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前言

亲爱的读者：

你学英语有几个年头了吧？英语学起来有时是不是很累？其实，学成任何一点儿东西都需要付出一定的精力，投入一定的时间，更何况一门语言呢！外语教学专家 Peter Stevens 在谈外语学习失败的原因与成功的条件时，特别提到学习的材料、学习的密度、学习的热情、外语学习与学员的关系以及学习的期望。我们可以说，没有合适的学习材料，没有学习的热情，没有持之以恒的精神，学好英语是绝对不可能的。

《神侃英语口语 800 句》从材料入手，期望用轻松愉快的材料调动读者的学习热情，使读者在比较轻松愉快的气氛中逐渐掌握现代英语语言。

本书具备以下特色：

1. 语言地道。所有的对话均选自原汁原味的英语交谈、访谈材料，口语特色鲜明；所选的阅读材料语言准确、流畅。
2. 话题轻松。本书没有板着面孔的说教，没有强制性的灌输。对话中，或同学、朋友就衣食住行闲侃，或明星、专家对热点问题发表高见。但闲侃闲聊、海阔天空中不乏真知灼见。
3. 内容丰富，时代特色鲜明。全书涉及衣食住行、男女老幼、健美娱乐、友情爱情、生活工作、体育锻炼、家庭社会、政治经济、生存环境、电脑科技、太空探索等 18 个专题，59 个谈论题目，59 篇背景知识。小



到吃喝琐事,大到环境治理,天上地下无所不包。此外,涉及的话题都是现代人普遍关心的话题。

本书的每一课都设计了语句精华、轻松对话、生词提示、重点点拨、对话参考译文、英语背景知识及译文六个项目。轻松对话重点提供轻松的内容和语言的语境;语句精华、生词提示和重点点拨突出学习语言的重点;参考译文可以帮助读者进一步理解原文。粗读本书可以获取大量信息;精学本书能够获取信息、吸收地道的语言知识,进而提高语言技能。

《神侃英语口语 800 句》的出版,给浩如烟海的外语书籍中增加的是一本可读性强、内容轻松、时代特色鲜明的英语书。我相信,高中生、大学生及社会上具备一些基础的英语学员会高兴地接受这个微笑着的朋友的。

祝愿各位读者学习取得更大进步。本书难免存在不足之处,衷心希望读者批评指正。

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Lesson 1 Fashion and Flair

时尚与品位

语句 精华

Key Sentences



- △ What a nice dress!
- You look marvelous.
- What lovely earrings you have!
- ☆ It must be the latest fashion.
- ✱ That woman has a good taste in dressing.
- △ She dressed with an individual flair.
- Most women follow fashion like sheep.
- They don't know any better than imitate.
- ☆ I dare say she hasn't got any eyes.
- ✱ How could she match the mauve gown with the green handbag?
- △ It only makes her look cheap and vulgar.
- You're quite slim.



轻松对话

Conversation



- A: What a nice dress, Jean. You look marvelous!
- B: You, too. Where did you get your new hat?
- A: From the Crown's. Oh, what lovely earrings you have! Are they diamond?
- B: Yes. It's a birthday present from my husband!
- A: Well, you are lucky to have such a considerate husband. Mine hasn't brought me a single rose since we married.
- B: He'll come out with surprises. You just wait and see. Look at that woman, with the white chiffon!
- A: She's chic, isn't she?
- B: Yes. I like the dress. It must be the latest fashion. Look, the hem has lowered, and the waist narrowed.
- A: It makes me feel rather shabby. That woman has a good taste in dressing, I would say.
- B: Yes. She dressed with an individual flair. I rather envy her.
- A: Most women follow fashion like sheep. They don't know any better than imitate.
- B: I quite agree with you. See the woman there? I dare say she hasn't got any eyes. How could she match the mauve gown with the green handbag? And all those jewelry!
- A: The gown is quite expensive, believe me.
- B: So what? It only makes her look cheap and vulgar.
- A: You know those upstarts. They're all show-offs! I think I'd better have a diet; otherwise I'd look like a balloon soon.
- B: You're quite slim. In fact, if you were one of those starlets, the movie company would say you have a fabulous figure.
- A: Thanks. I'm flattered.
- B: Oh, my shoes pinch me. Let's find a seat and sit a while.



