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据语言学家对人们交流活动时间统计研究,普通人听、说、读、写分别占到总时间的45%,30%,16%,9%。这个比例正是人们学习母语的一个时间分配规律。

同时语言学家研究又表明,一个外语学习者掌握听说技能有一个最基本的数量要求,如果一个学习者听力时间达到1 000小时左右,基本上听力就不存在问题。

因此对于一个非母语学习者来说,听说一定数量和内容的听力材料是一个最基本的要求。

在我国,由于客观条件限制,还不能完全实施双语教育,加上英语听说环境的限制,因此听说仍然是大多数学生面对的难点。

目前随着我国加入WTO后各行各业的逐步开放,人才的国际化将成为我国劳动力市场发展的重要特征,英语的听说将成为每个优秀人才求职就业必备的基本技能。因此,一套内容新颖,范围广泛,数量适中的英语听力教材对每个英语学习者提高英语听说技能来说都是很必要的。

本套书就是在此条件下,借鉴阅读理解方面材料特点,结合语言听说的规律,在参考国内现有教材基础上编写而成。

本套书主要包括中级(上,下)和高级(上,下)两个系列,以短文听力为主。听力材料以美国语音为主。随书配有录音带。中级听力材料语速较慢,主要适用于大学低年级和其他英语学习者,高级主要适用于大学高年级和英语听力水平较高自学者。同时也适用于各种听力考试强化训练之用。

本书在编辑中注意到材料新颖,大多为2001年至2002年的事件和报道;同时,精选各种类型题材内容,使学生学习英语语言和英语知识相结合,在听力过程中,听懂、记住材料内容、理解其观点和思维方法,也就更容易听懂、记住单词、词组和句型。

在英语学习中,听力练习的最基本要求是听懂,然后才能归纳和分析,这就要求英语学习者要多听,多开口。为此,本书提供了大量的背景知识和灵活的习题练习。

由于文化背景不同,材料中可能出现一些观点和看法与我们不同,请使用者

加以借鉴甄别使用。另外，由于我们水平有限，书中可能出现一些不足之处，请读者提出宝贵意见。

本书在组织编写过程中得到许多同学和朋友的帮助，王俊参与了整个编写过程中的许多工作，我在读硕士期间的同学邵建成也提供了帮助，加拿大的研究生 Kelly Muller, David Klarke 参与大部分书稿的审阅工作，人大出版社刘敏博士也对本书的编写提出了许多建设性的思路，在此一并表示感谢。

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(一) 美国经济 U.S. Economy

Lesson One

I . Vocabulary

ambitiously

notoriety

derivative

scandal

disguised

initially

plummet

impropriety

falsify

perpetrator

complex

validity

counterfeit

decipher

pension plan

savor

outreach

symbolism

hearing

co-conspirator

strategist

watchdog

brokerage

subpoena

cabinet

cynicism

scare

hail

II . Cultural Notes

1. Enron's Rise and Fall

Enron began in 1985 as a Houston-based natural gas company operating a

pipeline. It grew rapidly, aided by the newly deregulated marketplace it and other energy companies lobbied politicians and regulators to create. To electricity-generating plants and water companies, Enron added many businesses outside of the energy field, such as newsprint, broadband cable, and fiber optics. Its prestige and stock price soared.

But by early 2001, Enron, though valued at \$ 60 billion, began a collapse into bankruptcy. Its extension into unprofitable businesses and accounting practices that disguised the true financial position of the company were among the reasons.

The result is a huge corporate, financial, accounting, federal regulatory and political scandal as well as a disaster for thousands of Enron employees and investors. At least ten Congressional committees are now investigating Enron and its accounting firm, Arthur Andersen. While Enron may have engaged in illegal business activities — for example, both Enron and Arthur Andersen have shredded many business records — much of what Enron did, appears to have been legal.

2. The SEC

The Securities and Exchange Commission.

3. Federal Reserve System

A U.S. banking system that consists of 12 federal reserve banks, with each one serving member banks in its own district. This system, supervised by the Federal Reserve Board, has broad regulatory powers over the money supply and the credit structure.

4. House of Representatives

The lower house of the U.S. Congress and of most state legislatures.

5. ABC

Major U.S. television network. It began when the expanding national radio network NBC split into the separate Red and Blue networks in 1928. To avoid a communications monopoly, NBC was forced to sell the Blue network in 1941. Its buyer, Edward J. Noble, maker of Life-Savers candies, gave the company its present name. After merging with United Paramount Theaters in 1953, ABC expanded into the emerging television industry and soon became one of the three top networks. It specialized in sports broadcasting and developed the instant replay in 1961. It was bought by Capital Cities Communications in 1985 and by the Walt Disney Co. in 1995.