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前言

为了满足研究生公共英语课堂教学和学生自学的需要,我们组织编写了《研究生英语读写教程》。本教材以国外先进的语言教学理论为指导,融多种教学模式和手段于一体,从课文选材到教学环节的设计都体现"以学习者为中心"、"以文本为中心"的理念。

《研究生英语读写教程》共分10个单元。每单元分阅读和写作两部分;阅读分A、B两篇课文。课文前有作者和文章背景介绍,文后有生词和注释以及针对课文的相关练习。练习包括课文阅读理解练习、词汇练习、综合填空练习、翻译练习以及话题讨论等。在课堂教学过程中,老师们可以对练习进行适当的选择或补充。

文章选材力求贴近研究生的生活、学习和就业,注重材料的思想性、真实性、知识性和趣味性。题材广泛,体裁多样;教学内容安排科学系统,强调读、写、译、说等语言技能的全面发展;练习设计强调实用性、新颖性、趣味性和可操作性。

本教材的写作板块共有五大部分。首先是英语句子的基本知识、英语的段落写作、英语的篇章,其次是英语各种文体的介绍,最后一部分是论文摘要、专业学术论文写作等实用文体的写作知识介绍。写作部分吸收国内外同类教材的成功经验,结合中国实际,充分考虑非英语专业研究生学习英语的特点,努力帮助学生掌握英文作文的基本原则和行文技巧,克服"中式英文"。内容从句子开始,过渡到段落、篇章以及英文专业学术论文的写作。教师可以灵活使用写作的各个部分的内容,以达到最佳效果。

本书可供非英语专业研究生和教育硕士,以及具有同等英语水平的自学者使用。为方便老师的课堂教学和学生自学,本书在附录部分提供了课文的参考译文和部分练习的参考答案。

本书由安徽师范大学外国语学院郑高红老师策划、组织和统稿。参加本书阅读部分编写工作的教师有安徽师范大学的邱少波、胡祥鑫、马忠香、陈孝顺、王瑜、杨元、徐智、沈洁瑕、倪响,安徽建筑工程学院的任风雷,安徽商贸职业技术学院的宋薇,皖南医学院的黄婷婷。写作部分由安徽师范大学的王家根、孙勇、安徽工程大学的孙丽编写。路遐和顾正敏老师参加了教材的审定工作。本书在编写过程中得到了有关领导的大力支持和帮助,特别是安徽师范大学出版社的汪碧颖编辑为本书的尽早出版做了大量的工作,在此我们一并表示感谢。

在本书编写过程中,编者参阅了大量的书籍资料和网上资源,包括各种辞典和百科全书,由于来源广泛,未能——标明出处,谨在此向各位被引用的作者和出版者表示衷心的感谢。

由于时间仓促,难免有不足之处,恳请使用本教材的老师和同学们批评指正。

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Unit One

Text A

About the Author and the Topic

Virginia Woolf (1882—1941) was an English novelist and essayist, regarded as one of the foremost modernist literary figures of the 20th century. Born in England, Virginia Woolf was the daughter of Leslie Stephen, a well-known scholar. She was educated primarily at home and attributed her love of reading to the early and complete access she was given to her father's library. Woolf is best known for her experimental, modernist novels, including Mrs. Dalloway (1925) and To the Lighthouse (1927), which are widely appreciated for her breakthrough into a new mode and technique—the stream of consciousness. In her diary and critical essays she has much to say about women and fiction. Her 1929 book A Room of One's Own documents her desire for women to take their rightful place in literary history and as an essayist she has occupied a high place in the 20th century literature.

In the essay "How Should One Read a Book", she outlines several key elements that one should focus on to achieve the enhancement of reading. Common readers may benefit from reading the essay and improve their reading strategies.

Lead-in Questions

- 1. What types of books do you generally read?
- 2. Are you an efficient reader? What are your reading strategies?
- 3. What do you think are the possible relationships between the writer and the reader?

How Should One Read a Book?

