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祝你们成功!



简介

特工亨特是个谍场老手,不管在国内还是国外,他总是冒着 生命危险及时赶到现场,他的同事都把他看成独行侠。亨特经 常干钧一发地虎口脱险,他在工作中取得了巨大的成功。

这次的焦点在太平洋中的一个小群岛,环境保护者反对核试验。示威游行被政府武力镇压。起初看起来像是内部的政治矛盾演变成了世界范围内的阴谋。谁在操纵小岛上的核武器试验?为什么居民神秘死去?亨特通过他的调查发现了哪些残酷的事情?

他的年轻而且没有经验的助手珀西·霍恩自己追随着他而来,他的帮助是否来得太晚?

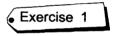
亨特面对着两个势力:武器投机商和大政客。

突然之间好像所有的人都想置他于死地……

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"Detonate!" thundered the Captain into the radio. There was strained silence on the bridge of the warship. The Captain held the radio to his mouth. It crackled and hissed. He stared through the wide window in front of him at the open sea. The first and second officers lined up behind him. They were all looking attentively towards him to see what would happen next.

Nothing happened. The Captain straightened. His dark-blue naval uniform sat perfectly. There was not a single hair out of place beneath his blue cap. He looked ahead defiantly. He waited a moment. "Will you detonate it, you fool!" he repeated. Some of the men who were lined up behind him jumped.



Find the nouns in the following first paragraph.

The Captain put down the radio. There was a smile on his face. On the small monitor in front of him, he followed the torpedo's progress through the water. He turned his gaze back to the window, looking for the orange buoy: the target of the torpedo exactly 50 metres ahead. The waves were not particularly high on this late afternoon, but he could not see the buoy. "Vargas! Binoculars!"he ordered.

A young man stepped obediently to his side. "Yes, Captain, Sir!" he said.

"Don't shout in my ear, Winston!" scolded the Captain. He took the binoculars from the officer, shouting, "Give them to me!" Vargas thought it was better not to reply. He bowed his head and stepped



back. This mission was supposed to advance his position on the career ladder. At least, that was what he wanted. But would he ever be recommended for a promotion by this Captain? Before he could think any more about this, the Captain's harsh voice rang out again. "Damnation, Lavalle! Let it off!"

"Captain? Now?" Lavalle asked hesitantly from behind his desk at the bridge.

"Now, or you'll be up before the military court for refusal to obey orders!" shouted the Captain. Lavalle pushed several switches. He was sweating. The torpedo was supposed to ignite itself on contact with the buoy. Why did the Captain want him to detonate it now, a good 200 metres before its proper target?

There was a dull thud through the window of the bridge. Then everything was quiet. There were dark-grey clouds in the air above the spot where the torpedo had exploded just below the surface of the water. The men on the bridge saw how the clouds slowly dissipated and disappeared.

Exercise 2

Rewrite the following sentences with present simple tense.

- 1. The ship sailed into the harbour.
- 2. The Captain was angry.
- 3. The soldier gave him the binoculars.
- 4. The man wore a dark-blue cap.

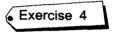
6. The sailors saw the t	uoy in the distance.	
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Exercise 3 W	ite out the infinitives of the given verb	3.
1. fell	6. shook	
2. said	7. paid	
3. spoke	8. told	
4. began	9. got	
5. sank	10. held	

5. The Captain wanted to detonate the torpedo.

From the way the Captain was standing, it was obvious that he was thinking. He held his head to one side and looked at the blue waves. He lifted the binoculars to his eyes again. Once again, his tone was harsh as he ordered, "Vargas, take two men and get the speedboat ready. Go out to the fishermen over there. Make sure that there are no witnesses."

Vargas blinked under his cap. He did not fully understand and asked, "Sir, excuse me, Sir...."

The other man interrupted him sharply, "Then wear a gas mask, you wimp! Quick, march!"



Answer the questions according to the following text.

- 1. Who does Vargas bump into?
- 2. Why does Vargas nod his head?
- 3. What colour is the soldier's hat?
- 4. What does the soldier do that shows that he is nervous?
- 5. Is the soldier normally very strong or very weak?

