

# Unit 1 Will people have robots?



# 英语阅读的6种方法(一)

#### 跟读法

跟读是指你跟着原汁原味的英语音带朗读。这样你可以充分感知标准的读音、语调、爆破音、连读、停顿、句子重音、节奏、语气等,建立声音记忆,形成英语语感,为英语学习打下基础。



#### A

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短文词汇量	阅读时间	阅读速度	理解练习	做对题数	正确率
122 词	分钟	词/分钟	5 题	题	

# Pre-reading question(读前思考题):

W hat do you think the life in the future will be? 你认为将来的生活会是什么样子?

## Life in the future

In the future, life will be much better. Maybe there will be vision phones in every family. People can have a medical examination without a doctor or nurse in the room. If people want to do some shopping, they do not need to leave their homes. And what

about education? There will be more educational program son the radio or on TV, even on the Internet. So many children who live in faraway villages don't need to go to school every day. They can study at home. Each family will have a robot. Robots will help people with their housework.

Perhaps some people will go to the moon for a holiday and some people can live under the sea in hot summer.

W ords and Expressions
vision phones 可视电话 educational 受教育的

## Post-reading tasks(读后练习题)

Fill in the blanks according to the passage. 根据短文内容完成下列句子。(每空不限填一词。)

- ( )1. If you are ill, you can see the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ in the future.
- ( )2. In the future, \_\_\_\_ can help people do the housework.
- ( )3. In the future, students can study on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( )4. Some people can go to the sea \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( )5. People can go to the moon \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Pre-reading question(读前思考题):

What is the modern fam ers' life like? 现在农民的生活是什么样子?

## The modern farmers' life

All big cities are quite similar. Living in a modern A sian city is not very different

from living in an Am erican city. The same can't be said about living on farms. In many parts of the world, farmers and their families live in villages or towns. In the United States, each farm family lives on its own fields, often beyond the sight of any neighbors. Instead of traveling from a village to the fields every morning, Am erican farmers stay on their land throughout the week. They travel to the nearest town on Saturdays for shopping or Sunday for church.

The children take buses to large schools which serve all the farm families living in the area. In some areas, there are small schools serving a few farm families, and the children walk to school.

Of course, life keeps changing for everyone, including farmers. Today there are cars, good roads, radios and television sets. All of these have changed farm life. For many years, farming in America was often a lonely way of living. Farmers have to work out their own problems, instead of getting help from others. They learned to try new methods, and to trust their own ideas instead of following older ways.

W ords and Expressions beyond 超越 church 教堂 serve 服务于 including 包括

## Post-reading tasks(读后练习题):

W rite T for True or F for False beside these statem ents according to the passage. 在下列有关短文的句子旁边标上 T(对)或 F(不对)。

- ( )1. Living in big cities may be the same in America and Asia.
- ( )2. In the United States, the farmers live in the villages or towns.
- ( )3. A m erican farm ers hardly go out except Saturday and Sunday.
- ( )4. Children go to large schools by bus.
- ( )5. Farming in America is not a lonely way of living today.

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### Pre-reading question(读前思考题):

Do you often play gam es on the Internet? 你经常在网上玩游戏吗?

### The Internet

It is popular that we're into computers. On the Internet, we can read news, plan holidays, pay bills, make friends, play games and so on. But for someone, once they are onto the Internet, they just can't stop.

It is reported that 51% of m en and 42% of w om en think Internet is one reason that they're not getting enough sleep !B ecause of the on-line experience, 68% of Internet addicts say they have less time to stay with their family or visit their friends face-to-face than before.

Internet addiction happens to some students, too. Often these students stay away from school and home, throw their homework away, just play games in the Internet Cafes. Their wide eyes glue to the screens, and their fingers hit buttons quickly. At times, they shout loudly and jump from their seats when they win or lose in the games. These "gamers" play games most of the day, then think about them for the rest of it and dream about them in bed at night. They soon become lonely with little to talk about except the results of the games they have got. They are fed up with study. Computers are now their best friends.

Spending so much time in front of a computer screen is unhealthy. Staying in the same seat for hours with smoke-filled air around in the Internet Cafe is something terrible. It was reported that last 0 ctober in Beijing a student died because of exhaustion after playing computer games non-stop for 76 hours in an Internet Cafe.

