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本教材在第一版的基础上更新了听力内容并重新设计了练习,使之更适合新闻英语的教学需求。教材共有16个主题单元,涉及政治、经济、文化、教育、娱乐、体育、科技、自然等方面,所有视听材料均有注解、听力脚本和中文翻译,练习配有参考答案,以便学习者自主学习和课堂任务检查。

本教材取材于近年来欧美澳主要英语国家各大电视媒体的公开放送内容,配有约4小时的原声MP3录音光盘,目的是帮助大学生熟悉和掌握各种新闻英语的特点,进一步培养和提高英语语言技能,从而灵活自如地使用英语进行国际沟通。

本教材适用于大学英语较高或更高要求阶段、研究生英语阶段和其他英语阶段的学习者。

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全新版前言

FOREWORD

《新闻英语视听说》(全新版)是依照教育部2007年7月颁布实施的《大学英语课程教学要求》编写的一套高级新闻英语视听说教材,适用于大学英语较高或更高要求阶段、研究生英语阶段和其他高级英语阶段的学习者。全新版教材在2004年出版的第1版教材的基础上更新了听力素材,使之更具时代感。同时,对练习进行了重新编排,从而更好地满足新闻英语的教学需求。

《新闻英语视听说》(全新版)取材于近年来欧美澳主要英语国家各大电视媒体的公开放送内容,目的是帮助大学生熟悉和掌握各种新闻英语的特点,进一步培养和提高英语语言技能,从而听懂英语国家的广播电视节目,及时了解现代资讯,灵活自如地使用英语进行国际沟通。

《新闻英语视听说》(全新版)教程视听一体、内容新颖、题材广泛、语言规范、实用性和趣味性极强。本教程配有约4小时的原声剪辑光盘,音质优美,以现代美语为主,并涉及不同的英语变体。本教程着力于提高学习者的新闻英语视听技能和口语表达能力,注重前沿资讯、国际交流、风俗习惯、文化背景等知识,以适应不同场合的英语视听任务和口语交际活动。

《新闻英语视听说》(全新版)共有16个主题单元,涉及政治、经济、文化、教育、娱乐、体育、科技、自然等方面;形式多样、内容丰富,基本满足各种情形下的新闻英语需求。本教程所有视听材料均有注解、听力脚本和中文翻译,练习配有参考答案,以便学习者自主学习和课堂任务检查。教程注重在语言、内容和语体等方面由浅入深、循序渐进,教师和学习者可根据具体情况进行适当调整,有目的、有选择地使用本教程内容。

《新闻英语视听说》(全新版)教程注重新闻的时效性和与学习者的互动。学习者可通过访问《新时代交互英语》的专用网站(<http://www.neie.edu.cn>)下载到本书的视频资源,也可以通过进入本教材配套的新闻英语专题学习网站来访问我们的网络课程、寻求学习支持以及获得更多的新闻英语学习资源。我们的网址如下:

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POLITICS

Part A Changing of the Guard in Britain

Vocabulary Preparation:

- outgoing** /'aʊtɡəʊɪŋ/ *adj.* retiring from or relinquishing a position or an office 即将离职的
- prime minister** the most important minister and leader of the government in some countries which have a parliament 首相
- successor** /sək'sesə/ *n.* a person or thing that succeeds another 继任者；接替的事物
- clap** /klæp/ *n.* a friendly slap or pat on the back or shoulder (肩、背上友好的) 拍击
- privilege** /'prɪvɪlɪdʒ/ *n.* a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group of people 特权；特惠待遇
- booming** /'bu:mɪŋ/ *adj.* having a period of great prosperity or rapid economic growth 飞速发展的；欣欣向荣的
- landslide** /'lændslɑ:d/ *n.* an overwhelming majority of votes for one party in an election (选举中) 压倒性多数票
- ovation** /əʊ'veɪʃn/ *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation from an audience, especially by means of applause 长时间热烈鼓掌；热烈欢迎
- poodle** /'pu:dl/ *n.* a person or organization considered to be servile or obsequious 走狗；附庸；追随者
- freefall** /'fri:'fɔ:l/ *n.* a rapid decline that cannot be stopped 迅速下降
- sober** /'səʊbəl/ *adj.* serious, sensible, and solemn 严肃的；明智的；持重的
- Scot** /skɒt/ *n.* a native of Scotland or a person of Scottish descent 苏格兰人