Virginia Woolf

1) It is simple enough to say that since books have classes—fiction, biography,

poetry—we should separate them and take from each what it is right that each should give us. Yet few people ask from books what books can give us. Most commonly we come to books with blurred and divided minds, asking of fiction that it shall be true, of poetry that it shall be false, of biography that it shall be flattering, of history that it shall enforce our own prejudices. If we could banish all such preconceptions when we read, that would be an admirable beginning. Do not dictate to your author; try to become him. Be his fellow-worker and accomplice. If you hang back, and reserve and criticize at first, you are preventing yourself from getting the fullest possible value from what you read. But if you open your mind as widely as possible, the signs and hints of almost imperceptible fineness, from the twist and turn of the first sentences, will bring you into the presence of a human being unlike any other. Steep yourself in this, acquaint yourself with this, and soon you will find that your author is giving you, or attempting to give you, something far more definite. The thirty-two chapters of a novel—if we consider how to read a novel first—are an attempt to make something as formed and controlled as a building: but words are more impalpable than bricks; reading is a longer and more complicated process than seeing. Perhaps the quickest way to understand the elements of what a novelist is doing is not to read, but to write; to make your own experiment with the dangers and difficulties of words. Recall, then, some event that has left a distinct impression on you-how at the corner of the street, perhaps, you passed two people talking. A tree shook; an electric light danced; the tone of the talk was comic, but also tragic; a whole vision; an entire conception, seemed contained in that moment.

But when you attempt to reconstruct it in words, you will find that it breaks into a thousand conflicting impressions. Some must be subdued; others emphasized; in the process you will lose, probably, all grasp upon the emotion itself. Then turn from your blurred and littered pages to the opening pages of some great novelist—Defoe¹, Jane Austen², or Hardy³. Now you will be better able to appreciate their mastery. It is not merely that we are in the presence of a different person—Defoe, Jane Austen, or Thomas Hardy—but that we are living in a different world. Here, in Robinson Crusoe⁴, we are trudging a plain high road; one thing happens after another; the fact and the order of the fact is enough. But if the open air and adventure mean everything to Defoe they mean nothing to Jane Austen. Hers is the drawing-room, and people talking, and by the many mirrors of their talk revealing

their characters. And if, when we have accustomed ourselves to the drawing-room and its reflections, we turn to Hardy, we are once more spun around. The moors are around us and the stars are above our heads. The other side of the mind is now exposed—the dark side that comes uppermost in solitude, not the light side that shows in company. Our relations are not towards people, but towards Nature and destiny. Yet different as these worlds are, each is consistent with itself. The maker of each is careful to observe the laws of his own perspective, and however great a strain they may put upon us they will never confuse us, as lesser writers so frequently do, by introducing two different kinds of reality into the same book. Thus to go from one great novelist to another is to be wrenched and uprooted; to be thrown this way and then that. To read a novel is a difficult and complex art. You must be capable not only of great finesse of perception, but of great boldness of imagination if you are going to make use of all that the novelist—the great artist—gives you.

"We have only to compare" —with those words the cat is out of the bag5, and 3) the true complexity of reading is admitted. The first process, to receive impressions with the utmost understanding, is only half the process of reading; it must be completed, if we are to get the whole pleasure from a book, by another. We must pass judgment upon these multitudinous impressions; we must make of these fleeting shapes one that is hard and lasting. But not directly. Wait for the dust of reading to settle; for the conflict and the questioning to die down; walk, talk, pull the dead petals from a rose, or fall asleep. Then suddenly without our willing it, for it is thus that Nature undertakes these transitions, the book will return, but differently. It will float to the top of the mind as a whole. And the book as a whole is different from the book received currently in separate phrases. Details now fit themselves into their places. We see the shape from start to finish; it is a barn, a pig-sty, or a cathedral. Now then we can compare book with book as we compare building with building. But this act of comparison means that our attitude has changed; we are no longer the friends of the writer, but his judges; and just as we cannot be too sympathetic as friends, so as judges we cannot be too severe. Are they not criminals, books that have wasted our time and sympathy; are they not the most insidious enemies of society, corrupters, defilers, the writers of false books, faked books, books that fill the air with decay and disease? Let us then be severe in our judgments; let us compare each book with the greatest of its kind.

