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# Preface

## · 序 ·

记得有一位从事外语教学和管理工作的朋友说过：在引进的原版外语教材中，《走遍美国》是策划得最为成功的一种。“策划”这个字眼，似乎总是与商业炒作密切相关。然而如果仅仅是炒作，如果《走遍美国》这套教材本身并不具备价值和生命力，那么它的成功就会充其量不过是昙花一现而已。在我们看来，《走遍美国》之所以能够长时间获得我国英语学习者的认可和喜爱，除了其他许多原因之外，最重要的还是因为它在目前市场上流行的众多英语教材中具有不可或缺的特质。

《走遍美国》最突出的特色可以用多用途、口语化和实用性来加以概括。有不少学习者将《走遍美国》视为中级英语读本，这似乎不无道理，但又失之偏颇。虽然《走遍美国》不宜用作“零起点”英语教材，但稍通英语者便可以感觉到它的课文和练习平易近人，鲜有晦涩难懂之处，尤其是新世纪版《走遍美国》中的译文、注解、各种练习、文化点滴以及配套影碟等等，极大地方便了刚刚起步的英语自学者；同样，多年学习乃至精通英语者也能从《走遍美国》中找到自己所迫切需要的东西，那就是我们在一般教材中难得接触到的地道、实用、与多种多样交际环境十分相宜的英语口语表达法，以及一些在日常生活当中经常使用的书面用语。凡是曾经出过国或与外国友人交流较多的英语学习者通常都会有一种共同的感觉：我们在国内所学习的英语教材或读本大多具有浓重的书面语色彩，语体过于拘谨，风格过于庄重，文法过于谨严；更有甚者，某些英语读物其实已或多或少趋于“语法化”甚至“汉化”，与语言交流的实际环境不大吻合。在我国，即便许多英语专业教师说起英语来也常常拘泥于形式、规则和表面词义，显得生硬、机械、呆板，理性有余，原汁原味不足。而《走遍美国》中的英语语言直接来源于逼真的美国语境，它具有浓厚的生活气息，适用于各种不同的交际情景和场合，令学习者仿佛有一种身临其境的感觉；它是新鲜活泼的，既可达意，亦能传情，又趣味盎然；同时，它又是无拘无束和自由奔放的，它以符合约定俗成的习惯为标准（而非仅仅符合语法），以不事准备、不假思索的流利性和随意性为特征；它正好可以帮助我们克服对于英语语言的神秘感和畏惧感，有利于我们在轻松和休闲的心态中体味多种风格的英语语言。

也正是由于《走遍美国》的这一特色，我们在编写《走遍美国参考书》时将多用途、口语化和实用性视为一定要尽力遵守的圭臬，尽管我们深知以我们现有的功力未必能进入如此美妙的境界。所谓“多用途”，即无论教材中的练习多么简单，一般都提供答案，供初学者参考，以期有助于他们无师自通；同时，某些练习的答案实际上已经超越了中级英语范围，达到了高级英语水准，既是为了满足那些水平较高的自学者，使之不至于感到无所收获，也是为了让初学者有跳跃式进步和发展的空间。所谓“口语化”，指的是我们所提供的答案，特别是对话类和短文类答案，将尽可能地模仿原教材的口语化特征，或尽量使用流畅、地道的表达法、短语和词汇，努力做到符合英语语言的表达习惯，而不是简简单单地按照英语语法去编写表面“正确”的句子。习外语者必须清醒地认识到，“正确”并非是最标准，“精确”（即贴切和地道）才是我们永远追求的目标。

至于“实用性”，至少具有两个方面的含义：一是更多地提供一些日常交流中实用的表达法；二是在任何可能的情况下将学习者的注意力重新引向原教材所提供的实用的短语、片语和实用文体。

需要说明的是：本书所提供的练习答案只是参考答案，不仅有许多造句类、短文类、编写履历类和剧情描述类练习可以有不同的答案，学习者完全可以根据自己的特殊情况、习惯、爱好和语言水平等等加以发挥，即便是某些所谓客观选择题，如课文理解、影像和图画的诠释以及人物言行的解释等等，也可以在参考本书答案的基础上提出不同见解，甚至以本书答案为假想敌，展开讨论，因为有少量客观题的确具有一定开放性和模糊性，从不同角度切入可以得出不同但却合理的答案。作为本书的编写者，我们所希望于学习者的，是用英语来进行这种口头的或书面的讨论。无论是《走遍美国》这套教材，还是这本参考书，都不是以应付某种英语考试作为自己的目的，所以它的重心是放在为广大的英语爱好者开拓更为广阔和自由的学习空间之上，力争建立更为灵活的英语语言训练机制。