- slickness** /'sli:kni:s/ *n.* the state of being smart, adroit, or clever; glibly assured 精明; 狡猾
- spin** /spɪn/ *n.* the way someone, especially a politician or business person, talks about information or a situation, especially in order to influence the way people think about it (有利于自己的) 导向陈述
- inherit** /ɪn'hɛrɪt/ *v.* to receive money, property, etc. from someone when they die 继承
- run-up** /'rʌn ʌp/ *n.* the period of time just before an important event (重要事情的) 前期; 准备阶段
- fallout** /'fɔ:lɔ:t/ *n.* the results of a particular event 余波; 附带结果
- legacy** /'legəsi/ *n.* an amount of money or property left to someone in a will 遗产

Notes:

Gordon Brown is leader of the Labor Party and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Brown assumed office in June 2007, after the resignation of Tony Blair and three days after becoming leader of the governing Labor Party. Before this, he served as Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labor government from 1997 to 2007 under Blair. 戈登·布朗

Tony Blair is a British politician, who served as Prime Minister from 2 May 1997 to 27 June 2007. He was the Member of Parliament for Sedgefield from 1983 to 2007 and leader of the Labour Party from 1994 to 2007. 托尼·布莱尔

Iraq /'rɑ:k/ is a country in the Middle East, on the Persian Gulf. Baghdad is the capital and the largest city. It's known as one of the world's most unstable countries. Beginning with the invasion in 2003, a multinational coalition of forces, mainly American and British, occupied Iraq, which has had wide-reaching consequences. 伊拉克

The Guardian is a British newspaper owned by the Guardian Media Group. It is published Monday to Saturday in the Berliner format from its London and Manchester headquarters. 《卫报》

CBS, also Columbia Broadcasting System, is a major radio and television network in the United States. From the beginning of its existence to the present day, CBS has generally been the most watched network in the United States. (美国) 哥伦比亚广播公司

Exercise 1: Listen to the news report and get the main idea.

What is the main theme of this news?

- A. The power of Prime Minister has been transferred in Great Britain.
- B. There is a freefall in Tony Blair's popularity after the Iraq War.
- C. Tony Blair handed over his leadership of the Labor Party to Gordon Brown.
- D. Gordon Brown will handle Britain-American relationship in a different way.

Exercise 2: Listen to the news report again and fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases.

Russell Mitchell: In Great Britain this Sunday, outgoing Prime Minister Tony Blair 1 leadership of his Labor Party today to the man who becomes Prime Minister this week. Elizabeth Palmer has more on the transfer of power and what it could 2 for the White House.

Elizabeth Palmer: Prime Minister Tony Blair welcomed his successor, Gordon Brown, with a clap on the back, ending 3 in British politics.

Gordon Brown: I accept the privilege and the great responsibility of leading our party and changing our country.

Elizabeth Palmer: Brown has already been running Britain's 4 economy for a decade, ever since back in 1997 when Blair won a 5 election victory. (**Blair:** A new dawn has broken, has it not?) He ran a largely popular and effective government until the invasion of Iraq. Blair volunteering British troops earned him a 6 in Washington (**Bush:** Mr. Prime Minister, can I buy you dinner?), but a new nickname at home: Bush's Poodle. With his popularity in freefall, Tony Blair accepted it was finally time to hand over to Gordon Brown, even though it was clear the two men had grown 7 — Brown, the sober Scot, uncomfortable with Blair's 8. In the run-up to taking office, Gordon Brown has worked hard to keep expectations low. He's offered no promises because he knows his first task is to regain the public confidence that Tony Blair has lost. After that, Brown will turn his attention overseas, where the relationship with America in particular is likely to 9.

Polly Toynbee (a political columnist of *The Guardian*): It's always been Britain's tradition to stay close to the White House, but I think we'll see a certain caution after the disaster of the Iraq War.

Elizabeth Palmer: Gordon Brown 10 the fallout of that War and the rest of Tony Blair's legacy on Wednesday, when he becomes officially Prime Minister Brown. Elizabeth Palmer, CBS news, London.

