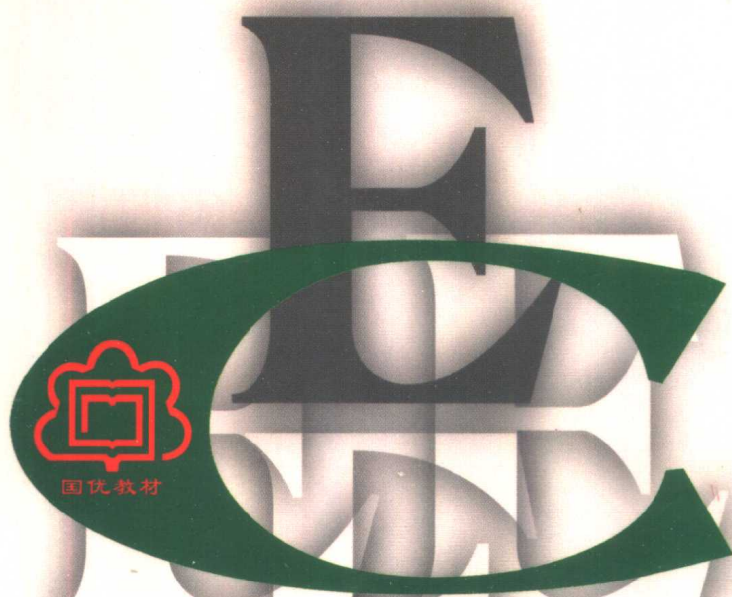


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修 订 本 前 言

《大学英语》是根据国家教育委员会审定批准的《大学英语教学大纲(文理科本科用)》编写的一套系列教材,分精读、泛读、听力、快速阅读、语法与练习五种教程,于1986年出版试用本,1992年出版正式本。

本教材的精读、泛读、快速阅读和听力教程各按分级教学的要求编写六册,每级一册,供1—6级使用;语法与练习编写四册,供1—4级使用。精读与听力教程均配有教师用书和录音磁带;泛读教程也配有教师用书。请参见第一册的修订本前言。对低于大纲规定入学要求的学生,另编预备级精读、泛读教程各两册。全套教材由复旦大学、北京大学、华东师范大学、中国人民大学、武汉大学和南京大学分工编写,复旦大学董亚芬担任总主编。前大学外语教材编审委员会综合大学英语编审组的全体成员对这套教材的设计与编写自始至终给予关注。

这次修订是在广泛听取全国各地使用本系列教材的教师们的意见并通过问卷形式对数以万计的师生征求意见的基础上进行的。第一届大学外语教学指导委员会综合大学英语组对本教材的修订提供了多方面的指导与帮助。修订的宗旨是“面向21世纪,将大学英语教学推上一个新台阶”。修订时根据各教程的具体情况,对课文作适当调整,提高大纲词汇的覆盖率和常用词汇的重现率,进一步完善练习,突出重点词语的操练;同时加强各教程间的横向联系,做到既自成体系又相互补充,形成整体。修订本更加注意文、理、工、农、医等各科的通用性,力求给学生打好“宽、厚、牢”的语言基础。

《大学英语》泛读教程由北京大学英语系大学英语教研室负责编写。张砚秋担任主编,王岷源担任主审。解又明、焦英、吕钰凡、胡之珪、朱荔、周学艺等参加编写。本教程承美国专家 Howard Dewar 和 John Alton 以及英国专家 Anthony J. Ward 协助审阅。1996年修订时,澳大利亚专家 Tony Gallagher 也协助审阅。

本书为泛读教程修订本第二册,供大学英语二级学生使用,由张砚秋、张梅修订。上海外语教育出版社的编辑同志在付梓前仔细编审,精心设计,谨此一并致谢。

由于编者水平与经验有限,教材中难免还有不足之处,希望广大读者批评指正。

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本书为《大学英语》泛读教程第二册,供大学英语二级学生使用。本册共三十课,分十个单元使用,每个单元备有三篇课文。

课文全部选自原文材料,略有删改。泛读课文的选材原则为力求新颖、题材广泛、体裁多样、知识性与趣味性并重,适当控制难度,以便同学顺利阅读。

本次修订中考虑到读者的方便,刻意采取了以下措施:

1. 每课课文前增加了 Words to Know, 列出较常用的词汇,为阅读扫清障碍。少数课文前还有 Words to Look Up in the Dictionary, 列出两三个词,锻炼学生在查词典时正确选择词义的能力。

2. 每课课文前加了“引言”,用斜体字与正文相区别。“引言”的目的是提高阅读兴趣,让学生带着问题去阅读。

3. 注释改为脚注,以节省时间,便于查找。注释中除少量背景知识外,主要针对语言难点或难句给予浅近的英文释义,以帮助学生顺利地阅读。少量注释条目用英文不易解释清楚,则用汉语释义。