当然，我们自知能力和水平有限，在改编教材的过程中，特别是在本书答案的过程中，难免在一些语言细节上，在对多用途、口语化和实用性等目标的追求方面，出现舛误与疏漏。我们真诚地欢迎各种批评和建议，以便在今后能够让这套教材和这本参考书的质量更上一层楼。

参加本书编写工作的同志有龙江、王爱菊、熊伟、李杜、任晓晋。另外，在戴丹妮老师的协助下，武汉大学英文系有程骊妮、招敏仪、吴蔚、王晶、曹纹婧、吴慕枫、韩隽、徐萍、杨柳、徐琴超、王云、陈丹、李雯等多位同学参与了词汇表的整理和注释工作，为本书的尽快完成做出了贡献。在此，我谨代表本书编者向他们表示谢意。

任晓晋

2003年1月5日于武昌珞珈山

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E P I S O D E 1

# "46 Linden Street"

## ACT 1

### PREVIEW

选择适当的单词填空

1. pictures    2. meets    3. shows / the United States    4. quickly / forgets

### ACTIVITIES

#### Scene 1

选择 shaking hands 或 waving

1. shake hands / meeting                      2. shakes Gerald's hand / thanking  
3. shakes Mrs. Vann's hand / thanking    4. waves to / saying good-bye  
5. waves to / saying good-bye

判断“给”与“取”的先后顺序

- 1, 4, 3, 2

根据场景内容回答问题

2. • She is taking pictures by herself.      • She has a camera.  
    • She knows how to use a camera.      • She helps Richard to take pictures.  
3. • Yes, she does.                      • She says it is wonderful to let Richard take her picture.  
    • She is happy to accept the offer.  
4. • No, she isn't.                      • Richard says that her English is very good.  
    • She speaks English naturally and fluently.      • She smiles all the time.

#### Scene 2

把 Richard 提到过的行业选出来

- 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9

用 YES / NO 回答以下问题

##### About Richard

3. Yes, it is.                      4. Yes, he does.                      5. No, he isn't.

##### About Alexandra

1. Yes, she is.                      2. No, she didn't.                      3. No, they aren't.  
4. Yes, she does.                      5. Yes, she did.                      6. No, she isn't.

#### Scene 3

选择与课文相符的结局

- 3.

写作练习

Richard is a photographer. He is preparing a book of photos. He meets Mrs. Vann and her little son on a ferryboat in New York Harbor, and asks to take a picture of them. They are glad to help him. At this moment, Alexandra, an exchange student from Greece, offers to hold the reflector for Richard. After saying good-bye to Mrs. Vann and her son, Richard takes a picture of Alexandra and they start a pleasant conversation. Richard shows his photo album to Alexandra and introduces the pictures to her, including those of his family members. Alexandra also talks about her family and herself. At five thirty, Richard suddenly remembers he has to meet his wife. Before he leaves, Richard thanks Alexandra for her help and they introduce their names to each other. Richard gets off the

ferryboat in such a hurry that he leaves behind one of his bags. Alexandra calls to him but he has gone.

## FOCUS IN

将对应的句子与相片连接起来

1. Philip Stewart
2. Ellen Stewart
3. Robbie Stewart
4. Susan Stewart
5. Malcolm Stewart
6. Marilyn Stewart

参照“会话方格”回答问题

1. Yes, I do. I like to photograph myself, my friends and beautiful places.
2. I would like to take pictures of some working people, university students, the Yangtze Bridge, the Yellow-Crane Pagoda, the East Lake, etc.
3. Yes, I enjoy it very much. I'm not a good photographer yet, but I'm attending a course in photography to improve my skills and I practice quite a lot in my spare time.

