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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。

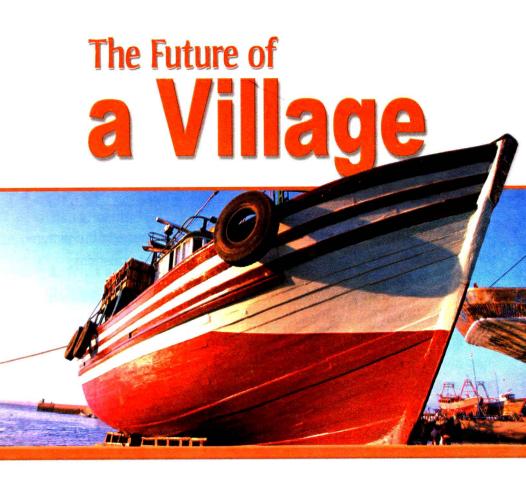
整套读物分 9 个级别,从小学三年级到高中二年级,共 43 册,包含 78 篇故事和 132 篇科普读物。各级别根据国家《英语课程标准》规定的难度划分,充分考虑到不同年龄段学生的认知特点和阅读兴趣。

《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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Rob Waring, Series Editor

Before Reading

Words to Know

This story is set in Northwest Africa. It happens in Morocco, in the village of Essaouira.



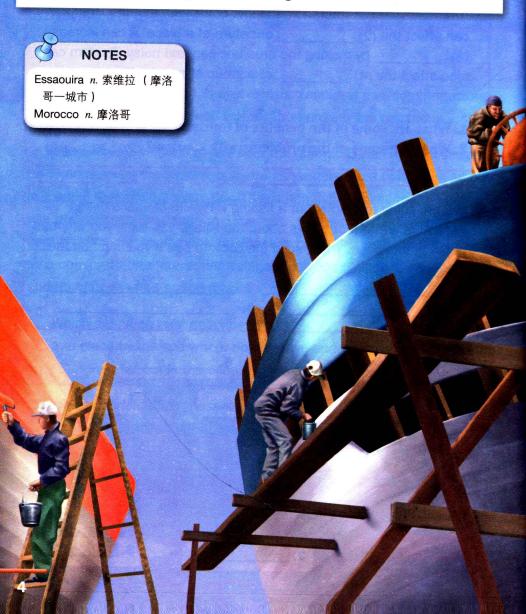
A Fishing Village. Read the paragraph. Label the items in the picture on page 3 with the <u>underlined</u> words. Then answer the questions.

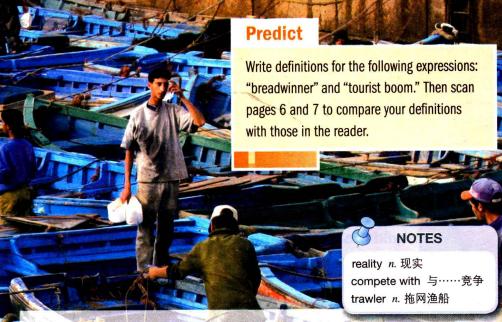
Essaouira is a very old <u>village</u> near the Atlantic Ocean. It's a fishing port and many of the local people are <u>fishermen</u>. Most fishermen go out in a small <u>fishing boat</u> every day. They catch <u>fish</u> and sell them. Fishing has always been important in Essaouira. However, today fishing and <u>boat building</u> are not the only businesses here. Groups of tourists are also coming to this interesting village. They come to enjoy the town and its history—and spend money.