4). If this is so, if to read a book as it should be read calls for the rarest qualities of imagination, insight, and judgment, you may perhaps, conclude that literature is a very complex art and that is unlikely that we shall be able, even after a lifetime of reading, to make any valuable contribution to its criticism. We must remain readers: we shall not put on the further glory that belongs to those rare beings who are also critics. But still we have our responsibilities as readers and even our importance. The standards we raise and the judgments we pass steal into the air and become part of the atmosphere which writers breathe as they work. An influence is created which tells upon them even if it never finds its way into print. And that influence, if it were well instructed, vigorous and individual and sincere, might be of great value now when criticism is necessarily in abeyance; when books pass in review like the procession of animals in a shooting gallery, and the critic has only one second in which to load and aim and shoot and may well be pardoned if he mistakes rabbits for tigers, eagles for bar-door fowls, or misses altogether and wastes his shot upon some peaceful cow grazing in a further field. If behind the erratic gunfire of the press the author felt that there was another kind of criticism, the opinion of people reading for the love of reading, slowly and unprofessionally, and judging with great sympathy and yet with great severity, might this not improve the quality of his work? And if by our means books were to become stronger, richer, and more varied, that would be an end worth reaching.

Notes

- 1. Defoe (1660—1731) was an English writer, journalist, and pamphleteer, who gained enduring fame for his novel *Robinson Crusoe*. A prolific and versatile writer, he wrote more than 500 books, pamphlets, and journals on various topics (including politics, crime, religion, marriage, psychology and the supernatural).
- 2. Jane Austen (1775—1817) was an English writer, who first gave the novel its modern character through the treatment of everyday life. The most urgent preoccupation of her bright, young heroines is courtship and finally marriage. Austen herself never married. Her best-known books include *Pride and Prejudice* (1813) and *Emma* (1816). Virginia Woolf called Austen "the most perfect artist among women."
- 3. Thomas Hardy (1840—1928) was an English novelist and poet of the naturalist \cdot 4 \cdot

movement. Although in several poems he displays elements of the previous romantic and enlightenment periods of literature, such as his fascination with the supernatural, his novels, Tess of the d'Urbervilles and Far from the Madding Crowd, earned him a reputation as a great novelist.

- 4. Robinson Crusoe is Defoe's famous novel (1719). It tells of a shipwrecked man on a deserted island and his subsequent adventures.
- 5. The cat is out of the bag. (口) 真相大白.

New Words

blurred [blaid] a. banish ['bænif] v. preconception [prikan'sepsan] n. accomplice [ə'kamplis] n. imperceptible [impa'septabl] a. impalpable [im'pælpəbl] a. subdued [səb'djuɪd] a. littered ['litad] a. trudge [track] v. moor [mox(r)] n. (often pl) wrench [rent] v. finesse [fi'nes] n. multitudinous [malti'tju:dinas] a. petal ['petl] n. insidious [in'sidios] a. defiler [di'failə] n.

not clear; without a clear outline or shape drive (thoughts, etc.) out (of the mind) an idea or opinion that is formed before you have enough information or experience a person who helps another to commit a crime or to do something wrong very small and therefore unable to be seen or felt incapable of being perceived by the senses especially the sense of touch not very loud, intense, noticeable, etc. filled or scattered with a disorderly accumulation of objects or rubbish walk slowly or with difficulty because one is tired, on a long journey, etc. open uncultivated high area of land, esp one covered with heather 漠泽、旷野 pull or twist suddenly and violently great skill in dealing with people or situations extremely large in number a delicate colored part of a flower spreading gradually or without being noticed, but causing serious harm 隐伏的 a person or organization that causes

pollution of the environment

Useful Expressions

ask of

dictate to somebody

hang back

steep oneself in something

in the presence of

spin around

be consistent with

find its way into print

in abeyance

要求,期望

任意指使某人; 向某人发号施令

踌躇不前

沉浸于; 潜心于

在……面前

使人头晕目眩

与某事物并存 (一致)

付印, 出版

搁置;暂停使用;暂时中止

Exercises

I. Comprehension Check

A. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- 1. What are the habitual expectations of the different classes of books held by the common readers?
- 2. How do you understand the author's idea of "Do not dictate to your author; try to become him. Be his fellow-worker and accomplice."?
- 3. How does your reading experience agree or disagree with the author's advice?
- 4. Virginia Woolf says "the quickest way to understand the elements of what a novelist is doing is not to read, but to write;" and she also gives an example to support it. What do you think of the example?
- 5. The author mentions three writers in paragraph 2 and points out that although they depict things totally different they share one same important element. What is it?
- 6. What is the true complexity of reading?
- 7. What are the reading processes Virginia Woolf depicts?
- 8. In what sense does Virginia Woolf think that common readers have responsibilities and importance in raising the standards and the judgment of reading?

