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# 出版前言

《新理念英语阅读》是由上海外语教育出版社从美国 Cengage Learning 出版集团引进改编的一套中小学英语读物。这套读物题材广泛,话题丰富; 既有引人入胜、趣味无穷的故事,又有知识丰富、包罗万象的科普读物。把语言输入和知识输入融合在一起,让学生体验阅读的乐趣。

全套读物由美国 Cengage Learning 出版集团青少年读物金牌作家倾力打造,语言纯正、内容丰富、精彩纷呈。原汁原味的语言帮助读者培养英语语感、提升阅读兴趣。《新理念英语阅读》还强调阅读与视听的有机结合,全套读物的原版音频由英语语言专家绘声绘色、声情并茂地朗读,让读者有身临其境的感受。高中阶段另配由美国《国家地理》(National Geographic)精选的视频材料,能充分满足读者视觉和听觉的不同需求。色彩丰富、极具趣味性的插图在辅助读者阅读的同时,也让读者尽情享受前所未有的视觉盛宴。

本套读物针对每个故事精心设计了练习:小学阶段的题型和通用少儿英语星级考试接轨;初中阶段的题型和中考题的阅读部分题型匹配;高中阶段的练习分为阅读前、阅读中、阅读后以及阅读拓展训练和与视频材料相关的练习,帮助学生循序渐进地提高独立阅读能力,有效训练应试技巧。

整套读物分 9 个级别,从小学三年级到高中二年级,共 43 册,包含 78 篇故事和 132 篇科普读物。各级别根据国家《英语课程标准》规定的难度划 分,充分考虑到不同年龄段学生的认知特点和阅读兴趣。

《新理念英语阅读》提供丰富多彩的阅读材料和多层次的拓展训练,在适宜性、可读性、多样性和有效性方面均凸显本套英语读物的优势。它让读者感受阅读乐趣的同时,也切实提高了他们的阅读解题能力,使其体验到新理念带给英语阅读的全新动力。

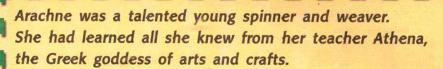
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# Carmel Reilly Christina Miesen



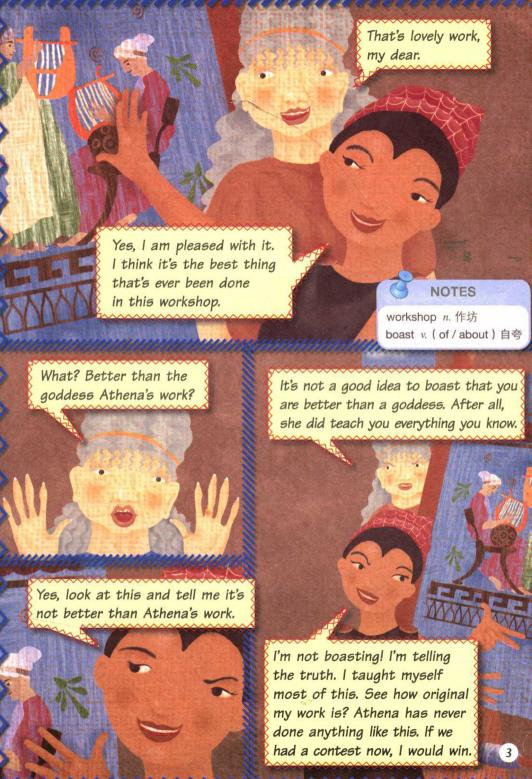


Arachne made the most wonderful fabrics and tapestries that were not only beautiful, but were used like paintings, to tell stories.

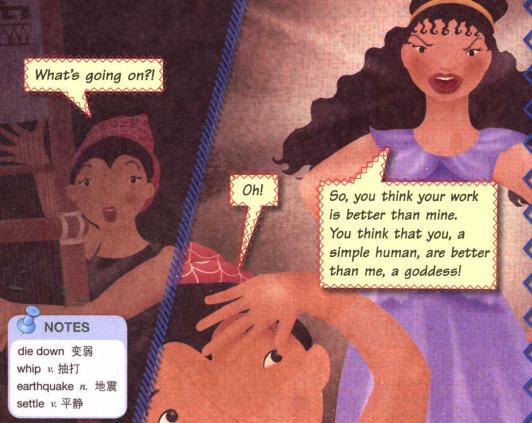
Unhappily for her, she was proud and stubborn, and it was only a matter of time before she, and the powerful, and equally proud and stubborn Athena, clashed.