用“May I ...?”句型来提出请求,并回答

1. —May I have another bar of chocolate, Mom?  
—No, darling, you may not. You've already had three.
2. —May I take 2 days off? My son is ill and he needs my care.  
—Yes, you may.
3. —May I use your car to pick up my parents at the airport?  
—Yes, you may.

根据提示写出完整的对话

*After class...*

*Example: Henry Smith/Judith Green*

*At a bus stop...*

A: Excuse me. I'm Susan Brown. I think we're in the same neighborhood.

B: Yes, hi. My name is Linda Stewart.

A: Say, which bus should I take to get to the art gallery?

B: I think it's Bus No.10. The third stop.

A: Thanks. I appreciate your help.

B: You're welcome.

A: It was nice meeting you.

B: It was a pleasure meeting you, too.

## ACT 2

### PREVIEW

选择正确的句子

b, a, a

### ACTIVITIES

用线连接对话

1-b    2-c    3-a

选词填空

sweater, pink, bright, red, eight, ten, green, buy

根据动作描述,写出他们的对话

**Richard**

Arrives at the boutique: I'm sorry I'm so late.



Tells Marilyn his problem: I left my bag of film on the ferry. I went back for it, but the ferry was gone. I lost a whole day's work.

Leaves the boutique with Marilyn: There was a girl on the ferry. Now maybe ...

### **Marilyn**

Makes a telephone call: Hello. Yes. The number, please, of the Staten Island Ferry lost-and-found office. Five five five... zero eight zero eight. Thank you.

Leaves the boutique with Richard: Tell me about it on the way home.

## **FOCUS IN**

### 用词汇组成适当的句子

Mary looks terrific in that pink silk shirt.

There is a large tan wooden table in the kitchen.

Susan bought a medium-sized green woolen skirt yesterday.

Tom longs to have a small wooden house of his own some day.

On her first day in school, Juliet was excited to see the little brown desks in the classroom.

Fred likes to sit in that blue canvas chair reading.

The yellow plastic cup with a Mickey Mouse picture is Sally's favorite.

I felt sorry to have broken the purple glass vase.

### 根据情境提示,写出一段完整的对话

*At a fashion boutique...*

A: I'm looking for a gift for my mother.

B: What size does she take?

A: Size 12. What about this blue shirt?

B: I think it'll look nice. Why not take that black skirt too? They'll be a wonderful match.

*At a lost-and-found office*

A: Excuse me. I lost a black handbag.

B: Where did you lose it?

A: In a taxi. Did anyone find it?

B: No, I'm really sorry.

A: Oh, no!

B: Don't worry. We might be able to find the driver. Do you remember the plate number of the taxi?

## **ACT 3**

## **PREVIEW**

### 根据课文完成句子

Philip: was terrific

Richard: that bag of film

Ellen: Someone will find it.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### 排出对话的顺序

Philip: 8, 6, 2, 4     Ellen: 3, 7, 5, 1

### 根据课文内容回答问题

3. No, he didn't. He forgot it.

4. Yes, there is a lot of ice cream.

5. Yes, there's chocolate and coffee and a little vanilla.

6. No, he doesn't. He likes vanilla.

7. Yes, he did.
8. No, she didn't. She asked Robbie to help her.
9. Yes, she does.

### 根据课文完成问题

do you go to school, are your favorite subjects, does your father do Love at first sight?

### 根据课文内容写出问题答案

1. He seems to love her at first sight. He is attracted by her beauty when he sees her. He is anxious to know where she lives and eager to serve her with some pasta made by himself.
2. His family is amused at Robbie's reaction to Alexandra. Richard tells him jokingly to take it easy. Susan and Marilyn also laugh at him.
3. Maybe on purpose, as she seems to like Robbie and she wants to create a chance to see him again.

### 写一个有关晚餐桌上交谈的电视脚本

*[The Blount family is talking at dinner at home on Friday.]*

Holly: We are having liver and onions, but Arnold's mad because I won't make Soybean Supreme.

Arnold: Soybean Delight.

Holly: Oh, excuse me!

Arnold: Liver is full of poison. The poisons in the feed settle in the liver.

Joe: Do you want to stunt your growth?

Arnold: Sometimes a cow's liver just explodes from the poison. Poisons are oozing out.

Holly: Oh, hush, that's disgusting.

Joe: There's this restaurant in the town that has Liver Lover's Night. Every Tuesday is Liver Lovers' Night.