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Choose the best answer according to the passage.

根据短文内容选择最佳答案。

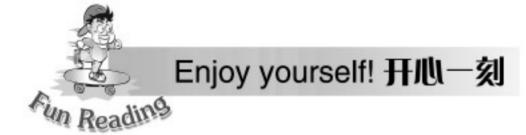
( )1. How many people can't get enough sleep because of getting on-line?

- A . 93% people.
- B. 68% people.
- C. 42% women and 51% men. D. 51% women and 42% men.
- )2. W ho does the Internet addiction often happen to?
  - A . M en.

B.Women.

C. Students.

- D. All of the above.
- )3. Why do the "gamers" shout and jump when they play games? Because
  - A. the computer is broken down
  - B. they may win or lose in the gam es
  - C. there is something wrong with their chairs
  - D. the gam e is boring
- )4. From this passage we know the student in Beijing died because \_\_\_\_\_ (
  - A . he liked playing gam es on-line
  - B. the air in the Internet Cafe was not good
  - C. he was too tired
  - D. he had played computer gam es for 76 hours
- )5. The main idea of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A . we can do all kinds of things on the Internet
  - B. getting on-line is not good for us
  - C. Internet addiction harms us
  - D. Internet addicts will die



# Dentist and "patient"

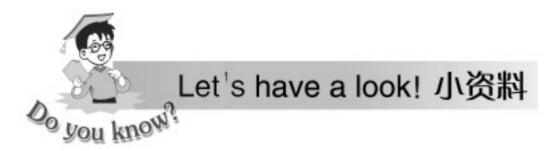
One day a dentist was starting his morning work. Suddenly a man ran in. His face was red and he could only say "Quick !Quick !" The dentist thought he must be very ill. H is assistant helped to make the poor man sit in a chair. The dentist gave the man some medicine to make him sleep. Then, he



looked into the man's mouth and pulled out(拔出) all the bad teeth. As soon as the man woke up, he said in a low voice(嗓音), "Quick, doctor, quick."

"It's all right now," said the dentist, "It's over."

"You don't understand," said the man, "I come to tell you that your house is on fire(火)."



# 美国的传统节日

- 1月1日 新年(New Year's Day)
- 2月12日 林肯纪念日(Lincoln's Birthday)
- 2月14日 圣瓦伦丁节(情人节)(St.Valentine's Day)
- 2月18日 华盛顿诞辰日(Washington's Birthday)
- 3月17日 圣帕特里克节(St.Patrick's Day)
- 4月1日 愚人节(April Fool's Day)
- 4月\*日 复活节(Easter)(一般指春分月圆后第一个星期日)
- 5月\*日 母亲节(Mother's Day)(5月的第二个星期日)
- 5月\*日 阵亡将士纪念日(Memorial Day)(5月的最后一个星期一)
- 6月14日 国旗日(Flag Day)
- 6月\*日 父亲节(Father's Day)(6月的第三个星期日)
- 7月4日 独立日(Independence Day)
- 9月\*日 劳动节(Labor Day)(9月的第一个星期一)
- 10月\*日 退伍军人节(Veteran's Day)(10月的第四个星期一)
- 11月1日 万圣节(Hallow een)
- 11月\*日 感恩节(Thanksgiving Day)(11月的最后一个星期四)
- 12月25日 圣诞节(Christmas)



Your Plan

(你的计划)

# Let's think! 想一想

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(你的困难)	
Teacher's/Friends' Advice	
(老师/朋友的建议)	

# Unit 2 W hat should I do?



# 英语阅读的6种方法(二)

#### 预读法

预读是指你在学了一段时间的英语后,积累了一定数量的单词、句法和语法知识, 在学习新课前利用生词表和注释自己预读课文。



#### A

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167 词	分钟	词/分钟	5 题		

### Pre-reading question(读前思考题):

W hat should you do if you have a neighbor like Robert? 如果你有一个像罗伯特这样的邻居,你应该怎样做?

# W hat should the neighbors do?

Robert liked music and would like to be a pianist. He bought a piano and spent much time playing it after getting home from work until late in the night.

