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前言

《In the Spotlight 传奇聚焦》是由青岛出版社和麦格劳-希尔教育（亚洲）出版公司共同合作奉献给广大英语学习爱好者的精品读物。本套丛书共有八辑，每辑精选了九位当今明星级成功人士的传奇故事。他们当中有影视明星，有运动健将，也有作家或者音乐家。他们有的在成长过程中生活窘迫，但是通过不懈的努力，最终获得了成功；有的专注于实现自己的梦想，不理睬别人的诋毁和嘲笑；有的在功成名就之后依然会经受种种挑战。这些名人的成功历程将带给你超越语言学习的更多人生感悟和启示。

本套丛书将美国的阅读学习方法原汁原味地呈献给中国的英语学习爱好者。不要担心你看不懂文中的一些生词或句子，多读几遍，只要你按照书中的阅读技巧提示和训练坚持不懈地逐本书读下去，你一定会看到惊喜的变化！英语阅读水平的提高并不是本套丛书带给你学习的惟一目标，启迪思考、活跃思维、激发讨论才能让你真正会学习，并一生受益无穷！

第3辑重点介绍以下三种阅读技能：

Main Idea and Supporting Details

主题思想和支持细节

Sequence

写作顺序

Author's Viewpoint

作者的观点

书中还附有其他阅读技巧和词汇提示，能帮助你理解和思考所读到的内容。每篇文章后面附有精心设计的练习题，通过各部分的测评分值可以让你更有针对性地提高阅读能力。

无论你追星与否，书中一定有几颗星星曾经照亮过你追梦的旅途。透过文章中朴实的文字了解这些名人成名前的真实经历，撩开辉煌的面纱看清颗颗巨星原本平凡如你我，从他们的励志故事中汲取营养，将漫天闪烁的星辉化作自己追梦旅途中的明灯吧，努力去做最好的自己！

如何使用本书

关于本书

本书共包含三个单元，每个单元有三课，每课中有一篇关于某位名人的文章，之后是相关练习题。

认真完成每一课

Photo 照片 每一课开始时，请先看照片。读一读题目和副标题，了解该篇文章主要谈论的内容。

Think About What You Know 思维链接、Word Power 单词加油站、

Reading Skill 阅读技巧点拨 这几部分将帮助你做好阅读准备。

Article 文章 现在就开始阅读名人故事吧！祝你阅读愉快！

Activities 练习 完成所有的练习，然后进行检查。根据书后的参考答案，记录下你在每部分练习中答对的题目数量。在课文结尾处，把A、B和C三个练习部分的总分相加，然后在表格中查出相对应的百分比分数。在第84页的理解力和评判性思维进度图表（Comprehension and Critical Thinking Progress Graph）中记下你的百分比分数。

Compare and Contrast Chart 比较和对照表 在每个单元最后，你要填写一个比较和对照表。这个表会让你清楚地了解该单元中出现的一些名人具有的共同特质。

Notes 注释 在本书末尾选取了每一课中出现的一些难点词汇、短语或句子作了附注，有助于你加深理解文章内容，学习更多的语言表达。

My Personal Dictionary 我的词典 你可以把想要进一步了解的单词记录在本书的末尾，向老师或同学请教这些单词的意思，然后给这些单词加上自己的定义注释。

