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前 言

学习英语的人都知道,听、说、读、写是英语学习的四个基本要素。“听”为首是学习英语最基础、最重要、也是最难的环节,同时它也最能体现出一个人的英语水平。目前在我国学习英语已相当普遍,一生中从未学过英语的人屈指可数,可以说是全民学英语。然而,真正学好英语的人却又为数不多,至少可以说是学习效果不甚理想,究其原因主要是语言环境较差。我们知道语言是交流思想的工具,其主要作用就是起沟通、交流的作用,一旦起不到其作用,语言的学习也就随之失去了其意义。本书编者从事英语教学已有二十几年的历史,教过的学生有中学生、研究生、博士生等,从自己几十年的教学经验可知学生最大的问题是听说能力较差,尤其是听的能力。我经常建议他们多收听VOA或BBC等广播电台的节目或尽量多的同讲英语的外国人交流。然而,由于收音机常常会受到时间限制,加之噪音较大,收听效果十分不理想。为从根本上解决这个问题,本书编者精心挑选了部分最新的VOA新闻报道资料,供广大英语学习者练习英语听力使用,本书共分三册,内容包括科学、健康、经济、国际、艺术、文化、体育等。我相信如果能认真学习此书,听懂本书所有内容,在今后收听VOA、BBC或与讲英语的外国人交流时,定会收到意想不到的效果,使自己的听力水平跨上一个新的台阶,达到更高的水平。

本书适用于高校本科生或非英语专业的研究生、博士生作为听力教材使用,也可适用于有一定的英语基础的英语学习者练习听力时使用。

由于编者水平有限,时间紧,加之内容较新,如有不妥之处,敬请批评指正。

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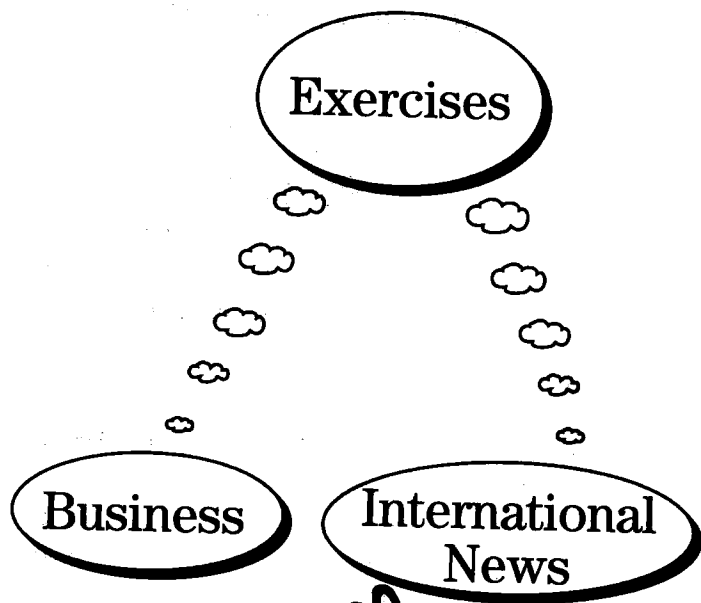
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Part I





Lesson



Tape 1 side A

Trade Ministers Meet In Mexico City



Key words

consensus, agenda, trade,
security, protesters, divisive,
inequalities, embraced



Exercise

I. Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. Who are the participants at the meeting?
2. Why are there lots of Mexican riot police there?
3. What is the goal of the meeting?
4. When was the World Trade Organization created?
5. What are the divisive issues?

II. Summarize the disagreements between developing nations and European Union nations.

1. Developing nations:
2. European Union nations:

Lesson

Asian Markets Finish Bearish Week



Key words

stocks, shares, downgrades,
lay off, dismal, somber,
slowdown, decline



Exercise

I. Fill in the close points of the following stocks according to what you hear on the tape.

Stock Name	Close Up or Down	Points	Other Information
Nikkei Average	1	2	3
Hang Seng index	4	5	6
KOSPI	7	8	
Taiwan stocks	9	10	11
Singapore shares	12	13	

II. Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. Why do Asian financial markets suffer?
2. What did Hitachi announced?
3. What stocks will have suffered in Hong Kong?



Lesson



Major Economic Changes Ahead as US Baby Boomers Retire



Key words

retirement, anticipate,
spree, peak, driving, con-
servative, variables, health



Exercise

I. Complete the statements about baby boomers' effect on U. S. society according to what you hear on the tape.

1. In the 1950s, the schools were _____ and it was difficult to _____.
2. In the 1970s, when they entered the job market in large numbers, they _____.
3. And then, U. S. house prices _____, when the baby boom generation went on _____.
4. It's not a coincidence that the stock market, the economy, the housing markets have all achieved _____.
5. They are entering their _____, and they have been _____.



II. Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. What is the size of U. S. baby boom generation?
2. What will decline after 2009 according to prediction?
3. What are the variables mentioned?
4. What kinds of consequences there will be if U. S. baby boomers have a longer longevity?





Lesson



Computers Continue To Forge Major Changes in Work Habits



Key words

smaller, cheaper, more powerful, survey, internet



Exercise

I. Complete the survey according to what you hear on the tape.

1. Eighty – one percent of those surveyed reporting using their laptops ____.
2. Sixty percent use their laptops ____.
3. Fifty four percent said they use a laptop ____.
4. Forty one percent of the respondents ____.

II. Summarize the uses of laptops with the information you get from the tape.

1. Small real estate firms:
2. Day care centers:
3. A car dealer:
4. Industries:
5. Honda Motors: .



Lesson



APEC Econ Ministers to Meet in China



Key words

gather, reverse, boost, host,
stabilize, pick up, prosperity



Exercise

I. Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. What are the 21 Asia - Pacific nations of APEC expected to discuss?
2. What do U. S. officials plan to talk to Tokyo?
3. What role does China play in this year's series of APEC meetings?