At the door of the bridge, Vargas collided with a soldier who was

running breathlessly along the passageway. The two men stood in each other's way for a moment. Then the soldier stepped back to allow his superior to exit. With a nod, Vargas thanked the man and left the room. The soldier, who was wearing a khaki uniform, was nervously twisting his dark-blue woollen hat in both hands. He was over six feet tall, his broad upper body was athletic and the muscles of his arms bulged underneath the tight material of his jacket. Normally strong and beefy, the man now looked weedy. His shoulders drooped, his head was bent and his eyes were fixed on the hat which he still held in his hands.

The Captain turned around. He stood with his back to the window. The evening sunlight was blood-red. The light shimmered on the brass instruments and controls. The polished dark wood of the wheel was a warm contrast to the metal.

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1	order	6	radioactive matter
2	ship	7	obstruction
3	soldiers	8	time
4.	voice	Q	nlon

Fill in the blanks with a, an or some.

Exercise 5

5. instruction

"Attention!" shouted the Captain of the ship to the soldier in front of him. The soldier straightened at the words. He stood upright but kept looking at the floor. The Captain went up to the man. The officers stepped backwards, forming a semi-circle. The soldier stood in the middle of the semi-circle. He did not move as the Captain walked

around him in measured steps. The Captain's steel-blue eyes below his peaked cap scrutinised the younger man. There was silence.

"You will report in advance if there is something in the test area," began the Captain in a voice that was suddenly calm. He added, "Repeat." The soldier repeated what the Captain had said.

"You have ruined the whole test for us; I hope that's clear to you?" The Captain's voice was level. "Torpedo collides with buoy. Automatic detonation of the charge from the upper torpedo chamber without release of radioactive matter. That was the plan. Now what do we have, thanks to you?"

The soldier had stopped twisting his cap. He stood straight as a rod. He lifted his head as the other man resumed, "Sudden obstruction in the target area! We had to detonate prematurely! Now there's radioactive gas swirling around in the sky! Two fishermen without doubt not only witnessed the whole event but have also been totally exposed to radiation. Three of my best men are out there now getting rid of them!" As he spoke, the Captain prodded the soldier's broad chest with his index finger. The soldier looked at his superior squarely in the eye. He straightened again, pulling himself up to his full height. The Captain was half a head shorter than he was. Silently, the men stood facing each other for a moment.

Exercise	6	Write nouns	the	plural	forms	of	the	given
1. man		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 5. w	oman				
2. sky			 6. kı	nife				
3. child			 7. fc	oot				
4. country			 8. li	fe				_

"Why didn't you just let the torpedo hit the boat? Then your three best men"—he emphasized these words—"wouldn't have had to go out and get rid of the fishermen. The fishermen would have been right at the source of the radiation and wouldn't have survived long. But now that they've been exposed to radiation...."

The Captain, looking up, was confused. Then he became angry. "Young man," he said, "are you by any chance questioning my orders?"

The soldier was now very angry also and dared to say, "Yes, Sir. That's what I'm doing." He blinked defiantly. He felt the officers' gaze on him. He, a soldier of low rank, was daring to say what they were all thinking. The soldier spoke again. "I am questioning your orders," he said proudly. "Do you want them to get rid of me now, too?"

The Captain's tone was condescending. He grasped underneath his uniform jacket as he spoke. "No, I'll look after you myself."

The force of the shot made the soldier topple backwards. He fell against the wheel and grabbed it with his hand. The wheel turned. The soldier lost his grip and fell to the floor. Blood streamed from the wound on his forehead.

His eyes clouded over. He stared at his comrades who stood around him. The Captain turned away.

Exercise 7

Put the following into Chinese.

1. Where is my cap?

2. Who was angry?
3. What did he give you?
4. Where does the exhibition take place?
5. Why is it raining?
6. Where are you going?

The muggy air hit Hunter as he left the airport building. He looked around for a taxi rank. There was a group of men loitering around several metres away. The men were talking animatedly. Many were smoking. They were leaning against small black cars. It seemed as though none of the taxi drivers wanted to stop chatting. In any case, no one took any notice of the new arrival. Hunter walked up to them and waited.

