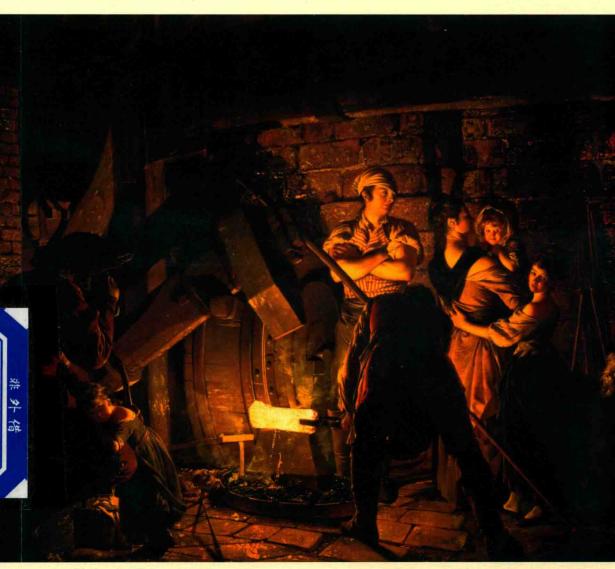
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我们衷心期待这套书成为大家学习道路上不可或缺的好伙伴!如果您在阅读中发现有疑问或错误之处,请不吝指正,以便我们更加完善这套书。

译者前言

《英国语文》原名《皇家读本》(The Royal Readers),是20世纪前后由英国著名的教材出版公司托马斯-尼尔森公司编写出版的一套小学语文教材。这套教材共分为六册,分别对应西方英语国家小学一至六年级的语文教学。这套书出版后,在西方英语国家的学校被广泛使用。根据这套书原编者的初衷,是为了引导孩子们对他们所阅读的作品产生真正的兴趣,并通过阅读提升他们的能力,最终将阅读所获得的能力运用到生活实践中去。可以说,这是一套以兴趣为引导、学以致用的教材。

这套书的编写体例非常严谨,一至四册教材的每篇文章后面基本都有课后 提问、拼读训练、书写练习等内容,从第五册开始,又增加了单词解释,使学 生通过阅读增加词汇量,进一步巩固和加深对文章的印象。

在选文内容上,这套书由浅入深,每一册对应不同年龄段的读者,选文也 从简单的儿歌、短文、常用句型开始,逐渐提升为篇幅稍长的作品,再进阶到 中长篇的经典著作。从难易程度来看,这套书前三册内容简单浅显,文字朴素 简洁,比较适合国内中低年级小学生阅读;后三部分的内容相对繁复深奥,开 始有侧重性,有的笔法精妙、描写细腻,有的文风犀利、寓意深刻,比较适合 高年级小学生和中学生阅读。总之,这套书的选文内容丰富,从其所选文章涉 及的体裁来看,包括了故事、童话、传记、诗歌等;题材涉及旅游、历险、历 史、自然、科学等。这些选文体现了英国丰富的历史文化知识和西方国家的道 德价值观念,让小读者们在提高文学修养的同时,也可以开阔自己的视野。

这套书的最大特色在于它所包含的内容非常贴近生活,能让小读者们觉得书中讲述的事情就发生在他们身边。而且,这套书所选的文章除了颂扬真、善、美之外,并没有回避生活中的艰难与困苦,突出了困境之下个人的坚守与

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成长。这样的文章往往更容易引起心灵的共鸣,也将对小读者们的人生观起到 正面积极的作用。

我们衷心希望通过这套书的出版,让中国的读者朋友学习地道标准的英语,打开通往世界的心灵之窗;同时还能获得文学知识、个人修养、伦理道德等多方面的提升。

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Lesson 1 THE SNAIL ON THE WALL 第一课 墙上的蜗牛

"What ails you, lad?" said Dame Bell to a little boy, who sat near a wall at the back of her house. He had a book in his hand, and tears were in his eyes.

"We have all got a poem called *Little Jim* to learn," said the boy, whose name was Tom Blair; "and the one who says it best is to get a prize from the master. But I don't think I can learn it."

"Why not?" said the dame.

"The boys say that I can't, and that I need not try," said Tom in a sad tone.

"Don't mind what the boys say. Let them see that you can learn it," said his friend.

"But I don't think I can," said Tom; "it is so long, and some of the words are so hard. I know I need not try for the prize. But I should like to learn the poem as well as I can; for the boys laugh at me, and call me 'Slow Tom."

