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编写前言

1. 编写过程

《大学英语》系列教材自1986年的试用本问世以来，受到广大师生和英语学习者的青睐，先后被千余所院校采用，成为我国高校英语教学的首选教材，并荣获全国高等学校第二届优秀教材特等奖和国家教委高等学校第二届优秀教材一等奖。在这期间，教材曾数度修订，分别在1992年、1997年出版了正式本和修订本，以适应教学需要。然而，随着我国改革开放步伐的加快，社会各方面对大学生的外语学习，尤其是他们的外语实用能力，提出了更高的要求，要求他们不仅应具有较好的阅读水平，而且还要有一定的听、说、写、译的能力。我国的大学英语教学面临着新的挑战。为此，《大学英语教学大纲》进行了修改并于1999年公布了修订本，从而推动了英语教改的进一步深化。人们纷纷探求更适合我国国情的新的教学路子。教材作为教改的一个重要方面，作为教学思想的一种载体，理应有新的作为。

正是在这种新的形势鼓舞下，上海外语教育出版社组织、策划了《大学英语》系列教材（全新版）的编写工作。在该社的全力支持、协调下，开展了广泛而深入的调研、论证工作，并在此基础上经过精心设计，认真编写出《综合教程》和《听说教程》的样课，于2000年秋季在复旦大学等院校部分班级试用，同时征询了二十多个省市，数百所院校的意见。历经近三年时间的准备后，我们决定从今秋起陆续推出全新版，更好地服务于我国的大学英语教学。

《大学英语》系列教材（全新版）（以下简称《全新版》）由复旦大学、北京大学、华东师范大学、中国科学技术大学、华南理工大学、南京大学、武汉大学、南开大学、中国人民大学、中山大学、西安交通大学、东南大学、华中科技大学和苏州大学的数十位资深教授、英语教学专家分工协作、集体编写而成。复旦大学李荫华担任总主编，董亚芬、杨惠中、杨治中担任顾问。

2. 编写原则

1) 《全新版》根据《大学英语教学大纲》（修订本）编写，供大学英语教学基础阶段使用。

2)《全新版》编写的指导方针是:立足本国,博采众长,即,充分吸取我国在外语教学中中长期积累起来的行之有效的经验和方法,同时认真学习、借鉴国外的教学理论和方法,并根据我国当前的教学需要和现有条件,视其可行性,有选择地加以消化、改造、吸收。为此,本教材采用糅合中外多种教学法之长的折衷主义(eclecticism)的教学法。

我们提倡学生自主学习(autonomous learning),即学生应成为学习的主体,主动地、创造性地学习,同时又主张充分发挥教师的主导作用。在缺少外语语境而且学时又较少的情况下,我们认为组织好课堂教学是关键。在课堂,教师首先要讲好课、组织好学生对所学语言进行操练以及模拟真实的语境引导学生学以致用,同时,还应在学习方法上给学生以指导,使他们懂得如何自学并养成良好的自学习惯。

3)《全新版》旨在通过教师的“精讲”和学生的“多练”,通过读、听、说、写、译全方位的各种形式的课堂内外的实践,培养学生具有较扎实的英语语言基础和较强的英语综合能力。我们认为学生的操练,特别是说、写方面的实践活动,应以一定量的语言输入为前提。

4)《全新版》主张选用当代英语的常见语体或文体的典型样本作为素材。供阅读的主课文,不仅要语言规范而且应富有文采、引人入胜、给人以启迪;选文题材应广泛,以反映现实生活为主,科普内容的读物须占有一定比重;体裁应多样;语体兼顾书面语和口语以及正式语和非正式语。

5)《全新版》主干教程——《综合教程》——采用每一单元设一主题的形式。主题选自当代生活中的重大题材。这样可以将语言学习贯穿在了解、思考、探讨现实生活中的各种问题的过程中,充分体现交际法的教学原则。其他教程的相应单元与该主题亦有一定的呼应。

6)《全新版》的练习设计,一切从有利于学生打好语言基础和提高语言应用能力出发,针对我国学生的薄弱环节和实际需要,做到有的放矢;形式尽可能采用交互方式(interaction),如pair work、group discussion、debate等,或采用“任务”方式(task-based approach),如口头或书面就某个问题发表看法等。

7)考虑到学生在读完四、六级后参加大学英语四、六级考试的实际需要,《全新版》除了在各教程中均设有数量一定的类似四、六级考题形式的练习外,还特地将《综合教程》中的Test Yourself设计成四、六级考卷形式,以帮助学生逐步熟悉该考试形式,对其有所准备。

3. 全书框架

全书由下列几部分组成:

综合教程(1—6册)

(每册由8个单元组成)

阅读教程(通用本)(1—6册)

(每册由8个单元组成)

阅读教程(高级本)(1—6册)

(每册由8个单元组成)

快速阅读(活页)

(每册由8个单元组成)

听说教程(1—6册)

(每册由16单元组成)

