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## 英语阶梯

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### The Driver's Excuse

Jack had a small, red car, and he liked driving it very fast. This was all right when he was out in the country, but in towns and big villages driving fast was dangerous, so there was always a speed limit (限制). In Jack's country it was fifty kilometers an hour. Jack often drove than that through towns.

One day Jack was driving

his small, red car through a town

when a very young policeman stopped him and

said, "You are driving at more than fifty kilometers an

hour. Please give me your name and address." Jack

looked at the policeman carefully for a few seconds and

said, "I started my journey less than an hour ago!"

The policeman knew to his work and did not know the answer to

the question. He thought for a few seconds and then let Jack go.

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光明金榜英语系列丛书是众多教育工作者集体智慧与辛勤付出的结晶,是一套真正具有实践性、探索性的学习辅导材料,本丛书力求引导学生由被动学习转变为主动学习,培养学生搜集和处理信息的能力、获取新知识的能力、分析解决问题的能力。本丛书主要具有如下特色:

一、有强烈的时代感,具有国际性、跨文化交际性。书中所选材料密切关注社会热点,题材覆盖面广,涉及天文地理、风土人情、中外历史、现代科技、社会时尚等各个方面;且大部分文章来源于国外最新的报刊杂志,其内容新颖生动,提供了大量跨文化差异的信息,既能激发学生的学习兴趣又能拓展课外知识。

二、注重内容趣味性,强调具体方法的引导。新课程标准所倡导的新的学习方式,是自主学习、合作学习与探究学习,但是实现这种学习方式的转变,首先要培养学生学习的兴趣与动力,因此趣味性与新颖性是丛书选材及题目设计的重要标准;学习的捷径来源于科学的学习方法,无论是教学还是学习用书的编写,引导学习方法比传授知识更为重要,这一理念在本套丛书中得以最极致的体现。

三、应试教育与素质教育完美结合。目前我国正处于从应试教育向素质教育的转轨时期,在这个过程中,好的学习辅导材料不能放弃前者,也不能脱离后者,需将二者有机地结合起来。本丛书一方面注重培养学生身心的全面发展,良好的思想道德品质,实际的知识运用能力,另一方面注重书中难点、考点的把握,应试技巧的点拨,以求学生在各项英语测试中立于不败之地。

经过众多教育专家与骨干教师的不懈努力,光明金榜英语系列丛书终于与读者见面了,通过这套丛书,我们希望将全新的教育理念与科学的学习模式奉献给广大师生,并祝愿大家在英语学习的道路上留下最美好的回忆!





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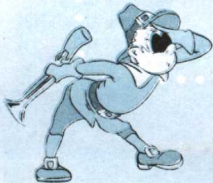
## 前言



英语语言的能力包括听、说、读、写、译的能力，而对大多数学生来说，学英语将来主要的目的是看懂英语，获取最新的信息，用于我们的工作与研究，提高效率。因而，在各类英语考试中，英语阅读测试越来越受到重视，难度也逐年提高。阅读能力既是英语考试的重要内容，也是运用英语的主要能力之一。提高英语阅读能力，对于广大英语学习者来说，是非常重要而又相当艰苦的学习过程。

以前我们数十年来英语教学不很成功的主要原因就是拘泥于教科书，没有相当的阅读量配合。据统计，把中学六年的英语教科书的课文内容全部相加总量不过是一张日报一面的量，这些语言量不管怎么读，也是不可能掌握一门语言的，所以现在新的英语教学大纲要求初中毕业生的英语阅读量为30万单词，在教学措施上保证学生必须达到这个阅读量的标准。因为我们在学校读的英语课本实质上仅仅是精读，因此我们要补充的应是泛读，读什么呢？

选一本与你教科书程度相近或略难的带有英语练习的英语书。这类书的特点是文章新颖，可读性很强，因为文章后设置了理解性的练习，读者可以读了文章后再做这些练习，以检查是否看懂了，看懂多少。为了提高初中各个年级学生的阅读水平，我们依据国家教育部最新颁布的英语课程标准，特地编写了《英语阶梯阅读》系列丛书。