Key Words 生词提示

- earring ['iəriŋ] n. 耳环
 diamond ['daɪəmənd] n. 钻石
 considerate [kən'sɪdəɪt] a. 体贴的; 考虑周到的
 chiffon ['ʃɪfən] n. 薄绸; 雪纺绸
 chic [ʃɪk] a. 精美; 雅致; 时髦的
 hem [hem] n. 衣服的下摆; 裾裾边
 shabby ['ʃæbi] a. 衣衫褴褛的
 flair [fleə(r)] n. 风格; 特色
 imitate ['ɪmɪteɪt] v. 模仿; 仿照
 mauve [məʊv] a. 紫红色的
 vulgar ['vʌlgə] a. 庸俗; 粗俗
 upstart ['ʌpstɑ:t] n. 暴发户
 show-off ['ʃəʊf] n. 爱炫耀的人; 好出风头的人
 balloon [bə'lu:n] n. 气球
 starlet ['stɑ:lɪt] n. 刚露头角的年轻女演员; 小明星
 fabulous ['fæbjələs] a. 绝妙的; 极好的
 pinch [pɪntʃ] v. 挤; 夹

□□□□ Notes 重点点拨□□□□

1. What a nice dress! 多漂亮的衣服啊!

What 后面跟名词或名词性短语可以用来表达感叹。又如:

What a fine day! 多好的天气!

What pretty flowers! 多漂亮的花儿!

What divine weather! 真是好天气!

What an exhausting day! 真是筋疲力尽的一天!

What a mess! 真是糟糕透了!

下文的“What lovely earrings you have!”是同样的用法。

2. From the Crown's.

the Crown's 是商店的名称。又如:



the McDonald's 麦当劳

3. I like the dress. It must be the latest fashion. 我喜欢这衣服。这一定是最新款式的。

must be 可以表示对现在的事物或状态的推测。又如:

She was a little girl when I left fifteen years ago. Now she must be a grown-up. 十五年前我走的时候她还小,现在她肯定长成大姑娘了。

You must be tired after your long journey. 你走了这么远的路,一定很累。

4. He'll come out with surprises. 他会令你惊喜的。

come out 表示“结果是……”。又如:

Everything will come out all right. 到头来一切都会好的。

5. That woman has a good taste in dressing. 那女人穿衣服很讲究品位,很在行。

have a taste in ... 表示“在某方面有审美观;有鉴赏力”。又如:

She has a taste in jazz music. 她对爵士乐很有鉴赏力。

6. Most women follow fashion like sheep. 大多数女人都盲目地赶时髦。

follow like sheep 是一个常用习语表达;意为“盲目跟从;盲从”。又如:

She is quite dependent and follows like sheep. 她毫无主见,盲目追随别人。

7. I dare say she hasn't got any eyes. 我敢说她没有眼光。

eye 在这里意思是“鉴赏力”。又如,

He has the eye of a painter. 他有画家的鉴赏力。

8. So what? 那又怎么样呢?

So what? 经常用于口语之中,表示“那又怎么样? 那又有什么关系呢? ”。又如:

A: He doesn't like you. 他不喜欢你。

B: So what? 那又怎么样呢?

□□□□对话参考译文□□□□

甲:琼,多漂亮的衣服。你真美!

乙:你也很漂亮。你的帽子在哪儿买的?

甲:在皇冠商店。哟,你的耳环太漂亮了! 是钻石的吗?



乙:是的,是我丈夫送给我的生日礼物。

甲:有这么体贴的丈夫你可真运气。自结婚以来我那位再没有给我送过一朵玫瑰。

乙:他会让你惊喜的,你就等着瞧好了。看! 那个穿白纱裙的女人!

甲:挺时髦,是吧?

乙:是的。我喜欢这样的衣服。一定是最新款式。看! 裙边放低;腰身也收得紧紧的。

甲:相形之下我觉得自己穿得很寒酸。我觉得这个女人很会穿衣服。

乙:是啊,她的穿戴很有个人风格,我真有点儿嫉妒她了。

甲:大多数女人都盲目追赶时装潮流,只知道一味地模仿。

乙:我太同意你说的了。看见那边那个女人了吗? 我敢说她没有什么眼光。她竟然用绿手袋配紫裙,还戴着那些珠宝!

