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前言

为什么有的人高分通过大学英语四、六级，却仍听不懂原汁原味的VOA或BBC新闻报道？为什么有的人经过苦练，能基本听懂VOA Special English了，但一听到正常语速的VOA或BBC新闻播报就目瞪口呆，茫然不知所措？

古语云：与其临渊羡鱼，不如退而结网。没错，与其一味地抱怨自己听力差或词汇量小，抑或是播音员语速过快，不如静下心来认真研究一下怎样才能真正提高自己的外语听力水平。

提高听力，不仅仅靠耳朵，而应当耳到、嘴到、心到。十聋九哑，就是说十个聋子里面九个是哑巴；这充分表明听的重要性。“哑巴英语”主要不是口舌缺陷所致，而是缺乏足够的声音输入和听说训练。听说不能分家：只听不说，收效甚微；听说结合，说出来才是自己的。听说训练的最佳素材是各类新闻报道，因为它是英语中最鲜活的语言，每天世界上发生的一切大事小情，都会在新闻英语中有所反映。层出不穷的新词语及新用法，会第一时间在新闻英语中体现出来。由此可见，想学好英语，就离不开英语新闻报道。

为帮助广大英语爱好者提高英语听力，本书精心选取正常语速的VOA和BBC新闻报道中的各类最新热点新闻，以围观新鲜事、聚焦半边天、时事直通车、经济新看点等十二个专题的形式呈现给大家。本书具有以下主要特色：

一、内容精彩

本书精心挑选的正常语速的VOA和BBC热点新闻报道，共分十二个专题，内容丰富多彩，涵盖经济、健康、军事、环境、科技、时事等

各个方面。每个专题包含八篇文章，VOA 和 BBC 各四篇。每篇文章前面都有一篇“新闻最背景”，介绍了该听力材料所涉及的相关背景知识。“新闻最词汇”，帮助学习者做好听前热身，克服词汇障碍。这就使得原本枯燥的听力变得简单了，学习者听录音时就得心应手了。

二、解析透彻

本书精选的每一篇文章都配有英语原文和汉语译文，这样有利于帮助学习者主动把听力和翻译训练结合起来，以听带译，以译促听。此外，对于“新闻最词汇”环节所列的单词和短语，在英文听力原文中都用彩色突出显示，以帮助学习者再次复习所学词汇。另外，本书每一篇文章最后都有一个“听力最破解”环节，对听力原文中出现的长难句进行详细解析，对涉及的重要语法点进行逐一举例说明。

三、技巧实用

本书在每个专题后面都有一个“听力技巧”，将进行英语听力尤其是在听英语新闻报道时需要掌握的小技巧逐一列出。这些小技巧简单实用，能够帮助广大英语爱好者找出自身在听力方面的不足，并养成科学的、良好的听力习惯，最终轻而易举地攻克听力难关，真正听懂听透各类正常语速的英语新闻报道。

希望本书详尽透彻的解析，能帮助广大学习者学会举一反三，全面提高自己的听说读写译五大能力，早日轻松听懂正常语速的 VOA、BBC、CBS、ABC、CNN 等国外电台或电视台的英语新闻报道。

由于编者的水平有限，书中难免存在疏漏或不妥之处，恳请广大读者批评指正，以便我们再版时进一步改进，在此表示衷心感谢。

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VOA News 1

科学家受河蚌启发发明新胶体

新闻最背景

你知道那些被称作河蚌的带硬壳的软体动物，是怎么把自己黏着在岩石或湖底的吗？他们是如何固定在海堤上而不致被海水冲走的呢？芝加哥大学的科学家们所做的，可不只是回答了以上这些问题。他们仔细观察了河蚌分泌产生的化学物质，发现它们被分开之后，会自动找到匹配并重新愈合，这就是河蚌愈合和原始力量的来源。据此，科学家们创造出了一种新型的人造凝胶，这种凝胶模仿了河蚌身上那种黏着而能自愈的胶体。据信这项发明将会有广泛的药用和工业价值。



新闻最正文



Scientists Create Glue Inspired by Mussels

Holten-Anderson and colleagues at the University of Chicago and a team of international scientists have worked on how to turn what mussels do naturally into a synthetic material.

(1) They zeroed in on the chemistry of what the mollusks secrete and discovered metal mixed inside their thin, hold-fast fibers. Holten-Anderson says iron is a key ingredient that makes the adhesive strong and flexible.

“The unique thing is you can pull them apart and if you leave them be, they can find their partners again and re-heal, and that’s where thought of this rehealing of the original strength come from.”

(2) Holten-Anderson and colleagues set out to replicate that in the laboratory using a synthetic polymer or a simplified version of a string of mussel protein molecules. They succeeded when they pre-mixed the polymer with metal salts at low pH.

“You instantly get an initiation of these self-healing strong gel-like, sticky materials as soon as you do this basically step-wise process of mixing things, and then increase the pH potentially mimicking what happens in the natural case anyway.”

mussel *n.* 贻贝 / 河蚌

synthetic *adj.* 合成的 / 人造的

zero in on *vt.* 瞄准 / 对准 / 集中于……

mollusk *n.* 软体动物

ingredient *n.* 组成部分 / 配料

adhesive *n.* 黏合剂

unique *adj.* 独特的 / 唯一的

replicate *vt.* 复制 / 重复

polymer *vt.* 聚合物

potentially *adv.* 潜在地 / 可能地