4. 课文后增加了 USEFUL PHRASES AND EXPRESSIONS, 以帮助学生掌握和记忆。

5. 课文后的练习形式和内容都做了适当改进。练习形式包括正误选择、多项选择、短语或单句翻译、供思考的问题等。练习的目的是配合精读训练阅读技能和全面提高阅读理解能力,逐步培养学生在阅读过程中的分析、归纳、综合和推断的能力。

6. 每册书最后仍有总词汇表,主要供学生查找和记忆。

修订后本册阅读量约 36,290 字,比大纲所规定的指标高出 6,290 字,教师可视学生的具体情况,有选择地使用。

泛读教程的目的是为学生提供较系统的课外学习材料,使他们有机会通过大量的阅读实践逐步掌握所学的阅读技能,全面地提高阅读能力。目前的泛读应在教师的指导下,由学生在课前预习,然后在课堂内进行检查。对泛读的要求不宜过高,要注意一个“泛”字,防止对语言现象讲得过多过细,以免影响阅读量的完成。

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UNIT 1

1. Garage Sale

Words to Know

benefit	/ˈbenɪfɪt/	vt. 有益于, 受益
charity	/ˈtʃærɪti/	n. 慈善事业(团体), 博爱, 慈爱
acquaint	/əˈkweɪnt/	vt. 使认识, 使了解
junk	/ˈdʒʌŋk/	n. 廉价旧货, 废品
recycling	/ˈriːˈsaɪkliŋ/	n. 使再循环, 使再生
discount	/ˈdiskaʊnt/	n. 折扣
paperback	/ˈpeɪpəbæk/	n. 平装书
comic	/ˈkɒmɪk/	a. 连环漫画的
inspect	/ɪnˈspekt/	vt. 检查, 审查
awful	/ˈɔːfʊl/	a. 极坏的
closet	/ˈkləʊzɪt/	n. 壁橱, 衣橱
attic	/ˈætɪk/	n. 顶楼, 屋顶室
basement	/ˈbeɪsmənt/	n. 地下室
involved	/ɪnˈvɒlvd/	a. 参与的
sociable	/ˈsəʊfəbl/	a. 合群的
pepper	/ˈpepə/	n. 胡椒
tease	/tiːz/	vt. 戏弄
intention	/ɪnˈtenʃən/	n. 意图, 目的
bother	/ˈbɒðə/	vt. 使愤怒, 打扰

Words to Look Up in the Dictionary

article	(L. 16)	stuff	(L. 86)
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TEXT

In the United States, it is very common for people to buy second-hand goods as they are useful and much cheaper. But, if you were a foreign student in America, would you know where to buy them?

Characters:

Pat the daughter
 F.S foreign student (male or female)
 Bob the son
 Mom the mother
 Mr. Smith a neighbor
 Mrs. Green a neighbor
 Dad (Mr. Burns) the father

Garage sales are very common in the United States now. They also have other names such as *yard sales* or *porch sales*. Sometimes several families have a joint sale, or a group will have a sale to benefit a charity. They serve many purposes besides cleaning out unwanted items and making
 5 money. They also serve as a minor social event, a chance for new neighbors to get acquainted, and a place to pick up needed items inexpensively.

The action takes place in the garage of the Burns home. There are a couple of makeshift tables with a collection of things on them. (Note: the things sold at garage sales can be almost anything—furniture, books, toys,
 10 dishes, magazines—anything you can bring in.) Place some things on the stage floor near the front of the stage. Have the tables and big items upstage (at the back) and on the sides. Throughout the play the family can be arranging and pricing items. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Green can move about examining the various things for sale.

15 As the curtain rises Pat is busily putting prices on bits of paper and pinning or attaching them to various articles. F. S. enters, carrying a box of things to be added to the sale.

Pat: (looking up) Just put it down anywhere. We'll arrange it later, okay?

20 F.S.: Okay. (He puts the box on the floor and begins to remove items to a table.)

Pat: Was there much more stuff?

F.S.: Quite a bit. Want me to go and get it?

Pat: Relax. Let the others bring it. You've done your share.

