

# READING COMPREHENSION

## 初中英语阅读教程

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## 前 言

本教程是为配合《九年义务教育初级中学英语教材》第1—4册的教学而编写,旨在帮助初中学生复习巩固语言知识,扩大阅读量,提高阅读理解能力,以期达到《九年义务教育初级中学英语教学大纲》中所规定的“为交际初步运用英语的能力”的目的要求。

本教程由以下部分构成:

**Part One** 共有 31 篇阅读材料。

**Part Two** 共有 49 篇阅读材料,较第一部份稍难。

**Part Three** 共有 50 篇阅读材料,除难度较前两部分大些外,还注重了文章体裁的区别。

**Key** 提供阅读练习的参考答案,以便读者自我评估。

在使用本教程时,为收到更大的成效,请读者注意以下两点:

■ 不要事前预习;不要查阅词典;

■ 阅读前不要先看理解测试题,这种“带着问题读书”的方法不利于阅读能力的提高。

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## PART ONE

### Passage 1

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打×。

Which is the best way to learn a language? We know that we all learned our own language well when we were children. If we learn a second language in the same way, it won't seem so difficult. How does a small child do? It listens to what people say, and it tries to guess what it hears. When it wants something, it has to ask for it. It is using the language, thinking in it and talking in it all the time. If people use a second language all the time, they will learn it quickly.

In school, you learn to hear and speak, to read and write, it is the best way to learn all new words through the ear. You can read them, spell them and write them later.

- 1. When we were very young, we could speak our own language but couldn't understand it.
- 2. A small child can learn his own language very well because his parents take good care of him.
- 3. It is easy to learn a second language well when we are old.

4. Using our ears first is the best way to learn a second language well.
5. In school, when we learn a second language, we must always listen, speak, read and write.

### Passage 2

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打×。

Peter's uncle lived in the country. Once Peter went to stay with him for a few weeks. They often went for a walk or for a drive in a car. Whenever they passed somebody, the uncle waved (招手) to him. Peter was surprised and said, "Uncle George, you know everybody here. Where did you meet them all?"

"I don't know all these people," said his uncle.

"Then why do you wave to them?" asked Peter.

"Well, Peter," answered his uncle, "When I wave to someone who knows me, he is pleased. He goes on his journey with a happier heart. But when I wave to someone who doesn't know me, he is surprised and keeps asking himself, "Who is that man?" "Why did he wave to me?" So he has something to think about during the rest of his journey and that makes his journey seem shorter. So I make everyone happy."

1. Peter lived with his uncle in the country for a few weeks.
2. Peter thought that his uncle knew everyone in the place.
3. Uncle George waved to anybody they met when they took a walk or had a drive.

4. Uncle George knew none of those people he waved to.  
5. Peter didn't know why his uncle waved to everyone.  
6. Some people felt happy when Uncle George waved to them because they knew him.  
7. Others felt surprised because they didn't know why Uncle George did so.  
8. Uncle George thought he could make everybody happy by waving to him.

### Passage 3

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打√,不相符的打×。

One morning a school boy was crossing a narrow bridge when he saw a man fishing by the river under him, so he stopped to watch him quietly.

After a few minutes, the man pulled his line in. There was a big, fat fish at the end of it.

The man took the fish off the hook (钩子), and threw (it) back into the water. Then, he put his hook and line into the river again. After a few more minutes, he caught another big fish. Again, he threw it back into the water. Then the third time, he caught a small fish. He put it into his basket and began to get ready to go. The schoolboy on the bridge was very surprised, so he asked him, "Why did you throw those beautiful, big fish back into the river, and keep only that small one?"

The man looked up and answered, "I only have a small pan. What's the use of the big fish?"

1. The bridge over the river was not wide.
- ✗ 2. The schoolboy saw a man fishing in the river.
- ✓ 3. The boy didn't make any noise when he was watching the man fishing.
- ✗ 4. The man threw the big fish back into the river because he wanted to catch a much bigger one.
5. The boy didn't understand why the man kept only that small fish.
6. The man told the boy that he preferred the small fish to the big one because he had a small pan.

