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## 出版者的话

为了加速初中英语教学进程,适应不同地区英语教学的需要,我们组织国内资深的英语教学专家,在河北教育出版社和 DC 加拿大国际交流中心合编的《学英语》教材的基础上,改编成这套初中起始版《初中英语》教材,供初中一年级至初中三年级使用。本套教材包括《教科书》、《活动手册/读物》、《教师用书》、录音带等。

这套教材充分吸收了国际上新的外语教学理念和实践经验,注重对学生综合语言能力的培养和训练,强调以学生为主体的有意义的语言实践活动,为教学营造了轻松愉快、积极向上的学习氛围。教材还在教学中安排了大量生动有趣的活动内容,使英语学习变得“既容易又有趣”。

这套教材以主要人物的活动为主线,围绕最基本、最常用的英语词汇、句型、交际会话等,逐步展开教学内容和实践活动,符合中学生的年龄、心理特征和学习语言的规律。

这套教材的《教科书》语言信息含量大,涉及话题广泛,内容鲜活,富有时代感,既贴近学生生活,又展现中西方国家的不同文化背景;《活动手册/读物》设计了丰富多彩的练习形式,其所附读物编选内容多取自现代生活,文化背景知识丰富,为广大中学生所喜闻乐见;《教师用书》则为教学提供了翔实具体的教学建议。

这套教材强调以任务为中心的 (Task-based) 语言学习,采用完成课题式的教学方法 (Project approach),把探究性学习引入外语学习中,使学生主动融入创造性的、有意义的整体语言学习中。教材在培养学生语言能力的同时,注重学科知识交叉,适当引入了其他学科的内容。

本册供 9 年级第一学期使用。

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# UNIT 1

Lessons 1 ~ 8

## The Olympics



### You Will Learn

#### Functions

- ▶ Expressing Wishes and Congratulations

#### Grammar

- ▶ Direct Speech and Indirect Speech

#### Structures

- ▶ catch up with
- ▶ give up
- ▶ set/break a world record
- ▶ up and down
- ▶ win a gold medal



# Lesson 1: Higher, Faster, Stronger



## THINK ABOUT IT!

- Have you ever watched the Olympics on TV?
- What's your favourite Olympic sport?
- Do you think the Olympics are important? Why or why not?

## When were the first Olympics?

We call the first Olympic Games the "ancient" Olympics. "Ancient" means very, very old. The ancient Olympic Games began in Greece in 776 BC.

## When did the modern Olympics start?

We call today's Olympic Games the "modern" Olympics. What does "modern" mean? "Modern", "now" and "today" mean the same thing. The modern Olympics started in Athens, Greece in 1896.

### Quick Quiz!

Did women compete in the ancient Olympics?

No, women did not compete.

At the first ancient Olympics, there was only one sport. What was it?

The sprint.

How many countries sent athletes to the 2004 Athens Olympics?

Two hundred and two countries sent athletes to the 2004 Olympics.

How many athletes competed at the 2004 Olympics?

More than eleven thousand athletes competed.

How many sports did the 2004 Olympics have?

It had twenty-eight different sports.

## Amazing Olympic athletes

At the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, American Bob Beamon won the gold medal in the long jump. He jumped an amazing 8.8 metres. Nobody broke his record for twenty-three years.

Xu Haifeng won China's first Olympic medal. At the opening event of the 1984 Olympics, he won a gold medal in shooting.



At the Olympics, athletes compete for medals. If you are first, you get a gold medal. If you are second, you get a silver medal. If you are third, you get a bronze medal. If you are twentieth, do you get a medal? No!



## LET'S DO IT!



In a small group, talk about the Olympic Games. When and where did they begin? Then, play "Charades." Take turns acting out a sport. One group member acts, while the others try to guess the sport by asking "Is it \_\_\_\_?"



# Lesson 2: Swimming for Gold



**THINK ABOUT IT!**

- Have you ever gone swimming?
- Where do you like to swim?
- List some other sports you are good at.