Part B A Debate for the Internet Age

Vocabulary Preparation:

presidential /prezɪ'denʃl/ *adj.* of a president or presidency 总统的；总统（职位）的

citadel /sɪtədəl/ *n.* a meeting hall of the Salvation Army 救世军会议厅

crush /krʌʃ/ *n.* a strong feeling of romantic love for someone, especially one that a young

- person has for someone older who they do not know well 爱慕; 迷恋
- self-anointed** /ˌself ə'noɪntɪd/ *adj.* nominated or chosen as leading candidate for a position by oneself 自行指定的; 自行选定的
- smooth** /smuːð/ *adj.* charming in a way considered to be unctuous 圆滑的; 油腔滑调的
- rebuttal** /rɪ'bʌtl/ *n.* a refutation or contradiction 反驳; 驳斥
- unprecedented** /ʌn'presɪdəntɪd/ *adj.* never done or known before 史无前例的; 前所未闻的
- über-hip** /'juːbə hɪp/ *adj.* following the latest fashion, especially in popular music and clothes in an extreme way 极为新潮的
- cyberspace** /saɪbəspeɪs/ *n.* the notional environment in which communication over computer networks occurs 网络空间
- soprano** /sə'prɑːnəʊ/ *n.* the highest singing voice 歌唱中的最高音
- sign off** conclude a letter, broadcast, or other message 结束写信、广播等信息
- takeoff** /'teɪk'ɔːf/ *n.* the action of becoming air-borne; an act of mimicking someone or something 起飞; 模仿
- viral** /'vaɪrəl/ *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus 滤过性毒菌的; 滤过性毒菌引起的
- fair game** person who is the aim of an attack (especially a victim of ridicule or exploitation) by some hostile person or influence 可据理加以抨击的对象
- ridicule** /'rɪdɪkjʊːl/ *v.* to subject to mockery and derision 嘲笑; 嘲弄
- mock** /mɒk/ *v.* to tease or laugh in a scornful or contemptuous manner 嘲笑; 讥笑
- freak** /friːk/ *v.* to cause to act in a wild and irrational way 使表现狂妄; 使失去理智
- primp** /prɪmp/ *v.* to spend time making minor adjustments to (one's hair, make-up, or clothes) 过分讲究地整理(头发, 打扮, 着装)
- pay off** (of a course of action) to yield good results; to succeed 取得好结果; 成功

Notes:

Hillary Clinton is the 67th United States Secretary of State, serving in the administration of President Barack Obama. She was a United States Senator from New York from 2001 to 2009. As the wife of Bill Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States, she was the First Lady of the United States from 1993 to 2001. She was a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in the 2008 election. 希拉里·克林顿

CNN, Cable News Network, is a major US cable news network founded in 1980 by Ted Turner. 美国有线电视新闻网

South Carolina /'saʊθ.kærə'lainə/ is a state in the southern region (Deep South) of the United States. It borders Georgia to the south and North Carolina to the north. Columbia is the capital and the largest city. 南卡罗莱纳州

YouTube is a video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips. 优酷视频分享网站

Broadway theatre, commonly called simply **Broadway**, refers to theatrical performances

presented in one of the 39 large professional theaters with 500 seats or more located in the Theatre District, New York (plus one theatre in Lincoln Center) in Manhattan, New York City. Along with London's West End theatre, Broadway theatre is usually considered to represent the highest level of commercial theatre in the English-speaking world. 百老汇

The Beach Boys is an American rock band. Formed in 1961, the group gained popularity for its close vocal harmonies and lyrics reflecting a Southern California youth culture of cars and surfing. 海滩男孩乐团 (美国冲浪摇滚音乐的经典代表)

The Sopranos is an American television drama series created and produced by David Chase. A major commercial and critical success, it is the most financially successful cable series in the history of television and has frequently been described by critics as one of the greatest television series of all time. 《黑道家族》/《人在江湖》(美国热门警匪剧集)

24/7 is an abbreviation which stands for "24 hours a day, 7 days a week", usually referring to a business or service available at all times without interruption. 全天候提供服务 (一天 24 小时, 一星期 7 天的缩写)

A **viral video** is a video clip that gains widespread popularity through the process of Internet sharing, typically through email or instant messaging, blogs and other media sharing websites. 病毒视频 (通过互联网共享而流行的视频剪辑内容)

"**I Feel Pretty**" is a song in *West Side Story*, a Broadway musical with a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The musical is based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. 歌曲《我觉得我很美丽》

Rudy Giuliani is an American lawyer, businessman and politician from the state of New York who was Mayor of New York City from 1994 to 2001. Giuliani ran for the Republican Party nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election. 鲁迪·朱利安尼

The G.O.P., or the Grand Old Party refers to the Republican Party, one of the two major contemporary political parties in the United States, along with the Democratic Party. The party supports a conservative and/or center-right platform, with foundations in supply-side fiscal policies, social conservatism, and personal responsibility. 大佬党; (美国) 共和党

John McCain is the senior United States Senator from Arizona. He was the Republican nominee for president in the 2008 United States election. 约翰·麦凯恩

Mitt Romney is an American businessman and former Governor of Massachusetts. Romney was a candidate for the Republican nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election. 米特·罗姆尼

The Holy Grail (in Christian mythology) was the dish, plate, or cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper, said to possess miraculous powers. Now it is often referred to as a thing which is being earnestly pursued or sought after. 圣杯; (喻) 渴望得到的东西

Exercise: Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to the following questions.

