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前言

无论是2007年教育部高等教育司公布的《大学英语课程教学要求》，还是2015年教育部高等学校大学外语教学指导委员会的《大学英语教学指南》(征求意见稿)，都将听懂“英语国家的广播电视节目”作为大学英语教学的目标之一。为了推动该目标的实现，从2016年开始，全国大学英语四、六级考试委员会将英语新闻听力纳入了全国大学英语四级考试范围。

多年来，作为听力技能的重要组成部分，英语新闻听力一直没有得到应有的重视。国内主要的几大听力或视听说教材都没有或很少包含英语新闻听力这一块。英语新闻，因其体裁、题材的特殊性，其语言风格、词汇、语篇结构、内容甚至语法都具有特殊性。由于这些特殊性，一个普通英语成绩优异的学习者，如果缺乏足够的训练，也未必能听懂英语新闻。一直以来，由于英语新闻听力教学与实践的不足，这种现象极为普遍。

《大学英语新闻泛听》一书作为对现有视听说书籍的补充，旨在为大学英语教师、学生和英语爱好者提供一些课堂教学、课外实践以及自学自测的材料。本书按主题编写，共分十五个主题(单元)。每个主题共有七则新闻，分英语新闻听力实践和测验两部分。书中英语新闻的文字和音频素材取自最新的报道，并根据《大学英语教学指南》的要求和大学英语四级新闻听力考试命题特点进行了编辑和加工处理。为了丰富学习者的新闻背景知识，我们还从每个主题中提取两个与主题相关的知识点供学习者进行扩展学习。

本书适于普通读者提高英语听力自学之用，也可供高等学校大学英语教师和学生课堂或课外使用。

由于编者经验不足，水平有限，书中错误疏漏之处在所难免，敬请广大读者和同行专家批评指正。

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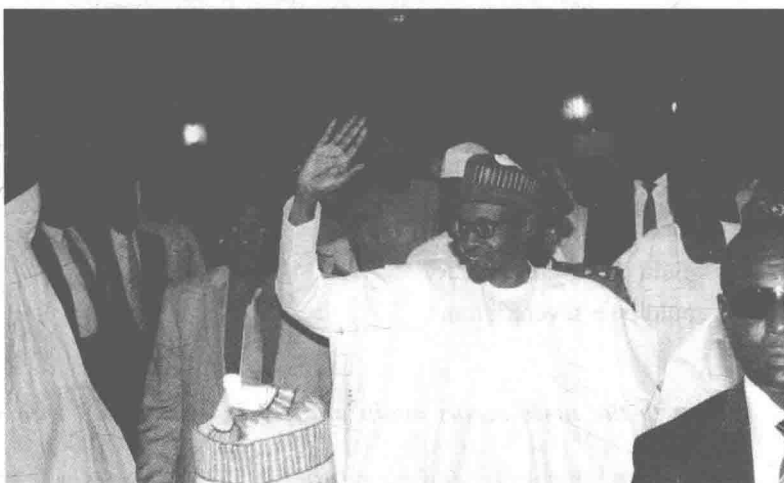
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Unit 1 Visits and Meetings

Part 1 Listening Practice

Practice 1 UN Diplomats Meet With Displaced People in Nigeria



Words and Expressions

United Nations Security Council 联合国安全理事会

militant *n.* 激进分子; 武装分子

diplomat *n.* 外交官

Nigeria *n.* 尼日利亚

Nigerian *adj.* 尼日利亚的 *n.* 尼日利亚人

displace *vt.* 转移; 迫使离开

ambassador *n.* 大使; 特使

bomber *n.* 炸弹袭击者; 轰炸机

civilian *n.* 平民; 百姓

famine *n.* 饥荒; 饥饿

donor *n.* 捐赠者; 捐赠机构

intervene *vi.* 干预; 出面

Exercise 1 *Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to each question you hear.*

1. A) They visited some Nigerian diplomats.
B) They travelled around the city.
C) They met with Boko Haram militants.
D) They met with women at a displacement camp.
2. A) A suicide attack happened near a fuel station.
B) A suicide attack hurt several civilians.
C) Three men stopped a suicide attack.
D) Three men bombed a fuel station.
3. A) It has an armed force of 7,000 people.
B) It has killed 7,000 people since 2009.
C) It opposes the Nigerian government and its forces.
D) It has controlled eight areas in Nigeria.
4. A) The United Nations would intervene.
B) Five million people would die.
C) There would be severe violence.
D) There could be a severe famine.