另有供预备级使用的教材一套,组成与上述同,每种教程一册。

另编有**语法手册**一本,供学生课外参考使用。

除快速阅读外,各教程均配有**教师用书**;综合、听说教程配有相应的录音磁带和光盘。快速阅读各册也配有多媒体光盘。

4. 使用说明

建议每两周(8课时)处理系列教材的一个单元,即综合、泛读、快速阅读各一个单元和听说教程两个单元。其中,综合5课时,泛读和快速阅读1课时,听说教程2课时。

使用时,各校可根据具体情况灵活掌握。

编者

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关于《阅读教程》(高级本)的编写和使用

1. 编写宗旨

本教程为学生提供较系统的、丰富多彩的课外阅读材料,旨在培养和提高学生的英语阅读能力,扩大学生的知识面和词汇量,从而增进学生的理解和欣赏水平。

2. 全书框架

全教程共分六册,每册配有一册教师用书。

每册分8个单元,每单元有3课,共24课。每课包括以下几个部分:

1) 课文前设有**Introduction**,以便学生对课文的主要内容和背景知识有一个大概的印象,既解决阅读课文时遇到的部分困难,又能提高阅读兴趣。

2) 注解采用边注的形式,列出所有可能对阅读形成障碍的单词和词组,用中文或英文解释。采用边注是为了节省时间、方便阅读、降低难度。应鼓励学生边读边猜词的意思,猜不出再看边注。详细列出单词和词组的目的是使学生把更多的时间和精力转向语言的其他方面,加强对课文的整体意识。部分简单词汇不作注解,但收入附录的**Glossary**。发音相同而释义不同的词汇只在首次出现时注明音标。

3) 课文后设**Reading Skill**,内容包括根据上下文猜测词义的练习和根据课文特点设计的、能解决本课阅读难点的阅读技能练习。安排这部分内容是为了使学生对课文的篇章结构及语言特点等有一个比较清醒的认识,把词语的学习与词语的语境紧密联系起来。

4) 多项选择练习的目的是引导学生加深对课文的理解。

5) 英译汉练习的目的是通过翻译加强对课文的理解,所选句子均为课文中的难点。

6) 思考题是要锻炼学生的分析、归纳的能力。

每册书最后附有总词汇表,供学生查找和记忆。表中标星号(*)的属于大学英语教学大纲通用词汇表(1-4级)所列词汇,标三角号(▲)的属于大学英语教学大纲通用词汇表(5-6级)所列词汇。无记号者为纲外词汇。

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UNIT ONE

1. The Campers at Kitty Hawk

John Dos Passos

Introduction

In this article, John Dos Passos writes in two different literary forms, prose and poetry, to dramatize the world's first controlled powered flight of Wilbur and Orville Wright, one of the most important landmarks in human history, and to depict the lives of the outstanding Wright brothers, who turned out to come to Kitty Hawk not for camping, but to accomplish what had been thought impossible.

Text

On December seventeenth, nineteen hundred and three, Bishop¹ Wright of the United Brethren² onetime editor of the *Religious Telescope* received in his frame house³ on Hawthorn Street in Dayton, Ohio, a telegram from his boys Wilbur and Orville (who'd gotten it into their heads to spend their vacations in a little camp out in the dunes⁴ of the North Carolina coast tinkering with a homemade glider⁵ (they'd knocked together themselves). The telegram read:

1. bishop /'bɪʃəp/ n. 主教
2. the United Brethren /'bre-ðrən/ 联合兄弟会
3. frame house 木板房
4. North Carolina /,kærə-'laɪnə/ 北卡罗来纳州
5. glider /'glɑɪdə/ n. 滑翔机

10 ^{success four flights Thursday morning all} SUCCESS FOUR FLIGHTS THURSDAY MORNING ^{all} ALL
^{against twenty-one mile wind started from level} AGAINST TWENTY-ONE MILE WIND STARTED FROM LEVEL
^{with engine power alone average speed through} WITH ENGINE POWER ALONE AVERAGE SPEED THROUGH
^{air thirty-one miles longest fifty-seven seconds} AIR THIRTY-ONE MILES LONGEST FIFTY-SEVEN SECONDS
^{inform press home Christmas} INFORM PRESS HOME CHRISTMAS

The figures were a little wrong because the telegraph operator misread Orville's hasty penciled scrawl⁶

6. scrawl /skro:l/ n. 潦草笔迹

15 but the fact remains
 that a couple of young bicycle mechanics from Dayton, Ohio had designed constructed and flown
 for the first time ever a practical airplane.

20 *After running the motor a few minutes to heat it up I released the wire that held the machine to the track and the machine started forward into the wind. Wilbur ran at the side of the machine holding the wing to balance it on the track. Unlike the start on the 14th made in a calm the machine facing a 27 mile wind started very slowly... Wilbur was able to stay with it until it lifted from the track*
 25 *after a forty-foot run. One of the lifesaving men snapped⁷ the camera for us taking a picture just as it reached the end of the track and the machine had risen to a height of about two feet.... The course of the flight up and down was extremely erratic,⁸ partly due to the irregularities of the air, partly to lack of experience in handling this*
 30 *machine. A sudden dart when a little over a hundred and twenty feet from the point at which it rose in the air ended the flight... This flight lasted only 12 seconds but it was nevertheless the first in the history of the world (in which a machine carrying a man had raised itself by its own power into the air in full flight, had sailed forward*
 35 *without reduction of speed and had finally landed at a point as high as that from which it started.*

7. snap vt. 按下快门

8. erratic /i'rætik/ a. 不稳定

A little later in the day the machine was caught in a gust of wind and turned over and smashed, almost killing the coastguardsman who tried to hold it down,

40 it was too bad

but the Wright brothers were too happy to care they'd proved that the damn thing flew.