- F.S. : How often do you do this—(he can't think of what to call it)— 25
this—
- Pat: Garage sale?
- F.S. : Yeah.
- Pat: Oh, this is the first time for us, but people are always having 30
them.
- Bob: (enters with both arms full) Here's some more junk.
- Pat: (indicating a place) Put it over there and we'll set it up in a
minute.
- F.S. : Is it really junk?
- Bob: (as he takes things out and places them about) No, it's just stuff 35
we don't need or use anymore.
- F.S. : So why don't you just throw it out?
- Pat: That would be a waste. Some of it's good.
- Bob: Yeah, it's a kind of recycling.
(Mom enters.) 40
- Mom: You kids all set?
- Pat: Not yet, but we're getting there.
- Mom: Well, you'd better get moving. You know we said ten a. m. to
three p. m. and it's almost ten.
(Mom goes to a table and looks over the things for sale.) 45
- Bob: Really? (He looks at his watch.) My gosh^①, it is!
- Mom: (picking up a book) And just what is this?
- Pat: I don't know.
- Mom: I'll tell you what it is. It's my latest book club selection^②—that's
what it is! 50
- Pat: Well, it was with that stuff you set out.
- Mom: You must've picked it up by mistake. I'd better check over every-
thing out here. (She starts to check carefully.)
- Mr. S. : Good morning. Store open?
- F.S. : Oh, good morning, Mr. Smith. You're the first customer. 55
- Mr. S. : Do I get a special discount?
- Mom: Everything's a special discount, but don't buy anything until I fin-
ish checking. I just found this (showing the book) out here.
- Mr. S. : (to the foreign student) You're going to be a clerk?
- F.S. : I suppose so. It will be a good experience. 60
- Mr. S. : Well, I'll just look around and see if I can find anything I'd like.

① My gosh; another pronunciation of "my God", expressing surprise or strong feeling

② It's my latest book club selection; It's the latest book I bought through the book club (I joined).

- (Smith moves about the garage looking at the sale items.)
- Bob: Pat, what should I put on these paperbacks? (holding up a book or two)
- 65 Pat: Ten cents each—six for fifty cents.
(Bob begins to put price tags on books.)
- Bob: And the comic books?
- Pat: Oh, five cents.
- Mom: Give them away. I want them out of the house.
- 70 Pat: Mom, is one dollar okay for this sweater?
(Mom takes the sweater and inspects it.)
- Mom: Mark it one dollar, but you can come down to seventy-five cents.
- F.S.: I didn't know Americans would buy used clothes.
- Bob: Sure, it's the "in" thing. ^① Like I said—recycling.
- 75 Pat: It's mostly high school and university kids—sometimes others.
(Mrs. Green enters.)
- Mrs. G.: Well, what are you throwing out?
- Mom: Oh, good morning, Ellen. Isn't it awful? Look at all this stuff we had in the house and didn't use.
- 80 Mrs. G.: I'm sure if I dug around in all the closets, the attic, and the basement I'd have two garages full.
- Bob: (rather disappointed) So we can't sell you anything?
- Mrs. G.: Not on your life! ^② I just came over to see what folks will buy.
(Mrs. G. starts to look about, picking up something every now and then to examine it.)
- 85 Pat: I hope other folks show up. I don't want to carry all this stuff back in the house.
- F.S.: (He looks at his watch.) It's only ten minutes after ten—you just started.
- 90 Mr. S.: How much is this fly? ^③
- Bob: That's a dollar and a quarter.
- Mr. S.: Too much—give you seventy-five cents.
- Bob: Settle for a dollar?
- Mr. S.: It's robbery, but okay.
- 95 Mom: Where's your father?
- Bob: He's still reading the paper.
- Pat: He said he wasn't going to get involved.

① It's the "in" thing: Buying second-hand clothes is fashionable in the United States. Here "in" is an adjective meaning "currently popular".

② Not on your life!: Certainly not!

③ fly: a fishhook with a man-made fly attached to it

- Mom: He doesn't have to get involved, but he could come out and be sociable.
- F.S.: (Starts for the house.) Want me to go and get him? 100
- Mom: That's all right. I'm going in in a minute to get some bags, so I'll send him out.
- Mrs.G.: (holding them up) Are these salt and pepper shakers?
- Pat: I think so.
- Mrs.G.: Well, now they're just real sweet. ① How much are they? 105
- Pat: Isn't there a tag?
- Mrs.G.: I don't see one. Oh, here it is on the table. I guess it fell off.
- Mom: (teasing) Thought you were just looking.
- Mrs.G.: That was my intention, but I just don't have much will power—especially when it comes to salt and peppers. ② You know, for my collection. 110
(Dad enters.)
- Dad: Well, how's business? I expected to see the whole neighborhood here at 10 a.m. sharp.
- Bob: It's only a quarter past. 115
- Pat: We've made two sales. That's not bad.
- Mom: I'm glad you decided to join us.
- Dad: It's my day off. I'll do as I please.
- Mom: I wish I had a day off.
- Dad: No liberation lectures during sale hours, please. 120
- Mr.S.: Quite a load of junk you've got here, Fred.
- Dad: What bothers me is that I paid for all this stuff that we don't want anymore.
- Mr.S.: (to Bob) Guess I'll be moving on—don't see anything else I want. (He takes out his wallet.) Can you change five? (Hands him a five dollar bill.) 125
- Bob: Not yet. Dad, you got change for five?
- Dad: Sure have, if you were able to separate Smitty from some of his money. ③ (to Smith) What did you buy?
- Mr.S.: A fly. 130
- Dad: A fly? There shouldn't have been any flies for sale.

