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编者的话

学英语有时很无奈，无论你水平有多高，跟以该语言为母语的人比起来依然差距不小，有时说不定还比不过一个小孩。学语言有时又充满乐趣，因为你经常可以在不同文化中找到相同的东西。语言靠速成可以掌握些皮毛，可以进行简单交流，但要提升到“会”“懂”“美”的层次，则需要漫长的积淀。


编者因工作关系经常接触英语，与使用英语的人或介质打交道，喜欢把听到的，看到的，学到的，问到的一些自认为有用的、有趣的或有些特别的英语词句记录下来，尤其是那些因中西方文化差异而带有浓厚文化内涵的词句，自认为会对国人学英语有所帮助。心血来潮，把这些材料编辑整理，形成《妙趣英语 365》一书，以飨读者。

需要说明的是，书页中留白较多，是希望大家有更好的词句填充或替换。

这里要特别感谢刘姝同志精心整理、分类并加以补充，感谢徐瑞清同志认真校对。

由于英语对编者仅是业余爱好，书中错漏、肤浅之处难以避免，欢迎批评指正。

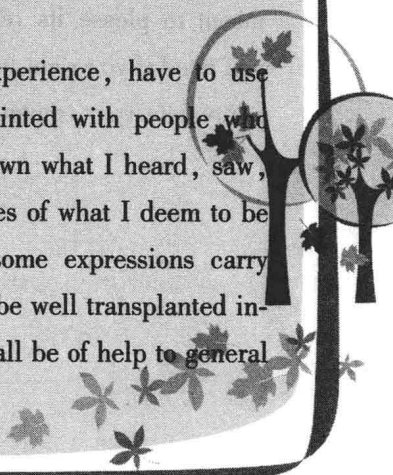
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Words From the Author

English learners often find themselves in an awkward situation that no matter how hard they've worked, there are always some insurmountable barriers which make it almost impossible for them to speak as well as native speakers. And sometimes it might be the case that your English is no better than a kid born and bred in English speaking countries. However, learning a language is at the same time a wonderful and enjoyable experience since you may encounter and discover something that you are quite familiar with in a totally different cultural background. You can take some "crash courses" to get the baseline knowledge of a foreign language and make simple communications with it, but to master this language and reach the level of being able to express yourself in it idiomatically, elegantly and with full appreciation of the meanings of the language is a long process of practice and accumulation.

I, largely due to my working experience, have to use English on daily basis and get acquainted with people who speak the language. I love to track down what I heard, saw, learned and inquired, and to take notes of what I deem to be useful, amusing or special. While some expressions carry strong cultural connotations, they can be well transplanted into Chinese, which, in my opinion, shall be of help to general



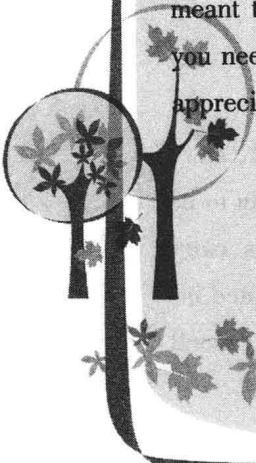
learners of English in this country. The idea of compiling these notes and making a book out of them occurred to me quite recently when I happened to find that my notebooks had been brick - thick. As a result, this Happy English for 365 Days is thus presented to you in the hope that it might bring pleasures in your odysseys of English learning.

Please note that the book is designed in a comparatively relaxed format and there are enough blank areas on the pages so that you can fill in your own findings of the day and supplement the author's original expressions by adding new ones.

I have benefited a lot from the help of many people in the course of writing and publishing this book. I would like to acknowledge Ms Liu Shu for her kind support in categorizing and supplementing the materials. Special thanks are also extended to Mr Xu Ruiqing who graciously devoted his time and effort in proofreading the whole work.

As English study is not my specialty but an acquired hobby, I apologize for any omissions or errors you may find in this book. The plain and entertaining style of the book is meant to please its readers and may not contain everything you need if you want to go deeper into the subject. I sincerely appreciate your comments and corrections.

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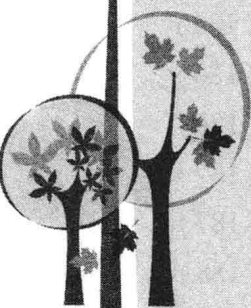
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Happy new year!

新年快乐!

May prosperity be with you!

恭喜发财!

May you always get more than you wish for!

年年有余!

Wish you good fortune and every success!

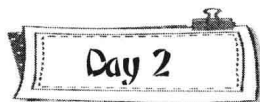
大吉大利!

Wish you a bright future.

愿鹏程万里。

May our country flourish and our people live in a peaceful world.

愿国泰民安。



You are second to none.

你是最棒的。

Second from the last.

倒数第二。

If you think he is a good man, think twice.

如果你认为他是个好人，那就大错特错了。

Difficult the first time, easy the second.

一回生，两回熟。

Day 3

三从四德: the Three Obediences and the Four Virtues

三从: 嫁前从父: the obedience to father before marriage

婚后从夫: the obedience to husband after marriage

夫丧从子: the obedience to son after the death of
husband

四德: 妇德、妇言、妇容、妇功: morality, proper speech,
modest manner, and diligent needlework

三纲五常: the Three Cardinal Guides and Five Constant Virtues

三纲: 君为臣纲: ruler guides subject

父为子纲: father guides son

夫为妻纲: husband guides wife

五常: 仁、义、理、智、信: benevolence (humanity),
righteousness, propriety, wisdom and fidelity

The Three Obediences and Four Virtues were moral standards
imposed on women in ancient China's feudal society.

三从四德是古代中国封建社会强加于妇女的道德标准。



Day 4

The Four Books 《四书》

The Great Learning 《大学》

The Analects of Confucius 《论语》

The Doctrine of the Mean 《中庸》

Mencius 《孟子》

The Five Classics 《五经》

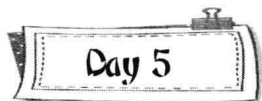
The Book of Changes 《易经》

The Book of Songs 《诗经》

The Rites 《礼经》

The Collection of Ancient Texts 《书经》

The Spring and Autumn Annals 《春秋》



Day 5

Development is above everything.

发展是硬道理。

It doesn't matter whether the cat is black or white, as long as it catches rat.

管它黑猫白猫，抓到耗子就是好猫。

To wade across the stream by feeling the way

摸着石头过河(wade: 涉水、趟水)