B. The text falls into 3 parts. What is the main answers below.	idea of each part? W	'rite you
Part I		
Part II		
Part III		
Part III		
C. Write a summary of the text.		
	•	
II. Vocabulary Study		
Find the words from the text that are almost the solution of the following sentences.	ame in meaning to the	words in
1. The two specimens are actually different from ea	ach other but the differ	ences are
almost indistinguishable.	()
2. Consensus is usually made possible by vague lang	uage and shallow commit	
	(
3. She was dressed in grey and looked suitably elegan	t with the soft color.	
	()
4. I thought I saw a ghost, but perhaps it was only a)
5. In the midst of the numerous impressions he was	receiving he found time	to feel a
prod of indignation that so much beauty should be	sacrificed to make a tric	k.
6 I 10:1	()
6. In 18th century, English middle class held the p	rejudice that women we	re taken
just as an object that would serve as the ultimate	sign for a man to esta	blish his

masculinity and his superior and well acquired financial status.	()
7. Women are often excluded from positions of authority.	Ì)
8. That cunning man bad-mouthed me to almost everyone else.	Ì)
9. The elderly man plodded down the street.	Ì)
10. He was charged with being an accessory to murder.	()
11. Rudd promised to clean up policies which have made Australia the	developed	world's
worst per capita polluter when he was elected in late 2007.	()
12. Your mother is very grieved by your refusal to return home.	()
13. The old building had an intangible air of sadness about it.	()
14. Thestorm left the driveway cluttered with sticks and debris.	Ì)
15. They haven't instructed us where to go.	()
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III. Cloze		
Choose a proper word or phrase from the following list to fill in ea	ah blank	im 4ha
following passage. Change the form if necessary.	CII DIAIIK	m me
		
classified interpreting substantially according to defining and	describing	;
although involves contend functions about entirety v	riew for	
inexplicably actually		
Reading involves looking at graphic symbols and formulating men	tally the s	—— ounds
and ideas they represent. Concepts of reading have changed (1)		
centuries. During the 1950's and 1960's especially, increased attention h		
to (2) the reading process. (3) specialists agree the	at reading	(4)
a complex organization of higher mental (5), they		
the exact nature of the process. Some experts, who regard langu		
code using symbols to represent sounds, (7) reading as simple	age primar	ny as
of symbols into the sounds they stand (8)	ny the dec	oding
	.1 .1 .	
These authorities (9) that meaning, being concerned	with thin	king,
nust be taught independently of the decoding process. Others maintain	that readi	ng is
10) related to thinking, and that a child who pronounces	sounds wi	thout
11) their meaning is not truly reading. The reader, (12) _	some	e, is
ot just a person with a theoretical ability to read but one who (13)	reads	s.
Many adults, although they have the ability to read, have never re-		
14)	ad a book	in its
14) By some expert they would not be (15) as re	ad a book eaders. Cle	in its arly,

the philosophy, objectives, methods and materials of reading will depend on the definition one uses. By the most conclusive and satisfactory definition, reading is the ability to unlock the sound-symbols code of the language, to interpret meaning for various purposes, at various rates, and at various levels of difficulty, and to do so widely and enthusiastically. In short, reading is the interpretation of ideas through the use of symbols representing sounds and ideas.

IV. Translation

A. Put the following paragraph into Chinese.

Most commonly we come to books with blurred and divided minds, asking of fiction that it shall be true, of poetry that it shall be false, of biography that it shall be flattering, of history that it shall enforce our own prejudices. If we could banish all such preconceptions when we read, that would be an admirable beginning. Do not dictate to your author; try to become him. Be his fellow-worker and accomplice. If you hang back, and reserve and criticize at first, you are preventing yourself from getting the fullest possible value from what you read. But if you open your mind as widely as possible, the signs and hints of almost imperceptible fineness, from the twist and turn of the first sentences, will bring you into the presence of a human being unlike any other. Steep yourself in this, acquaint yourself with this, and soon you will find that your author is giving you, or attempting to give you, something far more definite. The thirty-two chapters of a novel—if we consider how to read a novel first—are an attempt to make something as formed and controlled as a building: but words are more impalpable than bricks; reading is a longer and more complicated process than seeing.

