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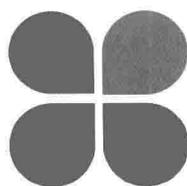


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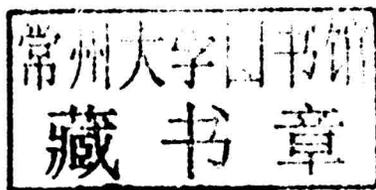
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内 容 简 介

本书是《英语中级阅读》的自然延续，旨在让学生在阅读的高级阶段学习到最纯正的英语，全方位提升学生的英语阅读能力。本书以 Courage、Adventure、Wind 及 Little Women 4 个主题为主线，选取了 24 篇近现代欧美儿童文学及青少年文学领域的经典美文，并且为保证文章的原汁原味而全部原文呈现。本书所选择文章或生动有趣，或诙谐幽默，能够引起学生强烈的阅读兴趣，激发他们无穷的想象力，让他们在不知不觉中轻松完成几千字的阅读量。

本书主要针对英语基础较好的高中及以上水平的学生，可有效地满足英语教学大纲对学生在现有教材之外英语学习的所有要求，让学生真正掌握英语语言。

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前 言

在熟悉、掌握《英语中级阅读》相关知识之后，学生对阅读更长篇幅、更有深度的文学作品的渴望会更加强烈，想要享受故事中跌宕起伏的情节和幽默经典的对话，品味形形色色的人物描写和冲突，了解不同自然、社会环境下不同的文化色彩等。这时，学生就进入了阅读的高级阶段。高级阶段是将英语作为外语进行系统学习的最后阶段。经过本阶段的学习，学生基本上能够掌握英语作为一种语言所包含的各种各样常见的规则和一些特殊的表达方式，能够独立地阅读各种非专业的阅读材料。即使碰到一些不了解的生词、术语、习惯用语等，学生也能够通过翻阅词典、语法书来从容应对，而不会错误地理解文章所要表达的意思。

本书以开发学生的英语学习兴趣、在兴趣中学习语言为主要出发点，选取了近现代欧美，特别是英美文学中经典的青少年文学作品作为学生学习的素材。本书所选择的文章或生动有趣，或诙谐幽默，能够引起学生强烈的阅读兴趣，激发他们无穷的想象力，让他们在不知不觉中轻松完成几千字的阅读量。为了让学生能够学习到纯正的英语作品，本书全部学习素材均为英文原文，未经任何删改。

为了不影响学生的阅读兴趣，本书并未在阅读文章后面直接设置练习题，而是将练习题放在了本书配套的网站上。在网站上，有词汇、短语、修饰语、分句、句子、段落等多种练习，学生可以通过这些练习，从易到难、循序渐进地掌握英语阅读高级阶段所应掌握的各项技能，加深对语法的理解和掌握，更准确地把握文章所表达的意思，更深刻地体会作者所表达的思想感情。

本书可以作为现有教材之外的补充学习材料，可以增加学生的英语阅读量，拓宽他们英语学习的知识面，增进他们对西方文学的认知和理解。本书的阅读量接近 14 万字，新词汇在《英语中级阅读》的基础上增加大约 2 800 个。完成本阶段学习之后，学生至少具备了 7 000 个以上的词汇，基本掌握了英语的各种表达方式，将会有效提高他们应对国内高考英语、大学阶段英语四、六级考试及国际上流行的托福、雅思等英语考试的能力。

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The Banner^[1] Boy Scouts^[2]

CHAPTER^[3] I

A MEETING IN THE BARN

“All here now, Paul!”

“Call the roll^[4], somebody, won’t you?”

“Keep quiet, fellows, please!”

“Shall I strike^[5] a match^[6], Paul?”

“Not on your life^[7], Bobolink. That crowd of Ted Slavin’s is out, looking for us. Somebody must have leaked^[8], or else Ted was tipped off^[9]. We’ve got to be mighty^[10] cautious^[11], I tell you, if we want to give them the slip^[12].”

“S-s-say, d-d-don’t you k-k-know we’ve got a fi-fine b-b-barn on our p-p-place, fellows?”

“For goodness sake^[13]; won’t somebody^[14] please pound^[15] Bluff Shipley on the back, and make him bite his twisted tongue, so he can talk straight?” cried a pleading^[16] voice.

“Listen!”

