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前言

体验式教学思想自古就有，但一直到20世纪才形成较为系统的体验式教育理念。在第二语言教学领域，人们已经普遍认识到语言、认知和社会知识是三个既有区别，又相互紧密联系的系统。语言学习的过程就是对新的语言系统不断体验，认知，再体验，再认知的过程。语言不但是外部世界在人脑中的反映，也是人们认识、体验外部世界的结果。

近年来，外语教学界所提倡的交际式外语学习强调语言的使用在外语教学中的重要作用。这一点也为体验式外语教学所提倡。但也有越来越多的研究表明，在外语教学中过分强调教学活动的交际性，忽略学习者对学习活动的反思，对新的语言现象的注意和有意识的练习，也不利于有效的外语学习。因此，体验式外语教学在强调语言使用的同时，也注重学习者对自身学习过程的认识。不同的学习者会有不同的学习风格和学习目的。因此，他们也可能选择不同的学习内容，使用不同的学习方法。外语学习的过程应该是一个不断体验和不断反思的过程。

我国大学英语教学现阶段所实施的《大学英语课程教学要求》指出，大学英语“是以英语语言知识与应用技能、跨文化交际和学习策略为主要内容”；大学英语教学应“促进学生个性化学习方法的形成和学生自主学习能力的发 展。”。应允许并使 学生能够“选择适合自己需要的材料和方法进行学习”。这些理念和要求与体验式外语教学思想有高度的一致性。本教材正是遵循这样的理念与要求编写的。

不同的教材编写理念主要体现在对语言材料的选择、编排和处理上。传统的外语教学往往根据语言难度选择和编排在内容上互不相关的语言材料。然后再将一份份完整的语言材料拆开来教授给学生。比如在阅读教学中，教师会在教学中将完整的阅读篇章分割成词汇、句子、段落、篇章结构等不同的形式呈现给学生。外语学习的过程基本上就是处理语言碎片的过程。本教材主张语言学习的过程是学习者对自己的语言体系不断创建和不断完善的过程。学习者不但需要从外界吸收语言形式，还要创造性地使用已有的语言材料，完成实际的交际任务，最终实现构建自己新的语言体系的目的。这也正符合《大学英语课程教学要求》所提出的“培养学生的英语综合应用能力”，“同时增强其自主学习能力，提高综合文化素养，以适应我国社会发展和国际交流的需要”这一总体教学目标。

为此,本教材的每一个单元都是围绕一个具有实际意义的项目来设计的。项目的完成涉及一系列的语言活动。单元学习的结果即是意味着项目的完成。而每一个项目的结果都会落实在一个完整的语言形式上,或者是一个演讲,或者是一份研究报告,或者是一次辩论。单元学习过程就是运用不同的语言材料和语言技能完成项目的过程。

在教材构成上,《新大学英语综合教程》和《新大学英语同步练习》为有机整体。前者所涉及的教学活动主要是围绕项目的完成而设计的。后者则更加强调对语言形式的学习,以及对相关技能的拓展性训练。这也是遵循体验式教育理念所提倡的教学原则。

本书为《新大学英语同步练习》系列“习察篇”,共8个单元,每个单元包含两项内容。第一项内容是为《新大学英语综合教程》相应单元中的第一至第三部分提供补充或延伸性质的语言活动;第二项内容是围绕《新大学英语综合教程》相应单元第三部分的语言材料中所出现的词汇与句型所编写的练习,供学习者在完成本单元四个部分学习任务的基础上对相关语言点进行巩固性练习。教材的最后还提供了练习的参考答案。

本教材是我们对体验式外语教学理念在我国大学英语教学中的应用的一次新的尝试。由于编者水平有限,教材中如有疏漏和其他不尽完善之处,还请广大师生提出宝贵意见和建议。

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Unit 1

Caring for Families

Part One

1. Watch a video clip of Michelle Obama's speech to Washington High School graduates and fill-in the blanks with the information you get.
- 1) Michelle points out the only thing that matters for the students is _____ and _____.
 - 2) Michelle tells the students not to get limits on _____ and not to think that their destiny is _____.
 - 3) Michelle reminds the students that they will get support from _____, _____ and _____.
 - 4) Michelle thinks that family members should give their children _____, _____ and _____.
 - 5) Michelle tells the audience that she remembers her parents sacrificing for her and her brother, _____, _____ and encouraging them to reach for a life they never knew.