"Well, dear," said the dame, in a kind voice, "if you are slow, and can't help it, try to be 'slow and sure,' as they say. Look at that snail on the wall; how slow it is! And yet, if you watch it, you will see it will get to the top in time. So just try to learn a few lines each day, and you may gain the prize in the end. And when you are like to lose heart, think of the snail on the wall."

When Dame Bell had said this, she went on her way. And Tom thought that (though he could not keep up with the boys) he might run a race with the snail.

So he resolved to try to learn his task, by the time the snail got to the top of the wall.

At last, the day came on which the master was to give the prize, and he called up the boys to repeat the poem.

When five or six had recited.



it came to Tom's turn. There was a laugh when he got up; for most of the boys thought he would fail. But he did not miss a word; and his heart was full of joy when the master said, "Well done. Tom Blair!"

When the rest of the class had tried, the master said Tom had done best; and he gave him the prize.

"And now tell me," said the master, "how you learned the poem so well."

"Please, sir, it was the snail on the wall that taught me how to do it," said Tom.

There was a loud laugh when Tom said this. But the master said, "You need not laugh, boys; for we may learn much from such things as snails.—How did the snail teach you, Tom?"

"Please, sir, I saw it crawl up the wall bit by bit. It did not stop, nor turn back, but went on, and on. And I thought I would do the same with my task. So I learned it bit by bit, and did not give up. And by the time the snail had got to the top of the wall, I had learned it all."

"Well done, Tom!" said the master.—"Now, boys, let us give a good cheer for Tom Blair and the snail on the wall." And the old house rang with a loud, long cheer. For all were glad that "Slow Tom" had got a prize at last.

Questions

Why did Tom cry? What did the other boys call him? What did Dame Bell tell him to watch? What did Tom then make up his mind to do? Who got the prize? When was there a loud laugh? Why did the boys at last give a loud cheer?

Pronunciation lit'-tle po'-em mas'-ter laugh re-peat' crawl eyes friend thought prize please learned Write crawl eyes prize

poem little friend master

please learned

"你怎么了,小伙子?"贝尔太太问一个坐在她家房子后墙边上的小男孩。小男孩手里拿着一本书,眼里噙着泪水。

"我们要学习一首叫《小吉姆》的诗",这个名叫汤姆·布莱尔的小男孩说,"老师说,这首诗谁背得最好,谁就会有奖品。但是我觉得我肯定背不好。"

"为什么呢?"老太太问道。

"那些男孩们说我就是背不好,还说我连试都不用试了。"汤姆伤心 地回答道。

"不要在意那些男孩的话,让他们看看你可以背得很好。"汤姆的这位大朋友说。

"但是我觉得我不行,"汤姆说,"这首诗太长了,有些词也太难了。我知道我不一定非要去争奖品,但是我应该尽自己最大的努力去学这首诗,因为男孩们笑话我,管我叫'迟钝的汤姆'。"

"咳,汤姆,"老太太用和蔼的语气说,"如果你学得慢,而且也没有办法变得快些,那就试着像人们说的那样,'慢且稳'吧。你看看墙上的蜗牛,它爬得多慢啊!但是你观察一下它,就会发现它迟早会爬上墙顶。所以你只需每天试着学习几句诗,你就有可能最终赢得奖品哦。当你灰心丧气的时候,就想想墙上的蜗牛吧。"

贝尔太太说完这些就走了。汤姆想到(即使他比不上其他男孩)他也可以和蜗牛赛赛跑呢。所以他决心待蜗牛爬到墙顶的时候,努力去学好这一课。

最后, 到颁奖的那天, 老师把男孩们召集起来背诵这首诗。

五六个男孩背完之后,轮到了汤姆。当汤姆站起来的时候,男孩中爆发出了一阵笑声,因为他们觉得汤姆肯定会失败。但是汤姆一个字都没漏。当听到老师说"做得好,汤姆·布莱尔"的时候,汤姆满心欢喜。

班里其他的同学都背完之后,老师说,汤姆是背得最好的,并且把奖 品给了他。

"那么现在告诉我吧,"老师说,"你怎么把这首诗背得这么好的呢?"

"老师, 是墙上的蜗牛教会我的。"

汤姆说完这句话之后,男孩们一阵大笑。但是老师说: "不要笑,孩子们,因为我们能从蜗牛身上学到很多东西。那么,蜗牛是怎么教会你的呢,汤姆?"