Exercise 2 *Listen to the news report again and fill in each blank with what you hear.*

1. Representatives of United Nations Security Council _____ visited a target of Boko Haram militants on Sunday. They travelled to Maiduguri, the _____ of Nigerian's Borno State.
2. On Sunday, the UN ambassadors arrived in Maiduguri under _____.
3. At the camp, UN diplomats heard women say that their _____ had been killed and that they themselves had been _____ by Boko Haram.
4. UN officials say _____ workers have yet to reach 700,000 people in eight _____ areas, and that over five million people in _____ Nigeria are in need of food.

Practice 2 Pope Francis Meets Russian Orthodox Leader**Words and Expressions**

Roman Catholic Church 罗马公教; 罗马天主教会

Russian Orthodox Church 俄罗斯东正教会

pope *n.* (罗马天主教的) 教皇

Patriarch *n.* (东正教和天主教的) 牧首; 宗主教

dispute *n.* 争端; 分歧

Cardinal *n.* (天主教的) 红衣主教

Vatican *n.* 梵蒂冈; 天主教教皇 (或教廷)

appeal *n.* 呼吁; 恳请; 请求

Exercise 1 *Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to each question you hear.*

1. A) In Russia.
B) In Vatican.
C) In Cuba.
D) In Mexico.
2. A) To attempt to solve a dispute between the two churches.
B) To meet Cuban President Raul Castro.
C) To hold a discussion with Cardinal Jaime Ortega.
D) To solve the dispute between Cuba and Russia.
3. A) Sit down together to heal a 1,000-year-old dispute among Christians.
B) Pay an official visit to the Middle East to help end violence there.
C) Hold a personal discussion on killing and violence in the Middle East.
D) Call for an end to religious violence in the Middle East.
4. A) It took place a week ago.
B) It had been planned for two years.
C) It took place in a secret place.
D) It lasted five days.

Exercise 2 *Listen to the news report again and decide whether the following statements are true or false.*

1. [] Leaders of the Roman Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church never met in history.
2. [] The two churches have been in disagreement for a thousand years.
3. [] Cuban President Raul Castro is the Vatican's highest representative.
4. [] The discussion between the two religious leaders lasted two hours.
5. [] The meeting between the two leaders ended the killing and other violence in the Middle East.
6. [] The meeting between the two religious leaders was planned a week ago.
7. [] Pope Francis is to pay a five-day visit to Mexico.

Practice 3 World Santa Claus Congress, Copenhagen

Words and Expressions

congress *n.* 国会; 代表大会

Copenhagen *n.* 哥本哈根 (丹麦王国首都)

statue *n.* 雕像; 塑像

mermaid *n.* 美人鱼

demonstration *n.* 游行示威; 展示

delegate *n.* 代表; 代表团成员

socialize *v.* (与……) 交往; 参与社交

Exercise 1 *Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to each question you hear.*

1. A) Christmas customs in different places.
B) Christmas customs in Copenhagen.
C) Different ways to celebrate Christmas.
D) The World Santa Claus Congress.
2. A) To prepare for Christmas celebrations.
B) To attend the cake baking demonstration.
C) To join in seasonal parades.

- D) To enjoy playing Santa Claus.
3. A) People who love the Little Mermaid.
B) People who join in seasonal parades.
C) People who enjoy playing Santa Claus.
D) People who work part time in large stores.
4. A) It took place in Demark for the first time.
B) It takes place in Demark once a year.
C) Attendees discuss all kinds of social problems.
D) Attendees are obliged to join in all activities.

Exercise 2 *Listen to the news report again and decide whether the following statements are true or false.*

1. [] People from all over the world are in Copenhagen to celebrate Christmas.
2. [] During the Christmas season, some people work as Santa Clause in a large store or shopping center.
3. [] More than 120 Santas from 50 countries have gathered in Copenhagen.
4. [] The World Santa Claus Congress lasts three days this year.
5. [] The Congress takes place every other year in Denmark.
6. [] The Congress is an opportunity for participants to meet with other Santas and socialize.

