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# 前言

《新世纪英语教程(专科)》是一套为高等学校夜大、函大等成人高等教育而编写的英语教材,同时也可以作为高等专科院校和高职、高专院校英语教材使用,旨在为新世纪的大学英语教学服务。

本套教材的使用者应该已经有大约 900 词的英语词汇量(参见第一册书后所附的基本词汇表),具有初步的英语语法知识和读、听、说英语的能力。本套教材的培养目标是:培养学生掌握较扎实的英语基础知识、具有较强的英语阅读能力,能听懂一般的英语会话材料,可以进行简单的日常英语会话,具有一定的翻译和写作能力。

本教材由课本(即《新世纪英语教程(专科)》)共四册和与各册配套的《新世纪英语教程(专科)自学指导》共四册组成,供四个学期使用。每册含12课,进度基本上可以按每周一课安排。本教材每课均涉及同一个主题,两篇文章各有侧重。围绕这些与学生生活和工作息息相关的热门话题,学生可以在教师的指导下充分发挥其学习的主动性,进行一定的语言活动,提高语言应用能力。由于话题相同,词汇复现率大大提高,有助于学生提高单词记忆效果。本教材每课前的听力材料主要目的是使学生通过听掌握英语常用会话句型,从而可以达到进行简单日常口头交际的能力。考虑到夜大、函大的学生上课时间不多,他们主要是通过自学学习英语,本套教材的自学指导书对每课课文都进行了相当详细的注释。这些注释涉及语法、词汇等语言难点,对常用句型结构和词汇均通过给出例句说明其用法,并对常用的同义词和近义词进行了辨析。这些详细的注释有利于使用本教材的读者加深对课文的理解。由于自学指导书中有较详细的课文注释并附有练习答案,因此教师不必再花太多的宝贵课堂教学时间讲解课文,而可以将更多的课堂时间用在提高学生的语言应用能力上,从而使学生真正成为课堂教学的主角。

一词多义是英语词汇的一大特点,因此尽管有些词已出现在基本词汇表中,但考虑到它们的词义变化和用法,我们仍在课文后的词汇表中列出,并在课文注释中进行讲解,在课文练习中进行操练,以提高学生运用这些常用词的能力。

本套教材的练习相对来说是不多的,这与我们的教学理念不无关系。我们从多年的教学实践中深刻体会到,练习只是英语教学中的一个环节。大量的练习在一定

情况下(如为了参加某种考试)是有效的,但要想真正提高语言应用能力,还是要把时间和精力花在语言本身,即大量的接触所学语言上。我们希望读者把更多的时间用在听英语(课文、广播、电视节目、VCD等)上,用在广泛地阅读原文上,并在可能的情况下,多说英语,多进行英语写作和翻译训练,从而提高英语的综合应用能力。在学习本套教材时,读者应把更多的时间放在课文学习中,通过反复朗读,直至可以背诵课文来学习英语,以培养起良好的语感。持之以恒,必见成效。

为了保持英语语法体系的完整性,我们将语法单独编写成册,而不再分项编在每课中。但教师可根据学生的实际语法水平,每学期就3-5个语法专题进行专题讲座式的讲解,以加深学生对英语语法的掌握。

本套教材的编者都是长期工作在大学英语教学和成人英语教学第一线的教师,对中国学生学习英语的特点有多年的研究。在本书的编写中,我们将我们的想法和体会贯穿其中,使本套教材具有了上述特色。我们真诚地希望这些编写特色有助于提高读者的自学效率。

本套教材由黄建滨总主编。第三册由朱红英主编,张兴刚副主编,编者为:富瑜、马瑾、唐爱军。本套教材承教育部高等学校大学外语教学指导委员会委员、中国农业大学外语系系主任李建华教授主审,特此表示衷心的感谢。本套教材的编写得到了浙江大学成人教育学院的大力支持,他们将本教材列入“2001年浙江大学成人教育教材建设基金、教学建设基金立项项目”并给予了重点资助。值此教材出版之际,谨向浙江大学成人教育学院表示衷心的感谢。浙江大学出版社为本书的尽早出版做了大量工作,责任编辑徐宝澍先生对本套教材的编写、版式、结构等提出了许多宝贵的意见,为本书增色不少,也谨在此向他们表示衷心的感谢。

囿于水平加之时间紧张,本套教材一定还有许多不尽人意之处,我们恳请使用本套教材的读者提出宝贵的意见和建议,使之更能满足广大读者的需求。

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Unit One

# ***Future of the Computer***

## *Listening Comprehension*

### I . A Dialogue

#### Learning Abroad

#### Words and Expressions

recruit	招生	note-taking	记笔记
accommodation	住宿	visa	签证

### Exercise 1

**Directions:** *Listen to the dialogue and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

1. Will Liu Ming take an English course in the U.S?
  - A. Yes, she must take one because she is not a native speaker of English.
  - B. Yes, she must take one if her language test results are poor.
  - C. No, she doesn't have to take one because it is not required by that university.
  - D. No, she doesn't have to take one if she can understand her teachers at the university.