There must have been a streak^[17] of authority^[18] in the tone^[19] used by Paul Morrison when he spoke this last word; every one of the other six boys crouched^[20] there, craning^[21] his neck, and

[1] banner 杰出的; 旗帜

[2] boy scout 男童子军

[3] chapter 章; 篇; 回

[4] call the roll 点名

[5] strike 擦、划(火柴)

[6] match 火柴

[7] not on your life 绝对不行; 这辈子都别想

[8] leak 泄露; 走漏风声

[9] tip off 向……透露消息; 暗中通知某人

[10] mighty 非常; 很

[11] cautious 小心的; 谨慎的

[12] give the slip 悄悄溜掉

[13] for goodness sake 看在老天爷的份上; 天哪

[14] somebody 某人

[15] pound 连续砰砰地猛击

[16] pleading 恳求的

[17] streak 性格特征

[18] authority 权威; 权力

[19] tone 语气; 音调; 色调

[20] crouch 蹲

[21] crane 伸长(脖子)以看得更清楚



listening to catch the unusual sound that had apparently^[1] reached the trained^[2] ears of their leader.

The woods surrounded the boys on all sides, gloomy, and full of mystifying^[3] noises.

Yet^[4] Paul knew full well just what every one of the sounds meant. An owl^[5] called mournfully^[6] to its mate from a hollow tree. Katydid^[7] and merry crickets^[8] added their shrill music to the chorus of that late summer night. Even a colony^[9] of tree frogs solemnly^[10] chanted^[11] their appeal^[12] for “more rain”.

During the day just ended six fellows in the thriving^[13] town of Stanhope had received urgent^[14] telephone calls from Paul, who was an only son of the leading^[15] doctor in the place.

And each boy had promised to meet him at the Three Oaks by the time the clock in the church steeple^[16] had struck eight.

It was even now booming^[17] out the hour.

When the last stroke died away, the most impatient^[18] among the gathered boys moved restlessly.^[19]

“Follow me, fellows,” said Paul, in a low, thrilling tone.

“Where are we heading for?” queried^[20] one, who had as yet failed to express his feelings in the matter.

This was Wallace Carberry, the sober^[21] member of the pair known far and wide^[22] as the Carberry Twins; his mate, William, being his exact counterpart^[23] in every particular^[24], when he

[1] apparently 显然

[2] trained 训练过的；训练有素的

[3] mystifying 使迷惑不解的

[4] yet 然而；但是

[5] owl 猫头鹰

[6] mournfully 悲哀地

[7] katydid 蝈蝈儿；纺织娘

[8] cricket 蟋蟀

[9] colony 群体；殖民地

[10] solemnly 郑重地；庄严地

[11] chant 吟唱；歌颂

[12] appeal 呼吁；恳求

[13] thriving 兴旺的；繁荣的

[14] urgent 紧急的

[15] leading 一流的

[16] steeple (教堂的) 尖塔

[17] boom 轰鸣；轰响

[18] impatient 没有耐心的

[19] restlessly 坐立不安地

[20] query 询问；疑问

[21] sober 头脑清醒的；冷静的；未醉的

[22] far and wide 到处；普遍

[23] counterpart 对手

[24] particular 细节



chose to repress^[1] the good-natured^[2] grin that usually marked^[3] his fate^[4].

“To the Shipley barn; single file^[5]; and silence is the watchword^[6]!”

Paul Morrison had long^[7] enjoyed the confidence^[8] of his comrades in most matters pertaining^[9] to outdoor sports. A healthy lad, both in mind and body, he was never so happy as when studying the secrets of Nature in wood and meadow; or in playing any of the various^[10] strenuous^[11] games to which all boys with red blood in their veins are addicted^[12].

And when he sent out his mysterious request that some of his most intimate^[13] friends meet him on this night, as he had a communication^[14] of importance to put up to them, the greatest curiosity made itself manifest^[15].

Paul never suggested ordinary^[16] things. More than once he had engineered^[17] some game that brought honor and glory^[18] to the boys of Stanhope; and remembering these satisfactory^[19] “stunts”^[20] of old, it was no wonder these fellows had come to the place of meeting without a single exception^[21].

With Bluff Shipley close upon the heels of the leader, and Robert Oliver Link, whose name had long since been corrupted^[22] into Bobolink, bringing up the rear^[23], the seven lads trailed^[24] through the woods, following some path with which they were evidently^[25] more or less familiar^[26].

