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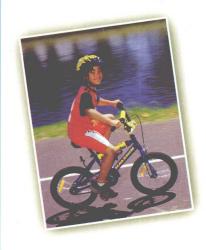
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OOO BICYCLES

In this section, you'll learn the story of bicycles.

记忆词汇

har/boy n 棒、杆、条 common koamen adj. 普通的 显常的 connect ke nekt/ n 连接 direction / de rek f n / n 方位,方向 improve im'pru:v/ w改进、改善

law lo: n. 惯例,法律 local, 'loʊkl' adj, 当地的,本地的 passenger/passindso/ n. 乘客 pay attention 注意。留心 practice/'præktis/ v. 练习、训练 steer stio v. 驾驶、操纵

Bicycles

By Gare Thompson

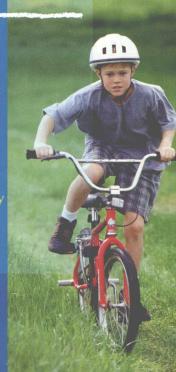
Reading Objectives 阅读目标

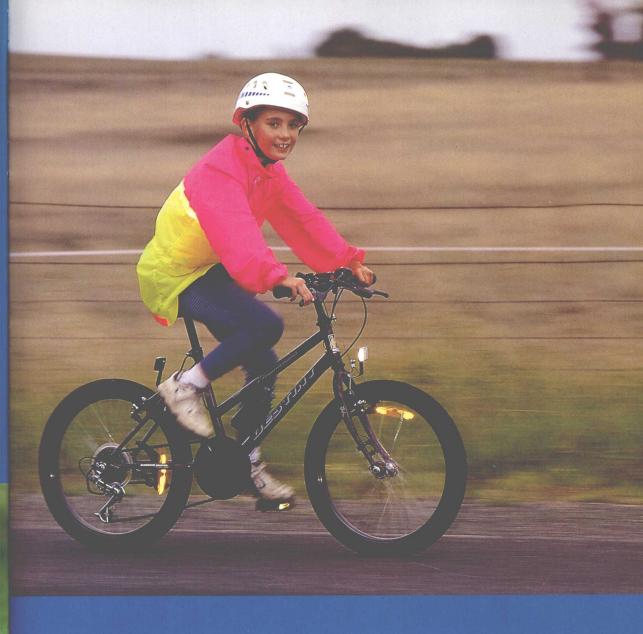
Word Attack and Vocabulary Skills 词汇攻略

- → Decoding compound words 解析复合词
- → Using -ed with past tense verbs 动词加 -ed 变一般过去式
- → Decoding multisyllabic words 解析多音节词

Content and Thinking Skills 阅读与思考训练

- → Understanding that people have used technology to change and improve the bicycle 理解人们利用技术改进自行车
- → Understanding that bicycles are a form of transportation 理解自行车是一种交通方式
- Recognizing that bicycles are used for a variety of purposes 指出自行车的多种用途





Today, you can ride all kinds of bikes. You can ride a racing bike. You can ride a mountain bike.

You can ride a bike in different places. You can ride a bike on a road. You can ride a bike in the park. Bikes today are very different from the bikes of long ago.

Early Bicycles

In Germany, a man built a two-wheel walking machine in 1816. It was made of wood. It had no pedals. You moved the two-wheeler by walking it. You **steered** with a **bar connected** to the front wheel.



The first bikes were made of wood. They did not have pedals.



Riding a walking machine was a bit like using a scooter.



Over time, inventors **improved** these early wooden bikes. They added pedals and a steering fork. These things helped to move and steer the bike.

Later, they added metal tires. Riders shook as they rode the bikes with metal tires over the bumpy streets. They called these bikes "boneshakers."