Arnold: Really?

*[He manages to eat three bits of liver without gagging, though he sneaks liver to the cat. Holly dishes out the ice cream.]*

Holly: Why don't we have a picnic Saturday? The weather's fairing up.

Joe: I can't. Saturday's graveyard day.

Holly: Graveyard day? Oh, how could I forget it?

Joe: It's my turn to clean off the graveyard. Every spring and fall somebody has to rake it off.

Arnold: Couldn't we have a picnic at the graveyard?

Joe: That's gruesome.

Arnold: We never get to go on picnics or anywhere.

Joe: Well, okay. But remember, it's serious. No fooling around.

Arnold: We'll be real quiet.

Holly: Far be it from me to disturb the dead.

### 写作练习

#### 1. Write the story of this episode for someone who didn't see it.

Richard is a photographer and is preparing a book of photos. One day, he was taking pictures on a ferryboat in New York Harbor. He met Mrs. Vann and her little son and asked to take a picture of them. Alexandra, an exchange student from Greece, offered to hold the reflector for him. Richard thanked her and they had a pleasant conversation. Richard showed his book of pictures to her. At half past five, Richard remembered to meet his wife. So he left in a hurry and forgot his bag. Alexandra called him but he was gone.

Richard's wife Marilyn was helping a customer in a boutique. She recommended a green sweater of size 10 to the customer and she was satisfied and bought it. Marilyn was wondering why her husband hadn't come because it was already 6 o'clock. She was worried that they would be late for dinner. A few minutes later, Richard came and told her that he had left his camera bag on the ferry. Marilyn called the lost-and-found office to see if anyone found it, but they didn't have it. Then Richard and Marilyn went back home.

Philip Stewart was at home in Riverdale. When he finished talking to his patient on the phone, Ellen came in and told him that Marilyn, Richard and Susan would join them for dinner. After dinner, the family praised Robbie for the delicious food he cooked. The pity was that Robbie forgot dessert, so Ellen suggested they have ice cream instead. They agreed and chose chocolate, coffee or vanilla. Richard regretted the loss of that bag of film when the doorbell rang. Robbie opened the door and found it was Alexandra, who came to return Richard's bag. They seemed to be fond of each other at first sight. Richard thanked Alexandra very much and introduced her to the rest of the family. Alexandra declined the family's offer of food and made a phone call to her home. Robbie seemed so eager to know about Alexandra that Richard laughed and told him to take it easy. Philip had a brief talk with Alexandra about her school and subjects. Then Robbie asked her to have some pasta but she declined. Alexandra said goodbye to the family and was going back by train. After she left, however, Robbie found she forgot her bag!

**2. Describe the Stewart family. How are they different from your own family?**

The Stewart family is a warm and happy one. Philip Stewart is a doctor. Ellen is his wife. Richard, their elder son, is a photographer. Marilyn, Richard's wife, works in a boutique. The younger son Robbie is a high school student. Philip and Ellen also have a daughter Susan, who works in a toy company. The family live together except Susan. It is a nice family closely bound by love. My family is smaller with three members: my father, my mother and myself. Both of my parents work. My father is a teacher and my mother is a worker. As the only child in my family, I feel a little lonely when I am at home by myself, so I really admire the lively atmosphere of the Stewart family. Another difference I find is the way family members treat each other. In the Stewarts, they often address each other by their given names, while our tradition is to use "father" and "mother" to address parents. In contrast to our reservedness, the Stewarts express their emotions (such as gratitude and affection) more openly.

**3. Write about something important that you once lost.**

Two years ago a friend of mine gave me a fluffy dog. I called him Eric. We became very good companions. In the late afternoon I would let Eric out to enjoy himself and he would be home before it was dark. One day, however, he did not show up at my door when it was dark. I was very worried and looked everywhere for him but in vain. I was very sad and was about to give up the hope of finding him when a week later, a girl about my age holding a dog appeared at my door. It was Eric, dirty and bony. Bitter tears came to my eyes, but I was happy to see him again. The girl told me that she found Eric in a dustbin one morning. He looked very weak and lonely. She thought it must have been a lost pet so she was going to take him home and then look for his master. On her way back, Eric seemed to have remembered something and led her to my flat. I thanked the girl and invited her to stay for dinner. Her name is Lily. Since then we have been very good friends.

