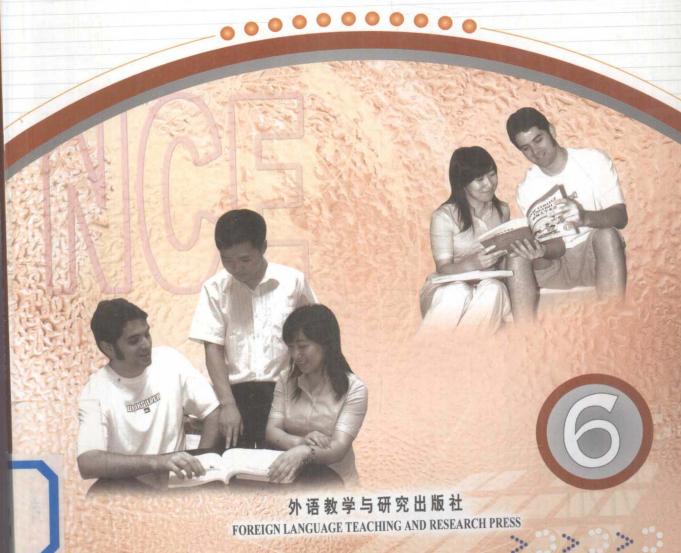
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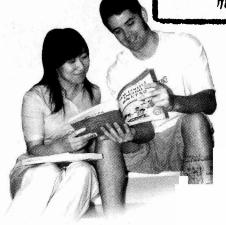
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### Part One

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### **2** Cultural Barriers

#### STEP ONE

Listen to the dialog and note down the advice Li Na gives to Wang Hong as to what she ought to pay attention to when she's in the United States.

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### 《新编大学英语》第二版

《新编大学英语》自1999年春天出版以来,一直得到同行、专家以及广大师生的支持和爱护。可以说,没有大家的支持,就没有今天《新编大学英语》的第二版。几年来我们继续我们的研究工作,还在全国各地进行了问卷调查,最大规模的一次涉及近3,000名学生和300多位教师。根据调查研究获得的数据和信息,同时考虑到新的社会需求、学校的教学设备和条件,我们修订了《新编大学英语》。

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### Communication

### Part One

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#### STEP TWO

Work in groups to come up with more advice that you can give to Wang Hong. For example:

- 1) Try not to be late for an appointment.
- 2) Keep quiet when you attend a concert.

### **3** California English

#### STEP ONE

Read the following passage about California English and the list of slang words and expressions and their definitions. Work in pairs to see how many slang words and expressions you understand or whose meaning you can guess. Match each of them with its definition.

California English is a dialect of English spoken in California, the most populous state in the U.S. A typical California speaker often calls up images of the so-called Valley Girls popularized by the 1982 hit song, "Valley Girl", by Frank Zappa, or the speech made famous by such movies as Fast Times at Ridgemont High (1982) and Clueless (1995). Soon some of the related words characteristic of the California dialect were used widely throughout the U.S., along with the use of the word "like" as a conversational filler. Many people predicted that these words would die out in usage, but some of them remained and have become part of American English.

Slang in California English	Definitions
1. airhead	A. a socially awkward or foolish person
2. awesome	B. an old car
3. barf	C. goodbye
4. bucket	D. to vomit
5. dork	E. to rest
6. dude	F. someone who behaves in a stupid way
7. later	G. ultraviolet radiation (part of sunshine)
8. rays	H. having no idea; knowing nothing
9. veg out	I. very good; extremely good
10. clueless	J. certainly; absolutely so
11. fer sure	K. a male

Above California slang is meaningful only to the young people who are familiar with them. It is meant to be meaningless to their parents or other adults who hear it spoken. Most slang in any language is for "insiders" to know, and to keep its exact meaning from those who might overhear it but who are not part of the "in-group".



