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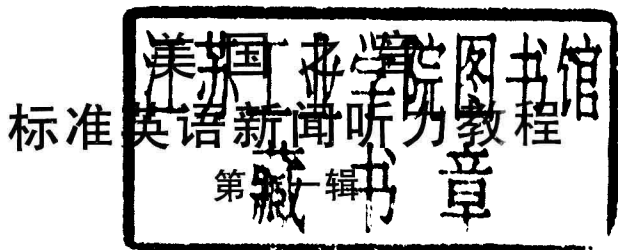
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《美国之音标准英语新闻听力教程》第 11 辑收集了 2002—2003 年《美国之音》标准英语广播共 90 条,覆盖《美国之音》各类的英语广播节目,内容涉及政治、经济、军事、外交、科技、航天、体育、医疗保健、社会文化和自然界天地万象等等。重大新闻包括中东和平、反恐斗争、冬奥会、世界杯、伊拉克战争和中国载人航天飞行。题材丰富,篇幅适中。书中编有详尽的词汇和多样的练习,以及必要的背景介绍,后附录音文字,可作听力训练参考,也可作为阅读和复述材料。

本书适用于大学英语专业和非英语专业学生、英语教师以及准备参加 BEC 二级以上, PETS 第四、五级和 TOEFL 等考试应试者学习或培训。

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Workbook

News Item 1

Words and Expressions

1. Islamabad n. 伊斯兰堡(巴基斯坦首都)
2. Katmandu n. 加德满都(尼泊尔首都)
3. Sydney n. 悉尼(澳大利亚东南部港市)
4. shower n. 阵雨
5. Rangoon n. 仰光(缅甸首都)
6. Bombay n. 孟买(印度西部港市)
7. Hanoi n. 河内(越南首都)

Exercises

I. Write down the weather conditions according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. Islamabad: _____ 1.6
2. Katmandu: _____ +22
3. Sydney: _____ 27
4. Rangoon: sunny _____ 3.
5. Bombay: _____ 3
6. Beijing: _____ 10
7. Hanoi: _____ 15

II. Discuss the weather conditions in your locality.

News Item 2

Words and Expressions

1. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld (美国)国防部长拉姆斯菲尔德
2. terrorism n. 恐怖主义
3. Senate Arms Services Committee (美国)参议院武装部队委员会
4. deter vt. 威慑住;阻止
5. adversary n. 敌人;对手
6. vulnerable a. 易受伤的;易受武力攻击的
7. panel n. (由选定人员组成的)专门小组
8. supportive a. 支持的
9. bioterror n. 生物恐怖行动
10. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (美国)匹兹堡大学医学中心
11. vaccine n. 疫苗
12. to pay off 得到好结果;取得成功

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. According to Donald Rumsfeld, what is the purpose of the big budget increase in military spending?
2. How much is the proposed defense budget for 2003?
3. What is the attitude of Democrats and Republicans on the panel toward the budget proposal?
4. According to Mr. Bush, what does the U. S. need in the fight against bioterror attack if it is going to be as safe as it can be?

II. Fill in the blanks with what you have heard from the tape.

The _____ we spend to protect America today are likely to _____, are likely to provide some incredible _____ to diseases that many years ago we never thought would be _____. It's an investment that will pay off not only for _____, but for _____. And I ask _____ to support me on _____ this money.

III. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 3

Words and Expressions

1. universal time 世界时, 格林尼治(平均)时(略作 u. t.)
2. frail a. 脆弱的; 身体虚弱的
3. Buckingham Palace 白金汉宫(英国王宫, 在伦敦, 从 1837 年起英国历代君主都住在这里)
4. Kensington Palace 肯辛顿宫
5. cardiac a. 心脏的; 心脏病的
6. in mourning 穿着丧服的
7. Union Jack flag 英国国旗

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. How old was Princess Margaret when she died?
2. What disease did she die of?
3. When and where did she die?
4. What does the news say about Queen Elizabeth?