本套丛书有以下

特点



1

遵循新大纲，新教材内容，全面覆盖初中各年级所学的各种语法，词汇等内容。

2

本书属于阶梯性阅读，每个年级分层次递进，由浅入深。每篇文章都用小字标出文章字数、建议阅读时间。使学生时刻能够掌握阅读速度。

3

丛书设计独特新颖，内容翔实，阅读材料生动有趣，贴近生活，融知识性和趣味性为一体，便于学生理解，同时益于学生扩大知识面。

4

知识归纳系统全面，练习讲解精当，语言流畅精辟，覆盖面广。

5

该丛书本着精练精讲的原则，既可以作为平时基础学习，训练，测试的参考资料，又可作为中考和初中英语能力竞赛的复习和备考辅助性材料，其实用参考价值不言而喻。

要真正快速地提高英语阅读理解能力，关键还在于多读，尤其是多读一些难度较大的文章。利用语法知识解决阅读中的困难，通过阅读加深对语法知识的理解。阅读理解能力不是一朝一夕就可以提高的，关键在于坚持。英文有一句话说得好："One cannot succeed without perseverance."。只要目标明确，坚持不懈，并运用成功的阅读策略，英文阅读理解能力就会不断提高。

由于编写匆促，疏漏之处在所难免，祈盼读者不吝赐教，以臻完善。





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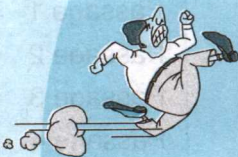


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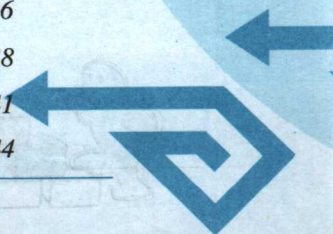


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## Unit 1

### Passage 1

#### Who's the Worst in Your Class?

Words: 162

Reading Time: 2 minutes

Jim's parents have a shop and are busy all the time. He lives with his grandma. The old woman like him very much and does all the housework and the boy can do everything he wants. So he doesn't like to use his head and isn't good at his lessons.

It's Sunday today. Jim gets up at half past eight in the morning. His grandma brings eggs, cakes and milk to him. After breakfast he begins to play football near the garden. The old woman comes to him and begins to talk about his school with him.

"Who is the best student in your class?" asks the old woman.

"I am, Granny," answers the boy.

"Why?"

"Only I can answer my teachers' questions in class."

"What questions?"

"They often ask us, Who don't understand me? And only I put up my hands."

"Good," says the old woman. "And who is the worst in your class?"

"Our teachers are."



“Oh? Why?”

“They can’t answer even the easiest questions! They always ask my classmates to answer!”

根据短文内容选择正确答案。

- 1 Jim lives with his grandma because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the old woman feels lonely(寂寞的)
  - B. her house is near to his school
  - C. she can take him to school
  - D. his parents can’t look after him
- 2 The old woman doesn’t let Jim do anything because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the boy is busy
  - B. the boy has much homework to do
  - C. she likes him very much
  - D. she’s very strong
- 3 In fact(事实上), \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Jim is the worst in his class
  - B. Jim is the best in his class
  - C. Jim’s teacher is the worst in his class
  - D. Jim’s teacher is the best in his class
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_, so he puts up his hands.
  - A. Jim wants to ask some questions
  - B. Jim can’t understand his teachers
  - C. Jim wants to answer the question
  - D. Jim wants to tell something to his teachers
- 5 Jim thinks his teachers are the worst because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. they don’t work hard
  - B. they can’t teach
  - C. they can’t answer any questions
  - D. they often ask some questions in class