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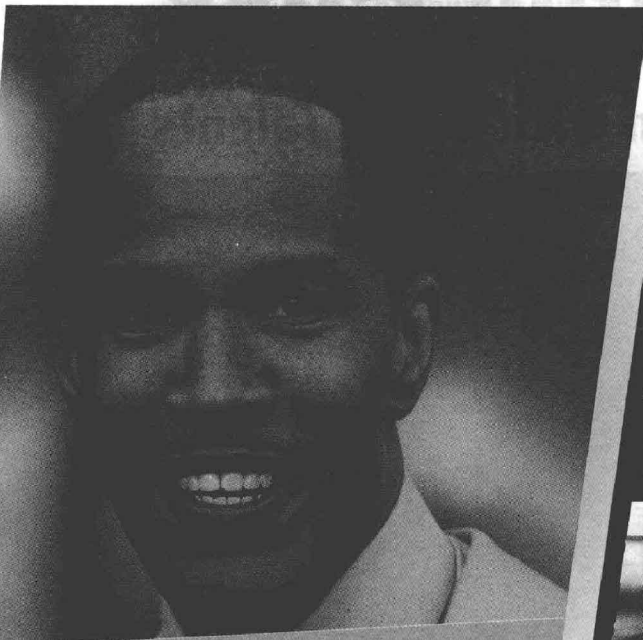
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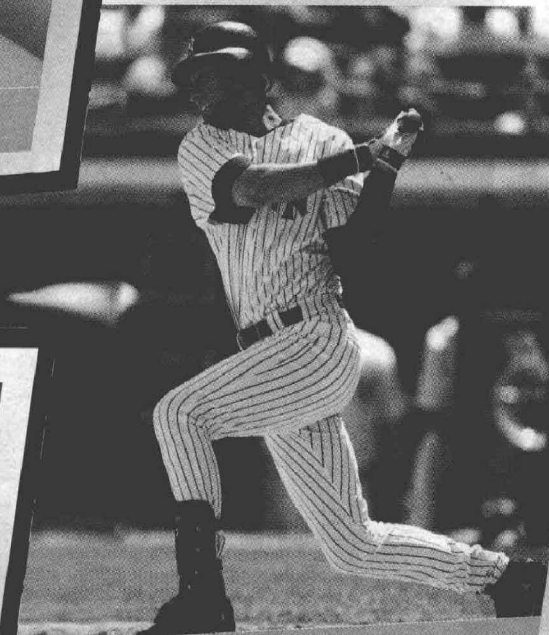
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Unit 1