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 4

Words and Expressions

1. editorial n. (电台或电视台相当于社论的)重要评论
2. wilderness n. 荒芜的地方
3. Kentucky n. 肯塔基州(美国州名)
4. Illinois n. 伊利诺斯州(美国州名)
5. schooling n. 学校教育
6. militia n. 民兵组织
7. flatboat n. 平底船
8. legislature n. 立法机关;议会
9. orator n. 演说者;雄辩家
10. abhorrent a. 使人厌恶的,可恶的
11. inaugural address 就职演说
12. secede vi. (从宗教、政党、联盟等组织)退出,脱离
13. malice n. 恶意,怨恨
14. assassinate vt. 暗杀,对……行刺
15. sympathizer n. 同情者;支持者
16. John Wilkes Booth 布思(1838—1865,美国演员,公开主张实行奴隶制,刺杀林肯总统的凶手,被追捕时毙命)

17. Edwin Stanton 斯坦顿(1814—1869,美国律师、陆军部长[1862—1868],主张对南部重建采取严厉措施,与 A. Johnson 总统发生争吵,诱发弹劾总统事件,因弹劾失败,被迫辞职)
18. revere vt. 崇敬;敬畏

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. When and where was Abraham Lincoln born?
2. What jobs did Lincoln ever hold?
3. What did his law partner say about him?
4. What made Lincoln a national figure in 1858?
5. In which year was Lincoln first elected as U. S. president?
6. When was Lincoln assassinated and by whom?
7. For what is Lincoln remembered and revered?

II. Fill in the blanks with what you have heard from the tape.

The major issue - _____ - had led to a _____ between the northern and southern states. The South wanted to continue the _____ of using blacks as slaves on agricultural _____. In the North, a

movement to abolish this _____ institution was _____. In his _____ in March 1861, President Lincoln said that "In view of the Constitution and the laws, the Union is _____. And to the _____ of my ability, I shall take care that the laws of the Union be _____ executed in all the states." Though Lincoln's words were powerful, the southern states _____. Abraham Lincoln led America through four years of _____. "We have," he said, "a free government where every man has a right to be _____ with every other man. In this great struggle, this form of government and every form of human right is _____ if our enemies succeed." But they did not. The South was _____. _____ was abolished and the United States _____. A President Lincoln in his second inaugural address in March 1865 called for _____ toward none and _____ for all, to bind up the nation's _____, and achieve a _____ peace.

III. Say what you know from the tape about Abraham Lincoln.

News Item 5

Words and Expressions

1. Kabul n. 喀布尔(阿富汗首都)
2. interim a. 过渡期间的;临时的
3. mob n. 暴民,乱民
4. Mecca n. 麦加(沙特阿拉伯西部城市,伊斯兰教创立人穆罕默德的诞生地,伊斯兰教圣地之一,是全世界穆斯林的朝拜中心)
5. Interior Ministry 内政部
6. grenade n. 手榴弹;枪榴弹
7. set upon 袭击
8. pilgrimage n. 朝圣,朝覲
9. hadj n. (伊斯兰教徒之去麦加)朝覲
10. embark on 从事,着手
11. standoff n. 僵持

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. Why is security tight at Kabul Airport?
2. Who surrounded the airport on Friday morning?
And why?

3. What does the news say about Thursday's incident?
4. When will the funeral be held?

II. Retell the news in your own words.

News Item 6

Words and Expressions

1. wrap-up n. 〈口〉新闻提要;综合性报告;摘要
2. Salt Lake City 盐湖城(美国犹他州首府)
3. Utah n. 犹他州(美国州名)
4. podium n. 领奖台
5. disqualify vt. 取消……的比赛资格

Exercises

- I. Decide whether the following statements are true or false according to what you have heard from the tape.*
 1. () China and Australia have won respectively their first ever Winter Olympic gold medals in women's and men's 500-meter short track events.