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前言

Preface

史上最方便携带的英文故事书诞生了！这是一套可以放进口袋里的英文读物，在公交和地铁上，在睡觉前，在咖啡店，在自习室，在图书馆——无论您身处何处，总有一本小巧精致的英语故事书陪伴您。被震撼、被激励、被感动……哪怕短短的5分钟，一个英语故事足以充实您的心灵。

本书不是优美抒情的散文，不是日日更新的新闻，不是枯燥乏味的专业文章，不是经典的世界名著，而是一个个生动可读的故事。它有一种魔力，吸引着您开始阅读就停不下来。

本系列图书分为《口袋里的英文幽默故事书》、《口袋里的英文真情故事书》、《口袋里的英文创业故事书》、《口袋里的英文传奇故事书》、《口袋里的英文探索故事书》共5册。

《口袋里的英文幽默故事书》：让您忍俊不禁的幽默笑话一箩筐，它们短小精悍，生动活泼，取材广泛，内容丰富。在紧张的学习生活之余，给您带来快乐和轻松。

《口袋里的英文真情故事书》：有爱情，有亲情，有友情，甚至是陌生情感，篇篇都是真情。生活在有爱的世界里，一切都是美好的，一切都是真诚的。感动不常有，但真情就在转瞬之间。

《口袋里的英文创业故事书》：创业其实很简单，这是本书要传达的理念。这既是一本英文读物，也是一本创业知识读物，向您介绍创业常识、成长的轨迹、成功者的经验等。

《口袋里的英文传奇故事书》：集合了悬疑、魔幻、冒险、神话、惊悚等风格的故事，是一本非典型的“重口味”故事书。带一本放在口袋里，随时挑战您的胆量！

《口袋里的英文探索故事书》：带你突破思维的极限，探寻未知的世界，游走于各地风情之间，体会大自然的鬼斧神工，寻觅历史的足迹。每一个故事，都是一次探索，每一次探索，都会有思想的收获。

作为英文读物，本套书对您提升英语水平也有很大的帮助。针对您的学习需求，我们在本书的编排方面做了如下工作：

(1) 促使您始终保持浓厚的学习兴趣：本书中的每个故事都经过反复筛选，都是80后、90后读者最有阅读兴趣的故事，保证您对英文的阅读兴趣空前高涨。

(2) 适当控制学习的节奏：每个故事，都限定在10分钟的阅读时间之内，不会超过您的阅读疲劳期。

(3) 科学的辅助学习的信息：在每个故事的文后，我们以大学英语四级作为基础标准，将生僻难解的词汇列出，并作解释，为您扫平阅读拦路虎。

有趣、还可以放在口袋里，这就是您必备的完美英语读物！赶快把这本书放入您的口袋吧！随时随地享受阅读，享受英文！

编者
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科技进步

Science and Technology
Progress

Africa Develops Solar Energy Facilities

1. 非洲发展太阳能设施

Politicians from 11 Southern African countries gathered in Maputo, Mozambique^①, over the weekend to examine how to address climate change issues without reducing access to energy.

Off-grid^② solar is seen as one of the continent's strongest options, capitalizing^③ on Africa's abundant sunlight without the need to invest in expensive grid networks.

Renewable energy experts and politicians were shown practical examples of how sensitive^④ green energy developments have the potential to satisfy both requirements.

According to the World Bank's 2010 development report, 1.6 billion people in developing countries still have no access to electricity. "Decentralized solar systems have a huge potential," said Jasper Groening of e-Parliament, an international network linking global citizens to their legislators^⑤ and one of the organizers of the event.

In Djabula—50 miles south of Maputo—Mozambique's National Electricity Fund established a photovoltaic^⑥ standalone station providing electricity for 45 residencies, a primary school and a health outpost.^⑦ Legislators and

politicians visited the project to see how schemes like this could provide answers to many of the energy and climate change problems facing communities across Africa.

“Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive,” said Mr. Groening, “and politicians are working on integrating schemes[®] like this into their own national energy plans.”

Small scale projects like this are becoming more common in Africa.

“The demand for our solar kits[®] is huge,” says Katie Bliss of Solar Aid, a British organization that aims to bring clean, renewable power to the poorest people in the world.

“In Tanzania the price of kerosene[®], the main energy alternative, is rapidly increasing,” added Ms. Bliss, whose organization has projects in work in Zambia, Kenya, and Malawi as well. “Our studies found that 20 percent of household income was being spent on fuel.”

As with other solar products targeting poor communities, Solar Aid does not give away its micro-solar kits. “It’s not a hand out,” Ms. Bliss said. “We want to encourage a viable trade. Solar has a huge future here, and anyone we have trained with solar skills has a good chance of finding employment. We also encourage distributors to take solar products to rural[®] villages.”

Groups like Solar Aid provide solar power kits—which typically consist of locally-sourced parts and simple construction—starting at about \$20.

But when scaled up, some community schemes can challenge grid power. In an award winning project in Remu, Ethiopia, the Swedish Solar Energy Foundation supplied electricity to 10,000 people with an off-grid

solar photovoltaic system charging less than \$2 per person.

Notes 词汇

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| ① Mozambique
[məʊzəm'bi:k] <i>n.</i> 莫桑比克 | ⑦ outpost
['aʊtpəʊst] <i>n.</i> 边区村落 |
| ② off-grid
离网的 | ⑧ scheme
[ski:m] <i>n.</i> 方案 |
| ③ capitalize
['kæpitlaiz] <i>v.</i> 利用 | ⑨ kit
[kit] <i>n.</i> 成套工具 |
| ④ sensitive
['sensitiv] <i>adj.</i> 灵敏的 | ⑩ kerosene
['kerəsi:n] <i>n.</i> 煤油 |
| ⑤ legislator
['ledʒislaɪtə] <i>n.</i> 立法者,
立法委员 | ⑪ rural
['ruərəl] <i>adj.</i> 乡下的, 乡村
风味的 |
| ⑥ photovoltaic
[fəʊtəʊvɒl'teɪɪk] <i>adj.</i> 光电
伏打的, 光电的 | |

Translation 译文

周末, 来自南非11个国家的政治家聚集在莫桑比克的马普托, 研究如何在不减少能源使用的情况下处理气候变化问题。

太阳能离网发电被认为是非洲大陆最有力的选择之一, 非洲日光丰富, 日光价值之高使得已经没必要投资昂贵的电网了。

实际案例已经向可再生能源专家和政治家证明, 灵敏的绿色能源如何有潜力满足两方的需求。

根据世界银行发布的关于2010年发展的报告, 发展中国家中仍有16亿人没有用上电。贾斯珀·格罗宁在电子会议上说道: “分散式太阳能系统有巨大的潜力。” 这个会议是一个连接着全球公民和