- 1. Which definition best describes "port"?
 - a. a place by the sea where boats arrive and leave
 - b. an area far out in the ocean
- 2. Which definition best describes "tourists"?
 - a. visitors who go to see interesting places
 - b. a kind of fisherman

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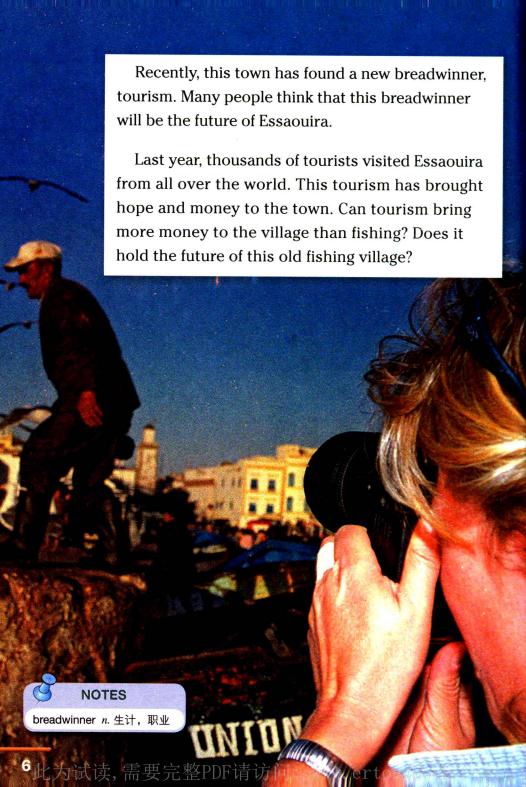
E ssaouira's fishermen are preparing for another year out on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. All around this port in Morocco, you can hear the sounds of boat building and smell fresh paint in the air. Everything seems great in Essaouira. It looks like the fishing business is good.





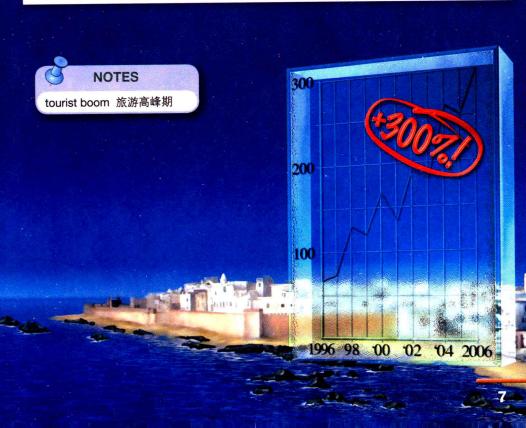
But in reality, things are not very good here. In Essaouira, fishing is no longer such a good job. The number of fish that the fishermen catch has gone down in recent years. Some of the fishing work has gone away; it's moved to the south of Morocco. The size of the boats is one of the biggest problems. The small boats which leave this port can't compete with the big fishing boats from other places. Those big boats, or trawlers, can simply catch more fish.

One fisherman explains the difficulties of life as a fisherman in Essaouira. He says that there's not a lot of work, and sometimes there's no work at all: "The life of a fisherman now is hard," he says. "Sometimes you work for one day; then you don't work for two days. Then you work for one week; then there is no work for fifteen days." The fishing industry here is trying to survive, but it's very difficult. However, now there's new hope for the town of Essaouira.

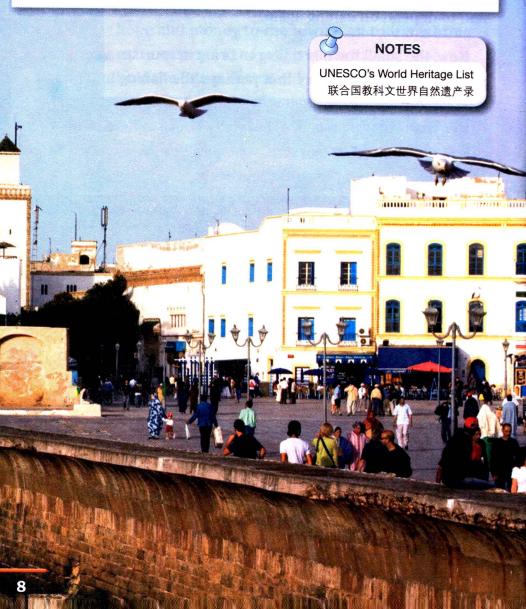


For now, no one can be certain. However, tourism is not new here. Essaouira's first tourist boom was in the 1960s. Rock stars and people from many different cultures visited the village. They wanted to walk in its little streets, see the port and enjoy its beauty. But then tourism went away and the people had to depend on fishing again.