Part Two

2. Listen to a song "Letters from Home" and fill in the blanks with the missing words from the song.

Letters from Home

My dear son, it is almost June.

It's been dry but they're calling for rain,

1) _____

And everything's the same ol' same

in Johnsonville.

Your stubborn ol' Daddy ain't said too much,

2) _____

And she goes on,

In a letter from home.

I hold it up and show my buddies,

Like we ain't scared and our boots

ain't muddy, and they all laugh,

Like there's something funny about the
way I talk,

3) _____

I fold it up an' put it in my shirt,

4) _____

An' it keeps me driving on,

Waiting on letters from home.

My dearest Love, its almost dawn.

5) _____

I saw your Mama and I showed her the ring.

Man on the television said something

so I couldn't sleep.

6) _____

An' this is me kissing you:

XX's and OO's, In a letter from home.

7) _____

Like we ain't scared and our boots

ain't muddy, and they all laugh,

'Cause she calls me "Honey", but they

take it hard,

8) _____

I fold it up an' put it in my shirt,

Pick up my gun an' get back to work.

An' it keeps me driving on,

9) _____

Dear son, I know I ain't written,

But sittin' here tonight, alone in the kitchen,
it occurs to me,

I might not have said, so I'll say it now:

10) _____

I hold it up and show my buddies,

Like we ain't scared and our boots

ain't muddy, but no one laughs,

'Cause there ain't nothing funny

when a soldier cries.

An' I just wipe my eyes.

I fold it up an' put it in my shirt,

Pick up my gun an' get back to work.

An' it keeps me driving me on,

Waiting on letters from home.

3. Listen to an audio clip of "Family Letters: Forget Me Not" twice and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write T (True) or F (False) in each bracket.

1) Holiday family letters typically contain family pictures and news about what the family has recently done. ()

2) The speaker loves both sending and receiving holiday family letters. ()

- 3) The speaker now sends out only personal Christmas cards because of her laziness. ()
- 4) The speaker admires those people who spend time doing things that she's not going to do. ()
- 5) The speaker prefers that her friends not tell her sad news in their letters to her. ()
- 6) What the speaker really loves is that her friends are taking the time to keep their friendship intact by writing to her. ()
- 7) The speaker thinks social networking sites can keep us up to date, but are a little unsatisfying. ()
- 8) Social networking sites make the speaker feel that she and her friends are connected even when they are far apart. ()

● 4. Read the letter below and answer the questions that follow.

Words to Know

artifact *n.* 手工艺品

bastion *n.* 堡垒

bulk *adj.* 大量的

intricacies *n.* 错综复杂的系统

penmanship *n.* 书法

intimacy *n.* 亲密

unabated *adj.* 不减退的

bosom *n.* 内心

reconcile *v.* 调解

delete *v.* 删除

customize *v.* 按具体要求设置

Last Lines

September 20, 2009

Dearly beloved,

Please say it's not so.

Tell me that what the others say is not true, that you are not doomed to yield to technology, persisting only under glass in museum displays, an artifact of a time when people would take an extra moment to pen a personal hello or thanks or comfort or love.

Experts have already forecast your disappearance, estimating that an average of 102 e-mails will be sent and received by each of us, every day, by 2011. More than 100 billion text messages are sent by cellphones each month, according to an industry group. Good Lord, even party invitations and holiday cards, the last bastion of personal bulk mail, are now often sent online.

The U.S. Postal Service is going broke without you, the cherished personal mail, reporting a drop of 10 billion letters overall in the last 20 years.