Suddenly, a young man in baggy jeans and a T-shirt hurried up to him. Without asking, he took Hunter's suitcase and indicated to the agent to follow him. The man led Hunter to the black taxi which stood at the end of the queue. "I hope that doesn't annoy any of the other drivers," thought Hunter. In London, you always had to take the first taxi in the queue, otherwise there was trouble. But he was not in England; he was on a small island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

"It's more casual here," decided the agent, as the young man threw his suitcase casually into the boot and shut the lid.



Exercise 8

Fill in the blanks with the past forms of the given verbs.

The journey to the hotel	1.take)	a long time.	The
driver, who (2. have)_	drea	dlocks underneath	his
green, red and yellow kni	tted hat, (3. sing)_	at the	top
of his voice to the music	of Bob Marley on	the car radio. At fi	rst,
Hunter (4. speak)	to him,	asking him questi	ions
about the country and its	people. However	, when the driver of	only
(5. nod)	or (6. shake)	his he	ad,
Hunter(7. give up)	and(8.be	e)sile	ent.

They had been driving for over half an hour. The streets of the town were narrow and bumpy. The cobblestones were full of potholes. The rickety car jolted over the roads and its old engine droned loudly.

The taxi driver had probably driven around in a circle several times to increase the fare. Hunter thought he remembered many of the houses, but he did not mind. "The Secret Service will pay," he thought.

They arrived at the hotel. The fare was high. Once Hunter had paid, the car drove on. Thinking quickly, the agent banged his fist on the car roof and shouted, "Stop!"

The driver seemed reluctant as he stopped and climbed out of the car. He opened the boot. Impatiently, he indicated to Hunter to take his luggage out. Then the man with the dreadlocks raced off again. Disturbed, Hunter gazed after him for a few moments. "Other countries, other customs," he decided and entered the hotel.



Find the words in the text which have the same meanings with the given phrases.

1. Without much noise	
2. Dirty or grubby	
3. To walk lazily	
4. The opposite of "thin"	
5. A room booking	
6. To speak indistinctly	
7. Counterfeit or fake	

The revolving door squeaked quietly. The cramped reception area looked shabby. In the dim lamplight, a porter wearing a filthy uniform shuffled out of a back room. The fat man took up his position behind the desk and stared at the new arrival.

"Pieter Dyck from Amsterdam." Hunter introduced himself. "I made a reservation."

The porter mumbled something. He wrote a few words in a large book which lay open in front of him.

"That's a pity," thought Hunter. He had a forged identity card and had not even been asked for it.

Without requesting his passport or personal details, the man handed the key over the desk. Then he returned to the back room.

Exercise 10 Fill in the blanks	with proper forms of verb be.
The hotel porter(1.)	tired that evening. "I'm

sorry, $I(2.)$	nearly asleep," he said t	o Hunter.
Hunter (3.)	not pleased. He asked	the man,
"Why(4.)	you so tired?"	
The porter replic	d that he(5.) extre	mely busy
that day.		
"I(6.)	very tired now, too," said I	Hunter. "It
(7.)	Monday tomorrow. I (8.)	
getting up very e	arly in the morning. I hope that you(9.	.)
awake	early!"	

Hunter shrugged and went to look for his room. Number 407 was on the fourth floor. The agent put down his suitcase and went to open the window. The room looked out onto a house wall. The air outside had become cooler. Suddenly, a wire rope pressed coldly around Hunter's neck. The agent choked. He pushed his hand between the wire and his neck and he gasped for breath. With his other hand, he managed to grasp hold of the fingers which held the wire. He squeezed until the attacker loosened his grip. Hunter took advantage of the moment. He pulled the rope away from his neck. His attacker let go of the wire. Quickly, the agent turned around. He kicked his attacker. With a sharp karate kick, he hit the man under his chin. The man swayed, but regained his balance. Hunter was not as tall as his opponent, but was much more agile than the beefy man. His opponent took a swing at him. Nimbly, Hunter blocked his attack with a raised arm. At the same time, he kicked the man in the stomach. The blow hit home. The attacker sank to his knees. Hunter knocked him out with a karate chop to his throat.