**4. Write about the first time you met someone you like very much.**

On a warm spring night in March, I went to a dance party on campus with a roommate. It was held at the Students' Club. Before the party began I looked around for familiar faces. My eyes fell on a boy unconsciously. He was talking to one of my best friends. He was tall and thin, with curly black hair and a Tom Cruise-style smile. I was immediately fascinated so I walked up and joined their conversation. I found myself more and more attracted to him not only because of his handsome appearance but his witty humor. We danced to two or three pieces of music, spending most of the time talking. Our conversation was such a delightful one that we seemed to have forgot everything else. When the ball was over, he accompanied me to my dorm and we found we could hardly tear away from each other! Before we said goodbye, he told me a secret: he had seen me long before in a literature class and had dreamed of approaching me all the time. My heart swelled with joy. The next day we started dating.

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E P I S O D E 2

# "The Blind Date"

## ACT 1

### PREVIEW

选择适当的单词填空

1. date    2. very    3. lost    4. Excuse / looking

### ACTIVITIES

根据描述,猜出他们是用哪一只手在做事

1. right / left    2. right  
3. right / right    4. right / left

根据课文内容完成对话

1. Street  
2. corner / left / turn / blocks / traffic light  
3. top / floor

根据图片上的情节,将编号填入相应的框内

- (从上至下)2-b,    4-c,    3-d,    1-a

根据课文内容回答问题

**Harry**

2. No, he doesn't - because he has to ask for directions to get to Susan's apartment.  
3. No, he doesn't - because he gets lost.  
4. Yes, he was - because he has a daughter.

**Susan**

2. She is wearing a formal pink dress. It suggests that she is serious about her date with Harry.  
3. No, she doesn't - because she says she eats out a lot.  
4. Yes, she probably will - because she looks happy to see Harry, who is polite and considerate.

### FOCUS IN

阅读指路说明并在图上画出行走路线

Map 1: bus stop

Map 2: post office

根据图片提示说出道歉和解释

1. —Sorry I forgot your birthday, Mom. Term papers. Exams. My head went dizzy.  
—Don't worry about it. I had a good time with your father that day.  
2. —Please forgive me for spilling coffee on the carpet. I'm so careless.  
—Don't worry. It's fine. It needed a cleaning long ago. I'll bring you another cup of coffee.  
3. —Where's the ice cream? Did you eat it all? Isn't this rude!  
—I'm so sorry for eating all the ice cream. It was so delicious. I forgot to spare you some.  
—Well, forgive my ill temper. Forget it. It's good to find someone to share my love for ice cream.

根据两栏中的提示写出对话

A: Excuse me. I'm new here. Where are the rest rooms?  
 B: Go ahead and past the counter. Then make a right.  
 A: Past the counter and a right?  
 B: That's right. They will be just in front of you.  
 A: Thanks. I appreciate your help.  
 B: My pleasure.

## ACT 2

### PREVIEW

根据图片猜出对话内容

Somsak: a. What would you like to eat?  
 Harry: a. I'll have the mee krob also.

### ACTIVITIES

根据课文找出是谁说的下列句子

2. Harry	3. Somsak	4. Somsak	5. Susan	6. Harry	7. Somsak
8. Susan	9. Harry	10. Harry	11. Somsak	12. Somsak	13. Susan

在正确的句子前打钩

1. 2. 3. 4. 6. 7. 8.

根据图片指出是谁打的电话

The baby-sitter  
 Maybe Harry's daughter was ill.  
 Maybe an accident happened to Harry's apartment.

将单词填入合适的空格

Harry: 1. feel    2. daughter    3. baby-sitter / home    4. take    5. date    6. phone  
 Susan: 2. serious    3. sorry / chance    4. Please    5. worry    6. all right

### FOCUS IN

用固定的句型来点菜或饮料

1. Would you like something to drink?  
 How about a California Chablis?  
 May I bring you a salad?  
 2. I'd like a glass of ginger-ale with ice.  
 Do you have a dry white wine?  
 I'll have the mee krob also.

