Mother who knew that she was going away and would not be there to kiss away the hurts that she knew her daughter would get. So she put all the love she had for her beautiful little girl into this dress that her child now so proudly wore. She no longer saw a little girl in a simple dress, she saw a child wrapped in her Mother's love.

Words and Expressions

- 1. quiver ['kwɪvə(r)] n. slightly trembling movement or sound 颤抖, 抖动
- 2. whisper ['wɪspə(r)] n. whispering sound, speech, or remark; speaking softly, using the breath but without vibrating the vocal cords 耳语, 低语, 悄悄话
- 3. exclaim [ɪksˈkleɪm] vi. cry out suddenly and loudly from pain, anger, surprise 呼喊,大声叫嚷
- 4. grab [græb] vt. grasp sth. suddenly and roughly, snatch sth. 拽住,抓取,
- 5. wrap [ræp] vt. cover or enclose sb. / sth. in soft or flexible materials 包裹,缠绕
- 6. kneel down: to go down on one or both knees; rest on the knees 跪下
- 7. cradle sb./sth. (in sth.): place or hold sb. / sth. in a cradle 将某人或某物置于摇篮中
- 8. to kiss away the hurts: to get rid of the hurts by kissing 吻去伤痛

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① 充满吻的连衣裙

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"您喜欢我的连衣裙吗?"她问一个过路人。"妈妈专门为我做了这件连衣裙。" 她含泪说道。

"嗯,我觉得它很漂亮。那么,乖乖,告诉我你干吗哭呢?"

女孩声音有些颤抖,回答说:"妈妈给我做了这件衣服之后,她就得走了。"

"哦,"那位女士说道,"有你这么可爱的小乖乖在等着她,我相信她很快就会回来的。"

"不,夫人,您不明白,"女孩泪水汪汪,说道,"我爸爸说她上天堂了,和祖父在一起。"

那位女士终于明白了女孩的意思,也明白了她哭的原因。

她蹲下身来,轻轻地把女孩搂在怀里,两人一起为她那离去的妈妈哭泣。

突然,女孩的举止变化让这位女士觉得有点奇怪。

女孩不哭了,从那女士的怀中退了出来,开始唱起歌来。她轻柔地唱着,几乎像是在说悄悄话。这是女士所听到的最甜美的歌声,活像小鸟儿的婉转啁啾。

女孩唱完了歌,便向女士解释说:"我妈妈走之前,她常常唱那首歌给我听。而且要我答应她,每当我想哭的时候,就唱这首歌,因为唱起这首歌我就会不哭了。" "瞧,"她呼喊道,"果真是这样噢,好啦,我的双眼没有眼泪了!"

女士转身要走,女孩拽着她的衣袖说:"夫人,您能再待一会儿吗?我想给您看样东西。"

"当然可以啊,"女士回答道。"你想要我看什么呢?"

女孩指着她连衣裙上的一个斑点,说道:"就是在这儿,妈妈吻了我的裙子,还有这儿,"她指着另一个斑点,"这儿妈妈又吻了一下,还有这儿,这儿。妈妈说她把她所有这些亲吻吻在我的连衣裙上,这样我将享有她所有的吻,每个使我哭泣的错误都可用吻来克服。"

这时,女士才意识到,她现在看到的不光是一件连衣裙,不,她看到的是一位知道自己即将离开人世的母亲,这位母亲知道她的女儿可能会受到伤害,而她却不能留在女儿身边吻去她的伤痛。所以母亲把她对美丽小女儿所有的爱都融进了这件她的女儿现在如此自豪地穿着的连衣裙里。眼下女士看到的不再是一个衣着朴素的女孩,她看到的是一个被母爱包裹着的孩子。(吴美兰译)

2 Love Holds Us Together

By Rosanna

Sometimes I **doubt** whether there is love between my parents. Every day they are busy trying to make money. They don't act in the **romantic** ways that I read about in books or I see on TV. They never say, "I love you." It is not their style.

One day, my mother was sewing a quilt. I sat down beside her.

- "Mom, I have a question to ask you," I said after a while.
- "What?" she replied, still doing her work.
- "Is there love between you and Dad?" I asked her in a very low voice.

She stopped her work and raised her head. Then she lowered her head and went on sewing the quilt.

I thought I had hurt her. At last I heard my mother say, "Susan, look at this thread. Sometimes it **appears**, but most of it disappears in the quilt. It makes the quilt strong. If life is a quilt, then love should be a thread. It can



hardly be seen anywhere, but it's really there."

I listened carefully but I didn't understand her until the next spring. My father suddenly got seriously sick. My mother had to stay with him in the hospital for a month.

After they got back, she helped my father walk slowly down the country path every day. My father had never been so gentle.

"Dad, how are you feeling now?" I asked him one day.

"Susan, don't worry about me," he said gently. "I just like walking with your mom."

Once I thought love meant flowers, gifts and sweet kisses. But from this experience, I understand that love is just a thread in the quilt of our life. Love is inside, making life strong and warm.

Words and Expressions

- 1. doubt 「daʊt] ʊt. feel uncertain about sth; question the truth of sth 怀疑某事,对某事无把握
- 2. romantic [rəʊˈmæntɪk] adj. involving a love affair; enjoying emotional situations 爱情的
- 3. appear [ə'pɪə(r)] vi. come into view; become visible 出现,看得见
- 4. experience [ɪks'pɪərɪəns] n. event or activity that affects one in some way; event or activity that has given one knowledge or skill acquired from seeing or doing sth 经历;感受,体会
- 5. raise one's head: lift one's head to a higher level 抬头

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② 爱是维系我家的纽带

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有时我会怀疑父母之间是否有真爱。每天他们都在忙着赚钱。他们并不像我 从书上或电视上看到的那样,做些浪漫的事情。他们从不向对方说:"我爱你。"这 可不是他们的风格。

- 一天,母亲正在缝被子,我在她身旁坐下来。
- "妈妈,我有个问题想问您。"坐了一会后,我说道。
- "什么问题?"她嘴里应着,手里依旧干着她的活。
- "您和爸爸之间到底有没有爱情?"我非常小声地问道。

这时,母亲停下手中的活,抬起头,过了一会,又低下头,继续缝被子。

我想我的话让她伤心了。过了好久,我听见母亲说道:"苏珊,看看这线,有时,

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