B. Put the following paragraph into English.

过去,我常常在教堂的心意篮里面发现一些优美的小短文,有些是关于我的布道,有些是作者日常读《圣经》的感想。写这些短文的人不仅对我的一些观点加以反思,同时还会引用一些他/她曾经读过的,令他/她难忘又喜爱的诗人或者神秘主义者的话。我给这些短文迷住了。我看到了一个执着于追寻真与美的人。其珍而重之的字句,优美动人。我还感觉到好像那些字句也乐于让我们发现,它们是那么毫无保留地、慷慨地为这无名氏作者借用,而现在轮到这位无名氏来学习与人分享这些美文的奥秘。分享令美愈加闪耀生辉,在这个意义上说,其实世上唯一的真理是分毫不费的。

Text B

Confession of a Book Lover

Bernard Pivor

Locked with my reading, I am completely alone. It's just my book and me. What a delight! No one can read this text, on this page, in my place. Moreover, no one knows what I'm reading. It's a purely selfish pleasure. In the morning, I'm happier, and fresher. I feel renewed. Like an athlete, I'm better at some moments than at others. This morning I'm the best at reading. Head of the class.

My attention is clear and strong.

I've always had a close relationship with the written page. It speaks to me, brings me to life, and I respond. Playing a game of give and take, of sensibility and confrontation, I make notes on the pages. My school teachers taught me this method of working, and I've never given it up. It's my way of conversing with the author. All of a sudden I will stop the flow of printed words to intervene with my pencil. To pass judgment on or underline a sentence. During the time I hosted "Apostrophes," I would spend several hours before each show, reviewing my marginal notes. Thus a few minutes sufficed to revive a reading done days earlier.

But the most important part of this method lies elsewhere: making notes in a book is a way of introducing oneself into the text, putting one's mark on it. It's a thrilling intellectual business: as a reader, I use the same tools as the author.

Up until the age of 18 I read very little. I limited myself to what was necessary for a secondary-school diploma. I was always busy either playing soccer or falling in love. Then came the day when, as a young columnist, my main responsibility was to read. And I got to like it. My head spun! An unknown passion took hold of me. What happened? For me, it was the intrusion of a new state of being in love. I began to take possession of books and to annotate them. Thus I would tell them, in an only slightly contorted way, how much I liked them or didn't. Today, 25 years later, I thumb through my books from those days and it's magic, finding myself face to face with the young man I once was. Sometimes I understand him. Other times I find him hopeless. Certain remarks seem stupid to me now. Others make me happy. I was right about that, I sometimes say to

myself.

Twenty-five years later I find the living trace of my thoughts, my sensibilities of that time. That's why I never lend out my books. I give away the ones of which I have two copies and the ones I've never read. But the ones I've marked up cannot circulate: they have become my journals, my confessions. To let someone read them would be opening myself up to scrutiny. I would be allowing others to break into me like a burglar breaks into a house.

When I hosted "Apostrophes," I did nothing but read. Today books have serious competitors—theater, film, expositions—that appeal and seduce me. When I retired from the show about a year ago, I started going to films again. I enjoyed them all. They aroused my curiosity and gave me great pleasure. This is no longer always the case. My critical spirit has returned. But what record do I have of my emotions? I can't make notes on a piece of film. And a movie will never tell me who I was in my youth.

If I were a book, I would hate the pleasure that other forms of art provide. The pleasure that distracts men, women, and children from the pleasure that I, a book, could give. But would I really have all that much to worry about? After all, going to the theater is a little complicated. Seeing a film involves a lot of running around. And watching TV requires that one stay home, and keep zapping. But I, a book, can go anywhere—in my reader's pocket, when he gets on a bus, takes a train, waits in line for a haircut. In fact, my only real competition is the Walkman, which can also be taken anywhere and provides a one-on-one relationship.

Dangerous, this Walkman? Yes and no. Everything comes in cycles. One day people will have had enough noise. They'll be brave. And, I'm certain, they'll take a good ballpoint pen and start making notes in books.

Exercises

Answer the following questions according to the text.

- 1. Why could the author find out the delight of being accompanied by books only?
- 2. What kind of relationship does the author maintain with books?
- 3. As for the author, what is the significance of making notes while reading?
- 4. How does the author make choices of different books in different periods of his life?
- 5. What does the author indicate by quoting "allowing others to break into me like a burglar breaks into a house"?