One consumer research agency even put you at number nine on its list of the Top 25 Things Vanishing in America, leading one of your supporters to ask this on a website, "Does anyone send handwritten letters anymore?"

Sure they do.

You survive, even thrive, in some elementary schools, where pupils exchange greetings with strangers in Pen Pal projects, the greatest social studies curriculum ever developed.

Summer campers still know your ability to put smiles on the faces of lonely teenagers, and see the quiet, unmistakable power of a patiently written message put in an envelope with a stamp, a return address, and maybe a tear.

You brought good news, and ended relationships.

You kept loved ones close, and recorded final words.

You talked about love, hate, peace, and war.

You announced births, cried over deaths, smiled with a brother, and laughed with a sister.

And through it all, you never stopped coming back.

Over and over and over.

"To tear open an envelope from family members or friends, and knowing that they were taking the time to write to you was a very special feeling," Eliza Beebe, an 11-year-old from Milton, wrote in a letter after spending a few weeks at summer camp in Maine. Her 9-year-old brother, Caleb, wrote, too, and he even marked his envelope with a seal, as was done in the age of kings and queens.

See, even a 9-year-old understands. Let's try to convince the others.

Margaret Shepherd, an author on calligraphy and the intricacies of penmanship, who has written about the finest letters of history, likes to tell of "The Art of the Personal Letter."

"A hand-written letter has everything going for it," she said in an interview. "It has the paper, it has the ink color, it has the handwriting of someone you know, so it has that extra identity."

She understands that most people will settle — as many already have — on e-mails and text messages as the primary source of communication; it's the easy thing to do. But never will the intimacy of a hand-written letter be out of date.

The comfort of the paper, the way the ink flows off a pen, the fact that the writer has taken the time to release his feelings, "There's a way the reader understands that ink, and the reader assigns more meaning to things," Shepherd said. "The writer and the reader each have a different experience in this."

What e-mail could capture anything like the romantic correspondence between Founding Father John Adams and his wife, Abigail, at the height of the American Revolution? She once wrote to him, "Tomorrow I return home, where I hope soon to receive the dearest of friends, and the tenderest of husbands, with that unabated affection which has for years past, and will whilst the vital spark lasts, burn in the bosom of your affection."

Wow.

And it was the fine art of the personal letter that enabled Adams and President Thomas Jefferson to reconcile their deep differences in their dying days, each lying in peace on the Fourth of July, 1826.

Even today, presidents make some of their most important statements with the touch of ink: Remember President Obama's historic letter to Vladimir Putin of Russia? It was handwritten, just like the one sent by Persian Queen Atossa around 500 B.C., believed to be the first of its kind, according to one website dedicated to your well-being, www.handwrittenletters.com.

And while communications now disappear with the tap of a delete button, many of yesterday's letters still exist — yellowed, old pages stacked carefully in musty boxes like bricks in the wall of life.

The people at the Postal Service remember you and everything you represented: first of all, a workload — you now account for less than 5 percent of total bulk mail.

But you also brought about a sense of sympathy and intimacy, an ability to show someone you cared.

Just ask Mike Sutherby, who has spent 32 years with the Postal Service — close to half that time as a window clerk at the McCormack Post Office in the Financial District — and who would see customers so determined to customize their letters that they would take close to a half-hour picking out a stamp.

One man — they used to call him “Tony from Charlestown” — would come in regularly with postcards he made and would send to friends.

“It was nice to see someone take their time, do this stuff,” said Sutherby, a 53-year-old father who recalls getting letters from his daughter at camp.

“E-mail's too easy,” he said. “A letter, you have to put some effort into it, sit down, decide what you're going to say, find an envelope, find a stamp. It's personal.”

They used to call you “Mom and Pop” mail, he said, because you were a great way for families to communicate.

And you still are.