2. Which English course is NOT offered by the university?
  - A. Listening.
  - B. Speaking.
  - C. Writing.
  - D. Reading.
3. What does Liu Ming have to do if she wants to live in the dormitory?
  - A. She has to make an application first.
  - B. She has to pay some money first.
  - C. She has to take some courses first.
  - D. She has to find someone who will share with her first.
4. Who can help Liu Ming find an apartment?
  - A. The dormitory management office.
  - B. Real estate agents.
  - C. The student housing office.
  - D. The university room service.
5. What should Liu Ming do after she is accepted by the university?
  - A. She has to take the language tests.
  - B. She has to book a ticket.
  - C. She has to apply for a passport.
  - D. She has to apply for a visa.

## Exercise 2

**Direction:** Listen to the dialogue again and filling in the missing information.

My name is Liu Ming. After I graduated from high school in Hong Kong, I came to the United States to study. Before I came, I had to take TOEFL first. But the results were not very good, so I have to take an 1 here at the university. They offer many kinds of language courses, such as courses in writing, 2, and 3, and 4. Of course I don't have to take all of them. After I knew that I had been 5 by the university, I got some 6 to fill in to apply for my 7 visa. I also applied for a room in the dormitory before I came to the university, because it is much cheaper and convenient. Of course I can also live in an apartment with the help of student 8 office. They usually

# Unit One

have a 9 of rooms and apartments 10 .



## II. A Monologue

### College Life at the University of California at Berkeley

#### Words and Expressions

The University of California at Berkeley	加州大学伯克利分校
nonnative	非本土的
facilities	设施
Asian	亚洲的
recreational	娱乐的

#### Exercise 1

**Directions:** *Listen to the passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.*

1. Why is the university a good place for foreign language speakers to study?
  - A. Because it is the best university in the U.S.
  - B. Because it has very excellent English language teachers.
  - C. Because they can make many American friends.
  - D. Because its students are from all over the world.
2. Which of the following will the university be proud of?
  - A. It has a very famous graduate school.
  - B. It is close to San Francisco.
  - C. It owns some best teachers.
  - D. It is the biggest university in the U.S.
3. What do we know about the libraries in the university?
  - A. Altogether there are 10 libraries.
  - B. There are 9 big libraries in the university.
  - C. The libraries are the most modern in the country.
  - D. The main library is the biggest one in the country.

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4. Where do students in the university live?
- A. In the university dormitories.
  - B. In the apartments in Berkeley.
  - C. Both in dormitories and in apartments.
  - D. At home.
5. What do we know about the students' after-class activities at this university?
- A. Most of them do part-time jobs to support themselves.
  - B. They enjoy themselves very much.
  - C. They study for many extra hours after class.
  - D. They are not allowed to go far away from the university.

## Exercise 2

**Directions:** *Listen to the passage again and fill in the blanks with the missing words.*

The University of California at Berkeley has an international \_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_, so it is a good place for \_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_ speakers of English to study. It is in the beautiful hills of a small city near San Francisco and has some of the best \_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_ and most famous \_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_ in the United States. Undergraduates at Berkeley can \_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_ in everything from Asian studies to chemistry, and there are many recreational facilities and student \_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_ . There is a \_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_ library and nine small libraries. These libraries have over 5.6 million books. Life on this California \_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_ is usually very \_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_ . Students live in college dormitories and in apartments in the city of Berkeley, and there are many interesting activities and \_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_ in both Berkeley and San Francisco.

## Reading Comprehension

### Pre-Reading Comprehension

**Directions:** *Answer the following questions before you begin to read the text.*



1. Guess the content of the article according to the title.
2. What do you think of the role of personal computers in our daily life?
3. How many hours do you spend on your computer every day, and what do you do with your computer?

## Text

### End of the PC Era<sup>1</sup>

1 You hear a lot these days about the coming death of the personal computer. But the reality is more complicated and more interesting.<sup>2</sup> Researchers, analysts and other experts predict that an explosion of intelligent, networked, single-purpose devices will replace the all-purpose, one-size-fits-all PC.<sup>3</sup> The PC is too complicated. It is too big. Users are tired. At the same time, prices are falling so quickly that it will soon be impossible to make money on them.<sup>4</sup> Many predict that in the near future people can get the machine free but pay for the Internet connection.<sup>5</sup>



2 But like most false predictions before, this one can not come true, either.<sup>6</sup> Radio was supposed to kill books.<sup>7</sup> TV was supposed to kill radio. And so on.<sup>8</sup>

3 Here's what's really happening. The PC, good or bad, will be around for the future.<sup>9</sup> However, it will no longer<sup>10</sup> stay at the center of the industry.

4 Its replacement? Windows.<sup>11</sup>

5 Windows has spilled over the PC barrier into servers, network

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computers, handheld devices, Web TV sets, cash registers, automobile dash-boards, handheld wireless data entry terminals and other platforms.