① they're just real sweet; they're just lovely

② I just don't have much will power—especially when it comes to salt and peppers: I'm not strong-willed and these salt and pepper shakers are so lovely that I can't prevent myself from buying them.

③ if you were able to separate Smitty from some of his money: if you were able to persuade Mr. Smith to spend his money. "Smitty" is the pet name for Smith.

- Bob: Sure, Dad. Mom brought it last night and put it with the stuff.
 Dad: Which fly? Let me see. (Smith shows it to him.)
 Dad: You bought that? How much?
 135 Bob: A dollar. Pretty good, huh?
 Dad: I just bought that fly last week for ten dollars and fifty cents!
 Mr. S.: That's too bad, Fred. I tell you what I'll do. I'll let you have it back for five.

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USEFUL PHRASES AND EXPRESSIONS

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| 1. pick up | (L.6, L.47, L.52) | 买得, 拿起, 收拾 |
| 2. makeshift tables | (L.8) | 临时代用的桌子 |
| 3. things for sale | (L.14) | 待售物品 |
| 4. set up | (L.32) | 上架, 使就位 |
| 5. look around | (L.61) | 逛逛, 观光 |
| 6. every now and then | (L.84) | 偶尔 |
| 7. show up | (L.86) | 来到, 露面 |
| 8. salt and pepper shakers | (L.103) | 餐桌用盐瓶和胡椒粉瓶 |
| 9. when it comes to... | (L.110) | 一旦涉及... |

Decide whether each of the following statements is true or false.

1. The Burns family often holds garage sales on weekends.
2. The foreign student is happy to help the Burns family sell goods.
3. Mrs. Burns is angry with her husband for not getting involved in the garage sale.
4. Young people like to buy second-hand goods.
5. One can find anything at a garage sale.
6. The author thinks it good to set up garage sales at which things useless to one family can be made useful to another.
7. Mr. Burns and Mr. Smith were friends and they knew each other very well.

Do the following multiple-choice questions.

1. Which one of the following statements is not true according to the text?
 A) A garage sale is usually held when an American family wants to get

- rid of its junk.
- B) A joint sale is sometimes held to contribute to a charity.
C) A garage sale is held whenever a family needs extra money.
D) A garage sale is often held to make new friends.
2. According to Pat and Bob, the Americans like garage sales because _____.
- A) they need money to buy new clothes
B) they have no other way to get rid of their unwanted items
C) they like to benefit a charity
D) they think it's a sort of waste to throw out useful articles they don't want
3. Mrs. Green came over to the garage sale _____.
- A) to see if she could get a special price for salt and pepper shakers
B) just to have a look
C) to add some of her used items to the Burns' garage sale
D) to join the Burns in holding the garage sale
4. From the garage sale we learn about the Burns family that _____.
- A) both father and mother work on weekdays
B) the father works on night shift while the mother works on day shift
C) the father works and the mother's a housewife
D) both father and mother are retired
5. What can you infer from the play?
- A) Mrs. Burns doesn't like her husband's fishing fly.
B) Husband and wife sometimes make mistakes in selecting things.
C) Bob is not good at bargaining.
D) Mr. and Mrs. Burns have different likes and dislikes.
6. Mr. Smith is a person who _____.
- A) usually buys things at a special discount
B) robs Mr. Burns of his fishing fly
C) is always careful with his money
D) is good at selling things
7. What clue did you get from the text to support your choice in Question 6?
- A) Mr. Smith asks for a special discount.
B) Mr. Smith thinks he is overcharged for that fishing fly.
C) Mr. Smith is likely to sell the fishing fly.
D) Father says you can hardly persuade Smith to spend his money.

Translate the following sentences into Chinese .

1. Don't buy anything until I finish checking. (L.57)
2. Settle for a dollar? (L.93)
3. We've made two sales. (L.116)
4. It's my day off. (L.118)
5. You got change for five? (L.127)

Questions for consideration .

1. Do you have garage sales in China? In what ways do such sales differ from those in the United States?
2. Can you make a bargain when buying things? How do you know you have paid a reasonable price for your purchase?