[1] repress 抑制; 压抑; 克制

[2] good-natured 本性善良的; 友好的

[3] mark 标示; 做记号

[4] fate 命运

[5] single file 一列纵队。single 单个的, 单一的; file 排成一行的人或事物

[6] watchword 口号; 口令; 暗号

[7] long 长期地

[8] confidence 信心; 信任

[9] pertain 存在; 适用

[10] various 各种各样的

[11] strenuous 费力的; 繁重的; 艰苦的

[12] addicted 上了瘾的; 入了迷的

[13] intimate 亲密的

[14] communication 交流; 通信

[15] manifest 明显的; 显而易见的

[16] ordinary 普通的; 平常的; 一般的

[17] engineer 设计制造; 密谋策划

[18] glory 荣誉; 光荣

[19] satisfactory 令人满意的

[20] stunt 特技表演; 噱头

[21] exception 例外

[22] corrupt 损坏; 破坏; 改变

[23] bring up the rear 殿后; 站在队尾。rear 后部; 后面

[24] trail 缓慢行走

[25] evidently 显然; 明显地

[26] familiar 熟悉的



Several times Paul gave a recognized^[1] signal^[2] that caused every one of the bunch^[3] to stop short^[4], and turn his head on one side in the endeavor^[5] to discover whether hostile^[6] footsteps^[7] could be heard in their rear.

But although there were doubtless^[8] many rustling^[9] sounds, the boys laid^[10] these to the bright-eyed little denizens^[11] of that strip^[12] of woodland. Too often had they watched the chipmunks^[13] and red squirrels^[14] hunting^[15] for nuts under the already falling leaves, not to know that the forest was peopled^[16] with these harmless^[17] animals.

After five minutes more there loomed^[18] up before them the dark outlines^[19] of a huge barn that seemed rather out of place^[20] here on the border of the woods.

This belonged to the father of Bluff, who, being a prosperous^[21] tobacco^[22] grower^[23] in this valley, used the place to cure^[24] the product of his broad^[25] fields, after it had been harvested in the fall^[26].

Paul had been carrying some sort of package^[27] in his hand, and the boys for some time amused themselves in guessing its nature^[28]. When he took off the paper it stood revealed as a lantern^[29], ready for lighting.

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- [1] recognized 认出; 公认的
[2] signal 信号
[3] bunch 群体
[4] short 突然地
[5] endeavor 努力
[6] hostile 敌意的; 敌对的
[7] footstep 脚步; 脚步声
[8] doubtless 几乎肯定的; 无疑的
[9] rustling 瑟瑟声; 沙沙声
[10] lay ...to 把……归于
[11] denizen 居民; 常客; 动物; 植物
[12] strip 狭长地带
[13] chipmunk 花栗鼠
[14] squirrel 松鼠
[15] hunt 寻找; 打猎
[16] people 住满居民
[17] harmless 无害的
[18] loom 隐约地出现
[19] outline 轮廓
[20] out of place 格格不入的; 不适当的
[21] prosperous 繁荣的; 成功的
[22] tobacco 烟草; 烟叶
[23] grower 种植者; 种植商; 种植公司
[24] cure 加工贮藏(食物或烟草); 治疗
[25] broad 宽阔的; 广阔的
[26] fall 秋季
[27] package 包裹; 包装好的东西
[28] nature 本质
[29] lantern 灯笼



“Show us the way inside, Bluff. Then we’ll have a little light on the subject^[1],” remarked^[2] the leader, with a last anxious searching look around; as though he still entertained^[3] suspicions^[4] that their march to the old barn might have been observed^[5] by some of the hostile Slavin crowd.

Ted Slavin had long been known as the bully^[6] of Stanhope; for it seems that there never yet existed a village or town without some big chap exercising^[7] that privilege^[8]. He was a fighter^[9], too, and able to hold his own against the best. Besides, Ted had shown some of the qualities that indicate^[10] a natural^[11] leader; though he held the allegiance^[12] of those who trailed^[13] after him mostly through fear, rather than any respect^[14] for his manly qualities.