Laura Beebe, the mother of Caleb and Eliza, said she could see the fun the two were having. Eliza would write longer, drawn-out letters detailing her days, like a diary. Caleb started to get the hang of it, after learning how to write an address and a return address on an envelope.

He still enjoys it, and recently wrote to the Globe. So did Eliza.

But watch out: She just got her first e-mail account.

With sincerity,
Milton J. Valencia

1) To whom is this letter written?

2) What, according to some people, will be the destiny of “You”?

3) Who does the author think still sends hand-written letters? And to whom?

4) In Margaret Shepherd's opinion, what is the advantage of a hand-written letter over e-mail?

5) What comments did Mike Sutherby make on e-mails and letters?

6) What is the overall tone of the letter?

Part Three

5. Fill in the blanks with words chosen from the box below. Change the form where necessary.

stereotype	outgoing	expedition	vain	critical
personality	passion	substitute	ignite	cherish
perspective	instinct	academic	upset	confront

- 1) Some hard plastics are being used as _____ for metals in manufacturing machine parts.
- 2) We must look at the problem in the right _____ if we are to make positive change in the way we do things.
- 3) If you get something without any efforts, you will not _____ it, and you will not feel the happiness.
- 4) Pigeons have a natural _____ to return home, even if they are very far away and the trip is hard or dangerous.
- 5) Even though she tries to hide her feelings, I can see she _____ pretty _____ by the letter.
- 6) While a man's clothing doesn't say anything about his intelligence, it says plenty about his _____, about his judgment, and about the opinion that he has of himself.
- 7) The fire which destroyed more than ten buildings _____ by the spark plug.
- 8) It is absolutely necessary for students to assimilate information and make the right decisions based on _____ thinking.

9) For some individuals, the _____ to win at sports is greater than anything else, and some Olympic athletes are among them.

10) Having failed to carry out his promise to reduce employment which he made one year ago, the mayor is _____ with the biggest crisis of his political life.

● 6. Complete each of the following sentences with an appropriate form of the word given in each of the brackets.

1) If you have a car then you have greater _____, but sometimes additional problems as well. (flexible)

2) In developing countries, many _____ young intellectuals flock in droves to America, which creates the so-called "brain drain". (talent)

3) The girl still applied for _____ to law school although her parents strongly disapproved. (admit)

4) The mid-twentieth-century civil rights movement blossomed in the years after World War II under the _____ of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (lead)

5) She was extremely _____ in the classics, speaking both Greek and Latin fluently. (accomplish)

6) While some organizations focus on courses of study, some are primarily social, some are _____, and some are directed toward a hobby or activity. (art)

7) Believing that he was fully qualified, he submitted his _____ instantly, but a week later he was crushed to learn that it had been turned down. (apply)

8) Few nations can compete with a nation as militarily developed as the United States. However, its _____ defense system actually makes it exposed to terrorist attacks such as the September 11 attacks. (perfect)

9) Actually, happiness is under your control. If you want to be happy, you must try to seek joy, and learn to be optimistic and _____. (tolerate)

10) He said that his commission was _____ only to investigate matters directly related to the

"current" violence. (power)

7. Replace the words in italics in the following sentences with words chosen from the box below.

self-assured	blossomed	brag	evolved	look up to
sufficient	dread	depart	pondering	fabulous

- 1) They are *considering* how they can make better use of the two other major fuels, coal and natural gas. _____
- 2) Life as we know it has *developed* on Earth because the planet lies at just the right distance from the sun to allow water to remain liquid and temperatures to be moderate. _____
- 3) If you have to work with difficult people every day, you probably *fear* going to work each morning. _____
- 4) Young children in the family *respect* the older ones, so the older ones should set good examples. _____
- 5) There was a time I felt unhappy being stuck at home caring for the kids while my wife's career *became more successful*. _____
- 6) Our flight which was due to *leave* at 2 o'clock was cancelled because of the heavy rain. _____
- 7) I often hear parents *boast* about how smart their children are, but I rarely hear them talk about how ethical they are. _____
- 8) People who do not eat healthily or get *enough* vitamins and minerals will typically have a hard time losing weight. _____
- 9) As she takes in the sights and sounds around her — the blare of horns and arguments — a stranger approaches the car in a calm and *confident* manner. _____
- 10) Last night they had good time, enjoying *wonderful* performances presented by the middle school students. _____