根据菜单和会话方框的提示,依次扮作服务员和顾客,并写下对话

*Examples:*

What would you like to eat?  
 I'd like a chopped sirloin steak.  
 Would you like some desserts?  
 Yes. What do you recommend?  
 Would you like something to drink?  
 Yes, I'll have an iced tea.  
 How about plain cheesecake?  
 I'll try it.  
 May I recommend roast fresh turkey?  
 OK, but I'll begin with homemade delicious soup.

根据提示写出会话

*At a class reunion ...*

A: Hi, Mike. What do you do now?

B: I'm a programmer.

A: Where do you work?

B: I work at the Legend Company.

*At the restaurant, as the waiter brings the check ...*

A: Oh no, I left my wallet at home!

B: What's wrong?

A: I changed my coat this morning. I forgot to take the wallet out.

B: I hope you didn't leave it somewhere else.

A: Please forgive me. I invited you to lunch.

B: No problem. It's on me.

## ACT 3

### PREVIEW

根据图片内容回答问题

1. They are eating the mee krob.
2. Because he wants to apologize for leaving so early.
3. She means if Harry has a lady friend.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Scene 1

将短语方框中的问题填入相应的空格内

1. What happened?
2. What's wrong?
3. So...what do you think of him?
4. Will you see him again?

#### Scene 2

在正确的句子前打钩

1. 2. 7. 8

#### Scene 3

哪句话表达了弦外之音

Susan: Is there anyone else in your life?

Harry: Where did the time go?

### FOCUS IN

指出每一幅图所表示的职业

(从左至右、从上至下)

He's an accountant.

She's in business. She's a vice-president.

She's a salesclerk.

She's a teacher.

She's a nurse.

He's a pilot.

He's a vendor.

填空 (examples)

She's a teacher. That's her job.

She's a nurse. That's her job.

He's a pilot. That's his job.

回答问题,并说明理由

3. I don't think so. His family has only two members: he and his daughter.

4. I think so. He has been to Susan's apartment twice.

5. I think so. She works in a toy company and she is interested in seeing Harry's daughter.

6. I hope so. They both feel good about their first date and look forward to the next.

7. I hope so. Susan likes Harry as much as Harry likes her.

在表格内填入个人信息,并自我介绍

Personal data form	
Example:	
Name:	Sara Huang
Age:	25
Height:	5'5"
Occupation:	public relations officer
Hobbies:	aerobics pop music photography

"Hi, my name is Sarah Huang. I'm 25 and about average height. I'm a public relations officer. I like my work very much. My hobbies are aerobics, pop music and photography."

根据提示编写自己的对话

*At the office ...*

A: You won't believe it! Arnold Schwarzenegger has come to our city.

B: Really? So are you going to cover the event?

A: Sure! I'm going right away!

B: How can we reach you?

A: You can reach me at 13854322102, my mobile number.

B: Good luck.

*At a neighbor's house at 7 A.M. ...*

A: I hope it's not too early.

B: Not at all. Can I help you?

A: Something's wrong with the water pipes in my apartment. We've called the service. They'll send a plumber this afternoon. May I get some water from your house?

B: Certainly. Go ahead.

A: Thanks. It's very kind of you.

B: Don't mention it.

根据提示,设计小品

**A. What would you tell each one about the other?**

*Example:*

*What I would tell Alice Jones:*

I have a friend whose name is Bob Williams. He is 28 years old and 5'12" tall. He is a doctor at the Red Cross. His favorite activities are seeing movies, playing the piano and body-building. Are you interested in meeting him?

*What I would tell Bob Williams:*

I have a friend whose name is Alice Jones. She is 24 years old and 5'4" tall. She is a school teacher. She loves painting, gardening and movies. Are you interested in dating her?

## B. A script about a date

At a restaurant ...

Alice(A): It's a nice place, isn't it?

Bob(B): Yes, except the food. We are here surrounded by greasy fried food. They are too fattening.

A: That's why this town is a hamburger joint.

B: Eating hamburgers all the time will make your arteries harden and you are going to die young.

A: Many thanks for your advice. I've heard that you are a movie lover, me too. What's your favorite movie of all time?

B: I don't know. Maybe "Forest Gump".

A: Why "Forest Gump"?

B: Because I like the stupid tone of Tom Hanks in it. It's funny, and I sometimes imitate him. "Mum says life is a box of chocolate", like that.