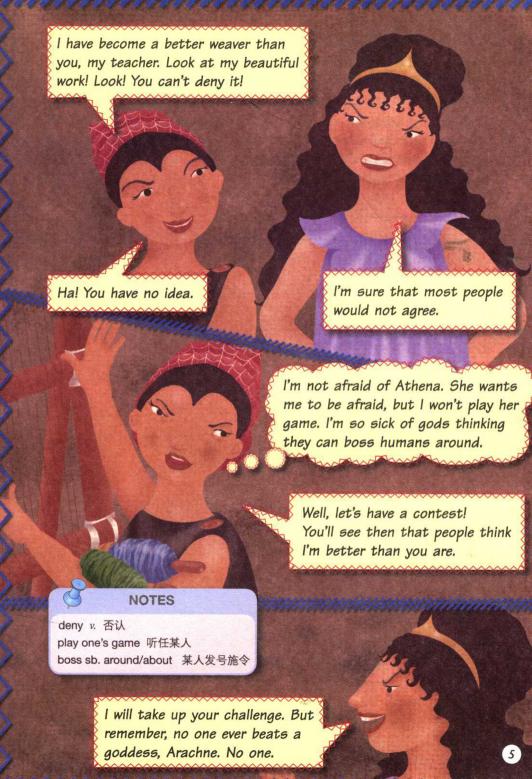
## NOTES

Arachne n. 阿拉克尼 (希腊神话中的人物) talented a. 有才能的 spinner n. 纺纱工 weaver n. 纺织工 Athena n. 雅典娜(智 慧、技艺及战争女神) fabric n. 织物, 织品 tapestry *n.* 挂毯 stubborn *a.* 倔强的 clash *v.* 冲突



The heat of the day died down. The sky grew dark and a wild wind whipped through the room. The ground beneath the workshop began to shake, as though an earthquake was about to hit. As everything settled again, Arachne looked up to see that the old woman had disappeared. In her place stood the goddess, Athena, who stared angrily down at Arachne.

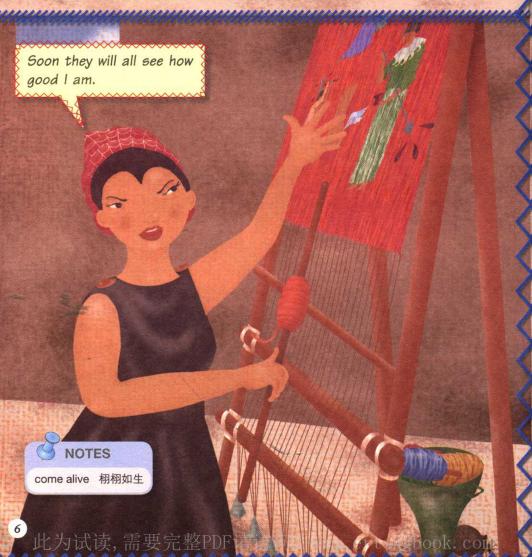


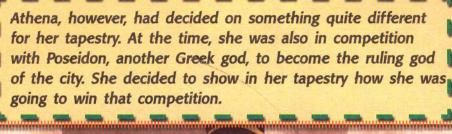


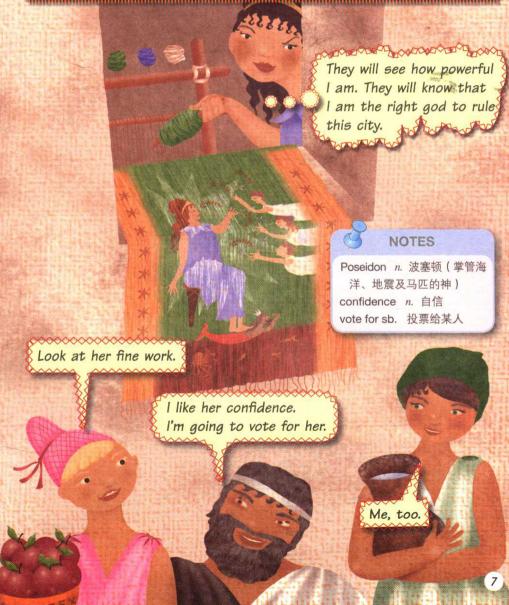
Arachne decided to weave a huge tapestry that would show the stories of gods and humans since the beginning of time.