Now, the small town is trying to bring in tourists again. The people of Essaouira worry that perhaps the fishing industry is dying. They want a different way to make money, perhaps an easier way. Their plan is working well—tourism here is growing quickly. Since 1996, tourism in Essaouira has increased by more than three hundred percent!



It's not difficult to see why visitors like the village. It's very beautiful, and it's also very old. There's also a lot of history there. Essaouira's "medina," or old town center, was built in the 1700s. It was recently put on UNESCO's World Heritage List. It's a place where visitors can go back in time to a different world.

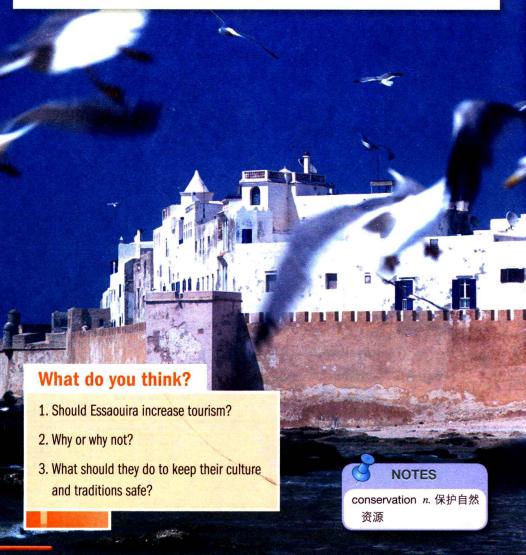


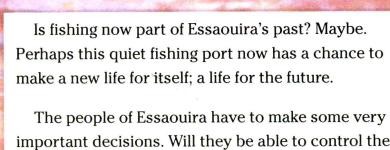
Essaouira now has a very good chance to develop tourism and help its economy. However tourism can also bring changes and problems with it. Sometimes, when tourism increases, the economy grows too quickly. This can cause problems for the local culture. The local environment can become worse because of pollution, as well.

It's going to be important for this village not to sell out its people, culture, and environment. It's also going to be important that the tourist industry doesn't grow too quickly.



The people who are developing tourism in Essaouira say that conservation is very important to them. However, for the people of the village there are still questions about water, land use, and pollution. They want a business that makes money, but they also know that they have to be very careful. They know that they can't allow tourism to grow without some control.





The people of Essaouira have to make some very important decisions. Will they be able to control the pollution? Will they be able to save the environment? Will they further develop tourism? No one knows. The people of Essaouira do know one thing; what they do now is important. The future of their beautiful little village, may depend on the decisions they make today.



While Reading

Α.	Mark T (true) or F (false) for each sentence. Correct the false sentences.					
	 Fishing is not a very good job to have in Essaouira anymore. Fishermen in Essaouira don't know exactly when they will work. Essaouira first got a lot of tourists in the 1950s. It's difficult to understand why tourists like Essaouira. Essaouira must develop its tourist industry carefully. 					
В.	What's the reason? Match the phrases to make correct sentences.					
	 Essaouira's fishermen are preparing their boats Essaouira's fishermen are having problems Essaouira is trying to get more tourists Tourists are interested in Essaouira's town center Some people in Essaouira are worried about tourism 					
	 a. because it can increase pollution. b. because it needs a new way to make money. c. because it is time to begin a new fishing season. d. because their small boats can't catch a lot of fish. e. because it is on UNESCO's World Heritage list. 					
	After Reading					
1.	In the sentence, "Everything seems great in Essaouira", the word "great" can be replaced by A. enjoy B. noisy C. busy D. fine					
2.	Each is a problem for the fishermen of Essaouira EXCEPT A. their boats are too small B. there are too few fish C. they are getting ready D. they can't compete with trawlers					
3.	Sometimes fishermen don't have work for fifteen days. A. any B. no C. one D. a					
4.	What is a good heading for page 7? A. Rock Star Coming to Essaouira B. Tourism Brings Hope and Money C. Morocco Loves Essaouira					