Jamie Foxx

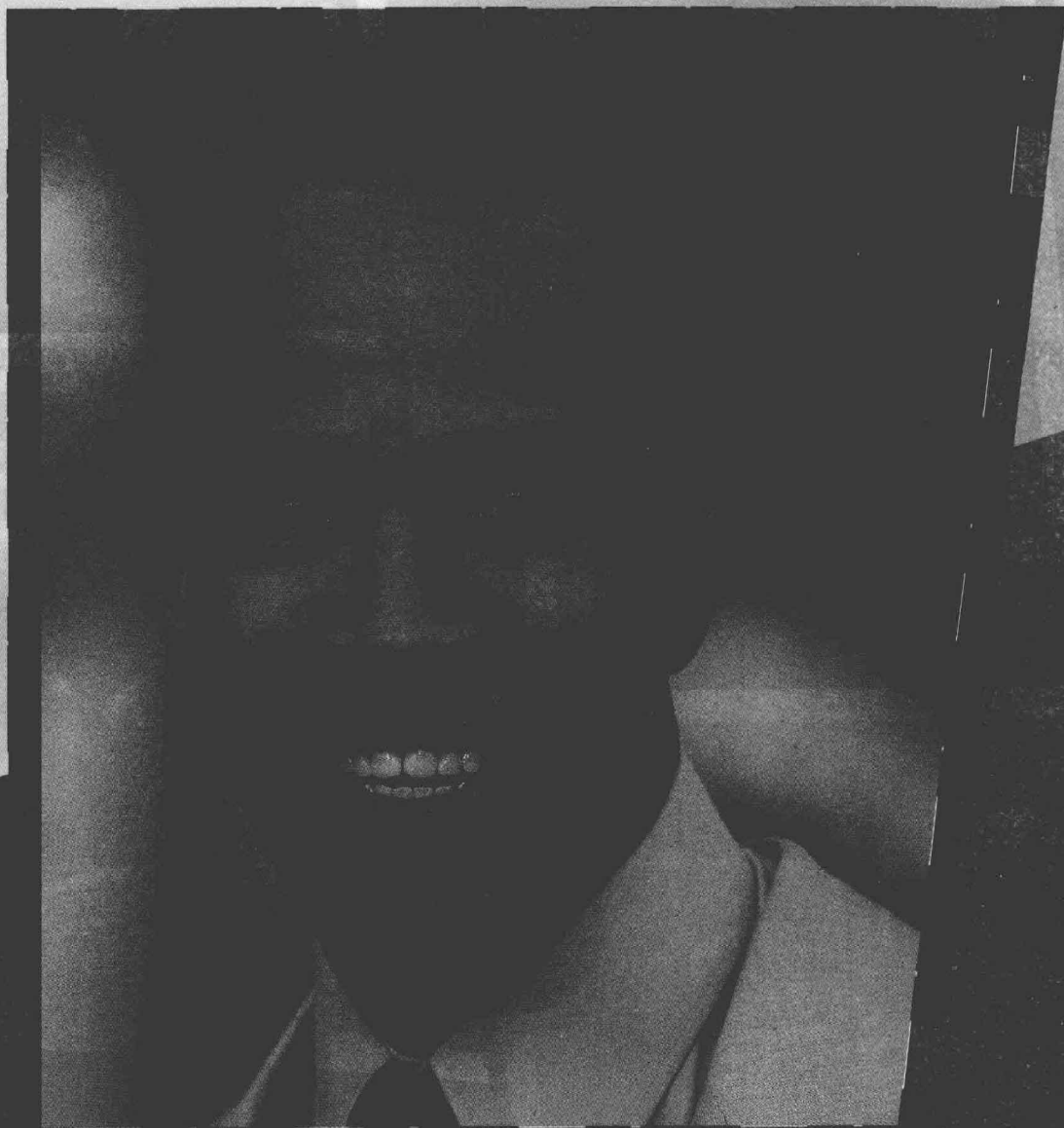


Derek Jeter



Jamie Foxx

A Man with Many Talents



Birth Name Eric Morlon Bishop

Think About What You Know

Have you ever worked toward one thing but then decided to do something else? Read the article to find out why Jamie Foxx changed his career plans.

Word Power

What do the words below tell you about the article?

unstable *adj.* 不稳定的

blossom *vi.* 兴旺, 发展

reward *vt.* 奖赏

impersonation *n.* 扮演

spotlight *n.* 聚光灯

stand-up *adj.* (喜剧) 单人说笑表演的

polish *vt.* 使完善

gang *n.* 帮派

beloved *adj.* 心爱的

Reading Skill

Main Idea and Supporting Details (主题思想和支持细节)

在一段文章中最主要的思想就是主题思想 (main idea)。段落中的每一个句子都是和主题思想相关的, 这样的句子叫做支持细节 (supporting details)。主题思想全面统率整个段落, 支持细节提供与主题思想有关的更详细的细节。在有些段落中, 作者会使用一个句子来表达主题思想, 这个句子就是主题句。演绎性文章的主题句通常在句首, 而归纳性文章的主题句通常在句末, 主题句在中间时, 文中往往有一个转折词引起读者对主题句的注意。

Example

Main Idea

Musicians and actors have a lot in common. Both

Supporting Details

musicians and actors perform in front of live audiences or cameras. Acting well and playing music well both require talent and practice.

Jamie Foxx

A Man with Many Talents

Jamie Foxx's mother was just a teenager when he was born. She had little money, few skills, and an unstable marriage. As Foxx puts it, "She wasn't ready for responsibility." By the time Foxx was seven months old, his mother was ready to give him up. But at that moment his grandmother, Estelle Talley, stepped in.

2 "My grandmother was 60 years old when she adopted me," Foxx says. Her age didn't matter, however. What mattered was that she saw something special in the child. "She saw me reading early, saw I was smart, and believed I was born to achieve truly special things."

3 Talley made sure Foxx read lots of books, went to church, and learned to play the piano. She made him join the Boy Scouts and sing with the church choir. To teach him about the world outside their small town of Terrell, Texas, she took him on bus trips to Canada and Florida.