Practice 4 President Obama to Visit Cuba Sunday

Words and Expressions

Cuba *n.* 古巴

Cuban *adj.* 古巴的 *n.* 古巴人

administration *n.* 政府; 行政; 管理

activist *n.* 活动家

reverse *v.* 颠倒; 倒转

convince *vt.* 使确信; 说服

solidarity *n.* 团结; 相互支持

Exercise 1 *Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to each question you hear.*

1. A) It will reverse the relation between Cuba and the U.S.
B) It starts a talk with Castro about Cuban social problems.
C) It is the first American leader's visit in almost 90 years.
D) It gives Obama an opportunity to speak directly to Cuban people.
2. A) He will give a speech at a Cuban university.
B) He will visit some places of interest.
C) He will meet some Cuban professors.
D) He will deliver a speech to the Cuban people.
3. A) To ensure steady relations between Cuba and the U.S.
B) To urge the Cuban government to remove some social problems.
C) To promote the trade relation between Cuba and the U.S.
D) To develop friendship and provide financial assistance.
4. A) The United States will not intervene in Cuba's internal affairs.
B) The United States will demand Cuba to change its policies.
C) Obama administration will help make policies for Cuba.
D) Obama administration will help Cuba with its future development.

Exercise 2 *Listen to the news report again and fill in each blank with what you hear.*

The U.S. President Barack Obama travels to Cuba Sunday, becoming the first American leader to visit Cuba in almost 90 years. Obama administration 1. _____ say the president will meet with Cuban President Raul Castro and some members of Cuban 2. _____ society. Professor Ted Henken from Baruch College in New York said that the president is 3. _____ to Cuba to 4. _____ that relations between the United States and Cuba are not reversed when he leaves office. Henken said that the president wants to speak 5. _____ to the Cuban people. He added that the president and his 6. _____ will work to convince Cuban officials to change their 7. _____. According to Henken, Obama has made it clear that the United States will not be making 8. _____ on anyone in Cuba, but will be communicating a 9. _____ of friendship, of 10. _____, of solidarity.

Russian Orthodox Church

The Russian Orthodox Church, alternatively legally known as the Moscow Patriarchate, is one of the autocephalous Eastern Orthodox churches, in full communion with other Eastern Orthodox patriarchates. The Eastern Orthodox Church, also known as the Orthodox Church, or officially as the Orthodox Catholic Church, is the second largest Christian church and one of the oldest religious institutions in the world. The Eastern Orthodox Church teaches that it is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church established by Jesus Christ in his Great Commission to the apostles. It practices what it understands to be the original Christian faith and maintains the sacred tradition passed down from the apostles.

orthodox *adj.* 正统的, 传统的; 东正教的

alternatively *adv.* 或者

autocephalous *adj.* 独立的; 自治的

institution *n.* 制度; (社会或宗教等) 公共机构

apostolic *adj.* 使徒的; 使徒时代的

apostle *n.* 信徒, 使徒; 最初的传道者

sacred *adj.* 神圣的; 宗教的

Part 2 Quiz

In this part, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each report, you will hear three or four questions. Both the report and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D).

News Report 1

1. A) Armed conflicts.
B) Oppression.
C) Migration crisis.
D) Poverty.
2. A) Calling for reform in many countries.
B) Sharing intelligence at the G20 summit.
C) Stopping refugees from going to Europe.
D) Cutting off financing for extremists.
3. A) Continue accepting Syrian refugees.
B) Discontinue accepting Syrian refugees.
C) Hold a donor conference early next year.
D) Provide monetary aid to Syrian refugees.

News Report 2

4. A) He signed an agreement with Afghan Chief Executive.
B) He signed an agreement with Afghan President.
C) He suddenly stopped his visit to Afghanistan.
D) He made a surprise visit to Afghanistan Tuesday.
5. A) To provide funding for NATO security forces.
B) To support Afghanistan with NATO troops.
C) To promote Afghanistan's economic reforms.
D) To withdraw troops from Afghanistan in 2020.
6. A) International support for Afghan troops.
B) Control over eastern Afghanistan.
C) Greater freedom to strike at the Taliban.

D) Assistance from Afghan government troops.

News Report 3

7. A) Wetlands are expanding without control.
B) Wetlands are of little value for recreation.
C) Millions of people depend on wetlands for living.
D) Almost half of wetlands have disappeared.
8. A) To find a way to stop the destruction of wetlands.
B) To find a way to stop the climate change.
C) To find a way to help people make a better living.
D) To introduce the wetlands to the world.
9. A) Turning wetlands into recreational places.
B) Raising people's awareness of wetland protection.
C) Discouraging people from farming on wetlands.
D) Taking full advantage of wetlands.
10. A) They absorb huge amounts of carbon.
B) They release carbon into the atmosphere.
C) They store huge amounts of oxygen.
D) They prevent carbon from entering the atmosphere.

