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# 前 言

随着大学英语教学改革的不断深入，社会与学生对英语学习的要求也越来越高，英语听力成了英语水平的一个重要方面。然而，英语听力的提高不仅需要精听英语教材课文的录音，更有赖于多听真实的英语广播。本书正是为适应这一需要而编写的补充性教材。

本书精选 65 篇“美国之音”广播材料，分为“特别英语”和“标准英语”两个层次。“特别英语”的材料用词简单，语速较慢，每分钟约为 90 词左右。“标准英语”的材料则语句较长，用词较复杂，且语速接近正常广播速度，每分钟约 120 词左右。

本册教材每一篇材料都独立成章，与前后材料没有逻辑关系，因此学习者可从任何一篇开始。当然循序渐进，精听每一篇材料，对听力的提高更有裨益。

本册教材每一篇材料都由三部分组成：词汇（即材料中的一些较困难的生词）、注释（提供某些背景资料的解释）和练习。练习是帮助提高听力和检验听力的有效手段，但不是最终目的。我们希望使用本教材的学生能反复地听，认真地听、甚至能听出每一个词，最终达到不太费心就能听懂的程度。

本册教材由沈炎、王为明主编，金霞、王星、宋娜娜、唐燕冰参与编写，曾昕提供技术支持。由于编写时间仓促、经验不足，疏漏之处在所难免，欢迎广大师生提出批评和建议，以便本教材在今后修订时不断完善。

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# Part I: Special English

## Passage 1

### I. Vocabulary

1. announcer 播音员
2. assessment 评估
3. campaign 运动, 活动
4. coalition 联盟
5. community 社区
6. earn recognition 获得认同
7. get into trouble 遇到麻烦
8. visual 视觉的

### II. Notes

1. **President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities:** 美国总统艺术及人文委员会。该组织成立于 1982 年, 现由第一夫人劳拉·布什担任名誉主席。
2. **Arts Education Partnership:** 全美艺术教育伙伴。于 1995 年在 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), U.S. Department of Education, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies(NASAA), Council of Chief State School Officers(CCSSO)四个联邦政府及全国性机构推动下, 联合 100 多个类此团体所成立的非营利性组织。
3. **Department of Education:** 联邦教育部。成立于 1867 年, 1980 年升格为内阁级的教育部。现任教育部长 (Secretary of Education) 为罗德里克·佩奇 (Roderick Paige)。目前, 教育部还设有常务副部长 (Deputy Secretary) 一名, 副部长 (Under Secretary) 一名, 助理部长 (Assistant Secretary) 八名。美国教育部现有 4700 多雇员, 其中大约 3600 人在首都华盛顿, 分布在四个不同的办公地点。教育部在 10 个地区设有办事处, 有雇员 1000 多人。教育部全年总经费 420 亿美元, 管理 200 多个项目。

### III. Exercises

#### A. Complete the following sentences according to what you hear on the tape.

1. Many groups are working to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ teaching of arts in American schools.
2. Americans for the Arts and other activist organizations \_\_\_\_\_ as part of the campaign. One of the messages goes like this: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Many American school officials and community leaders strongly support \_\_\_\_\_. Schools in these districts had earned recognition for effective teaching of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and visual arts, like \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities advises the White House about \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Arts Education Partnership is \_\_\_\_\_ of more than one-hundred groups. It is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ in American life and in schools.

#### B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What does the current national campaign urge Americans to do?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What does the television message try to show?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. How many school systems in the United States had been examined in a study published in 2,000?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. How many students and schools were involved in a study carried out by National Assessment of Education Progress?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What benefits would students reap from studying the arts?  
\_\_\_\_\_.



## Passage 2

### I. Vocabulary

1. divisor 除数, 公约数
2. flexible 灵活的
3. heartbeat 心跳
4. influential 有影响的
5. newsletter 简讯
6. ownership 所有权
7. stock exchange 股票交易
8. stock market 股票市场, 证券市场

### II. Notes

1. **Dow Jones Industrial Average:** 道·琼斯工业平均指数。它是由《华尔街日报》的出版者道·琼斯公司编制并公布的反映纽约股票市场行市的股票价格平均指数。包括 30 种工业股票平均指数, 20 种运输业股票平均指数, 15 种公用事业股票平均指数及这 65 种股票的综合平均指数。道·琼斯平均指数是世界股票市场上最具代表性和权威性的股票价格指数之一, 也是证券交易历史上最古老、最为人们熟悉的股票价格指数。
2. **Standard and Poor's 500 Index:** 标准普尔 500 指数。标准普尔 500 指数涵括了 500 种股票的综合指数, 是另外 4 种指数——标准普尔工业指数 (400 种股票)、标准普尔交通指数 (20 种股票)、标准普尔公共事业指数 (40 种股票) 及标准普尔财务指数 (40 种股票) 的总和。
3. **Wall Street:** 华尔街, 纽约市曼哈顿地区一条街, 是纽约证券交易所和许多中介经纪机构的总部所在地。又借指美国金融业。
4. **New York Stock Exchange:** 纽约证券交易所。该交易所是美国最大、最老、最有人气的市场。纽约证交所有 200 多年的历史, 大部分历史悠久的“财星五百强企业”都在纽约证券交易所挂牌。在交易所内, 经纪人(broker)依客户所开的条件在场内公开寻找买卖主, 本身不左右价格。