4 Under her guidance, Foxx blossomed. He got good grades in school and became a star football player on the high school team. He not only directed the church choir but also led a local band called Leather and Lace. He mastered the drums and the trumpet. In addition, he became very good on the piano.

5 Believe it or not, that wasn't all. On top of everything else, Foxx was very funny. Even as a young boy, he had the ability to make people laugh. He was so good at it that, in second grade, his teacher would sometimes reward the students by letting Foxx stand up and tell them jokes.

6 Foxx graduated from high school in 1986. He won a scholarship to study classical piano at a college in San Diego. He spent two years there, playing with some of the most talented young musicians in the world. Then, in 1988, he left, hoping to break into the music business.

of famous people. He did Ronald Reagan, Bill Cosby, and several others. The audience loved him. And he loved being in the spotlight. At that moment, he decided to switch careers. He decided to become a stand-up comic.

8 Over the next couple of years, Foxx polished his act. He worked in a shoe store to pay the bills, but he performed at comedy clubs whenever he could. He often went to Amateur Nights, where club managers would pick performers from a list of names.

9 At that time, Foxx was still using his birth name, Eric Bishop. But he noticed that most of the comics at Amateur Nights were men. "Three girls would show up and 22 guys would show up," says Foxx. Because the managers wanted a mix of performers, the women would all get to perform. So Foxx thought up some names that could be either male or female. These included Tracey Green, Stacy King, and Jamie Foxx.

10 One Amateur Night he wrote these names down on the list. He hoped the club manager would pick one, thinking it was a woman's name. And that's exactly what happened. "They picked Jamie Foxx," he recalls. He went onstage under that name and dazzled the crowd. So he gave up being Eric Bishop and stayed with Jamie Foxx. "I loved my old name," he says. "But Eric Bishop was Clark Kent. And Jamie Foxx is Superman."

11 In 1991 Foxx won a part on the TV show *In Living Color*. There Foxx created a very funny character named Wanda. Audiences loved it. And they loved him in *The Jamie Foxx Show*, which ran from 1996 to 2001.

12 Foxx knew he was a great comic. But he still loved music. So in 1994 he put out his first album, *Peep This*. Every song on it was written, sung, and produced by Foxx himself.

Skill Break

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Look at paragraph 5. The paragraph gives **details** about Foxx's talents. Even as a boy, Foxx had the ability to make people laugh. His second-grade teacher would

13 Fox also believed he could be a serious actor. So he began going after parts in serious movies. His first really good role came in 1999. He played a football player in *Any Given Sunday*. After that, Foxx got good roles in several other films.

14 Then, in 2004, Foxx had an amazing year. That year he appeared in not one but four films. The first was the TV movie *Redemption*, in which he plays a former gang member. The second was *Breakin' All the Rules*, which he stars in. The third was *Collateral*, starring Tom Cruise. There Foxx plays a taxi driver who is forced to drive a hit man around town. And the biggest was *Ray*, a movie about Ray Charles.

15 Foxx won praise for his work in all four films. In fact, he became the first person ever to be nominated for three Golden Globe Awards in one year. But it was his role as Ray Charles that earned him the most fame. Everyone agreed that Foxx was terrific in this movie. To prepare for the role, he lost 25 pounds. He had his eyes glued shut for many hours during the day. He did this so he could understand what it was like to be blind, as Charles was. And he practiced the piano until he could play the way Charles did.

16 Foxx's role as Ray Charles earned him the 2005 Academy Award for Best Actor. He had certainly come a long way from his tough beginning back in Terrell, Texas. Walking up onto the stage to collect his award, Foxx was well aware of this. He remembered his beloved grandmother, Estelle Talley, who had died a few months earlier. "She was my first acting teacher," he told the crowd. "She said, 'Act like you've got some sense . . . Act like you've been someplace.'" Then, fighting back tears, Foxx said, "She still talks to me now, only now she talks to me in my dreams. And I can't wait to go to sleep tonight because we have a lot to talk about."

