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前言

英语学习最重要的 5 种技能是听、说、读、写、译，其中尤以听、说最难，这两种技能是衡量英语熟练程度的重要标准。听、说之中，听是语言输入，是其他 4 种技能的基础，因此英语听力的训练与提高对提高英语学习者的英语水平来说至关重要。

“美国之音”英语节目历来是中国广大英语学习者的必听节目。听众不仅可以从中模仿语音、语调，学习语言知识，同时还可以拓宽视野、丰富知识面。可以说，中国的绝大多数英语学习者都视其为良师，尤其是“美国之音慢速英语”节目。但是，对于广大英语学习者来说，由于受到时间、地域等限制，他们很难做到一如既往、有始有终地收听该节目，更何况没有针对性的练习帮助学习者在收听的同时进行自我测试，提高听力。为此，我们出版了《精编美国之音慢速英语听力》丛书，本书是《教育·健康·发展报道》分册。在编排选材上，我们考虑了以下因素：

1. 每一篇材料不宜太长，一般为 5 分钟；
2. 所选材料力求为新近报道；
3. 录音均采用原声；
4. 所设置的练习题量适中，练习形式富于变化，注重考察、培养学习者的听力技能；
5. 练习均有参考答案，每篇材料均有参考译文，

帮助学习者加深理解。

总体上,本书既适合那些英语初学者,可用来模仿语音、语调,纠正自己的发音,扩充词汇;又适合那些具有一定英语基础的学习者用来提高听力技能、增长语言知识。

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由于编者水平有限,时间仓促,加之内容较新,如有不妥之处,敬请批评指正。

编 者

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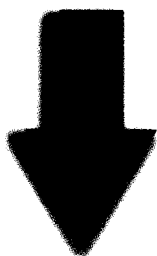
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Part I



Exercises

Education Report



College Costs in U. S.

Key words

1. financial 经济上的, 财政上的
2. grant 赐予物, 补助金
3. non-profit 非赢利的
4. congressman 国会议员
5. charge 收费
6. council 会议, 商讨

Exercises:

I. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the report.

1. A news report says the cost of studies at public colleges in the United States _____.

2. But the study also found that the average student pays a lot less than the _____, because of grants.

3. The College Board says tuition at two-year public colleges rose at _____.

4. But a congressman says colleges _____ in both good and bad economic times.

5. The College Board says financial aid for the last school year _____.

II. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the report.

1. About half of American college students _____ grants. This _____ that _____ costs _____ from student to student.

2. The College Board says the _____ were _____ caused by _____ in state _____ on education.

3. He says colleges do not _____ to talk about their _____ to spend money to _____ things like rock-climbing _____.

4. It says the _____ total _____ for students who live at a _____ college in their state is _____ dollars.

5. At a _____ college, total charges are _____ twenty-seven-thousand dollars. That is an _____ of about _____ percent over last year.



Middle School Recommendations

Key words

1. elementary 小学 2. association 协会, 社团 3. independent 独立的 4. represent 代表, 象征 5. adolescent 青少年 6. actively 积极地 7. expectation 预期, 期待

Exercises:

I. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the report.

1. Today thirty-thousand teachers, _____ belong to the National Middle School Association.

2. This month, the association _____ for students between the ages of ten and fifteen.

3. She says all must do better, especially if the nation is to _____ called No Child Left Behind.

4. And it says they should _____ to work

with a common group of students.

5. Further, the association says all the adults in successful middle schools _____.

II. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the report.

1. The first one _____ in _____ to help _____ crowding in _____ schools.

2. Ms Swaim says there are _____ schools that are well on their _____ to _____ the best _____ education.

3. The National Middle School Association says schools should _____ teachers who are _____ especially to _____ with students in this _____ group.

4. The association _____ middle schools to _____ students actively _____ in their _____.

5. Middle schools are also _____ to develop an _____ and _____ environment. Students should feel _____.



Homework

Key words

1. generally 一般地, 普遍地
2. California 加利福尼亚(州)
3. Michigan 密歇根(州)
4. Los Angeles 洛杉矶
5. the Soviet Union (前)苏联
6. politician 政客, 政治家
7. protest 抗议, 反对

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Exercises:

I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the report.

1. Now, reports by two _____ organizations _____ that in the United States this _____ is _____ not true.
2. The research shows that _____ one in ten _____ school students _____ more than two hours a _____ on homework.
3. The Rand report _____ American homework

_____ during the _____ half of the twentieth _____.

4. Still, at that time, only about _____ percent of high school students _____ more than two _____ of homework _____.

5. Professor Cooper suggests ten _____ per _____ level. That _____ up to two hours a night by the _____ year of high school.

II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the report.

1. It shows that the average student does _____ at home a night.

2. The findings are _____ the United States Department of Education and international studies.

3. Students in France, Italy, Russia, and South Africa reported they spent _____.

4. Politicians, educators and parents called for more intensive study — _____.

5. Other parents want their children to have time for sports, music lessons and _____.



Parent-Teacher Associations

Key words

1. association 协会 2. community 团体, 社交圈子 3. district 行政区 4. Columbia 哥伦比亚 5. virgin 原始, 未开垦
6. military 军人 7. agency 机构, 代理机构

Exercises:

I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the report.

1. They plan school projects and _____ activities, such as _____ and other _____ to _____ schools.

2. There are _____, state and _____ PTA organizations. PTA groups _____ in the _____ American states and the District of Columbia.

3. Two of them, Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe

Apperson Hearst, _____ the Congress of _____ in _____. Both women _____ in Washington, D. C.

4. The National PTA _____ members with, among other _____, information _____ about educational _____.

5. In a recent book, education _____ Charlene Haar says the _____ of the group mainly _____ the _____ of teachers unions.

II. Decide whether the following statements are true or not.

- () 1. Six-million people in the world belong to parent-teacher associations.
- () 2. Three women are responsible for establishing the Parent-Teacher Association.
- () 3. Alice Birney proposed the plan for the group in 1895 before she met Phoebe Hearst.
- () 4. Alice Birney herself provided the money to start the organization.
- () 5. Other countries have used the PTA in the United States as an example to develop their own parent-teacher associations.