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魔法英语横空出世,骤然引起广大教师和学生的关注,得到社会各界读者的厚爱,这对我们实在是一种莫大的鼓励。我们本意旨在给中学生提供一个崭新的学习平台,为每位读者所付出的时间和期待提供丰厚的回报。在这里,最不能释怀的是我们对中学英语教育的敏锐察觉和积累,我们力求通过不懈的努力,让“魔法英语——解放中学生的英语,让英语学习变得如此简单”的思想光芒,照耀每位读者!

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Preface

前言

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前言

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这套磨砺已久的《魔法英语新概念阅读》的面市，将圆你快乐英语阅读之梦，让你告别英语阅读枯燥而乏味的遗憾。

来吧，朋友！不要让它与你失之交臂——你没有理由去体验追悔莫及的感受，赶快飞奔向前，乘上这趟快乐巴士，我们一起驶向英语阅读的快乐大本营。让这套阅读丛书与你一同快乐和进步，伴你度过中学英语学习的黄金时光！

如果你是一个初次涉猎英语阅读的朋友，我们也会特别关照，为文中的生词和难点配有注释，你不必翻阅字典就可以阅读；我们也提请朋友们注意，即使有的单词已经遗忘或者还未学过，你也可以借助上下文来推测词义，不要太频繁地停顿而影响了阅读连贯性；不要苛求把一切句子和单词都读懂，因为那永远都不是阅读的目的——你的阅读目的是获取信息，培养阅读的习惯与乐趣，不要太在乎到底读懂了多少，只要持之以恒，每天都能取得进步，虽然这种进步你自己并没有察觉。

我们从不忘记让你享受快乐阅读的人，包括我们的作者、编辑以及众多制作人员；我们特别鸣谢为本书提供宝贵资料和帮助的人和作者，感谢他们倾情和无私的奉献！

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Now It's Your Turn to Whistle

现在轮到你吹口哨了

你肯定不会记得你孩提时代的往事，那时的你更好玩，有更多让人忍不住发笑的趣事。但这些回忆一直被你父母珍藏着，将来会变成你的孩子最爱听的故事。想知道你孩提时代的经历吗？那就阅读本文吧，它会让你找回失却的记忆，从中看到孩提时代那个淘气的你。

Bob, a boy of three years old, went to see his grandmother with his father. In the train, he often put his head out of the window. His father was worried and said, "Bob, don't put your head out of the window!" But Bob didn't listen to his father and went on putting his head out of the window.

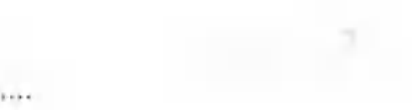
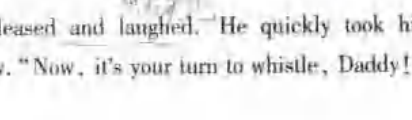
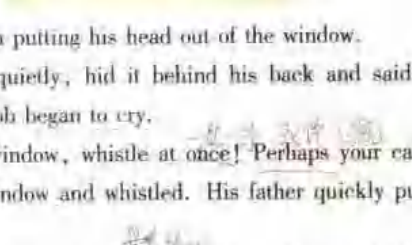
Then his father took off Bob's cap quietly, hid it behind his back and said, "You see, your cap has flown away." Bob began to cry.

His father said, "Well, go to the window, whistle at once! Perhaps your cap will come back." Bob came up to the window and whistled. His father quickly put the cap back on Bob's head.

Oh! It was wonderful! Bob was pleased and laughed. He quickly took his father's cap and threw it out of the window. "Now, it's your turn to whistle, Daddy!" He said happily.

Notes

1. hide *v.* 藏
2. whistle *v.* 吹哨
3. be one's turn to... 轮到某人……



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Comprehension questions

1. With whom did Bob go to see his grandmother?
A. His mother. B. His father.
C. His parents. D. His brother and sister.
2. How did Bob go to see grandmother?
A. On foot. B. By plane.
C. By bike. D. By train.
3. Where did Bob put his father's cap?
A. He threw it out of the window.
B. He put it on his own head.
C. He hid it behind his back.
D. He put it back on his father's head.

校园幽默



Teacher: Tell me the truth now. Who did your homework?

Bob: My father.

Teacher: Did he do it all? It's wrong.

Bob: Well, I helped him with it.

巧问巧答

Q: What falls often but never gets hurt?

A: Snow.

Note-----■

get hurt (使) 受伤



Keys

B D A



Miss Green, a Great Teacher!



Miss Green, a Great Teacher!

