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前 言

《星世纪 中学英语分级阅读》是专门为中学生和专科学生精心设计的一套阅读丛书。

◆ **内容特色:** 引入全新的课外阅读模式, 精选各类主题文章, 可以大大激发学生的阅读兴趣, 提高阅读技能, 同时不断巩固和扩大词汇量。

√ 话题按学生兴趣而设, 有名人轶事; 有世界著名品牌, 如可口可乐、李维斯的成长史; 有超自然现象和自然灾害事件; 还有世界各地有关时尚、科学、技术等领域的精彩故事; 内容新颖, 引人入胜。

√ 根据词汇的难易程度分为 5 级, 每一级包含 18 篇文章, 文中语言活泼生动, 表达方式简单易懂, 每篇文章根据内容需要精选 8 个生词或词组, 并配有相应练习, 帮助学生准确掌握。

◆ **练习特色:** 该系列可以作为学生自我训练的学习用书, 是一套可以培养阅读兴趣, 锻炼阅读技巧, 提高阅读水平的练习用书。练习题型分为:

√ 阅读练习 (*Main idea & Looking for detail*)

包括主旨理解和寻找细节两部分, 不仅考查学生对文章大意的回顾总结, 还考查学生在阅读文章时对细节的敏感度。

√ 词汇强化 (*Vocabulary*)

连线练习考查学生对文中新词的理解, 同时这些词汇还将在下面的动词短语练习和惯用语练习中得到进一步强化, 从而达到巩固和扩大词汇量的目标。

√ 看图理解 (*Picture comprehension*)

要求学生根据对文章的理解, 从五幅图片中选出能够再现文章中某个重要细节的选项, 仍然是考查学生对于文章细节的把握。

√ 全文概要 (*Summary*)

以选词填空的形式对文章大意进行概括, 既是对整篇文章的梳理回顾, 也是对学生语法知识和逻辑思维能力的考查。

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Pre-reading activity

阅前思考

1. How cold does your country get in winter?
2. How can the weather harm people?
3. Has anything dangerous ever happened to you?



The weather in some parts of the United States of America can change often and quickly. In December 1992, James and Jennifer Stolpa were driving from Nevada to Idaho with their little son, Clayton. He was only five months old. It was a long drive – more than 22 hours – but James and Jennifer were not **concerned**. The United States is a very large country and, like many Americans, James and Jennifer often made long journeys.

Soon after they left home it began to snow. The snow was soon so heavy that it became a **blizzard**. The blizzard **went on for** many hours. By the time it was over, there were more than 3 meters of snow on the road and it was **hazardous** to drive. They **looked around** for a house to stay in until help arrived, but they couldn't see anything. They looked for another road to take, but there wasn't one. They had to stay where they were. They stayed where they were for five days. They had very little to eat or drink. They ate some cookies that they had in the car and drank melted snow for water. Jennifer was able to feed Clayton herself.

After five days, they knew that they could not **remain** in their car any longer. James dug a large hole in the snow for Jennifer and the baby to stay in and started the long walk to get help. He walked more than 45 kilometers in 22 hours. At last he reached the town of Vya. James was exhausted and could **barely** speak, but he was able to tell the people in the town where Jennifer and his son were. They set off to rescue Jennifer and her baby. When they found them, the baby was crying loudly. They took them to the hospital where the doctors looked after them.

Many people thought it was a **miracle** that the family did not die in the blizzard.



New words

新词表

concerned	worried
blizzard	a bad snowstorm
go on for	to continue for
hazardous	dangerous
look around	to search in many different places
remain	to stay
barely	only just
miracle	a fortunate event that cannot easily be explained



Main idea

主旨理解

Circle the correct answer.

The story is about

1. blizzards that happen in the United States.
2. a family caught in a frightening blizzard.
3. things that people do in the snow.
4. a man who often makes long journeys.



Looking for detail

寻找细节

Circle the correct answer.

1. In December 1992, the Stolpas' little son
 - a. rescued his parents.
 - b. died in a blizzard.
 - c. fed the family.
 - d. was only five months old.
2. The blizzard
 - a. started in Idaho.
 - b. didn't concern the Stolpas.
 - c. did not last very long.
 - d. stopped the Stolpas from driving.
3. After five days, they knew that
 - a. they could not remain in the car.
 - b. there was food in the snow.
 - c. Jennifer could not dig a hole.
 - d. the car was too hot.


Vocabulary 词汇强化

1. Draw lines to match the words in A to the words in B to make sentences.

A

- a. My parents are concerned about
 b. She has to remain in hospital
 c. I barely passed the test with
 d. She caught a cold that

B

- e. a score of 51 percent.
 f. went on for a long time.
 g. my bad grades at school.
 h. until she recovers (痊愈).

