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序言

从心理语言学的角度来看,阅读和写作是人类思维活动中互相影响、互相作用的两个领域,而语篇是和这两个领域紧密相关的;阅读离不开语篇,写作也离不开语篇。本书中语言学的导入,必将使阅读交际化,生动化,以语篇为指导的读写训练也因此会有新的突破。

为了适应教学和研究的需要,由信阳师范学院、郑州大学、炮兵学院、河南农业大学、郑州工业大学、河南省郑州人民警察学校、河南省公安专科学校、郑州市第二职业中专等院校从事英语教学和研究的部分同志组织编写了这本《实用英语阅读》。

本书的编写意图在于,从语篇特征和介绍入手,通过范文 阅读和欣赏以及大量的练习和讨论,培养学生的语感,提高语 篇分析能力,达到读与写同步提高的目的。

根据语言学习的规律,阅读训练材料不可以太难,也不可以太容易。因此,在使用本书的过程中,教师可根据学生的水平,选用难易适中的篇章进行课堂教学。本书适用于大中专学生阅读课使用,特别适合英语专业基础阶段阅读。

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由于我们水平有限,加之时间仓促,本书难免有疏漏、不当之处,欢迎同行、专家和广大读者批评指正。

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Unit One

Building Comprehension and Composition Skills Part A

Transition One: Connecting through Pronouns

Each successive sentence in a paragraph should contain a transition, a link with the preceding sentence. A transitional expression is a connector; it is a bridge between statements and ideas in paragraphs. The paragraph organization discussed in this and the following units are associated with particular transition words and phrases, which are discussed in the individual ons dealing with each of the organizational patte

> who he his they whom her you whose its

One of the most effective transitional devices involves letting each successive sentence in the paragraph repeat a word, phrase or idea in the preceding sentence. A pronoun takes the place of a noun. When you use a noun in one sentence, a pronoun that occurs later on in another sentence automatically

refers the reader back to the original noun. In that way, the writer can help ideas move smoothly from one to the other.

Exercises

- 1. Read the following sentences, and then identify the words or sentences that the underlined pronouns refer to
 - (1) The administration has decided to give more financial support to the average student. This week it indicated its intention to increase the number of scholarships based on need by 35 percent in the next year. (scholarship:奖学金)
 - (2) Although Professor Elkins has recently been challenged by Associate Professor Talbott and Professor Thayer, she received the Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching for the fifth year in a row. (in a row:连续)
 - (3)Even though they have been in a more difficult position in recent years small bankers continued to be able to influence the direction of development in their communities. (banker:银行家)
 - (4) Looking at her closely for the first time in months, Elizabeth realized sadly that the woman was indeed beginning to grow old.

- (5) Knowing them well, the Hammonds realized that (the shepherds) were unlikely to be on time to meet their guests.
- (6) In 1977, the former home of John D. Spreckels acquired the status of Historical Landmark. Its history goes back to 1908, when it was built by Mr. Spreckels. (landmark:里程碑)
- (7) The music teacher reported that <u>her</u> newest pupil, Donna Winter, had the greatest potential of any student she had ever had. (potential:潜力)
- (8) The critic hardly referred to hers at all, but when Sally heard what he had to say about Mary's paintings, she felt relieved rather than disappointed.
- (9) Pierre Cardin Had expanded his interests and become a restaurant owner. <u>His</u> is the famous Maxim's of Paris, founded in 1893. (expand: 扩大)
- (10)After Bill had read <u>Tom Burns</u> article, he was sure it would win the prize as <u>his</u> dealt with the same subject in a much more superficial manner. (superficial:肤浅的)

- (11)David and Roxanna thought that Rose and Charlie's apartment was very luxuriously decorated, but theirs had a better view. (luxuriously:豪华地;decorate;装璜)
- (12) The Smith and Philops Research Institute was designated as the recipient of a grant of two million dollars by the Taylor Foundation. This is to be used for the continuation of a study of the cause of warts. (wart:疣,肉赘)
- (13) A daily exercise program results in the need for less sleep for most people This is partly attributable to the fact that exercisers sleep more soundly than do people who do not exercise regularly. (be attributable to:可归因于)
- 2. The following are ten short paragraphs. The pronouns are taken out and put in front of each paragraph. Please put them back into the blank.