### III. Exercises

#### A. Complete the following sentences according to what you hear on the tape.

1. Dow Jones Industrial Average is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ of America's stock market and is the most widely known \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "Blue chip" stocks represent \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dow Jones Industrial Average represents \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Dow Jones Industrial Average uses what is called \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure \_\_\_\_\_ from being affected too much by \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Standard and Poor's 500 Index averages \_\_\_\_\_. Still others measure \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What does the Dow Jones Company mainly publish?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. When was the company established?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. When did Dow Jones Company begin publishing the Dow Jones Industrial average? How many stocks were listed at that time?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. What are "blue-chip" stocks? Give four examples.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Why do many people consider stock averages the heartbeat of finance?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Passage 3

### I. Vocabulary

1. ambassador 大使
2. credit 学分

## II. Notes

1. **Advanced Placement Program:** 预修课程项目 (AP)。该项目于 20 世纪中以低姿态起步, 现已成长为全美中学推进优质教育的首要项目。AP 课程项目为高中学生提供了严格的大学课程与考核, 为 34 门课程设定了衡量学习成绩的标准, 并提供了广泛的教师专业发展。2004 年已有超过 100 万学生参加了 174 万次 AP 课程结束考试。
2. **The American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages:** 美国外语教师协会
3. **Mandarin Chinese:** 普通话

## III. Exercises

### A. Complete the following sentences according to what you hear on the tape.

1. AP program will add \_\_\_\_\_ new languages for American high school students. They are: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. More than \_\_\_\_\_ students at more than \_\_\_\_\_ American high schools took at least \_\_\_\_\_ AP test after taking an AP class in 2003.
3. The AP program has expanded over the years. There are now about \_\_\_\_\_ classes and tests in \_\_\_\_\_ subject areas. They include \_\_\_\_\_, mathematics and English. Now the languages included only \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and German.
4. Colleges often give high school students credit for an AP class if \_\_\_\_\_.
5. About \_\_\_\_\_ students study Spanish in American high schools. It's followed by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What have the Chinese government and the Italian government agreed to do in response to the new AP program?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why do colleges often give students credits for AP classes if they do well on the tests?

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3. What are the most popular foreign languages taught in American high schools?
  4. How many American high school students study Chinese now?
  5. How does the Chinese ambassador to the United States comment on the new AP program?
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## Passage 4

### I. Vocabulary

1. block 封锁
2. blood supply 供血
3. blood vessels 血管
4. cancerous cells 癌细胞
5. chemotherapy 化学疗法
6. colon 结肠
7. dismiss 解散, 否认
8. lengthen 延长
9. infection 感染
10. interfere 干涉, 妨碍
11. intestinal 肠内
12. radiation 辐射
13. starve 饿死
14. tissue 组织

### II. Notes

1. **U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** 美国食品和药品管理局。FDA 的职责是确保美国本国生产或进口的食品、化妆品、药物、生物制剂、医疗设备和放射产品的安全。它是最早以保护消费者为

主要职能的联邦机构之一。在国际上，FDA 被公认为是世界上最大的食品与药物管理机构之一。许多国家都通过寻求和接收 FDA 的帮助来促进并监控其本国产品的安全。FDA 是美国政府在健康与人类服务部 (DHHS) 和公共卫生部 (PHS) 中设立的执行机构之一。

2. **VEGF:** vascular endothelial growth factor, 血管内皮细胞生长因子。VEGF 有促进血管内皮细胞增殖, 诱导新血管形成的作用。
3. **Genentech Company:** (美国) 基因科技公司。
4. **Harvard Medical School:** 哈佛医学院。
5. **Bethesda Naval Hospital:** 贝塞斯达海军医院, 在美国马里兰州 (Maryland) 境内。

### III. Exercises

#### A. Complete the following sentences according to what you hear on the tape.

1. The traditional steps that doctors use to treat cancer are: \_\_\_\_\_ the growth; \_\_\_\_\_ the cancerous cells with \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_ those that remain with chemotherapy drugs.
2. More than thirty years ago, Doctor Judah Folkman thought cutting \_\_\_\_\_ to cancers could \_\_\_\_\_ their growth.
3. The Genentech Company developed a drug called Avastin to \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of people with colon cancer, but it does not \_\_\_\_\_ the disease.
4. Avastin is \_\_\_\_\_ protein. It connected with a protein (known as VEGF) in the body that helps \_\_\_\_\_ grow. Blocking this growth factor can \_\_\_\_\_ the supply of the blood to the cancer and \_\_\_\_\_ the cells.
5. Doctor Folkman thought it might be possible to develop new treatments if \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. Which agency approved the first drug that works the way Dr. Folkman proposed?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. How did many other scientists respond to his theory?