2. In the passage you read, "The blizzard went on for many hours." Choose and write the correct expression with go to complete the following.

go on for 持续(多长时间)

go up to 走过去

go around with 常(跟某人)一起出去

go along with 同意(某人或某事)

- a. A: I don't want you to _____ Sam because he's a bad influence.
 b. A: How long does the play _____?
 B: About two hours.
 c. A: Do you agree with my idea?
 B: Yes, I'll _____ your plans.
 d. A: I wish they would stop talking. I'm trying to study.
 B: Why don't you _____ them and ask them to be quiet?

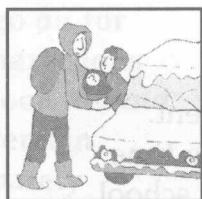
3. Choose and write the correct word or words.

- a. The _____ should be fine tomorrow. blizzard/weather
 b. Why don't you _____ the garden for your lost toy? look at/look around
 c. I don't like rock climbing because it's too _____. exciting/hazardous
 d. I was sure that I was going to die. It was a _____ that I didn't. rescue/miracle



Picture comprehension 看图理解

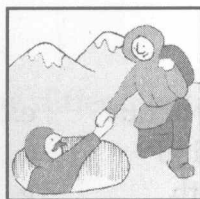
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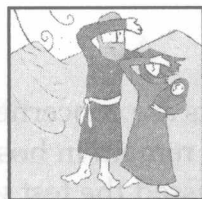
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Summary 全文概要

Use the words in the box to complete this summary of the story.

hospital drive cookies hazardous hole rescued

James and Jennifer Stolpa began a (a) to Idaho with their little son, Clayton. But soon they drove into a blizzard, which left a lot of snow on the roads. This made it (b) to drive. They stayed in the car for a few days and lived on (c) and melted snow. Then James knew that he had to get help. He dug a (d) in the snow for his wife and son and then walked for 22 hours until he came to the town of Vya. He told the people where his family was. The people from the town (e) Jennifer and her son and took them to the (f).

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____

(f) _____

Pre-reading activity

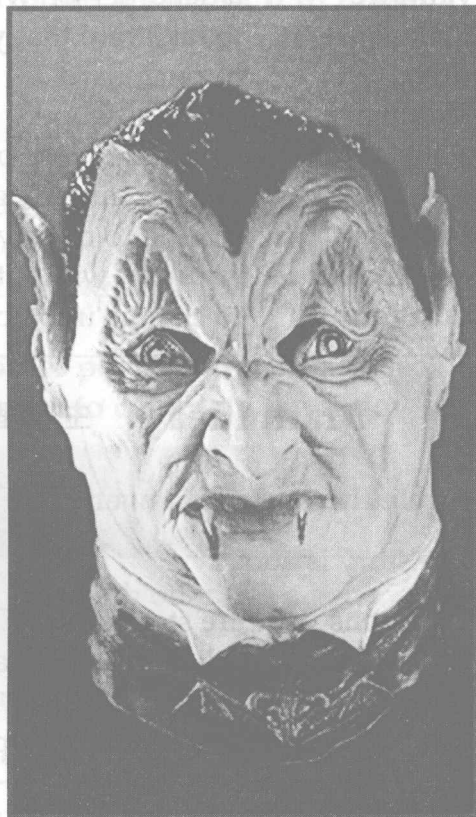
阅前思考

1. Do you know any stories about people who walk and talk after they are dead?
2. Have you ever read a story about a dangerous person with two long teeth?
3. Have you ever seen a movie with someone like this in it?

Nowadays only a few people believe in **vampires**, but several hundred years ago in some parts of Europe many people believed in them. They believed that vampires were people who had died, but whose spirits had stayed in their bodies. Such people were sometimes called the Undead.

The people who believed in the Undead would put warm blood on the ground outside their houses. They thought that the vampires would come and drink the blood. Some people even believed that vampires drank the blood of living people and that they came out at night to do this. Many people thought there was only one way to **make sure** a vampire really died – **drive a wooden stake** through its heart.

The most famous vampire is probably Dracula. He was a character in a book by the nineteenth-century writer Bram Stoker. Bram Stoker based his book on the life of a **ruthless** fifteenth-century Rumanian¹ prince, Vlad the Impaler. However Bram Stoker added some ideas of his own. Stoker's Dracula had to sleep in earth from his own country. He slept during the day because he would die if he **was exposed to** sunlight. He **turned** other people **into** vampires by drinking their blood. He could also fly, but only at night. Dracula was different from other vampires because he looked like an ordinary person. The people who met him did not realize he was a vampire. Many movies have been made about Dracula.