6 The next versions of Windows NT and Windows CE are designed to open markets previously too high or too low for Windows.<sup>12</sup> Windows 2000 will run on PCs, workstations and servers all the way up to massive data warehouses.<sup>13</sup> Windows CE will run on everything else, from watches to cell phones to dedicated game machines. 25

7 The result is that the PC is just one of many Windows platforms.<sup>14</sup> 30

8 The PC will still be one of the most important platforms, of course, since business users are not about to replace their PCs with single-purpose devices.<sup>15</sup> You will still need a powerful processor for speech recognition and number-crunching, fast graphics for that large, flat-screen monitor, and a standard development platform for a wide variety of applications.<sup>16</sup> 35

9 Windows has already got its dominant position in the industry. It will make more progress. Indeed, while the PC becomes less and less important over the coming years, Windows will become increasingly important and central to everything we do.<sup>17</sup> 40

## New Words

analyst	/ˈænəlist/	n.	分析者
application	/ˌæpliˈkeɪʃən/	n.	用途, 申请
barrier	/ˈbæriə/	n.	障碍, 障碍物
cash	/kæʃ/	n.	现金, 钱
central	/ˈsentrəl/	a.	起支配作用的, 中心的
complicated	/ˈkɒmplekəɪtɪd/	a.	复杂的
dash-board	/ˈdæʃbɔ:d/	n.	仪表盘
dedicated	/ˈdedəkeɪtɪd/	a.	专用的, 献身的
dominant	/ˈdɒmɪnənt/	a.	统治的
entry	/ˈentri/	n.	进入
graphics	/ˈgræfiks/	n.	图形显示
handheld	/ˈhændheld/	a.	手提式的

# Unit One



increasingly	/in'kri:siŋli/	ad.	越来越多地, 渐增地
indeed	/in'di:d/	ad.	真正地, 确实
monitor	/'mɒnɪtə/	n.	监视器, (学校的)班长
network	/'netwɜ:k/	n./v.	网状物, 用网覆盖
number-crunching	/'nʌmbə 'krʌntʃɪŋ/	n.	(尤指使用计算机)捣弄数字
platform	/'plætfɔ:m/	n.	平台
position	/'pə'zɪʃən/	n.	位置
prediction	/'pri'dɪkʃən/	n.	预言, 预报
processor	/'prəʊsesə/	n.	处理器, 加工者
register	/'redʒɪstə/	n.	现金出纳机, 登记
replacement	/'ri'pleɪsmənt/	n.	接替者, 取代
server	/'sɜ:və/	n.	服务器, 侍者
suppose	/'sə'pəʊz/	v.	认为可以, 假定
version	/'vɜ:fən/	v.	版本, 说法
warehouse	/'weəhaʊs/	n.	仓库
workstation	/'wɜ:k,steɪʃən/	n.	工作站, 工作区

## Phrases and Expressions

and so on	等等
be about to	将要……的
be supposed to	应该
come true	实现
make progress	取得进步
so ... that ...	如此……以至于……
spill over	溢出
up to	一直到

## Reading Comprehension Exercises

### I. Multiple Choice

# New Century English

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**Directions:** *There are 8 questions or incomplete sentences in this part. Each of them is followed by four suggested choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice according to the text.*

1. All the following are reasons why many experts predict the coming death of the PC EXCEPT that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the PC is too complicated
  - B. the PC is too big
  - C. it will soon be impossible to make money on them because prices are falling
  - D. business users will give up the PC
2. \_\_\_\_\_ will replace the PC as the center of the industry.
  - A. Microsoft
  - B. Web TV sets
  - C. Windows
  - D. The internet
3. Which of the following is Not a Windows platform?
  - A. A large flat-screen monitor.
  - B. Windows NT.
  - C. Windows CE.
  - D. Windows 2000.
4. Which of the following predictions is true according to the author?
  - A. Radio was supposed to kill books.
  - B. Windows will stay at the center of the industry.
  - C. TV was supposed to kill radio.
  - D. The PC will soon die.
5. What's the author's opinion of the future position of the PC?
  - A. The PC will be the most important platform.
  - B. The PC will be replaced by single-purpose devices.
  - C. The PC will not be the center of the industry.
  - D. The PC will become more and more important.
6. What does the title "End of the PC Era" really mean according to the author?
  - A. The PC will disappear.
  - B. The PC will be replaced by the internet.



# Unit One



- C. The PC will still exist but it will lose its dominant position in the industry.  
D. The PC will not be used by business and home users.
7. Windows CE will run on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. cell phones  
B. network computers  
C. workstations  
D. servers
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is needed to recognize speech.  
A. A standard device  
B. A flat-screen monitor  
C. A cell phone  
D. A strong processor

## II. Short Answer Questions

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in the fewest possible words (not exceeding 10 words).

1. What's predicted to replace the PC?
2. Why do some people say that the PC will be killed?
3. What does it in "it will soon be impossible to make money on them" refer to?
4. What's the function of the two sentences "Radio was supposed to kill books. TV was supposed to kill radio"?
5. What will be the PC's role in the future according to the author?
6. What will replace the position of the PC?
7. Why will the PC still be one of the most important platforms?
8. What will be the future role of Windows?

## III. Further Thinking

**Directions:** Discuss the following questions with your classmates.

1. The author says Windows will become increasingly important and central to everything we do. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
2. Computer technology is changing the way human beings live. Describe computer uses in daily life.