Your score ____%

G20

The G20 (or Group of Twenty) is an international forum for the governments and central bank governors from 20 major economies. It was founded in 1999 with the aim of studying, reviewing, and promoting high-level discussion of policy issues pertaining to the promotion of international financial stability. It seeks to address issues that go beyond the responsibilities of any one organization. The G20 heads of government or heads of state have periodically conferred at summits since their initial meeting in 2008, and the group also hosts separate meetings of finance ministers and central bank governors.

The members include 19 individual countries and along with the European Union (EU). The EU is represented by the European Commission and by the European Central Bank. Collectively, the G20 economies account for around 85% of the gross world product (GWP), 80% of world trade (or, if excluding EU intra-trade, 75%), and two-thirds of the world population.

The heads of the G20 nations met semi-annually at G20 summits between 2009 and 2010. Since the November 2011 Cannes summits, all G20 summits have been held annually. The 2016 G20 summits was held in Hangzhou, China.

pertain *vi.* 与……相关

address *vt.* 对付；处理，设法了解并解决

confer *vi.* 商谈，商议；交换意见

gross *adj.* 全部的；总计的

intra-trade *n.* 内部贸易

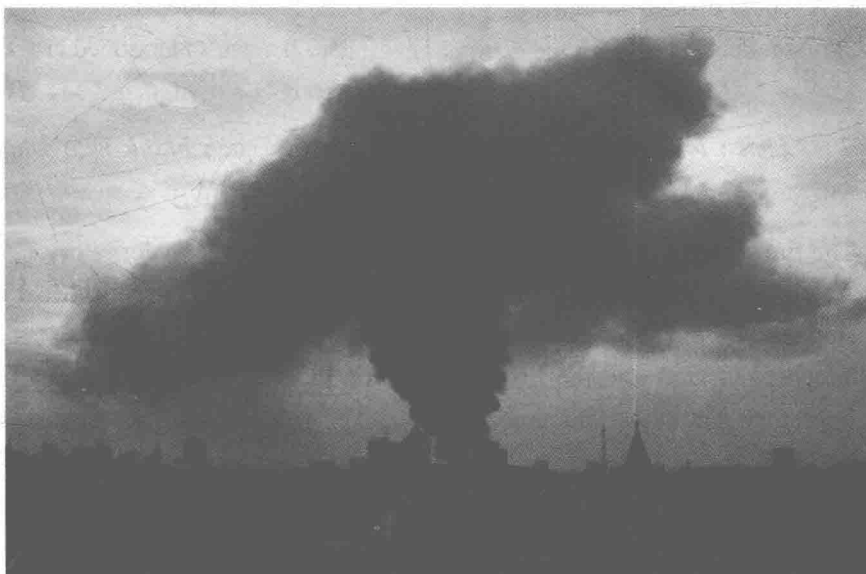
semi-annually *adv.* 每半年一次

Cannes *n.* 戛纳（法国东南部港市）

Unit 2 Accidents and Disasters

Part 1 Listening Practice

Practice 1 Fire in Thailand Kills at Least 18 School Girls



Words and Expressions

- boarding school 寄宿学校
Thailand *n.* 泰国
Bangkok *n.* 曼谷 (泰国首都)
boarder *n.* 寄宿生; 住宿生
ethnic minorities 少数民族
Reuters *n.* 路透社

Exercise 1 Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to each question you hear.

1. A) It has about 800 girl students.
B) It is a private Christian boarding school.
C) It is a public boarding school in Bangkok.
D) It is the largest school in northern Thailand.
2. A) On the second floor of a classroom building.
B) On the ground floor of a classroom building.
C) On the second floor of a wooden dormitory.
D) On the ground floor of a wooden dormitory.
3. A) 23. B) 18. C) 20 D) 38.
4. A) A school official. B) Some students.
C) A smoking girl. D) It wasn't mentioned.

Exercise 2 Listen to the news report again and fill in each blank with what you hear.

1. The fire started late Sunday in a _____, _____ dormitory.
2. About _____ day students and _____ attend the school. Most of the students are said to be ethnic _____.
3. A school official said the fire broke out on the _____ of the dormitory. The place was used for _____. The second floor was used as the _____.
4. Two of them were _____ to have _____ serious _____.

Practice 2 Boy's Body Found After Alligator Attack at Disney

Words and Expressions

alligator *n.* 短吻鳄

the Seven Seas Lagoon 七海湖 (美国佛罗里达迪士尼游乐园的人工湖)

wade *vi.* 涉, 蹚; 跋涉

grab *vt.* 抓住; 夺取

tracker *n.* 追踪者