¹ **Rumanian** of or relating to Romania or its people 罗马尼亚的(人)

**New words** 新词表

vampire	a dead person whose spirit inhabits the body
make sure	to take care that you do what you set out to do, to be certain
drive	to push hard
wooden	made of wood
stake	a pointed piece of wood or other material, usually for driving into the ground
ruthless	willing to do anything to get what you want
be exposed to	to be left without protection from
turn into	to change into, to become something else

**Main idea** 主旨理解**Circle the correct answer.**

The story is about

1. famous vampire stories.
2. what people believed about vampires.
3. blood and small animals.
4. what to do if you meet a vampire.

**Looking for detail** 寻找细节**Circle the correct answer.**

1. People believed that vampires liked to
 - a. eat earth from their own country.
 - b. drink warm blood.
 - c. eat dead people.
 - d. eat small animals.
2. They also believed that vampires
 - a. worked in movies.
 - b. wrote stories.
 - c. were not really dead.
 - d. lived with bats.
3. Dracula was
 - a. Bram Stoker's friend.
 - b. the man who found the first vampire.
 - c. a character in a book.
 - d. a Rumanian prince.

Vocabulary 词汇强化

1. Draw lines to match the words in A to the words in B to make sentences.

A

- a. I want you to make sure
b. I'm going to build a fence
c. My tomatoes died
d. A wooden fence

B

- e. isn't as strong as a brick wall.
f. because they were exposed to the cold.
g. that you tidy your room properly.
h. with these wooden stakes.

2. In the passage you read, "He *turned* other people *into*..." Choose and write the correct expression with *turn* to complete the following.

turn out 结果(是),证明(是)

turn down 拒绝

turn into 变成

turn around 转过身,转向

- a. A: I don't think you should _____ the job offer. It's a good opportunity.
b. A: How can you _____ and change your mind so quickly?
c. A: Jerry is going to _____ a handsome man when he grows up.
d. A: I've spoken to my boss about the problem and I think everything will _____ well.

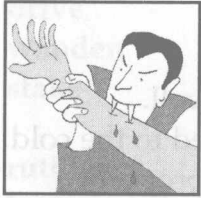
3. Choose and write the correct word or words.

- a. Bats that feed on the blood of other animals are called _____ bats. _____ vampire/earth
b. To make a fence, you _____ wooden stakes into the ground. _____ bury/drive
c. Jessie doesn't care if she upsets you because she's _____. _____ ruthless/dangerous
d. You used to be so helpful, but you've _____ a selfish person. _____ turned around/turned into



Picture comprehension 看图理解

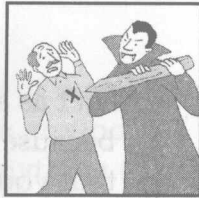
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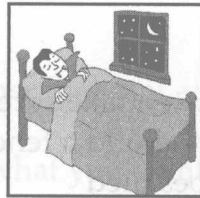
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Summary 全文概要

Use the words in the box to complete this summary of the story.

fly whose called believed kill slept

In Europe many years ago, people (a) _____ in vampires. They thought that vampires were dead people (b) _____ spirits still lived on. They thought that they drank blood from living people. The only way to (c) _____ a vampire was to drive a wooden stake through its heart. Many years later Bram Stoker wrote about a vampire (d) _____ Dracula. Dracula (e) _____ in earth from his own country. At night he could (f) _____ and he turned other people into vampires.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____

(f) _____



Pre-reading activity

阅前思考

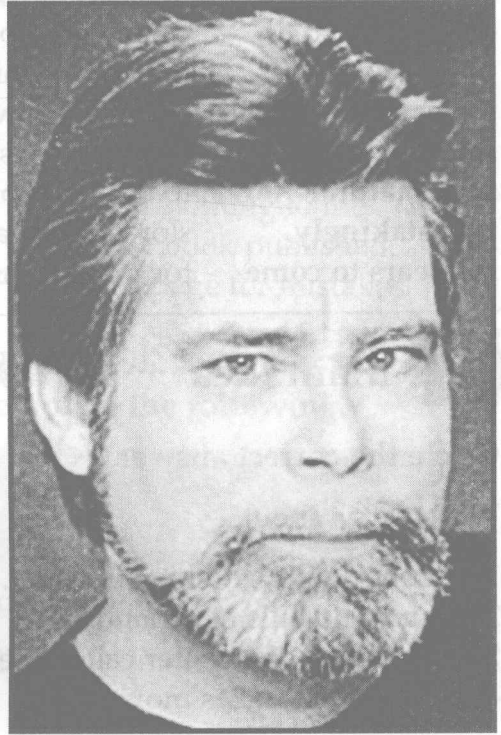
1. Who is your favorite writer?
2. What kind of books do you like best?
3. Would you like to be a writer? Why?

