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## 前 言

人常说,兴趣是最好的老师,而学习任何一门语言都离不开广泛的阅读,《趣味英语阅读》正是以此为指导思想产物。我们以培养兴趣为目的,以报刊、杂志为切入点,选择与课本相关的、知识性和趣味性兼备的材料来编写此书,让学生在阅读中体会外国人的生活习惯、说话方式,在阅读中走向生活,实现学习知识、培养能力的双丰收。

我们在选材、编写时坚持以下原则:

1. 与社会生活相关的重大话题,如保护环境、两岸关系、奥运会等。此类话题生词量大,注解详细,测试题简单易懂。
2. 与学生生活相关的话题,如歌星、影星、体育明星等。此类话题以培养学生猜词能力为主,测试题相对较难。
3. 与人类生活相关的话题,如自然界、动物界、宇宙天体等。此类话题以扩大学生知识面为主,测试题以趣味性为主,难度适中。
4. 与国外传统节日相关的话题,如情人节、愚人节、母亲节等。测试题突出文化意识。
5. 世界奇闻趣事。以寓教于乐为主。测试题简单有

趣。

6. 新闻图片阅读，训练学生快速收集反馈信息的能力。测试题少而精，抓住关键点。

《趣味英语阅读》来源于生活，具有以下四个方面的突出优点：

一是瞄准高考题。书中精选的报导本世纪发生的重大事件的文章，是取得高分的捷径。高考命题基本遵循“热点不热，冷点不冷”的原则。我们所选的文章，虽说不可能是高考题，但却与高考话题有关，只要你认真阅读，学会相关词汇，相信你的高考成绩只高不低。

二是关爱自然。本书中有关动植物的阅读占了较大篇幅，这与全世界人民关注的保护动植物、保护地球一拍即合。全人类关注的主题，很可能是各类考试的试题。

三是强烈的吸引力。书中的奇闻趣事，对每一个阅读者都有很大的吸引力，让人爱不释手，阅读到底，学到新词汇新知识。

四是本书是在开发课程资源的过程中形成的，它切近教材，切近学生，是学生的贴心符。

由于本书具有以上突出优点，因此，它是献给中学生的一份厚礼。

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## Success once is enough

David McConnell sold books door-to-door. Housewives were not interested in the books and frequently slammed the door in McConnell's face before he had a chance to make his sale. In stead of giving up, McConnell decided to give away a free gift, a small vial of perfume, which he made himself. He soon discovered that the women preferred the perfume to the books. He stopped selling books and created his own company Avon, which is a great success.

When you do nothing, you learn nothing. But when you try and fail, you learn what doesn't work. That puts you one step closer to what will work. It doesn't matter how many times you fail. It does matter that you will succeed sometime.

Van Gogh had failed in several careers before he began to paint. And he did succeed.

Success once is enough for Van Gogh.

And the same for you—success once is enough.



### 选择题

1. "Slam" means \_\_\_\_\_.

A. put down

B. open

C. close violently

D. shut up

2. After failure in making his sale, David McConnell \_\_\_\_\_.



- A. gave up                      B. give away a free gift  
C. did nothing                 D. created his own company Avon
3. When you do something, you try and fail, you know \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. you will not succeed  
B. you will succeed easily  
C. what kind of work you can do  
D. what doesn't work
4. It's enough for everyone to succeed \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. many times                      B. once  
C. twice                              D. several times



## Future without teachers

How would you like to teach yourself, rather than have teachers? According to the UK's Department of Education and Skills, students will teach themselves in the schools of the future. This means that there will be no more problems such as finding enough teachers.

Estelle Morris, the UK Education Secretary, opened the 2002 Educational Technology Conference<sup>2</sup> in London recently. To start the conference, she presented a video<sup>3</sup> showing a computer-generated<sup>4</sup> model<sup>5</sup> of the school of tomorrow.

Greater use of computer technology and classroom assistants will help students develop their own way of learning, Morris said. She added that this is a more exciting, as well



as a more interesting way of learning.

At the same time, teachers will be “freed from their traditional<sup>6</sup> role<sup>7</sup> as the source<sup>8</sup> of all knowledge.”