#### Passage 4

阅读判断 根据短文内容,判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打✗。

Once there was a tiger and a fox (狐狸) on the mountain. The tiger was very strong and all the animals there were afraid of him, but the fox was very clever.

One day the fox said to the tiger, "Mr Tiger, I'm the king (国王) of the animals over the mountain and all of them are afraid of me." "I'm not sure. You are so small. Nobody will be afraid of you. I believe (相信)." "You don't believe me, Mr Tiger?" said the fox. "Come with me, please. You will see, when they see me, they will be afraid and run away at once." So the tiger went with the fox. They walked up and down the mountain. When the other animals saw them, they ran away at once. Then the fox said to the tiger proudly (骄傲地). "Do you believe me?" "Yes, of course," said the tiger.

- ✓ 1. A tiger and a fox lived on the same mountain.
- ✓ 2. The tiger was much stronger than the fox.
- ✓ 3. The fox told the other animals that he was the king of them.
- ✓ 4. The tiger was not sure at first.
- ✓ 5. The tiger went with the fox because he wanted to see if the fox was right.
- ✓ 6. All the animals ran away when they saw the fox.
- ✓ 7. All the animals were really afraid of the tiger.
- ✓ 8. The fox was cleverer than the tiger.
- ✓ 9. The fox made the tiger believe him.
- ✓ 10. The tiger knew the truth (真相) at last.

### Passage 5

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打✕。

George was sixty years old and he was ill. He was always tired, and his face was always very red. He did not like doctors, but last month his wife said to him, "George, go and see Doctor Brown."

George said, "No." But last week he was worse, and he went to the doctor.

Dr. Brown looked over him carefully and then said to him, "You drink too much. Stop drinking whisky (威士忌酒) and begin to drink milk."

George liked whisky but he did not like milk. "I'm not a baby!" he always said to his wife.

Now he looked at Dr. Brown and said, "But drinking milk is dangerous, doctor."



The doctor laughed; and said, "Dangerous? How can drinking milk be dangerous?"

"Well, doctor," George said, "it killed one of my best friends last year."

The doctor laughed again and asked, "How did it happen?"

"The cow fell on him," George answered.

1. George felt tired all the time.
2. He hated seeing the doctors.
3. He had to go to the doctor last month.
4. He was ill because he drank too much whisky.
5. The doctor told him not to drink whisky any more.
6. George preferred drinking milk.
7. He told the doctor that drinking milk was dangerous.
8. George's friend died because he drank too much milk.

#### **Passage 6**

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打√,不相符的打×。

One day a boy was playing with a cat in a room. There was a nice blue vase (花瓶) on the table. While trying to catch the cat, the boy hit the vase with his arm, and it fell on the floor and was broken.

The boy began to cry, for he was afraid that his father would think he had been very careless (粗心) and would punish him. One of his friends, who was a naughty (淘气的) child, said, "Never mind, just tell your father that the cat has done it." But the boy said, "No, no! I won't tell a

lie (谎言). I will go at once to my father and tell him what has happened." And then he went.

Though his father felt sorry for the loss (损失) of the nice vase, he was not angry with his son. He said he was glad that his boy didn't deceive (欺骗) him by saying that the cat broke the vase. He praised (赞扬) his son for telling the truth (真相).

The boy was very happy that his father praised him instead of punishing him. So he came to see that it is always better to tell the truth than to try to hide (隐瞒) a fault (过错) by telling a lie.

1. The beautiful vase was broken by the boy's friend.
2. The boy cried because he was afraid of his father.
3. His friend told him to tell his father that the cat had broken the vase.
4. The boy agreed to tell a lie.
5. When the boy told his father that he had broken the vase, his father was angry.
6. The boy's father spoke highly of his son for telling the truth.
7. The boy in the story was honest (诚实的).
8. The boy knew that to tell the truth was important to a person.