8. Read the following letter with twenty blanks. Select one word for each blank from the box below. You may not use any of the words more than once.

budgets	responsibility	expenses	resist	issues
wisdom	transportation	fortunate	available	frankly
applies	recurring	modest	semester	campus
explore	economics	practical	financial	risks

Dear Lexie,

On your first day of college, let me congratulate you on your well-earned freedom. No more of Dad's teachable moments about 1) _____ and opportunity. And no more boring lessons about after-tax income, saving and borrowing.

While we're on the subject of "no more," let me gently mention that it 2) _____ to the car you've been driving too, and my gas card and your allowance. Freedom, you see, has its price. Sorry, I couldn't 3) _____ one more teachable moment.

I know that you will study hard and 4) _____ all the great things that a university has to offer. You are ready for this and, 5) _____, so am I.

Yet I can't help but worry that you may get tripped up with money 6) _____. It's easy to do, especially when you're just starting out. So I'd like to offer some parting financial 7) _____ for your first semester and beyond.

Live within your means. You are 8) _____ to have parents that can take care of your biggest bills: tuition, room and board, and 9) _____ home. But the rest, dear child, is up to you. It would be a shame for you to end up in debt with your 10) _____ earning ability right now. So estimate all of your 11) _____ over the next 17 weeks and compare that with your available resources. Looking at the whole 12) _____, not just a sample week, makes plain how 13) _____ expenses add up, like, say, \$4 a day at Starbucks setting you back nearly \$500.

Study Money. Even if you don't have to, take at least one 14) _____ and one personal finance course. High schools don't teach much about 15) _____ and credit or supply and demand. These courses will open your eyes to how money works in the real world and introduce you to 16) _____ skills you'll use the rest of your life.

See the big picture. Don't get caught up in talk on 17) _____ about which majors are the best stepping stones to 18) _____ success. You can make a great living doing almost anything, as long as you love it. So take 19) _____. Explore. Switch majors. Get your head out of the books and do something surprising.

So that's it, Lexie. Of course, I'll be 20) _____ for more advice anytime — for the price of a phone call.

Love always,
Dad

● 9. Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

- 1) In college you will move from being teacher-taught to master-inspired, after which you must become a self-directed learner.
- 2) Please take each subject seriously, for even if what you learn isn't critical for your life, the skills of learning will be something you cherish forever.
- 3) College friends will be the best in your life because they are not only physically closer than your family but the bonds will be strong as you gain independence and enter adulthood together.
- 4) Keep your high school friends and stay connected to them, but do not use them as substitutes for college friendship.
- 5) Whatever decisions that confront you, you must take control of your life.

● 10. Complete the sentences by translating the Chinese given in brackets into English.

- 1) He argues that while accepting all the glory and money that comes with being famous, an athlete should be _____ (一位受青少年敬重的榜样人物).
- 2) Most nutrition experts today have pointed out that _____ (平衡的饮食对身体健康至关重要).
- 3) By involving his students in different forms of debate, he intends _____ (培养他们批判性思维的能力).
- 4) Contrary to our expectation, Jane did not _____ (对其儿子从事学术工作的打算大惊小怪).
- 5) Before he applied for the job as a door-to-door salesman, I advised him _____ (考虑他的身体是否适合每天走很多里路).
- 6) Unlike his sister who takes everything seriously, Mike _____ (很少在他不感兴趣的课程上尽力).
- 7) The key point made in this article is that _____ (学生可以从课外活动中获益很多).
- 8) Soon after he joined the new company, he found himself _____ (面临着职业生涯中最具挑战性的任务).