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本书特点

- 本书“写作入门谈”简明浅易,既突出最基本的英文短文写作方法,又适应考试需求,对学习者具有直接的借鉴意义;
- 模拟范例文字准确,行文流畅,中心突出,易于仿写;
- 难易兼顾,繁简适宜,可供不同层次的学习者使用;
- 题材广泛,内容充实,有利学习者扩大知识面,增加信息储备。

前 言

《英文模范作文新字典》自 1996 年问世以来,受到众多学习者的欢迎,对广大学习者英文短文写作能力的提高及在各种英语写作考试中发挥英语写作水平起到了积极作用,因而得到专家的认可和推荐(见全国学位与研究生发展中心组织编写的《英语试卷评析与应用指导》P46)。其中一些精彩篇章被多种同类书籍所引用。

为进一步帮助读者开启进入自由作文空间的大门,给读者以新的阅读的惊喜,写作的榜样,我们经过不懈努力,在保持原书题材广泛、体裁多样、短小精悍、文字浅显、易于模仿、便于吸收等特色的基础上,再次精心选材,精心撰写,精心分类,剔除了部分较为枯燥乏味的旧篇章,增添了二百余篇新短文和一些新栏目,更名为《实用英语作文精选》,选篇题材广泛,或富有哲理,或幽默风趣,或简洁明快,或鼓舞人心,或时尚新颖,或令人深思,使之更具实用性、文化性和可学性,会给读者以新的感受。

从读者反馈的意见和我们从事教学实践的经验看,本书除利于通过仿写提高短文写作能力外,尚有以下作用。

有助于提高口头作文水平,即口语能力。讲话题(Talk on the topic)要求围绕话题组织语言,实际上就像写短文一样,要求对某一点或某一方面进行连贯清晰的叙述、说明、分析、评述和判断。其基本模式和具体方法完全可参照提供的短文写作模式和具体方法,因而熟读本书有助于就某一话题连续说上两三分钟(十几句话),提高口头表达能力。

有助于提高语篇听力能力。学习本书中的短文,要读一读,背一背。反复的朗读和背诵是综合性的语言操练活动。语言学家、翻译家吕叔湘先生在《中国人学英语》中强调,中国人学英语必须“耳到、眼到、口到、手到”。读出声来,自然会增加听觉印象,有助

于在听力中识别相关话语中的逻辑性,从而提高听力理解能力。

有助于提高理解和欣赏能力。朗读和背诵本书中优秀短文,不仅有助于在语境中记单词和语法结构,而且可以记住文中一些精彩、精辟的语句。如短文“If I Were a Boy Again”中的“Life is very much like a mirror; if you smile upon it, it smiles back upon you; if you frown and look doubtfully on it, you will have a similar look in return.”就值得细细品味。有些佳句,反复咏读后会体味到一种只能用英语意会,难以用汉语言传的情感和意境,如一些有关 Love 的短文。

有助于提高学习者的思辨能力。作文,哪怕是短文,首先具备一定的思辨能力。若脑中空空如也,笔下自然无话可写。本书中新篇章的内容丰富,贴近生活实际,洞察时代脉搏,突出人文主题,体现人文关怀,关注学习者情感体验和身心发展。一些议论文文章虽短小,但思路清晰,思维缜密,含义深刻,富有启迪意义,能给学习者一种智力上的满足,并使智慧本身成为学习使用语言的促进力量,在吸收语言营养的同时吸收思维的营养,提高布局运思、谋篇论事的思辨能力。

本书精选短文约五百篇,分为 74 个栏目,每栏目之下,列同类文章四五篇到二十余篇。许多栏目可互为参考,互为借鉴。如第 1 栏“我们的学校”可与第 2 栏“学校生活”互参,因为其中短文均以青年学子的视角探索校园生活的不同侧面;第 54 栏“生活面面观”可与第 55 栏“人生感悟”互参,因为其中短文所涉及的均是人生百态,世事沧桑。互参有助于开拓思路,丰富表达方式。

本书的读者主要是那些有目标,有动力,有毅力的青年学子。对他们来说,学习是一种乐趣,是获取知识的必经之途。在学习本书时,只要坚持“读一读,背一背,写一写”,定可全面增强语言应用能力和应试能力。西方有格言说“The power of knowledge consists not so much in its wide spectrum as in its wide application.”(知识的力量与其说在于广博,不如说在于广泛应用。)谨望此书读者能在学习中应用,将知识化为力量。

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