His leading crony^[15] for the past year had been Ward Kenwood, son of the wealthy^[16] banker^[17] who was also a leading real estate^[18] owner in the place. Once upon a time Ward would have scorned the thought of associating^[19] with Slavin and his crowd; but an occasion^[20] had arisen^[21] whereby^[22] he had need of a strong arm to even up^[23] a score^[24], and once he found himself indebted^[25] to Ted he kept on in the bully’s company.

His rivalry^[26] in many fields with Paul had much to do with his throwing his fortunes in with the other fellows. And nothing pleased him more than to be able to upset^[27] any calculations^[28] the latter entertained. That explained why Paul was anxious to avoid^[29] a meeting with the Slavin

[1] subject 主题

[2] remark 说; 谈论

[3] entertain 心存; 怀有

[4] suspicion 怀疑; 猜疑; 感觉

[5] observe 观察; 看到

[6] bully 仗势欺人者; 横行霸道者; 恶霸; 暴徒

[7] exercise 行使

[8] privilege 特权; 特殊待遇

[9] fighter 斗士; 战士; 战斗机

[10] indicate 指示; 表明; 显示

[11] natural 天生的

[12] allegiance 忠诚; 效忠

[13] trail 跟随

[14] respect 尊敬

[15] crony 亲信; 密友

[16] wealthy 富有的; 有钱的

[17] banker 银行家

[18] real estate 房地产。estate 大片私有土地; 庄园; 个人财产

[19] associate 交往; 混在一起

[20] occasion 适当的机会; 时机; 特别的事情

[21] arise 出现; 发生; 产生

[22] whereby 借以; 凭此

[23] even up 使平衡; 扯平

[24] score 成绩; 比分

[25] indebted 感恩; 欠人情

[26] rivalry 竞争; 较量

[27] upset 打乱; 搅乱; 使烦恼

[28] calculation 计算; 估计; 算计; 盘算

[29] avoid 避免; 避开; 回避



crowd on this particular night, when he was brimming over with^[1] a great idea.

Once the boys had entered the barn, Bluff secured^[2] the door, after which a match was quickly lighted.

“Now, here we are, safe and sound^[3], and not an enemy^[4] around. Suppose you open up, Paul, and get this load off our minds,” said Albert Cypher, who seldom heard his own name among his friends, but was known far and wide as Nuthin’^[5].

But what else could a lad expect who was so unfortunate^[6] as to find himself afflicted^[7] with such a name as A. Cypher^[8]?

“Yes, what’s it all mean, Paul? You haven’t even taken me in, you know, and I’m as much in the dark as the next fellow,” remarked Jack Stormways, reproachfully^[9]; for being Paul’s closest chum^[10] he might have expected to share his confidence^[11].

“Wait a bit. We might as well make ourselves comfortable while we’re about it. I’ll sit down on this box, and the rest of you gather around on the floor. I’ve got a big proposition^[12] to make, and you want to listen carefully.”

“T-t-take c-c-care of the lantern, f-f-fellows; my d-d-dad’s w-w-wanting this old barn f-f-for his t-t-tobacco crop, and he’d b-b-be some put out^[13] if it b-b-burned just now!” came from Bluff.

Finding perches on various low piles of waste^[14] left over after the shipment^[15] of the last crop, the six lads gathered around Paul, eagerness^[16] stamped^[17] on every beaming face.

“Now, what’s the idea that struck you this time, Paul?” demanded^[18] Bobolink.

“I’ll tell you without any beating around the bush^[19], fellows. The thought came to me that Stanhope was away behind the times. Other towns not nearly so big, have one or more troops^[20] of Boy Scouts. Why shouldn’t we get up one here?” and Paul waited to hear what the response^[21]

[1] brim over with 充满; 洋溢

[2] secure 拴牢; 扣紧; 关严

[3] sound 完好的; 健康的; 无损伤的

[4] enemy 敌人

[5] nuthin’ 指 nothing

[6] unfortunate 不幸的; 倒霉的

[7] afflict 折磨; 使痛苦

[8] A. Cypher 指 Albert Cypher, cypher 的意思是零, a cypher 指一个零, 所以别人称他 nuthin’

[9] reproachfully 用埋怨的口气

[10] chum 朋友; 友人; 伙伴

[11] confidence 秘密

[12] proposition 主张; 提议

[13] put out 激怒; 恼怒; 暴跳如雷

[14] waste 垃圾; 废物; 废料

[15] shipment 运输; 装运; 运送

[16] eagerness 渴望; 殷切

[17] stamp 显露; 显示

[18] demand 要求; 询问; 盘问

[19] beat around the bush 说话绕圈子; 拐弯抹角

[20] troop 部队

[21] response 响应; 反应; 答复



would be.