Fun
F
Foxx spells his name with two x's to honor the late

He began taking piano lessons when he was

Activities

A Understanding What You Read

◆ Fill in the circle next to each correct answer.

1. Why did Foxx's grandmother take him on bus trips?
 - ☐ A. to visit comedy clubs in Canada and Florida
 - ☐ B. to learn about the world outside Terrell, Texas
 - ☐ C. to study classical piano at a college in San Diego
2. What caused Eric Bishop to first use the name Jamie Foxx?
 - ☐ A. He wanted people to think of him as a serious actor.
 - ☐ B. He wanted a manager to think it was a woman's name.
 - ☐ C. He wanted to have a good name for the music business.
3. How did Foxx prepare for his role in the movie *Ray*?
 - ☐ A. He recorded *Peep This*.
 - ☐ B. He learned to drive a taxi.
 - ☐ C. He lost 25 pounds.
4. From what you read in paragraph 16, which of these is probably true?
 - ☐ A. Foxx misses his grandmother very much.
 - ☐ B. Foxx would like to move back to Texas.
 - ☐ C. Foxx often has trouble sleeping.
5. What lesson about life does this article teach?
 - ☐ A. If you fail in one career, you can always try another one.
 - ☐ B. Laughter is one of the greatest gifts we can give to others.
 - ☐ C. A loving caregiver can make a big difference for a child.

_____ Number of Correct Answers: Part A

B Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details

◆ Read each paragraph below. Fill in the circle next to the sentence that **best** states the main idea for each paragraph.

1. Then, in 2004, Foxx had an amazing year. That year he appeared in not one but four

Collateral, starring Tom Cruise. There Foxx plays a taxi driver who is forced to drive a hit man around town. And the biggest was *Ray*, a movie about Ray Charles.

- ☐ A. The biggest was a movie about Ray Charles.
 - ☐ B. Foxx appeared in four great films.
 - ☐ C. In 2004 Foxx had an amazing year.
2. Foxx won praise for his work in all four films. In fact, he became the first person ever to be nominated for three Golden Globe Awards in one year. But it was his role as Ray Charles that earned him the most fame. Everyone agreed that Foxx was terrific in this movie. To prepare for the role, he lost 25 pounds. He had his eyes glued shut for many hours during the day. He did this so he could understand what it was like to be blind, as Charles was. And he practiced the piano until he could play the way Charles did.
- ☐ A. To prepare for the role, he lost 25 pounds.
 - ☐ B. Foxx won praise for his work in all four films.
 - ☐ C. Everyone agreed that Foxx was terrific in *Ray*.

_____ Number of Correct Answers: Part B

C

Using Words

- ◆ Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Write the missing word on the line.

achieve impersonations comedy nominated beloved

1. My painting was _____ for an art award.
2. He looked and sounded just like the other kids when he did _____ of them.
3. I watch _____ shows when I want to laugh.
4. Their _____ dog had been part of the family for years.
5. You never know what you can _____ until you try.

- ◆ Choose one word from the box. Write a new sentence using the word.

6. word: _____

D Writing About It

Write a Speech

- ◆ Write a speech about Jamie Foxx that describes his work in the movie *Ray*. Finish the sentences below to write your speech. Use the checklist on page 82 to check your work.

I would like to tell you about Jamie Foxx and his great movie *Ray*. Foxx used his musical training in this movie when he _____.

To look more like Ray Charles, Foxx had to _____.

But it was worth it. His performance in *Ray* earned him _____.

Lesson 1 Add your correct answers from parts A, B, and C to get your total score. Then find the percentage for your total score on the chart below. Record your percentage on the graph on page 84.

_____ Total Score for Parts A, B, and C

_____ Percentage

Total Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Percentage	8	15	23	31	38	46	54	62	69	77	85	92	100

Derek Jeter

Baseball's Number-One Good Guy