(1) this, those, that, these

The thing I want you to remember above all is ①

this:② This ideas we are talking about are top secret. ③ This we discussed at our last meeting have already been made public. This time there must be no leaks! ④

This is an order.

top secret:绝密; leak:泄漏

(2) them, they, its, it Though ① Y did not recognize ② ___ at the time, the disease the doctors encountered was dengue. This delay in diagnosis was hardly surprising since 3 _____ symptoms were so unfamiliar to 4 their encounter:遇到;dengue:登革热;symptom:症状 (3) its, those, she, her, these, hers Discipline and consistency, ladies! (1) these are the qualities you must cultivate. A casual attitude is all right for ② L'épeople who do not aspire to becoming champions. But the woman who wants the world to be 3 _____ must discipline 4 body and mind; 5 5 must make sacrifices and suffer boredom and pain. The championship is a great prize, but such glory has 6 price! discipline:训练; consistency:如一; prize:奖赏;极好的东 西 (4) their, theirs, his, it, him, he When D___looked at 2_____ face in the mirror the next morning, Peter Thompson hardly recognize 3 The men who had attacked 4 haim the night before had certainly left 5 _____ mark. All the same, he had not been gentle himself, and he was pleased with the thought

. 5 .

that 6 _ _ must look almost as disfigured as his own. mark:痕迹;disfigured:容貌被毁损的

(5) the former's, his, one, the latter's, he, ones
There are a number of great baseball players in the game
today. 1 is Pete Rose, a player who, by dedication
and enthusiasm, has made such use of 2 quite limited
natural talent that 3 must be compared with the
great ① of the past, such as Ty Cobb of the American
League and Stan Musial of the National League. Indeed, Rose
has already surpassed ⑤ National League hit record,
while 6 major league record of 4,109 appears to be
just within his reach.
baseball:棒球;dedication:献身;hit record:得分记录
(6) theirs, that, its, him, his, this, them
It was clear to both Robert Jackson and Don Turner that
① ** was no easy task. Jackson was to take ②
men south around the back of the hill and lead 3 up
4 most difficult slope. Meanwhile, Turner's men
were expected to follow 5 northwards in the pitch
darkness for more than, three hundred yards through a swamp
up to the main extrance. It was true that ⑥ was what
the two leaders had been trained for, but 7 had

pitch darkness:漆黑;swamp:沼泽地;entrance:人口

seemed like playing games. Now it was the real thing.

had

(7)she, her, theirs, they, them, their, hers
In ① most famous film, The Wizard of Oz, Judy
Garland, as Dorothy, is transported from Kansas to the fantastic
Land of Oz. On the way to find the Great Wizard, ②
meets $\ensuremath{\mathtt{a}}$ scarecrow, a tin man, and a cowardly lion. The four join
forces and, of course, many adventures befall $\ensuremath{\mbox{@}}\xspace _$ on $\ensuremath{\mbox{@}}\xspace$
journey. By capturing a witch's broom for the
wisard, ⑤ each win the right to a single wish. First,
Dorothy's companions have ⑥ granted and then the
film ends with Dorothy having ${\Large \bigcirc\!$
wakes up back home in Kansas.
wizard: 男巫; fantastic: 奇异的; scarecrow: 衣衫褴褛的
人,(竖在田里的)稻草人;tin man:白铁工;befall:降临到
头上; witch's broom: 女巫骑的扫把
(8) these, they, it, this, their
Though ① have as yet failed to exert ②
full effect, the measures taken by the government to
reduce the rate of unemployment have kept 3 within
acceptable limits. $\textcircled{4}$ in itself represents considerable
progress, but the government has promised both full employ-
ment and an end to inflation and ⑤ will be achieved
only if there is a sharp upturn in world trade.
exert·产生;upturn·好转

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