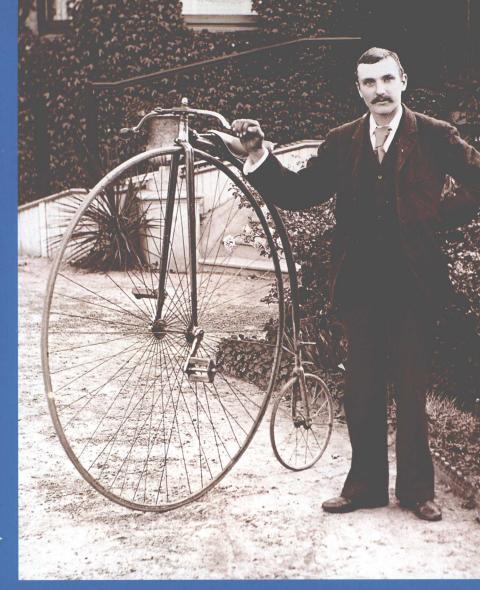
阅读进阶词汇
tire /'taɪə/n. 轮胎
阅读参考词汇
boneshaker
/boun'∫eɪkə/
n. 破旧摇晃的车子
bumpy /'bʌmpi/
adj. 崎岖不平的

▼ "Boneshakers" were not comfortable to ride.

steering fork 前叉

pedal 脚踏板





The high-wheel ► bike was popular in the 1880s.

The next bike was called a "high-wheeler." Pedals were attached to the large front wheel. The wheel was large to make the bike go faster. The larger the wheel, the faster the bike could go.

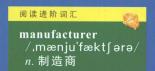


The Modern Bicycle

In 1886, a bike manufacturer in England made the first safety bike. Safety bikes looked much like the bikes we ride today. The safety bike had wheels that were the same size. The pedals were attached to a

solid rubber tires 硬橡胶轮胎

chain. Now, a rider could use the pedals to move the back wheel.





chain 链条

1880s

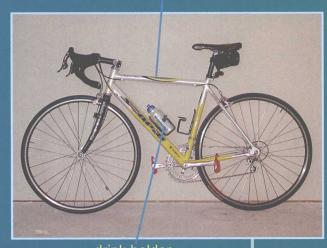
Bicycle Changes
Over Time



racing handlebars 赛车车把

changing gears 变速器

> light frame 轻质车架



drink holder 水壶架

1940s

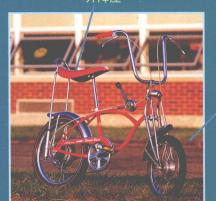
1960s 1970s

Today

reflector 反光灯 headlight 车前灯



elevated seat 升降座

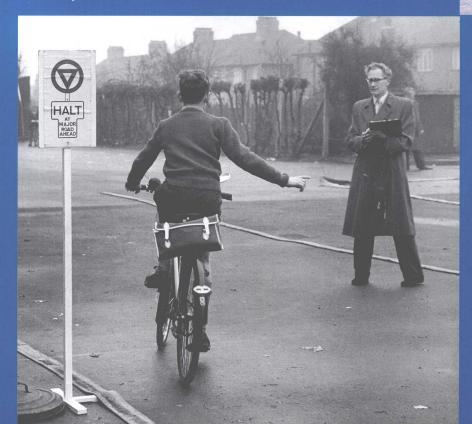


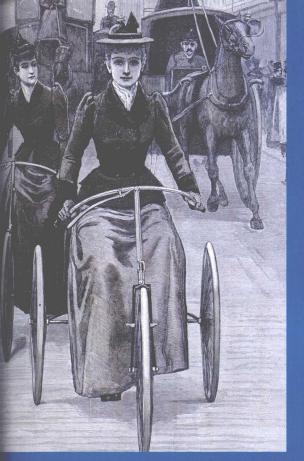
thicker tires for riding cross country 山地车的厚轮胎

Bicycles Became Popular

The safety bike made riding easier and safer. By the 1890s, bikes were becoming very popular. More and more people bought bikes. Soon, the streets were filled with people riding bikes to and from work. Riders formed bike clubs. Others began to race.

▼ A boy practices riding at bicycle school in 1961.





At first, women wore long skirts when riding bikes. Their skirts would get caught on the bar. Bike manufacturers started to make bikes for women to ride. These bikes did not have a bar across the top.

Many women rode three-wheelers in the 1890s.

▼ By 1936, many women wore shorts when cycling.