甲:我想那件长裙一定很贵的。

乙:那又怎么样? 反倒使她看起来更没品位,更俗气。

甲:你知道,那些暴发户们都是些好出风头的人。我想我该减肥了,不然我就会胖得像个气球了。

乙:你很苗条嘛。实际上,如果你是个新星,电影公司会说你的身材棒极了。

甲:谢谢,我真有点受宠若惊了。

乙:哦,我的鞋把我的脚夹疼了,我们快找个位子坐会儿吧。

Reading 阅读材料



Over the years, most of men have successfully resisted all attempts to make them change their style of dress. The same cannot be said for women. Each year a few so-called "top designers" in Paris or London lay down the law and women over the whole world rush to obey. The rules of the designers are unpredictable. This year, they decide in their fashion, skirts will be short and waists will be high; zips are in and buttons are out. Next year the law is changed and strangely enough, no one is even mildly surprised.



If women are mercilessly exploited year after year, they have only themselves to blame. Because they hate being seen in clothes that are out of fashion, they are cheated by the designers and the big stores every year. Clothes which have been worn only a few times have to be thrown away because of the fashion. When you come to think of it, only a woman is capable of standing in front of a wardrobe full of clothes and complaining sadly that she has nothing to wear.

Changing fashions are nothing more than the purposeful creation of waste. No one can say that the fashion industry contributes anything really important to society. When comparing men and women in the matter of fashion, the conclusions to be drawn are obvious. The constantly changing fashions of women's clothes reflect basic qualities of fickleness and instability while men are too sensible to let themselves be bullied by fashion designers.

很多年以来,大多数男性成功地抵制了让他们改变服饰的一切企图。然而,这种评论却不能用在女性身上。每年,巴黎或伦敦的一些所谓的“一流设计师们”定出法规,全世界的妇女们便争先遵从。设计师们的法规是无法预测的。今年,他们规定的流行式样是短裙高腰,拉链时兴,纽扣过时。明年,对时尚的规定又有了改变。令人惊讶的是,人们对这种改变竟然丝毫没有感到惊讶。

如果说女性们年复一年被无情地剥削着的话,这只能怪她们自己。因为她们不愿别人看着她们的穿着不合时尚,所以每年都被设计师和大商场所欺骗。许多衣服因为过时,穿不了几次就被扔掉。想一想,也只有女人才能够站在挂满衣服的衣橱前伤心地抱怨自己没有衣服。

时尚的变更实际上就是故意浪费。没人敢说服装业对社会做出了什么重要的贡献。就时尚把男女进行比较时,得出的结论是显而易见的:女性服装潮流变来变去反映出她们变化无常的基本特征,而男士们却十分理智,服装设计师是欺骗不了他们的。



Lesson 2 Worries about Food

忧心忡忡话饮食

语句 精华

Key Sentences



- △ You are too sensitive.
- They even have additives in them that are banned in most other countries.
- I just don't think it's worth our health to do that.
- ☆ I think that it really is worth taking more of my time to do it myself.
- ※ Eating chemicals will affect you several years later, that's for sure.
- △ I certainly like your homemade bread far better than anything.
- Your homemade stuff is really nice!
- It's really cake!
- ☆ He won't eat store-bought bread.
- ※ I think it affects your behavior too.
- △ If I eat lunch at a school, I'll feel very uneasy the rest of the afternoon.
- I feel sick afterwards, especially if they have meat in them.



轻松对话

Conversation



A: Ginny, you are too sensitive. Don't think there are additives in everything we eat.

B: Oh, Joe, I don't know. I went grocery shopping the other day, and I could not buy any sort of packaged pancake mix or even general baking base that didn't have an additive in it.

A: But you always buy packaged pancake mix.

B: Not anymore. They even have additives in them that are banned in most other countries. I just don't think it's worth our health to do that. And I think that it really is worth taking more of my time to do it myself.

A: Where do you go to buy the mixes?

B: Well, I have been going to big grocery stores. Last week I went over to the health food store, they had two mixes, but they were really, really expensive.

A: Eating chemicals will affect you several years later, that's for sure. I certainly like your homemade bread far better than anything. Your homemade stuff is really nice!

B: I like it too.

A: Especially, when you put the oatmeal in with it. It's really cake!

B: Simon likes that too. He won't eat store-bought bread.

A: He won't?

B: When he goes to the babysitter's.

A: Well, that's good.

B: He just doesn't eat his sandwich.

A: Yeah. I think it affects your behavior too. I notice that if I eat lunch at a school, I'll feel very uneasy the rest of the afternoon.

B: Oh, yeah, their main courses are real "stomach bombers", you know. I feel sick afterwards, especially if they have meat in them.