Children of all abilities will “form the curriculum<sup>9</sup> around their individual<sup>10</sup> needs.” They will “learn in their own time, at their own speed and in their own environment<sup>11</sup>.”

At home or at school, they will follow their learning programmes<sup>12</sup> by looking at on-line<sup>13</sup> libraries and watching lessons by world-class teachers and subject experts<sup>14</sup>.

Instead of going on field trips, students will use virtual reality<sup>15</sup>. If they do not understand something, they can ask other students — “take part in virtual communities<sup>16</sup> with learners with similar<sup>17</sup> needs” — or e-mail their teachers. They will hand in their work electronically<sup>18</sup> to be “automarked”.

The classroom of the future is fast becoming a reality.

And the Department of Education will soon produce a guide to help schools adapt buildings for new technology, Morris said. These ideas are based on the UK government's plan to create an education system that provides students with a strong grounding<sup>19</sup> of knowledge and skills at primary school level and provides the chance for students to develop their individual skills at secondary school level.

Morris said that enabling students to follow study programmes to their own needs means that, in a class of 15 - year-olds, some could be starting university learning while others were still learning to read and write.



### 注释

1. UK (= United Kingdom) 联合王国, 英国
2. conference [ˈkɒnfərəns] *n.* 会议
3. video [ˈviðiəu] *n.* 录像
4. generate [ˈdʒenəreɪt] *v.* 产生
5. model [ˈmɒdl] *n.* 模型
6. traditional [trəˈdɪʃənl] *adj.* 传统的
7. role [rəʊl] *n.* 角色
8. source [sɔːs] *n.* 来源
9. curriculum [kəˈrɪkjʊləm] *n.* 课程
10. individual [ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒʊəl] *adj.* 个人的
11. environment [ɪnˈvaɪənmənt] *n.* 环境
12. programme [ˈprəʊgræm] *n.* 课程
13. on-line [ɒnˈlaɪn] *adj.* 联线的
14. expert [ˈekspəːt] *n.* 专家
15. virtual reality [ˈvɜːtʃuəl rɪˈæləti] 虚拟现实
16. community [kəˈmjʊːnəti] *n.* 社团, 社会
17. similar [ˈsɪmɪlə] *adj.* 相似的, 类似的
18. electronically [ɪlekˈtrɒnɪkli] *adv.* 通过电子邮件
19. grounding [ˈgraʊndɪŋ] *n.* 基础教育, 基础训练



### 选择题

1. Students will be taught by \_\_\_\_\_ in the schools of the future.  
A. TV      B. teachers      C. themselves      D. Internet



2. Students' way of learning is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. self-study            B. pressure's study  
C. exciting            D. interesting
3. Teachers will be "freed from their traditional role as the source of all knowledge." This sentence means \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. Teachers will not be the source of all knowledge any longer  
B. Teaching is not a kind of job  
C. Not only teachers but also students have knowledge  
D. Teachers will be dismissed
4. Children of all abilities will \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. have right to refuse curriculum  
B. have right to choose the way of learning they need  
C. have no choice for themselves  
D. have to obey the rules at home or at school
5. These ideas based on \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. a plan provides students with a strong grounding of knowledge and skills at primary school level  
B. a plan that provides the chance for  
C. an article of the UK's Department of Education and Skills  
D. the UK government's plan to create an education system



Ligi

Ligi, a seven-year-old female koala, holds her eight-





month-old baby at the Taipei Zoo on April 1 during the baby's first public appearance. The yet-to-be-named male koala was born on July 4, 2003 and weighs 1.18kg.



### 填 空

1. A seven-year-old female koala takes her eight-month-old baby \_\_\_\_\_ her legs.
2. The eight-month-old baby was first \_\_\_\_\_ by public.



## 4 Zoo wants chimpanzee<sup>1</sup> to stop smoking

A South African zoo is trying to persuade its star chimpanzee to kick a bad smoking habit.

Charlie, a grown male chimp in the Bloemfontein Zoo, has been picking up cigarettes thrown to him by visitors and smoking them—a habit he probably picked up by observing humans, zoo officials said.

“Baby chimps pick up habits by mimicking<sup>2</sup> adults and we think he started mimicking smokers at his enclosure<sup>3</sup> which probably led to smokers throwing him cigarettes,” spokesman Daryl Barnes said.