The noise he made stopped his neighbors from sleeping, and so they hated him very much. A few young men were even going to beat him up. Therefore, two weeks

ago, Robert moved from the building near his factory to another one. His friends told him to stop playing the piano in the evening, but he refused to listen.

One morning he went to work, looking tired. He nearly fell asleep while he was working by the machine. He had to smoke to stay awake. During the lunch time, his friends asked him what had happened the night before.

"I think my new neighbors have gone mad!" said Robert.

"W hat do you m ean?"

"Last night they kept on knocking at my door!" he answered.

"I turned a deaf ear to it and went on playing the piano!"

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## Post-reading tasks(读后练习题):

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	Choose the best answer according to the pa根据短文内容选择最佳答案。	ssage.
(	)1. Robert plays the piano in the evening	because
	A . he wants to make much noise	
	B. he has no time in the daytime	
	C . he can not fall asleep at that tim e	
	D. he wants his neighbors to listen to	him play
(	)2. The neighbors hated the young man b	0.00 ± 0
	A . he stopped them from sleeping	
	C. he didn't play well	D . he wasn't polite to them
(	)3. Robert was afraid to, so he	m oved to another building.
	A . be late for work	B . lose his work
	C. lose his piano	D . be beaten up
(	)4. The neighbors knocked at Robert's do	oor to
	A . listen to him play	B. make friends with him
	C. learn to play the piano	D. make him stop playing the piano
(	)5. W ho's gone mad?	
115	A . Robert has.	B. Robert's neighbors have.

#### C. A few young men have.

В

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185 词	分钟	词/分钟	4 题		

## Pre-reading question(读前思考题):

W hat should I do? 我该怎样做?

# W hat's w rong w ith me?

My health generally seems quite good except for one problem. When I wake up every morning I feel tired—so tired that I can hardly get out of bed.

All day at work I have this feeling. I work very hard. When I get home from work around 5:30, I have a good dinner with my family and then sit down to read the new spaper.



But before I have finished reading the front page, I often fall asleep in my chair and sleep until 8:30 or 9:30.

When I wake up, I feel wonderful and ready to do a day's work. But at that hour there is nothing to do but watch TV. So I watch TV until m idnight.

Even at m idnight I still do not feel sleepy, but I know I should get a good night's rest, so I take a sleeping pill and go to bed. It's often two o'clock in the morning before the pill puts me to sleep. Just a few hours after that I have to get up and go to work. All day I feel too tired to work.

W ords and Expressions generally 一般 a sleeping pill 安眠药

### Post-reading task(读后练习题):

Answer the questions according to the passage. 根据短文内容回答下列问题。

1. W hat is the writer's problem?

iter do after dinner?
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- 3. W hen does the writer go to bed?
- 4. How does the writer feel at work? W hy?

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140 词	分钟	词/分钟	10 题	题	

Pre-reading question(读前思考题):

What is Dr. Gibson's vacation dream? 吉伯森博士的假期梦想是什么?

#### A vacation dream

Dr Gibson thought about going to some places after his retirement, driving his RV and traveling to some beautiful spots in America he never had time to see while he was working hard and had short vaca-



tions. Here is DrG ibson's vacation dream; he is going on a wonderful 5-day trip. The first day, he will drive from New York City to Niagara Falls, through the Catskill Mountains. He will visit Niagara Falls to see this magnificent sight. The second day, he is going to Toronto, Canada, a modern city with glass sky scrapers. The next two days, he is going to Washington D.C., to see the famous landmarks and monuments. A fter that, he is going from Washington D.C. to Philadelphia, where he will visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, then back to New York to end a memorable journey.

W ords and Expressions

sky scrapers 摩天大楼 landmarks 有历史意义的建筑 memorable 难忘的 journey 旅行

### Post-reading task(读后练习题):

Fill in the chart according to the passage.

根据短文内容完成下面的表格。

Days	Places to go	Things to see
The 1st day		
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> day		
The 3 <sup>rd</sup> day		
The 4 <sup>th</sup> day		
The 5 <sup>th</sup> day		

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164 词	分钟	词/分钟	5 题		

## Pre-reading question(读前思考题):

Where are the bananas?