"老师,请听我说。我看到蜗牛在墙上一点儿一点儿地爬行。它没有停下来,也没有往回走,而是不断地前进、前进。我觉得我也要这样对待自己的功课。所以我也一点儿一点儿地学,不放弃。等到蜗牛最终爬到墙顶了,我也学会了。"

"太棒了,汤姆!"老师说,"现在,孩子们,让我们为汤姆·布莱尔和墙上的蜗牛喝彩。"这座老房子里回荡着长久而热烈的欢呼声。"迟钝的汤姆"最终赢得了奖品,大家都为他开心不已。

Lesson 2 LITTLE JIM 第二课 小吉姆

The cottage was a thatched one,

The outside old and mean;

Yet everything within that cot

Was wondrous neat and clean.

小屋外罩着茅草, 屋外又旧又简陋, 但是屋里的一切 是多么整洁干净。

The night was dark and stormy,
The wind was howling wild;
A patient mother knelt beside
The deathbed of her child:

黑夜里暴风雨肆虐, 风在咆哮, 一位坚忍的母亲跪在床边, 她孩子的病榻上。

A little worn-out creature— His once bright eyes grown dim; He was a collier's only child— They called him little Jim. 一个可怜的小生命—— 他曾经明亮的眼睛变得暗淡; 他是一位矿工的独子—— 人们叫他小吉姆。

And oh, to see the briny tears
Fast hurrying down her cheek,
As she offered up a prayer in thought;
She was afraid to speak,

啊,那咸咸的泪水 快速从她脸颊上滑落。 她默默祷告, 不敢说话。

For there was all a mother's love
In that poor collier's wife.

她唯恐惊醒深爱的孩子, 她爱这孩子胜过爱自己的生命。 这个穷矿工的妻子, 拥有一个母亲对孩子所有的爱。

With hands uplifted, see, she kneels Beside the suff'rer's bed; 看,她抬起胳膊, 跪在这个可怜的小牛命的床边: And prays that He will spare her boy

And take herself instead!

祈祷上帝不要把她的孩子带走,她愿意用自己的性命换回孩子!

She gets her answer from the child;
Soft fell these words from him:
"Mother, the angels do so smile,
And beckon little Jim!"

她听到了孩子的回答, 那声音是如此轻柔: "妈妈,天使真的会微笑, 他们召唤着小吉姆!"

"I have no pain, dear mother, now;

But oh, I am so dry!

Just moisten poor Jim's lips again;

And, mother, don't you cry."

"我现在一点都不痛,亲爱的妈妈,但是,啊,我口好渴! 再一次滋润可怜的小吉姆的嘴唇吧;妈妈,不要哭啊!"

With gentle, trembling haste she held

The tea-cup to his lips;

He smiled, to thank her, as he took

Three tiny little sips.

她轻轻地、颤颤巍巍地, 马上把茶杯送到他的嘴边, 他微笑地说声谢谢, 吮吸了三小口水。

"Tell father, when he comes from work,

I said good-night to him;

And, mother, now I'll go to sleep"—

Alas! poor little Jim!

"爸爸下班回来的时候告诉他, 说我和他道声晚安; 妈妈,我要睡觉了"—— 唉!可怜的小吉姆!

She saw that he was dying—
The child she loved so dear
Had uttered the last words that she
Might ever hope to hear.

她看着孩子的生命被慢慢地夺走——这个她深深爱着的孩子, 说出了最后的几句话, 最后几句她可能希望听到的话。

The cottage door was opened,
The collier's step was heard;
The mother and the father met,
Yet neither spoke a word!

小屋的门开了, 矿工的脚步声响起了; 孩子的爸爸和妈妈见面了, 但是他们谁都没有说一句话!

He knew that all was over-He knew his child was dead: He took the candle in his hand. And walked towards the bed.

他知道一切都结束了—— 他知道他的孩子死去了; 他手里拿着蜡烛, 走向床边。

His quivering lips gave token Of grief he'd fain conceal; And see! his wife has joined him-The stricken couple kneel! 他强掩着悲痛, 但颤抖的嘴唇却将他出卖: 看哪!他的妻子也和他一样-这对悲痛的夫妇跪在床边!

With hearts bowed down with sadness. They humbly ask of Him, In heaven once more to meet again Their own poor little Jim. 他们痛苦又悲伤, 他们谦卑地向上帝祈求, 在天堂再次见到 他们家可怜的小吉姆!

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Questions

Where was the mother kneeling? In what state was the boy? Why did she offer up her prayer in thought? From whom did she get her answer? What were Jim's last words? What did his mother do when he came in? What did both father and mother then do?

Pronunciation

cot'-tage ev'-er-y-thing storm'-y

col'-lier

an'-swer

ut'-tered

coup'-le

hur'-ry-ing pray'-er

trem'-bling dy'-ing

nei'-ther hum'-bly up-lift'-ed an'-gels

Write

patient moisten hurrying uttered neither trembling

couple stricken quivering