A: That's funny. Do you like love movies, like "Waterloo Bridge" and "Love Story"?

B: Those stuffs are a waste of time, I think. I would prefer sleeping than sitting in the cinema dripping tears towards an unreal story.

A: Maybe sometimes they can tell you how to love a person. I often watch them. What about other kinds of movies?

B: What's your favorite scary?

A: Scary? It's gotta be "Psycho". I love that shower scene.

B: I'm sorry I can't remember what it's about. I bet it must be quite old.

A: Yes, even older than you. But I'm thinking where on earth is my hamburger. I'm starving.

B: And my salad. I'm wondering if you will be free next Friday? How about watching a movie?

A: I'm sorry I have to visit my friend in another town that day.

B: All right.

### 写作练习

1. Harry and Susan didn't know each other. They had a dinner date one night. However, Harry got lost in downtown Manhattan. He asked a number of people on the street for direction before he finally arrived at Susan's apartment. He apologized to Susan for being late and gave her some flowers. Susan didn't mind that Harry was late and she introduced Marilyn to him. Harry called home and left the number of the restaurant with the baby-sitter. Then they went to a Thai restaurant in Susan's neighborhood for dinner.

Somsak, the owner, welcomed them. They ordered some drink, meek rob and rose-petal salad. Before the meal was served, they talked about their jobs and their family. Susan was the vice-president of a toy company. Harry was a certified public accountant and he loved his work. Harry showed to Susan a picture of his nine-year-old daughter Michelle. At this moment Harry got a phone call. It was from the baby-sitter, telling him that his daughter had a stomachache and was crying. So he asked Susan to forgive him for having to go home. Susan was understanding and said they could make another date.

Susan took the food back home and she had dinner with Marilyn. Susan told Marilyn that Harry left a good impression on her but he was a little nervous. Marilyn said the food was delicious. At this point someone knocked on the door. To Susan's surprise, it was Harry! He said her daughter was fine and so he came back for dinner. He also brought Susan a gift (a bonsai tree). Harry ate the food and said it was delicious. Marilyn was going to a fashion show the next day so she went to bed early. Susan and Harry talked for a few hours. Susan learned that Harry's wife died two years ago, and that he hadn't dated for two years. Susan told him that she dated occasionally. It was midnight, so Harry thanked Susan and was going home. Susan said she wished to meet Harry's daughter some day. Harry told Susan that he thought they would be good friends. Harry tripped over the umbrella stand when he left.

2. Harry Bennett is a certified public accountant and he loves his job. He is about average height and ordinary-looking, but he's a nice man. He is polite and considerate. At the dinner date with Susan, he behaves like a gentleman but is a little nervous. He loves his family and he takes his



daughter's photo with him. Unfortunately, his wife died two years ago. He is easy-going but quite reserved in expressing his feelings. Unlike Harry, I've not been married yet. I come from a complete family. I have a good sense of humor but he is somewhat reserved. But we both love our families and our jobs.

### **3. A Blind Date**

I met this guy through my sister who insisted we'd be perfect together! So I talked to him on the phone and we set up the date for Saturday night. I drove to his parents' house and parked my car there. He met me outside his parents' house and didn't invite me in. He told me we should hurry and head out for dinner. He took me to a restaurant downtown. We got a seat and pulled out the menus. Before I could decide what I wanted to eat, he started talking about how fattening fried food is. People there like to eat greasy food, I should say. Then he went through the entire menu and told me the fat content and nutritional value of every single item. I almost died from boredom! When the waiter came back I ordered a hamburger; he ordered a salad. He seemed a little nervous and tried hard to think out an interesting topic. So he started to tell me all about his high school days. Well, I had been out of college for years, and high school seemed so far away. He was the same age as me, and I thought he needed to get over that mindset already. When our food arrived, he kept shaking his head at me and saying I was going to die young eating hamburgers all the time. I refrained from telling him he looked like a rabbit eating all that salad. It's a good thing he took me to see a play that night so I didn't have to listen to him anymore! He sent me back to my car. After saying goodbye, he got home immediately. I just got in my car and left, and I never met that guy again. Several weeks after that, I happened to know that his ex-girlfriend was living in his home. They won't go out any more, but his parents like her. Oh! What a family!