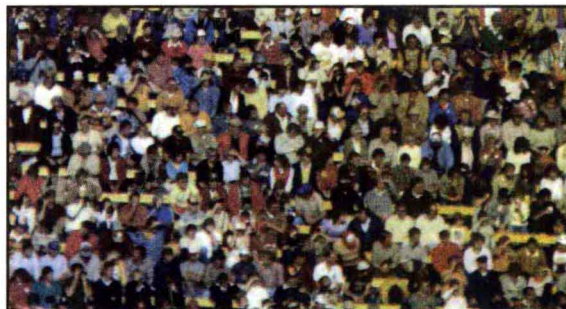
Barcelona, August 8, 1992

## China's First Gold in Swimming

Zhuang Yong swam her way to a gold medal today. It was the first gold medal in an Olympic swimming event for our country. Zhuang Yong won the women's 100-metre freestyle with a time of 54.64 seconds.



In a 100-metre race, the swimmers go up the pool once and down the pool once. They go as fast as they can!



Spectators watch sports events. When their favourites win, they cheer!

Zhuang Yong surprised everyone. Before the Olympics, her best time had been slower than Miss Thompson's. Miss Thompson had set a world record in the 100-metre event, with a time of 54.48 seconds. But today Zhuang Yong beat the American swimmer. She also won two silver medals.

Zhuang Yong began swimming when she was eight years old. She is one of the four Chinese women to win Olympic medals in swimming at the 1992 Olympic Games. The others are Qian Hong, Lin Li and Yang Wenyi.

### Learning Tips

**Barcelona:** a city in the northeast of Spain

It was a very close race. When it was over, no one knew who had won. It seemed that Zhuang Yong and Jenny Thompson, an American swimmer, had finished at the same time. Was it a tie? When it showed: "First, Zhuang Yong, China. Second, Jenny Thompson, U.S.A.", the Chinese spectators at the swimming pool jumped up and down, cheering. They were very excited!

### LET'S DO IT!



With a partner, summarize the information about Zhuang Yong and the other swimmers. Of these famous Chinese swimmers, who is your favourite? Why do you admire him or her? Describe him or her to your partner.



# Lesson 3: Are You an Athlete?

## PROJECT



## CLASSROOM OLYMPICS!

Are you and your classmates good athletes?

At the Olympics, athletes compete in "events": swimming, running, soccer, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, and many others.

In small groups, design some events. Think! What do you need to bring to class for the event? What do you need to make? Then, make a poster that describes, in English, how to do the event.

On the last day of the project, get your event ready and put up your poster. Every group in the class will try each event.

## Jump over Danny? Good Luck!

**BRIAN:** Who has a good idea for an event?

**JENNY:** What about this? We ask each group to run across the soccer field. We show the groups where to start and where to stop. We give them a watch. After they run, they write down how many seconds they needed.

**BRIAN:** I like that event!

**DANNY:** What about this event: "Jump over the Dinosaur"?

**BRIAN:** I don't know, Danny. You're the only dinosaur I know, and you're two metres tall!

Yes, I know!  
Good luck,  
Jenny! Good  
luck, Brian!

Thank you,  
Danny.  
The same  
to you.

I think  
you're too  
tall, Danny!



## You can do the following in your classroom Olympics.

### Jump Rope

Can you skip sixty times without stopping?

### Sit-ups and Push-ups

How many can you do in one minute?

### Ball Toss

Get a small box. Tape it to the floor. Stand three metres away. Try to throw ten tennis balls



sit-ups



push-ups

into the box. How many can you get in?

### Long Jump

How far can you jump? Start by standing still. Then jump as far as you can.

### Ball Kick

In the school yard or the field, kick a soccer ball as far as you can. Try two more times. Can you kick the ball farther?

**Learning Tips**  
two more times:  
another two times



# Lesson 4: Good Luck to You

## LESSON 4

*Do your best!  
Don't give up!  
Swim as fast as you can!  
Good luck to you!  
Good luck to you!  
Make your country proud!  
We believe in you!*

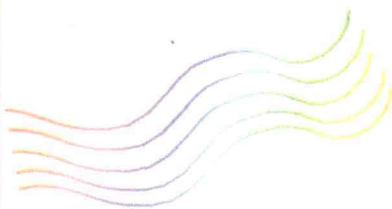


These swimmers are beginning a race. They are diving into the swimming pool. Dive right in! Go!

*Do your best!  
Dive right in!  
Up and down the pool you go!  
You've won the race!  
You've won the race!  
You have made us proud!  
We believe in you!*



Can you tell who has won the gold medal?



### LET'S DO IT!



Imagine one of your friends is taking part in a school sports meet, or your school is playing in an international volleyball game. You are part of the cheer team. In a small group, create a cheer or a song that will help your team win!



