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前 言

任务型教学法(Task-based Language Teaching)是 20 世纪 80 年代外语教学法研究者和第二语言习得研究者在大量研究和实践的基础上提出来的强调“在做中学”(Learning by doing)的又一具有重要影响的语言学习理论和学习模式。目前世界上许多国家和地区(如美国、加拿大、新加坡、香港等地)的教学大纲或课程标准都采用了任务型语言教学模式。在我国教育部组织编写的《全日制义务教育高级中学英语课程标准》中明确提出了“本课程倡导任务型教学模式”,“教师应该避免单纯传授语言知识的教学方法,尽量采用‘任务型’的教学途径”的要求,为此本书作者以 Jane Willis 的任务型教学模式为理论基础,就任务型教学法在农村中学英语阅读教学中运用的有效性进行了调研并提出了自己的见解,以期对当前新课程背景下的农村中学英语阅读教学产生一定的借鉴和启示。

本书内容共分五章。第一章是对本书所要研究的

目的和意义的介绍以及对农村中学这一概念的简要界定。第二章为目前中学英语阅读教学的目标阐述和对农村中学英语阅读教学现状的调查分析。第三章首先回顾了英语阅读理论,然后综述了任务型教学理论及其理论依据和在我国英语教学领域的研究现状等。第四章是本书的核心部分。具体内容涉及三个方面:(一)对实验研究的描述;(二)实验的具体实施;(三)运用SPSS13.0对实验测试和问卷调查的数据所进行的比较和分析。第五章为本书的研究成果、局限性以及对所涉问题进一步研究的展望。

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由于本人能力和水平有限,书中内容难免出现错误和疏漏,诚望同行专家、读者提出宝贵意见,以便不断修订,使本书渐臻成熟、完善。

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List of Abbreviations

CC	Controlled Class
CSMS	Country Senior Middle School
DCT	Dual-coding Theory
df	Degrees of Freedom
EC	Experimental Class
EFL	English as a foreign language
ESL	English as a second language
I&S	Interest and Self-confidence
L1	First Language
L2	Second Language
N	Number
PPP	Presentation-Practice-Production methodology
RT	Relevance Theory
SB	Student's Book
SD	Standard Deviation
TBLT	Task-based Language Teaching

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this study

The development of science and technology and that of social economy impose a high requirement on the school education. Economic globalization and the demand for modern technology give rise to the increasing importance to English teaching as a main channel through which English learners have access to the mastery of English. Nowadays in China, especially after China's entry into the WTO and its successful bid for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, More and more people are eager to learn English well, which, as a means of international communication, has become more important than ever. So English language teaching is paid much attention to than ever before. Of course, English reading is just one part that cannot be ignored.

The problem of how to improve English reading ability faces all the teachers and learners. However, to a large extent, learning depends on teaching. Consequently, as

teachers, we should research and explore effective ways of teaching. Task-based Language Teaching (TBLT) is a new language teaching method which came into being in 1980s. Since then, language tasks have evolved from a varied collection of instructional activities in second and foreign language classrooms to a foundation for instructional planning, i.e. task-based syllabuses. Researchers are of the opinion that the term is useful, and that work on second or foreign language classrooms, syllabus design, and materials development etc. can benefit from a task-oriented perspective.

In recent years, a number of researchers, syllabus designers, and educational innovators have called for a move in language teaching towards TBLT to instruction as they've found that TBLT has a lot of strengths. For example, it focuses on cultivating the students' ability of using language, of searching for necessary information, of cooperation, of creativity and so on. What's more, compared with form-based approaches, TBLT consists not of a sequence of preselected or preplanned language items, but of a sequence of communicative tasks to be performed in the target language.

But as we know, teaching effect relies on many factors and in China, these factors are quite different in

different regions. And we cannot use the same method to teach English everywhere, especially in the countryside. Therefore, the research aims to achieve the following goals by experimenting:

1. To test the practicality of TBLT in English reading in Country Senior Middle School (CSMS).
2. To explore an effective TBLT model of English reading teaching in CSMS.
3. To improve teachers' methods of teaching reading in CSMS.

1.2 Significance of this study

In a traditional class, the teacher dominates the class by talking all the time while students are only passive listeners, little time is spared for the students to practice English since the aim of teaching is to inform learners of language knowledge rather than develop their learning skills, the classroom is usually quiet and orderly with the teacher being the only person who knows the answer. Once a student is called on to response, he/she tends to get nervous and does not know what to say. Therefore, a lack of opportunity to practice can cause students' low learning ability in the traditional teacher-centered class.

However, there are more advantages in TBLT than in Presentation-Practice-Production methodology (PPP): 1)