3. How long did the patients who receive both Avastin and Chemotherapy chemicals generally survive?
4. What is the main advantage of Avastin over Chemotherapy?
5. How many new drugs were approved for colon cancer in the past two years?

## Passage 5

### I. Vocabulary

1. balance 权衡, 使...平衡
2. dietary 饮食的
3. ease 减轻
4. protein 蛋白质

### II. Notes

1. **United Nations General Assembly:** 联合国大会。该组织是联合国主要的审议、监督和审查机构。
2. **ASEAN:** Association of South East Asian Nation, 东南亚国家联盟(简称东盟)。
3. **FAO:** Food and Agricultural Organization of the United States, 联合国粮食及农业组织(简称粮农组织)。于1954年10月16日在加拿大魁北克正式成立。1946年12月成为联合国的一个专门机构。现总部设在意大利罗马, 有179个成员国和一个成员国组织(欧盟)。粮农组织的宗旨是通过加强世界各国和国际社会的行动, 提高各成员国人民的营养水准和生活标准、改进一切粮农产品的生产和分配效率、改善农村人口状况、促进世界经济的发展并保证人类免于饥饿。该组织的业务范围相当广泛, 包括农、林、牧、渔生产、科技、政策及经济各方面。
4. **Minister of Agriculture:** 农业部长。

5. **Thailand:** 泰国。
6. **Indonesia:** 印度尼西亚。

### III. Exercises

#### A. Complete the following sentences according to what you hear on the tape.

1. Rice provides \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's dietary energy—more than wheat or corn.
2. Rice production will not meet the needs of growing population by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Only \_\_\_\_\_ of the world rice crop is traded internationally.
4. More than \_\_\_\_\_ of all rice is grown on small farms and used locally.
5. Thailand is the biggest exporter of rice with \_\_\_\_\_ of the market.

#### B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. Who has declared 2004 the International Year of Rice?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What is the central food in the diet of a majority of the world's population?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What are the two pressures that most developing governments have to balance?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. What is one of the effective measures to ease the above pressures?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What could provide rice growers with higher profit crops?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Passage 6

### I. Vocabulary

1. child labor 童工

2. long-term 长期的
3. investment 投资
4. return 回报
5. substitute 替代

## II. Notes

**International Labor Organization:** 国际劳工组织。该组织成立于1919年，是联合国中惟一具有三方性（政府、雇主和工人）结构的机构。三方中的雇主和工人代表经济中的“社会伙伴”，在制定政策和计划中具有与政府平等的发言权。国际劳工组织通过提倡工会与雇主间的“社会对话”，鼓励其参与制定和执行国家的社会、经济及其他领域的政策。设在日内瓦的国际劳工局是国际劳工组织常设秘书处和执行总部，也是研究和出版中心。

## III. Exercises

### A. Complete the following sentences according to what you hear on the tape.

1. The International Labor Organization proposes that child labor be substituted with education by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Researchers found that paying for education in developing countries could bring \_\_\_\_\_ times the return on investment.
3. The labor agency estimates that about \_\_\_\_\_ children are involved in child labor. Of these, \_\_\_\_\_ may be working in dangerous situations.
4. The Director General of the International Labor Organization says the proposal is a wise economic plan, because each additional year of education for an older child adds \_\_\_\_\_ per year to future earnings.
5. Ending slavery and the sale of children for sex would reduce \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What harm does child labor do according to the International Labor Organization?  
\_\_\_\_\_



2. Why should the project be seen as a long-term investment?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. How long did the study by the labor agency last?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. How much is the project of replacing child labor with education estimated to cost?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What did the labor agency advise the governments to do to help the poor families with school-age children?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Passage 7

### I. Vocabulary

1. amendment 修正案
2. capture 捕获
3. caucus 领导人会议, 核心会议
4. congress 国会
5. constitution 宪法
6. enforcement 执行
7. extend 延伸
8. extremist 极端分子
9. invasion 入侵
10. Islamic 伊斯兰教的
11. joint 共同的
12. Medicare 医疗保障
13. nomination 提名
14. oust 驱逐
15. legislation 立法
16. senator 参议员
17. tax reduction 减税
18. violate 违反
19. weapons of mass destruction 大规模杀伤性武器