The six who sat in a ring looked at each other as though stunned^[1] by the proposal^[2]. It was strange, indeed, that no one had up to this time taken a lead^[3] in advancing^[4] such a thing.

“Bully^[5] idea, Paul!” ejaculated^[6] Jack, slapping a hand on his knee enthusiastically^[7], as though it appealed^[8] to him most decidedly^[9].

“Well, I declare, to think that nobody ever mentioned such a grand movement^[10] before. Count me in right from the start!” said Wallace Carberry—sober Wallace, who usually measured his words as though they were golden.

“And me too,” observed Bobolink.

“Ditto^[11] for William!” called out the other Carberry Twin, grinning with delight.

“G-g-guess I’d make a bully good t-t-tenderfoot^[12]!”

“That’s the best thing you ever thought up, old chap,” came from Nuthin’.

“Hurrah^[13]! every county heard from, and not one contrary word. It looks as if there might be something doing right soon around this region,” declared Paul, naturally pleased because his proposition had met with such unanimous^[14] satisfaction.

“Tell us more about it, please. I’ve read about the Boy Scouts; but my mother would take a fit^[15] if she thought I was practicing to become a soldier. You see, I had an older brother, who enlisted^[16] to go out with some of the boys when we had our little fuss^[17] about Cuba^[18] and the Philippines^[19]; and poor Frank died in camp of typhoid fever^[20]. I’ll have a hard time winning her over^[21], and the dad, too,” remarked Bobolink, sadly.

“Well, that’s where you make a big mistake, Bobolink. Over in England, where the Boy Scout

[1] stun 使震惊

[2] proposal 建议; 提议; 求婚

[3] take a lead 带头; 领导

[4] advance 进步; 进展; 推进

[5] bully 第一流的; 特别好的

[6] ejaculate 突然说出; 喊出; 射出

[7] enthusiastically 热情地; 激动地

[8] appeal 有吸引力; 打动

[9] decidedly 显然地; 肯定地

[10] movement 活动; 进展

[11] ditto 同上; 也一样

[12] tenderfoot 新手; 初级童子军

[13] hurrah 好啊; 万岁

[14] unanimous 一致同意的

[15] take a fit 感到非常不安, 也可以用 have a fit

[16] enlist 入伍; 从军

[17] fuss 大惊小怪; 大发牢骚

[18] Cuba 古巴

[19] Philippines 菲律宾

[20] typhoid fever 伤寒

[21] win over 争取过来



movement started, it has some connection^[1] with the army^[2], because there, you see, every fellow expects at some time to serve his country as a soldier, or on board a naval^[3] vessel^[4]. But here in America, the movement is one for peace.”

“Then what’s all the doings about?” asked Nuthin’, as if puzzled^[5].

“I know, and Paul is right about it,” came from Wallace Carberry, always quite a reader^[6] of newspapers and magazines.

“Let him tell then. I’m for the game, no matter what it means,” cried Bobolink.

“And I think Bluff knows something about it, for he said he would do for the lowest grade^[7] of scout, which is the tenderfoot. But I don’t think any of you are qualified^[8] to take even that degree; for a tenderfoot must first be familiar with scout law^[9], sign, salute^[10], and know what his badge^[11] means; he must know about our national flag^[12], and the usual forms^[13] of salute due to it; and be able to tie some seven or eight common knots. How about that, Bluff?”

“N-n-not guilty!” promptly answered the one addressed.

“Say, that sounds interesting any way. Tell us some more about this, Paul!” exclaimed William, always eager to hear of anything that smacked^[14] of novelty^[15].