#### 香蕉在哪里?

The telephone rang when M rs G ates was cooking lunch. Her son Bruce went to answer the telephone. His aunt said she was coming to see them with her daughter that afternoon. M rs G ates was happy because she hadn't seen her sister for several months. She knew the girl liked bananas very much, but she was busy in the kitchen and couldn't go to buy any for her. She gave some money to Bruce and said, "Go and buy two kilos of bananas in the shop."

Bruce liked bananas, too. He went out happily. Half an hour later he came back with a bag in his hand. Mrs Gates weighed the bananas and found they were half a kilo short. She took the bag to the shopkeeper and said, "I sent my little son for two kilos of bananas, but you gave him only one and a half kilos."

"Have you weighed your little son yet, madam?" asked the shopkeeper, "my scales are all right!"

W ords and Expressions w eigh 称……重量 scale 秤

# Post-reading task(读后练习题):

Choose the best answer according to the passage.

根据短文内容选择最佳答案。

- ( )1. Who went to answer the telephone when it rang?
  - A . M rs Gates.

B. Bruce.

C. Her sister.

D. The girl.

- ( )2. M rs Gates asked her son \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. to buy som e bananas

B. to cook lunch

C. to sweep the floor

D. to play with his sister

- ( )3. W hy did Bruce go to buy bananas happily?
  - A . He had money.

B. He liked his cousin.

C . H e liked bananas.

D. He knew the way.

- )4. How many bananas did his mother ask him to buy?
  - A. Halfakilo.

B. One kilo.

C. Two kilos.

- D. Three kilos.
- ( )5. The shopkeeper thought that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A . his scales were wrong
  - B. Mrs Gates' scales were wrong
  - C. Mrs Gates had eaten som e bananas
  - D. Mrs Gates' son had eaten som e bananas



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## Enjoy yourself! 开心一刻

大千世界,色彩斑斓。花是红的,草是绿的,大海是蓝的……可是在英语王国中,有时你可不一定能发现它们……

Red

It is a red-letter day. 那是一个值得纪念的日子。

Herwords made me see red. 她的话让我火冒三丈。

G reen

He is very green. 他很幼稚。

W hat's w rong w ith you? Y ou look green. 你怎么了? 你看起来很苍白。

B lue

Nowonder! She has blue blood. 怪不得,她是贵族出身。

I'm in the blues today. 我今天心情不好。

W hite

A car is a white elephant for me. 对我而言,小汽车是个昂贵而无用的东西。

Forget it. It is a white lie. 别介意,那是一个没有恶意的谎言。

B lack

He gave me a black look. 他狠狠地瞪了我一眼。

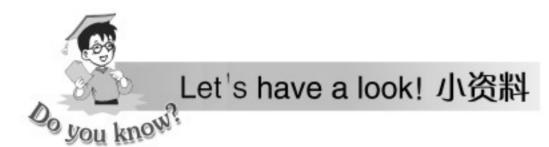
John is a black sheep of the fam ily. 约翰是个败家子。

Yellow

Tom is a yellow-belly. 汤姆是个胆小鬼。

怎么样? 是不是很有趣? 有趣的还在后面呢。一起来看看下面这段话怎么翻译! MrBrown is a very white man. He looks green today. He feels blue and he is a brown study. I hope he will soon be in the pink again.

布朗先生是一个忠实可靠的人。今天他脸色苍白,他感到闷闷不乐,而且看起来心事重重。我希望他早日恢复健康。



# 什么是 SOH 0?

传统意义上的 S0 H 0 — Sm all 0 ffice and H om e 0 ffice, 直译是小型办公室、家庭办公室的意思,实际上就是自由职业或自由职业者的意思。当然,S0 H 0 也代表了一种更为自由、开放、弹性的工作方式。

# PK 是什么意思?

据称 PK 一词起源于一款欧洲的骑士游戏,现已无法考证。不过在现代电脑游戏中,PK 指玩家之间的决斗。也有人说 PK 是一足球术语,英文应该是 Penalty K ick,指足球比赛中加时赛结束后仍不分胜负时的点球大战。因为对队员和观众来说,点球大赛是最残酷的决胜方式,正如"超级女声"中的 PK 赛。从意思上看,PK 和 V S (V ersus,对抗)意思相近,只是 PK 好像更强调对抗的激烈甚至血腥。



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(老师/朋友的建议)

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