# Lesson 5: Danny's Very Special Guest



**THINK ABOUT IT!**

- Who is your favourite star? Why do you like him or her?
- Would you like to be famous? Why or why not?
- Who is Danny's special guest? What does he do?



**Date:** September 10

**Weather:** Windy.

Dear Diary,

We had such an interesting day at school today! I need to write about it. If I don't, I won't be able to sleep tonight!

Our gym teacher, Mr. Brown, said that we had a very special guest. Jeff Johnson was going to talk to our class.

Jeff Johnson is a great basketball player. I told everybody that he played basketball for Canada in the last Olympics. I love watching the Olympics, and basketball is my favourite sport. I saw every game. Canada won the bronze medal in basketball!

Jeff Johnson came into our gym. We all sat on the floor while he talked to us.

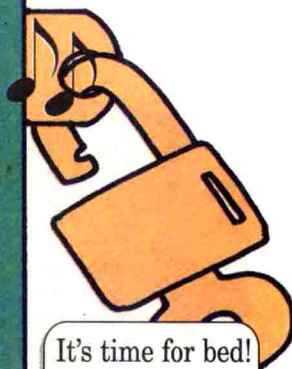
At the end, we asked questions. I told him that I wanted to be in the Olympics some day. I asked him what I should do.

He said that I should always try hard, and never give up. He said that the first time when he played basketball, his team came in twentieth. And there were only twenty teams!

What did he do? Did he stop trying? No! The next morning, he went to the gym to practise.

I want to be just like Jeff Johnson.

*Danny*



It's time for bed!  
I'm going to the gym tomorrow morning!



## LET'S DO IT!



Tell a partner about an interesting day you had. Remember to answer the questions below, then write your story down.

- When was it?
- What did you do?
- Who was with you?



# Lesson 6: Diving "Dream Team"



## THINK ABOUT IT!

- What is a "Dream Team"?
- Is there a "Dream Team" in basketball? What about diving?
- Who are the best-known members of China's Olympic diving team?

In basketball, the U.S. has the "Dream Team": the team with the best athletes. But China has the "Dream Team" in diving.

China has won many gold medals in diving since 1984. At the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, China's diving team won five of the eight diving events.



Can you dive? Diving is one of the most popular events at the Olympics.

Fu Mingxia is one of China's best divers. At Atlanta in 1996, she won gold medals in the women's 10-metre platform and the 3-metre springboard events. She was the first woman in 36 years to win both events. Since 1912, only four women have won both gold medals in diving.

Fu Mingxia won her first victory in 1991. She was only twelve — the youngest world champion ever. Then, at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, she became the youngest Olympic champion at age 13.

For many years, American divers won

the most gold medals at the Olympics. But not anymore! Today, China's divers have the most victories. Now, other countries want to catch up with China. They want Chinese diving coaches! These countries include Canada and the U.S.



There are eighty-five kinds of dives off the platform.

## Quick Quiz!

Diving has not always been an Olympic sport. What year did diving begin at the Olympics?

Diving became an Olympic event in 1904.

What new type of diving began at the 2000 Olympics?

Synchronized diving. In this event, two divers dive together. They dive at the same time.

## LET'S DO IT!



Talk about the 2008 Olympics with a partner. Try using the following phrases or any others you can think of: dream team, catch up with, not ... anymore, good luck, give up.



# Lesson 7: Don't Fall off the Pizzas!

To: Li-Ming@net.cn

From: jenny@compmail.ca

Subject: Classroom Olympics

Date: 15/09 4:18 PM

Hello, Li Ming!

This week in school, we had a classroom Olympics! Our class invented five different events. Then, everyone competed in each event, one by one.

The events were fun! Some of my classmates had very good ideas. But my favourite event was Danny's. He called it "Jump over the Dinosaur."

Danny's event was a race. Each person walked on some paper "pizzas," climbed through a cardboard "donut," and then jumped over a toy dinosaur. We used a watch to see who was the fastest.

What was the result? Danny won the race! None of us caught up with him. But I was close: I was two seconds behind Danny. Few of the other students were so fast.

Brian was sad, because he lost. He came in twentieth. He did his best, but he kept falling off the pizzas!

Jenny

Poor Brian!