格林老师，你真了不起！

读过无教会己救人的故事，可从来没有像今天这样感动过，眼前的画面挥之不去：前面是狂奔过来的疯狗，身边是一群自己的学生，格林小姐毫不犹豫地奋力冲到孩子们前面，用自己单薄的身躯护住孩子们，然而动物凶猛，更何况这又是条恶熊一样的疯狗呢。最后，孩子们得救了，可他们亲爱的老师怎么样了？

Miss Green was a teacher in a school. She loved her pupils and the pupils liked her, too.

One bright summer morning, about thirty little boys and girls were walking on a bridge with Miss Green. They were in the middle of the bridge.

Suddenly, they heard a man shouting behind them, "Be careful! Be careful! That's a mad dog." They turned at once and saw a dog running to the bridge, and a man was running after it, with a gun in his hand.

"Children, keep still!" Miss Green said loudly. Then she rushed from behind and stood before the boys and girls.

The mad dog ran near and rushed toward one of the little girls, with its mouth wide open. Miss Green quickly ran to stop the mad dog by throwing her right hand into its mouth. She kept her hand there until the man came here and shot the dog dead.

Miss Green was badly bitten and died several days later. She gave up her own life to save the lives of the children.

Notes

1. mad *adj.* 疯的
2. shoot the dog dead 把狗射杀
3. give up 放弃
4. bite (*bit, bitten*) *v.* 咬

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魔法英语新概念全真模拟试题(第1套)



Comprehension questions

- Miss Green was a _____.
A. soldier
B. nurse
C. police woman
D. teacher
- Where were Miss Green and her students?
A. They were having a lesson in class.
B. They were in their school.
C. They were walking on a bridge.
D. They were sitting under a big tree.
- How did Miss Green save the students?
A. She stopped the mad dog by throwing her one hand into its mouth.
B. She hit the mad dog with a stone.
C. She asked the children to run away quickly.
D. She shot the mad dog dead.

校园幽默

Mary is seven and has been in school for several weeks. One day, the teacher asked her, "Which period do you like best at school?"

Mary thought for a while and answered, "I like the break period best."

Note-----■

break period 课间休息时间

练习答案

I would if I would! But I can't, so I won't!



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D C A

Cars for Tomorrow

未来汽车

人人都想拥有自己的汽车，享受汽车时代的文明生活，你也有自己的汽车梦吗？目前市面上的车型虽然乘坐舒服，但体积大，油耗高，停车位也不好找。看来，你的汽车梦似乎很遥远。别着急，一种微型汽车即将闪亮登场！它能使这些困扰你的问题迎刃而解，让你的汽车梦梦想成真。你知道这是一种什么样的车吗？

A kind of little cars may someday take the place of today's big ones. People will like this kind of small cars more and more. The car is as small as a bike but can carry two people in it. Everybody can drive it easily, just like riding a bike. Even children and old people can drive them to schools and parks.

If everyone drives such cars in the future, there will be less pollution in the air. There will also be more space for all the cars in cities, and the streets will have more space for people to walk. Three such cars can fit in the space now needed for one car of the usual size.

The little cars of the future will cost much less money to own and to drive. These little cars can go only 65 kilometers an hour, so driving will be safer, too.

The cars of the future will be fine for getting around a city, but they will not be useful for a long trip.

This kind of cars can save a lot of gasoline. They will go 450 kilometers before needing to stop for more gasoline.

If big cars are still used along with the small ones, two sets of roads will be needed in the future. Some roads will be needed for the big, fast cars and other roads will be needed for the slower, small ones.

Notes

1. pollution *n.* 污染
2. take the place of 取代
3. gasoline *n.* 汽油

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魔法英语新概念英语(第二册) LESSON 100



Comprehension questions

1. There is much pollution in the air today because _____.
A. people drive big cars B. people drive little cars
C. people take a bus to work
D. the usual size of cars today is too small
2. There will be more space in the streets because _____.
A. there will be fewer cars in the future
B. there will be fewer people in the streets
C. no people will drive cars
D. future cars will be much smaller
3. Two sets of roads will be needed in the future because _____.
A. there will be too many cars in the future
B. more and more people will live around the city
C. big cars run faster and small cars run slower
D. it looks more beautiful to have two sets of roads

校园英语



Teacher: Tom, why do you have cotton in your ear?

Tom: No, sir, but you said yesterday that everything you told me went in one ear and out of the other, so I am trying to stop it.

Note-----■

cotton *n.* 棉花

巧问巧答

Q: What is a perfect name for a selfish girl?

A: Mimi (me, me).

Notes-----■

1. perfect *adj.* 正确的
2. selfish *adj.* 自私的

Keys

A D C