Stephen King is one of the most successful writers in the world. In 1975, he **published** a book called *Carrie*. *Carrie* was about a young girl who goes to a dance where her school friends are **cruel** to her. She decides to hurt them to **pay** them **back** and they all die in frightening ways.

When *Carrie* was published, it did not have the name of the writer or even the word "Carrie" on the book. It had only a few words about the story. No one knew of Stephen King at that time, so his name **meant nothing**. Three years later, *Carrie* was made into a movie and was a great success. Since then, many of King's books have been made into movies, including *Christine*, *The Shining*, *It* and *Stand by Me*.

Stephen King writes **horror** stories and stories about the **supernatural**. But his characters are usually ordinary people in ordinary places. Perhaps this is the reason for his success – his readers believe that what happens to the people in his books could happen to them.

Stephen King's books have sold more than a hundred million copies. He is one of the richest men in the United States of America and one of the richest writers in the world. Many people think that writing should be difficult and take a long time. They also think that a writer should write **painstakingly** and with difficulty. But Stephen King is not that kind of writer; he writes easily and quickly. He has written more than thirty books in fifteen years, and says that he will continue to write bestsellers **for years to come**.





New words 新词表

publish	to bring out some kind of written work for sale
cruel	causing the pain or enjoying the pain of others
pay back	to do something for revenge (报复) or to repay a debt
mean nothing	to be unknown or unimportant
horror	frightening, shocking
supernatural	to do with spirits, gods and the unknown
painstakingly	slowly and carefully
for years to come	for many years in the future



Main idea 主旨理解

Circle the correct answer.

The story is about

1. Stephen King and his publisher.
2. a girl who kills her friends.
3. the success of a writer called Stephen King.
4. a man who makes movies.



Looking for detail 寻找细节

Circle the correct answer.

1. Stephen King's first book was
 - a. *The Shining*.
 - b. *Carrie*.
 - c. *Christine*.
 - d. *It*.
2. The movie *Carrie* came out
 - a. in 1975.
 - b. in 1978.
 - c. three years after *Christine*.
 - d. fifteen years ago.
3. Stephen King writes
 - a. difficult stories.
 - b. stories about rich people.
 - c. horror and supernatural stories.
 - d. stories about movies.



Vocabulary 词汇强化

1. Draw lines to match the words in A to the words in B to make sentences.

A

- a. I painstakingly checked
- b. My grandfather won't retire yet;
- c. I can't read Greek, so this writing
- d. It is most writers' dream to

B

- e. he'll work for years to come.
- f. means nothing to me.
- g. have a book published.
- h. every page for mistakes.

2. In the passage you read, "...to pay them back..." Choose and write the correct expression with *pay* to complete the following.

pay back 向(某人)报复

pay off 还清(债款、贷款等)

pay up 还欠款

pay into 把(钱)存入

- a. A: I think we can _____ our house in ten years.
- b. A: Tom took my rollerblades, but I'll _____ him _____ by hiding his football.
- c. A: I owe Sarah some money and she's told me to _____ when I see her tonight.
- d. A: How do you manage to save so much money?
B: I _____ \$200 _____ my savings account every week.

3. Choose and write the correct word or words.

- a. Writers of _____ stories try to frighten their readers. ordinary/horror
- b. It is very _____ to refuse to help me when I'm in trouble. kind/cruel
- c. Who is the _____ of this book? publisher/copy
- d. I don't enjoy movies about _____ because they are frightening. ordinary people/the supernatural

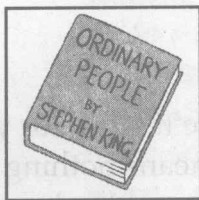


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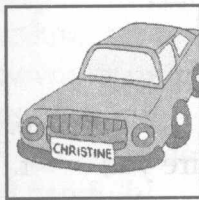
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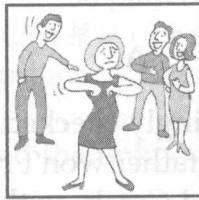
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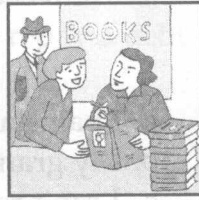
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Summary 全文概要

Use the words in the box to complete this summary of the story.

successful earned difficult ordinary happen more than

Stephen King is a very (a) writer. He writes horror stories about (b) people. Perhaps people read them because they think that the frightening things in the stories could (c) to them. Stephen King's first book was called *Carrie*. It did not have his name nor the title of the story on it. He has written (d) thirty books since then and many of them have been bestsellers. Although many people think that writing should be (e) and slow, Stephen King writes easily and quickly. He has (f) a lot of money from his writing and enjoys it very much.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____

(f) _____