To: jenny@compmail.ca

From: Li-Ming@net.cn

Subject: Re: Classroom Olympics

Date: 16/09 4:10 PM

Hi, Jenny,

Thanks for your e-mail.

I laughed when I read about "Jump over the Dinosaur." Only Danny would think of an event like that! Please tell me about some of the others. Was ping-pong an event in your classroom Olympics? I really like ping-pong. Maybe I will play ping-pong in the real Olympics someday. Danny's victory in his event doesn't surprise me. He's a good athlete. How many other events did he win?

I hope Brian wasn't too sad. If he practises walking on pizzas, he'll do better next time!

Li Ming

I don't think "Jump over the Dinosaur" will ever be an Olympic event. Do you?



## LET'S DO IT!



Imagine you have a pen pal in Canada. Send an e-mail to him or her telling about your classroom Olympics or a school sports meet.



# Lesson 8: Unit Review

## I. Building Your Vocabulary

**A. Fill in each blank with the proper word or phrase from the list. Use the correct form.**

catch up with  
the others

do one's best  
up and down

1. Danny saw Jenny walking on the sidewalk in front of him. He ran to \_\_\_\_\_ her.
2. When we walked to the cage, the monkeys jumped \_\_\_\_\_.
3. As a doctor, he \_\_\_\_\_ to save people's lives.
4. There are twenty students in Sally's class. Twelve are boys; \_\_\_\_\_ are girls.

**B. Fill in the blank with the proper word. The first letter is given.**

1. He's alive — his heart is still b\_\_\_\_\_.
2. It's necessary for us to p\_\_\_\_\_ speaking English every day.
3. This problem is so difficult that f\_\_\_\_\_ students can solve it.
4. The Great Wall is a famous a\_\_\_\_\_ structure.

5. They have confidence. They b\_\_\_\_\_ that they can win the match.
6. Li Ting and Sun Tiantian won a g\_\_\_\_\_ medal in Athens in 2004.

**C. Complete the passage with proper words or phrases.**

One day, the animals were holding a sports meet in the forest. There was a 100-metre \_\_\_\_\_ between a tortoise and a hare. At first, the hare was very happy because he thought he could run \_\_\_\_\_ than the tortoise. A few times during the race, he stopped to rest. The tortoise knew that he couldn't run as fast as the hare. But he didn't \_\_\_\_\_. He did his best to catch up with the hare. He ran and ran. In the end, the tortoise \_\_\_\_\_! All the animals jumped up and down to cheer for the tortoise!

## II. Grammar in Use

**A. Fill in the blank with the proper form of the verb in brackets.**

1. We often see Li Ming \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) water for an old woman. How kind he is!
2. Jim is a little weak in math. He will do his best \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) it well this term.
3. All the spectators were \_\_\_\_\_ (excite) when they knew that Liu Xiang had won the gold medal.
4. I didn't feel confident in myself. But my teacher told me that I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) able to learn Spanish well.
5. "Fast" and "quick" have the similar \_\_\_\_\_ (mean).

**B. Change the following into indirect speech.**

1. Mr. Wood said, "We have an exam every week."  
Mr. Wood said that \_\_\_\_\_
2. I said to her, "I want to be a teacher some day."  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The patient asked, "What medicine should I take?"  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. The teacher asked, "Whose markers are these?"  
\_\_\_\_\_

## III. Speaking the Language

**Complete the following dialogue.**

Jack: What are you going to do next Sunday, Tom?

Tom: Nothing special.

Jack: Would you like to go to the movies?

Tom: \_\_\_\_\_ What shall we see?

Jack: Let's go to see *The Lion King*.

Tom: I saw it last week, but I don't mind seeing it again.

Jack: Really? \_\_\_\_\_

Tom: I think it's one of the best movies I've ever seen. It

tells how an African lion becomes the king.

Jack: I see. Let's go to Guangming Movie Theatre.

Tom: All right. \_\_\_\_\_

Jack: How about meeting at the gate of our school?

Tom: Good. \_\_\_\_\_

Jack: At 6:30.

Tom: OK. See you then.

Jack: See you.



## IV. Putting It All Together

### A. Reading comprehension

#### Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics was once called the "White" Olympics. At first time, many colourful stamps were published to mark the event. The first stamp came out on January 25, 1932 in the United States for the 3rd Winter Olympics. From then on, publishing stamps during the Winter Olympics became a rule.