1. What makes tonight's Democratic debate so special?
 - A. It is the first online presidential debate.
 - B. CNN will work with YouTube to broadcast the debate.
 - C. Questions for the candidates can be submitted via YouTube.
 - D. People can use YouTube to vote for the candidates.
2. How did Robert Thompson comment on the online video of Barack Obama?
 - A. It is not authorized by his campaign for promotional purpose.
 - B. His consultants wouldn't like the image created in the video.
 - C. The sexual message in the video is too offensive.
 - D. It suggests the insulting fact that he is a black man.
3. How do people react to Hillary Clinton's online appeal for campaign song suggestions?
 - A. Most of them welcome the appeal.
 - B. Some challenge it with a musical.
 - C. It gets 24 million hits on YouTube.
 - D. A lot of people sneer at it.
4. Why do many candidates like to have a huge Web presence, according to the news?
 - A. There are a lot of announcements to make on the web during the campaign.
 - B. The more frequently they appear on the web, the more money they will raise.
 - C. They want to promote the image that they are following the trend of the times.
 - D. The Internet is more popular than TV today as a means of communication.
5. What can we infer from the report?
 - A. Politicians would have to spend a lot of time handling any upcoming problems online.
 - B. The cyberspace can not only be used by politicians but also use politicians.
 - C. Online enthusiasm of the netizens can be translated into votes in the election.
 - D. The ultimate goal for the politicians to use the internet is to raise money online.

Part C The Candidates Assess Each Other

Vocabulary Preparation:

stump speech a speech made by a politician who is travelling around in order to gain political support, or the politician who gives this speech 竞选巡回演说

forge /fɔːdʒ/ v. to create 创造; 缔造

gallantly /'gæləntli/ *adv.* bravely, heroically 勇敢地; 英勇地

carbon copy a copy, especially of something that has been typed using carbon paper; something that is very similar to another thing 副本; 一模一样的东西

eloquence /'eləkwəns/ *n.* fluent or persuasive speaking or writing 雄辩; 流利的口才

non-descript /'nɒndrɪskrɪpt/ *adj.* lacking distinctive or interesting features or characteristics 无特征的; 毫无个性的

stellar /'stelə/ *adj.* of or relating to a star 星似的; 星形的

choke /tʃəʊk/ *v.* to overwhelm and make someone speechless with a strong and typically negative feeling or emotions (因强烈的情感) 使无言

get to to make someone feel annoyed or upset 打动; 影响

sentimental /,sentrɪ'mentl/ *adj.* (of a person) excessively prone to feelings of tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia 多愁善感的

well up to come up 涌上; 冒出

Notes:

Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States. He is the first African American to hold the office. Obama was the junior United States Senator from Illinois from January 2005 until November 2008, when he resigned following his election to the presidency. 巴拉克·奥巴马(美国第一位黑人总统)

POW is the abbreviation of **prisoner of war**. It is a combatant who is held in continuing custody by an enemy power during or immediately after an armed conflict. 战俘

Montana /mɒn'tænə/ is a state of the northwest United States bordering on Canada. Helena is the capital and Billings the largest city. (美国) 蒙大拿州

The Jonas Brothers are an American pop-rock boy band. The band gained their popularity from the Disney Channel children's television network. The band consists of three brothers: Kevin Jonas, Joe Jonas, and Nick Jonas. 乔纳斯兄弟乐队

Beyoncé is an American R&B singer-songwriter, record producer and actress. She rose to fame in the late 1990s as the lead singer of the girl group *Destiny's Child* and the success of her subsequent solo albums has then established her as one of the most marketable artists in the music industry. 碧昂斯

Exercise: Listen to the news report and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. John McCain's policies have had great influence on the Bush administration for the last eight years.
2. Barack Obama implies that the government should pay attention to the benefits of every citizen while focusing on the economic development of the country.