“Well, there are two more degrees^[16] a fellow can climb up to, a second-class scout, and a first-class scout, full fledged^[17]. After that, if he wants to keep right on there are merit badges to be won for excelling^[18] in angling^[19], athletics^[20], camping^[21], cooking^[22] at the campfire^[23], taxidermy^[24],

[1] connection 连接; 关联; 联系

[2] army 军队; 部队; 陆军; 陆军部队

[3] naval 海军的

[4] vessel 轮船

[5] puzzle 迷惑; 使困惑

[6] reader 读者

[7] grade 级别; 职级

[8] qualify 合格; 具备资格

[9] law 法律; 法规

[10] salute 敬礼

[11] badge 徽章

[12] national flag 国旗

[13] form 形式; 样子

[14] smack 意味着

[15] novelty 新颖; 新奇

[16] degree 等级; 学位

[17] fledged 羽翼丰满的; 能飞翔的

[18] excel 擅长; 善于; 突出

[19] angling 垂钓; 钓鱼

[20] athletics 体育运动; 田径运动

[21] camping 野营; 露营

[22] cooking 烹饪

[23] campfire 营火

[24] taxidermy 动物标本剥制术



first aid to the injured, handicraft^[1], life saving^[2], path-finding^[3], and a lot more.”

“Now you’ve got me stuck^[4] on this new game,” cried Bobolink, excitedly. “The more you explain the better I like the idea. Me for the Boy Scouts, fellows!”

“Hear! Hear! Paul, the idea is yours, and we vote unanimously that you occupy^[5] the exalted^[6] position of scout master^[7]—I know that every troop has to have such a head, and you’re better fitted for the job than any fellow in town!”

“Yes,” laughed Paul, “but unfortunately, I believe a scout master has to be over twenty-one years of age.”

“Who knows the ways of the open^[8] like our Paul? He’s the right man in the right place. Say, are there any books on the subject, that we can get, and learn more about this thing?” asked Wallace, who seemed to be particularly well pleased.

“I’ve already sent for a manual^[9], and expect it by tomorrow; when we can find out all about it. But wishing to be posted when I put the question I went over the river to Aldine today, and saw some of the boys there who belong to the Scouts. They made me more anxious than ever to start a patrol^[10] in our home town.”

“But I’ve seen something about a troop?” remarked Jack Stormways, who, Paul thought, seemed unusually sober for a boy ordinarily^[11] light-hearted.

“Yes, a troop takes in say, three local posts^[12] called patrols, each of which has eight members. It is known by a number, as Troop One of Boston; and each minor organization takes a name of some animal, such as wildcat^[13] or fox. If it is called Fox, every boy belonging to it is supposed to be able to bark like a fox, so as to be able to signal^[14] a comrade^[15] while scouting in the woods.”

“Ginger^[16]! but that does sound interesting,” declared William.

“It’s j-j-just immense^[17], that’s w-w-what!” was Bluff’s opinion.

“Listen! I heard a laugh as sure as anything!” exclaimed Paul, lifting a hand to indicate silence;

[1] handicraft 手工艺

[2] life saving 救生

[3] path-finding 导航; 拓荒; 探索

[4] stuck 被困住的

[5] occupy 占据; 占有; 任职

[6] exalted 地位高的

[7] scout master 侦查队长; 童子军领队

[8] open 野外

[9] manual 手册; 说明书

[10] patrol 巡逻; 巡逻队

[11] ordinarily 普通地; 平常地; 一般地

[12] post 哨所

[13] wildcat 野猫

[14] signal 发信号; 发暗号

[15] comrade 战友; 同志

[16] ginger 感叹词; 生姜; 活力

[17] immense 相当好的



and every one of the group assumed^[1] an attitude of expectancy^[2].

As they waited there suddenly came a tremendous^[3] crash^[4], as some object^[5] landed forcibly^[6] against the wooden side of the old barn. It was instantly followed by a second bang, and others came quick and fast, until the noise might be likened^[7] to a bombardment^[8] from a hostile battery^[9].

“It’s the Slavin crowd!” called Bobolink, excitedly jumping to his feet. “They followed us here after all, and have been listening to every word!”

“All hands^[10] to repel^[11] boarders^[12]!” shouted Paul; and with a cheer the seven boys rushed over to the door, out of which they sprang, bent on^[13] retaliating^[14] on their tormentors^[15].

[1] assume 呈现；显露

[2] expectancy 预料；预期

[3] tremendous 巨大的；极大的

[4] crash 碰撞；破裂声

[5] object 物体

[6] forcibly 用强力地；用武力地

[7] liken 比作

[8] bombardment 轰炸；炮击

[9] battery 排炮；炮位

[10] all hands 全体人员

[11] repel 击退；驱逐

[12] boarder 强行登船者

[13] bent on 下决心

[14] retaliate 报复；复仇；反击

[15] tormentor 折磨人的人；折磨者