During the 4th Winter Olympic Games, a group of stamps were published in Germany in November, 1936. The five rings of the Olympics were drawn on the front of the sportswear. It was the first time that the rings appeared on the stamps of the Winter Olympics.

When the Winter Olympics came, the host countries and the non-host countries published stamps to mark those Games. China published four stamps in February 1980, when Chinese athletes began to take part in the Winter Olympics.

Japan is the only Asian country that has ever held the Winter Olympics. Altogether 14 500 million stamps were sold to raise money for the event.

Different kinds of sports were drawn on those small stamps. People can enjoy the beauty of the wonderful movements of the athletes.

#### Answer the following questions.

1. When did the first stamp, marking the 3rd Winter Olympics, come out?
2. When did the five rings appear on the stamps of the Winter Olympics?
3. Which is the only Asian country to have ever held the Winter Olympics?

### B. Talk with your classmates.

In a small group, think of a sport or a game you know well. Write down the rules and read them to the rest of the class. Don't say the name of the game. Try to be clever! The other groups will try to guess what the game is by asking questions. For example:

In this game, do you \_\_\_\_\_?

In this game, do you use a \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

### Do You Know?

#### Wishes and Congratulations

Have a good time!	Congratulations!
Good luck!	Well done!
Enjoy yourself!	Thank you.
Best wishes to you!	You, too.
Happy birthday!	The same to you.
Merry Christmas!	

#### Direct Speech and Indirect Speech

I said to him, "I want to be in the Olympics some day."

I told him that I wanted to be in the Olympics some day.

He said, "You should always try hard and never give up."

He said that I should always try hard and never give up.

I asked him, "What should I do?"

I asked him what I should do.



# UNIT 2

Lessons 9 ~ 16

## Biggest, Longest, Widest



### You Will Learn

#### Functions

- ▶ Expressing Happiness

#### Grammar

- ▶ Comparative and Superlative Degrees of Adjectives and Adverbs

#### Structures

- ▶ be located in/on
- ▶ four times as ... as ...
- ▶ hold a world record
- ▶ That's very kind of you, but ...



# Lesson 9: Be a Champion!



**THINK ABOUT IT!**

- Do you know of any world records? What are they?
- Do you think you could break a world record one day? Which record would it be?
- What world records do Brian and Danny want to break?

## Any Ideas?

**JENNY:** How can ordinary people break a world record?

**BRIAN:** I have an idea. Our class could play soccer for a week without stopping!

**JENNY:** How could we do that? Wouldn't we get tired?

**DANNY:** And hungry?

**BRIAN:** We could take turns. Some of us would play, while some sleep and eat.

**DANNY:** I'm going to drink lots of milk. I will eat more fruits and vegetables. Some day I might be the world's tallest dinosaur!

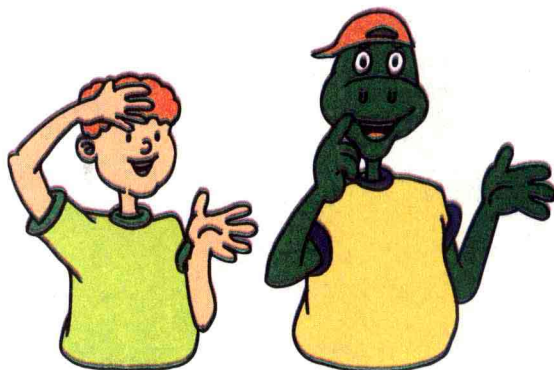
**JENNY:** That's wonderful, Danny! I don't know whether it will make you tall. But you'll be healthy!

**BRIAN:** Hey, Danny! I have two bananas for lunch. Would you like one of them?

**DANNY:** That's very kind of you, but my mother gave me donuts for lunch. I don't need any bananas.

You hold a world record, Danny. You're the world's funniest dinosaur!

Why? Did I say something funny?



## PROJECT



### A NEW WORLD RECORD!

Could you run a hundred metres in eight seconds? That would be a new world record. If you were three metres tall, that would be a world record, too!

But you're not a champion runner. And you're not three metres tall! Sometimes, average people also break world records. What kind of world record could you break? Could you stand on one foot for a week? Could you eat twenty apples in one minute?

Think of a world record you would like your class to break. If you like, it can be a funny record. Could everyone in your class get into one car? That might be a new record!

Describe your idea to your classmates.

Find information about records in books or on the Internet.