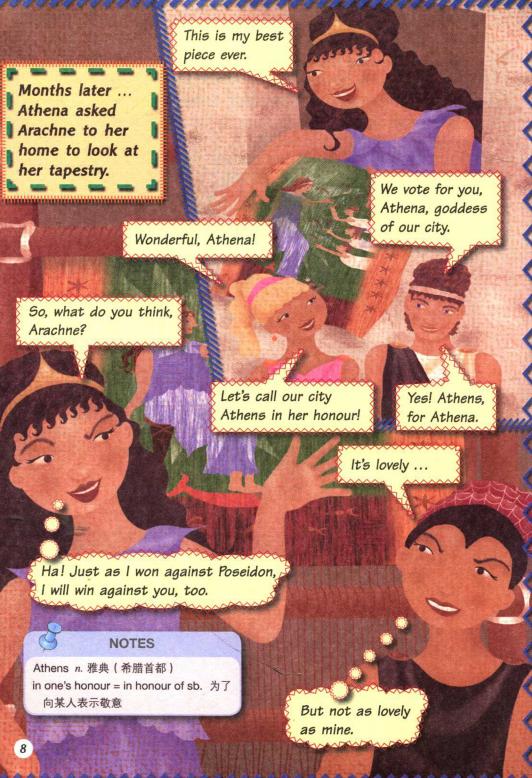
Arachne wanted everyone to see

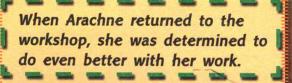
Arachne wanted everyone to see how her weaving could make the scenes come alive.











I cannot believe how terrible those gods are. How they play with us. I will teach that Athena a lesson. I will make sure everyone who sees my

tapestry knows how mean the gods are - and that Athena is the worst!

Let's see now who people will vote for. Me with my beautiful work and my true story, or her ...

That is so beautiful.

It tells such a wonderful story. It's true the gods often treat us very badly. But, so is yours, Athena.

Arachne's work is good.

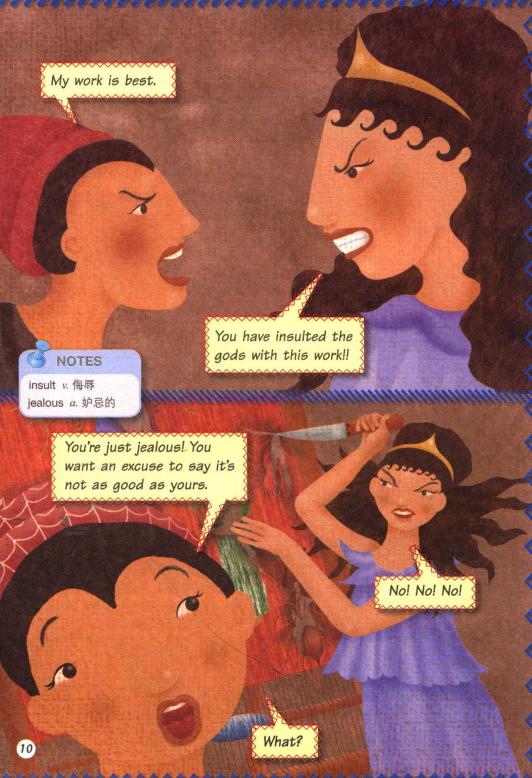
We can't decide.

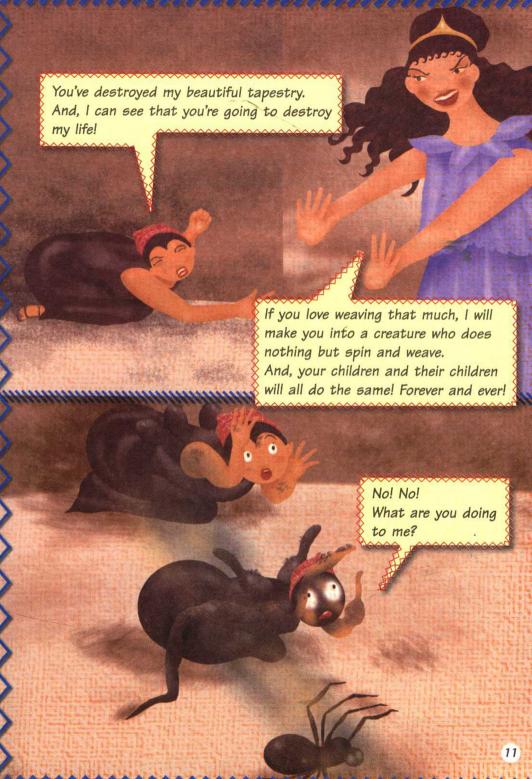
So, whose is best? Leave us. We need to speak to each other alone!



play with 戏弄 teach sb. a lesson 教训某人 mean a. 卑鄙的







Today, the children of Arachne can be found everywhere — in the corners of windows, and in the branches of trees.

They keep far away from other creatures.

They keep far away from other creatures. Instead, they spend their time spinning the finest of threads and weaving the most beautiful and delicate of materials — webs to catch their prey.

# NOTES

thread n. 线或细丝 delicate a. 精美的 web n. (蜘蛛等的) 网 prey n. 猎物