When these points had been definitely established we at once packed our goods and returned home knowing that the age of the
45 flying machine had come at last.

They were home for Christmas in Dayton, Ohio, where they'd been born in the seventies of a family who had been settled west of the Alleghenies⁹ since eighteen fourteen, in Dayton, Ohio, where they'd been to grammar school and high school and joined their
50 father's church and played baseball and hockey¹⁰ and worked out on the parallel bars¹¹ and the flying swing and sold newspapers and built themselves a printingpress¹² out of odds and ends¹³ from the junkheap and flown kites and tinkered with mechanical contrap-
55 tions¹⁴ and gone around town as boys doing odd jobs to turn an honest penny.

The folks claimed it was the bishop's bringing home a helicopter, a fiftycent mechanical toy made of two fans worked by elastic bands that was supposed to hover¹⁵ in the air, that had got his two youngest boys hipped on¹⁵ the subject of flight
60 so that they stayed home instead of marrying the way the other boys did, and puttered all day about the house picking up a living with jobprinting,¹⁶ bicyclerepair work,
sitting up late nights reading books on aerodynamics.¹⁷

65 Still they were sincere churchmembers, their bicycle business was prosperous, a man could rely on their word. They were popular in Dayton.

In those days flyingmachines were the big laugh of all the crackerbarrel¹⁸ philosophers. Langley's and Chanute's unsuccessful
70 experiments had been jeered down with an I-told-you-so that rang from coast to coast. The Wrights' big problem was to find a place secluded¹⁹ enough to carry on their experiments without being the horselaugh²⁰ of the countryside. Then they had no money to spend; they were practical mechanics; when they needed anything

9. the Alleghenies /ælə'geɪniəs/
(美国)阿巴拉契亚山脉

10. hockey /'hɒki/ n. 曲棍球

11. parallel bars 双杠

12. printingpress /'prɪntɪŋpres/
n. 印刷机

13. odds and ends 零星物品

14. contraption /kən'træpʃən/
n. 奇妙玩意

15. hipped on obsessed with
n. 上瘾; 迷恋

16. jobprinting n. 小件印刷

17. aerodynamics /eərəʊdaɪ-
'næmɪks/ n. 空气动力学

18. crackerbarrel a. 头脑简单

19. secluded /sɪ'kluːdɪd/ a. 偏僻

20. horselaugh /'hɔːslaːf/ n. 纵
声大笑

75 they built it themselves.

They hit on²¹ Kitty Hawk,
on the great dunes and sandy banks that stretch south towards
Hatteras seaward of Albemarle Sound,
a vast stretch of seabeach

80 empty except for a coastguard station, a few fishermen's shacks
and the swarms of mosquitoes and the ticks²² and chiggers²³ in the
crabgrass behind the dunes

and overhead the gulls and swooping terns,²⁴ in the evening
fishhawks²⁵ and cranes²⁶ flapping across the saltmarshes,²⁷ occa-

85 sionally eagles

that the Wright brothers followed soaring with their eyes
as Leonardo²⁸ watched them centuries before
straining his sharp eyes to apprehend²⁹
the laws of flight.

90 Four miles across the loose sand from the scattering of shacks,
the Wright brothers built themselves a camp and a shed for their
gliders. It was a long way to pack their groceries, their tools, any-
thing they happened to need; in summer it was hot as blazes, the
mosquitoes were hell;

95 but they were alone there

and they'd figured out that the loose sand was as soft as any-
thing they could find to fall in.

There was a glider made of two planes and a tail in which they
lay flat on their bellies and controlled the warp³⁰ of the planes by
100 shimmying³¹ their hips, taking off again and again all day from a big
dune named Kill Devil Hill,

they learned to fly.

Once they'd managed to hover for a few seconds
and soar ever so slightly on a rising air-current

105 they decided the time had come
to put a motor in their biplane.³²

Back in the shop in Dayton, Ohio, they built an airtunnel, which
is their first great contribution to the science of flying, and tried out

21. hit on appeared suddenly in

22. tick *n.* 扁虱

23. chigger /'tʃɪgə/ *n.* 恙螨

24. tern /tɜ:n/ *n.* 燕鸥

25. fishhawk /'fɪʃhɔ:k/ *n.* 鸢,
鱼鹰

26. crane /kreɪn/ *n.* 鹤
vt. 伸长(脖子)

27. saltmarsh *n.* 盐沼

28. Leonardo Leonardo da
Vinci, 意大利画家达芬奇

29. apprehend /æpri'hend/ *vt.*
领悟, 理解

30. warp /wɔ:p/ *n.* 偏倾

31. shimmy /'ʃɪmi/ *vt.* 晃动

32. biplane /'baɪpleɪn/ *n.* 双
翼机