Work with your neighbors to make five original sentences using these slang words and expressions. Three examples are given below:

- 1) I plan to go to the beach this afternoon and catch some rays.
- 2) When he asked me to go to the dance with him, I said no, because I think he's a dork.
- 3) He's such an airhead. I'll bet he doesn't even pass the English class.

### Part Two

### READING-CENTERED ACTIVITIES

### In-Class Reading



Directions: Discuss the following questions in groups.

- 1) Can you explain why misunderstanding occurs in the following dialog?
  - A: When are we leaving to see the movie?
  - B: What movie?
  - A: Didn't Mary tell you about the movie?
- 2) Do you think the literal meaning of a sentence is always exactly what the speaker actually means? If no, can you tell the difference between these two layers of meaning by giving some examples?

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### Understanding an Utterance<sup>1</sup>

- Someone might claim that understanding an utterance is a simple matter of linguistic decoding. For instance, a certain politician—call her Margaret—is speaking to us in English; it might be claimed that all we need to understand her is a knowledge of English. Virtually any utterance can be used to show that this hypothesis is wrong. There is a gap between knowing what a sentence of English 5 means and understanding all that a speaker intends to communicate by uttering it on any given occasion. Communication and understanding involve more than mere linguistic encoding and decoding.
- The examples that demonstrate the gap between sentence meaning and utterance interpretation fall into three main categories, corresponding to three main 10 questions that the hearer has to answer.4
- (A) What did the speaker intend to say? 3
- Consider (1), which was taken from an advertisement for an employment agency that used to appear in the London Underground:
  - (1) If you are looking for a good job, we're offering a thousand a week.
- Our knowledge of English alone will tell us that this advertisement has at least two possible interpretations: it may be offering a thousand pounds a week, or it may be offering a thousand good jobs a week. Our knowledge of English alone, however, will not tell us which interpretation was actually intended or understood. More



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generally, our knowledge of the language will tell us the range of possible interpretations of a vague, ambiguous, or ambivalent utterance, but will not tell us which interpretation was actually intended on any given occasion.

In fact, this advertisement is quite interesting from a communicative point of view. It is an utterance on which hearers quite systematically get the wrong interpretation first, and have to correct it. Here, the first interpretation to occur to most English readers would be that they are being offered a thousand pounds a week, which is an awful lot of money—too much, in fact, to be handed out by 30 advertising in the London Underground. Hence, this interpretation would have

to be rejected in favour of the less exciting interpretation that what was being offered was merely a thousand good jobs a week.

- Indeed, it is clear that these facts were deliberately exploited by the advertisers in order to attract the audience's attention. An advertisement which 35 merely said "We're offering a thousand good jobs a week" would hardly have been worth a glance. An adequate theory of communication should explain not only the simple cases in which a vague, ambiguous, or ambivalent utterance is correctly understood, but also more complex cases such as (1). Why is the first interpretation to come to mind generally the "thousand pounds" one? On what 40 grounds is it rejected? On what grounds is the "thousand good jobs" interpretation preferred?
- 8 In the literature on communication, saying is generally contrasted with implying. Every utterance is seen as communicating a variety of messages, some explicitly, others implicitly. Saying is seen as falling on the explicit side. In order 45 to discover what was said by an utterance (i.e. what was explicitly expressed), the hearer must do much more than just decode the sense of the sentence uttered.
- 9 (B) What did the speaker intend to imply?
- 10 Sometimes, it is quite clear what the speaker intended to say, but less clear what she intended to imply. Consider (2), used by Mrs. Thatcher in a BBC radio 50 interview when she was still Prime Minister:
- (2) I always treat other people's money as if it were my own.