## 文章精要



本文讲述了吉姆的奶奶过分溺爱吉姆,导致吉姆成为班上最差的学生。

## 精华咀嚼



1 be good at 在……方面擅长

同义词组 do well in 在……方面做得好。

2 bring... to 把……带来 take... to 把……带走

3 in class 在课堂上 in the class 在班级里

## 试题精析



1. D 从文中第一句和第二句话 Jim's parents have a shop and are busy all the time. He lives with his grandma. 可知。
2. C 根据文中 The old woman like him very much and does all the housework and the boy can do everything he wants. 可知。
3. A 从“Who don't understand me? And only I put up my hands”可知答案。
4. B 从文中意思判断。
5. D 从文中最后两句“They can't answer even the easiest questions! They always ask my classmates to answer!”可知。



## Passage 2

### What's She Doing in the Shop?

Words: 105

Reading Time: 2 minutes

Han Meimei is going to the shop with Li Lei. But Li Lei doesn't like to go shopping. So Han Meimei does the shopping and Li Lei sits in the car and waits for her. But about an hour goes by. Han Meimei doesn't come out. Li Lei is very angry. "why does she stay in the shop for so long?" Just now, a man comes up to Li Lei. "Excuse me, is your name Li Lei?" "Yes." "Han Meimei is waiting for you. She doesn't have enough money." "Oh, I see."

根据短文内容选择正确答案。

- 1 Why doesn't Li Lei go into the shop?
  - A. He is lazy.
  - B. He has little money.
  - C. He is angry with Han Meimei.
  - D. He doesn't like to go shopping.
- 2 How do they go to the shop?
  - A. On foot.
  - B. By bus.
  - C. By car.
  - D. By taxi. (出租车)
- 3 Who is the man?
  - A. He is their friend.
  - B. He is the Han Meimei's friend.
  - C. He is a stranger.
  - D. He is the car driver.
- 4 Why is Li Lei angry?
  - A. Because he doesn't like to go shopping.
  - B. Because he waits for Han Meimei for a long time.

C. Because Han Meimei has little money.

D. Because the man speak to him.

5 What does Li Lei do after the man speaks to him?

A. He goes home.

B. He waits in the car.

C. He goes into the shop find Han Meimei.

D. He borrows money from the man.

### 文章精要



本文介绍韩梅梅和李雷去购物时发生的事。

### 精华咀嚼



1 go to the shop 去商店 go shopping 去购物

do the shopping/do shopping 购物

2 come up to... 上来,过来

3 wait for...等……,可接名词,代词。

Tom is waiting for me. They are waiting for the bus.

4 enough “足够的”,既是形容词又是副词,修饰名词可放名词前面或后面,但修饰形容词、副词时必须放在他们后面。

That room is not big enough. 那个房间不是足够的大。

### 试题精析



1. D 从文中“Li lei doesn't like to go shopping”可知。

2. C 从句中“Li lei sits in the car and waits for her”可知。

3. C 从句中意思用排除法判断答案是C。

4. B 从文中可得知韩梅梅在商店里时间太长,仍不出来,可知答案是B。

5. C 从文中意思及“Oh, I see”这句话可判断答案是C。



## Passage 3

### The Sun, the Moon and the Earth

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Reading Time: 2 minutes

The earth moves round the sun, and the moon moves round the earth. When the part of the earth turns to the sun, it is day. When the part of the earth turns away from the sun, it is night.

The sun is much bigger than the moon. But some times the moon looks bigger than the sun, because it's much nearer to the earth.

The sun is very bright. It gives very strong light. The moon looks quite bright, too, but it doesn't give any light at all. The light from the moon comes from the sun.

The moon looks much bigger and brighter than the stars. But in fact the stars are much bigger and brighter than the moon. They look smaller than the moon because they are farther away from the earth.

根据短文内容,判断正(T)误(F)。

- ( ) 1. The earth moves round the sun and the moon.
- ( ) 2. The moon is smaller than the sun and the stars.
- ( ) 3. When the part of the earth turns to the stars, it's day.
- ( ) 4. Sometimes at night we can see the moon and the stars.
- ( ) 5. The sun and the moon both give light.



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