  Here, there is no problem deciding what Mrs. Thatcher intended to say, but there is a problem deciding what she intended to imply. On the assumption that she treats her own money very carefully, (2) will imply that she treats other people's money very carefully; on the other hand, on the assumption that she spends her own money any way she likes, (2) will imply that she treats other people's money any way she likes, and so on. Different assumptions lead to different implications; the hearer's task is to identify the intended ones. Clearly, in this case the intended implication was that Mrs. Thatcher treats other people's money very carefully, but how do we know this? More generally, how do we recognize the intended implications of any utterance?
- 11 Some utterances have a few strong, highly salient implications; others have a broader, less determinate range. Thus, compare (3) and (4):
  - (3) a. Peter: Does Viv play cricket well? b. Mary: He plays for the West Indies.
  - (4) a. Peter: What will you do today? b. Mary: I don't feel too well.

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On the assumption that anyone who plays for the West Indies is a good crick- 70 eter, (3b) strongly implicates that Viv is a good cricketer, and the discovery of this implication is essential to the understanding of (3b). (4b) has a broader and weaker range of implications, no one of which is essential to understanding. In uttering (4b), Mary clearly encourages Peter to think that she will be less energetic, less creative than normal, but she does not commit herself to any definite 75 course of action. In either case—whether the implications are strong or weak—they cannot be discovered by linguistic decoding alone.

- 12 (C) What was the speaker's intended attitude to what was said and implied?
- Sometimes, it is clear what the speaker intended to say or imply, but less clear what her attitude is to what she has said or implied. Consider a famous 80 example from *Pride and Prejudice*. Elizabeth, the heroine, has finally agreed to marry Darcy, and her sister asks her when she first realized she was in love with him. Elizabeth replies:
- (5) I think it was when I first set eyes on his magnificent estate at Pemberley.

  The question raised by Elizabeth's utterance is this: are we meant to think she 85 believed what she said? In his review of Pride and Prejudice<sup>10</sup>, Sir Walter Scott took the utterance literally, and condemned Elizabeth (and Jane Austen) for being mercenary. Many later readers have assumed that Elizabeth did not believe what she said, that she was indeed making fun of the idea that one might fall in love with someone for his magnificent estate. The issue, in other words, is whether 90 Elizabeth's utterance was intended as ironical or not.
- 14 A similar issue arises at the level of implication. Consider:
  - (6) a. Peter: Is John a good cook?
    - b. Mary: He's English.

Given the reputation of English cooking, the most natural interpretation of 95 Mary's utterance in (6b) is that she intended Peter to supply the assumption that the English are bad cooks, and to conclude that John is a bad cook. But while she clearly intended to commit herself to the claim that John is English, it is less clear that she seriously intended to commit herself to the truth of the assumption that the English are bad cooks, and the conclusion that therefore John is a bad 100 cook. Perhaps she was merely being playful, encouraging her audience to entertain the stereotype without actually endorsing it? Clearly, there is room for misunderstanding here.

15 In deciding on the speaker's intended attitude to the messages expressed and implied, the audience has to answer the following sorts of questions. Is she 105 endorsing these messages or dissociating herself from them; is she asserting that

they are true, wondering whether they are true, perhaps wishing or hoping that someone will make them true? To a certain extent, these attitudes can be linguistically encoded (e.g. by declarative, interrogative, or imperative syntax); but, as (5) and (6) show, in this aspect of interpretation as in any other, what is communicated generally goes well beyond what is linguistically encoded.

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#### New Words

- \*ambiguous /æm'bigjuəs/ adj. not clear, or | e.g. I) We are both somewhat ambivalent capable of being understood in more than one way 含糊不清的,模棱两可的
- e.g. I) She left a very ambiguous message on the answerphone last night.
  - II) This agreement is very ambiguous and open to various interpretations.
- \*ambivalent /æm'biveilənt/ adj. characterized by a mixture of opposite feelings, attitudes, etc. 模棱两可的,含糊的

- about having a child.
  - II) However, he has been ambivalent on the military budget, overall.

communicative /kəˈmju:nɪkətɪv/adj.

- 1) relating to the ability to communicate 交际 (能力)的
- e.g. I) We have a very communicative approach to teaching languages.
  - II) The communicative ability of the whale is thought to be highly developed.

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