### Passage 7

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打√,不相符的打×。

One day a rich man met Tom. The rich man asked, "I

hear you are very clever and nothing is difficult for you. Can you tell me why you are so clever?"

Tom answered with a smile, "Oh, I am not clever. Instead, you are too foolish(笨)." The rich man became very, very angry.

Tom said, "Please don't be angry, sir. If you don't believe (相信) what I said, now let me ask you a very simple (简单的) question. If you have a group of sheep, I send you another group of sheep. Then you say, how many groups of sheep do you have?"

"Why! That's the easiest question in the world. One and one is two. Anybody knows that. I have two groups of sheep, of course."

Tom laughed and laughed and said, "You are quite wrong, sir. Two groups of sheep put together is still one group. That's the easiest question in the world, isn't it?"

1. The rich man wished himself to become as clever as Tom.
2. Tom thought the rich man was not clever.
3. Tom's words made the rich man very pleased.
4. The rich man thought Tom's question was very easy.
5. When Tom asked the question, he was not sure how the rich man would answer it.

### Passage 8

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打×。

John's birthday is on July 16. His parents are going to give a party for him. He is very happy about that. He wants

to ask his friends to come. Last Sunday night, while John was working in his room, his mother walked in.

"Are you still doing your homework?" she asked.

"No, I'm writing a letter to Uncle Tom." John answered.

John's mother was very surprised because John never wrote letters to anyone.

"Are you asking him to come to your birthday party?"

"No, I'm not," John answered, "Uncle Tom never comes to my birthday parties."

"What have you written?" his mother asked. "Will you read me that letter?"

"Ok," John said, "but I haven't finished it. I have only written two lines. I'll read them to you: Dear Uncle Tom, Thank you very much for your birthday present. I hope ..."

His mother stopped him, "But Uncle Tom hasn't sent you a birthday present yet."

"I know," John answered. "I'm not thanking him for this year's present, I'm thanking him for last year's. You know, it's never too late to thank him."

1. John was writing a letter to his uncle when his mother came into his room.
2. His mother asked him to read the letter.
3. Uncle Tom sometimes comes to John's birthday party.
4. John is very happy because his parents are going to give a birthday party for him.
5. In his letter, John was trying to make Uncle Tom give him a present.

### Passage 9

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打×。

Mr. Andrews had a new telephone number which had been the number of a shop. Later the shop was given a new number, which many people did not know.

At first, Mrs. Andrews always said, "We are sorry. You have the wrong number. The shop has a new one now."

But telephone calls still came for things, so Mr. and Mrs. Andrews began to answer them in a different way. They would say: "Good morning, madam. What do you want us to send you today?" They thought maybe they would stop telephoning when they didn't get their things. But this did not help Mr. and Mrs. Andrews because now women began to telephone them more often, saying angrily, "Where are my things? They have not come! Why haven't you sent them yet?"

1. Mr. Andrews' telephone number was once the number of a shop.
2. A lot of women telephoned the shop by the new number.
3. At first Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had to tell everyone their number.
4. After some time they didn't say anything to the women on the phone.
5. The women did not stop telephoning to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews.

6. The Andrews were very pleased to answered the phone.
7. The women were very unhappy because they didn't receive the things they wanted.
8. It was trouble to have the telephone number of a shop as their family phone number.

### Passage 10

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打√,不相符的打×。

Tom was old and lived by himself a long way from town. He hardly ever left his home, but one day he went into town to buy some things in the market, and after he had bought them, he went into a restaurant and sat down at a table by himself. When he looked around, he saw several old people put eyeglasses on before reading their newspapers, so after lunch he decided to go to a shop to buy some glasses too. He walked along the street, and soon found a shop.

The man in the shop made him try on a lot of glasses, but Tom always said, "No, I can't read with these."

The man became more and more puzzled (迷惑), until finally he said, "Excuse me, but can you read at all?"

"No, of course I can't!" Tom said angrily. "If I was already able to read, do you think I would have come to buy glasses?"

1. Tom lived alone near the market.
2. He went into town every week.
3. The old people wore glasses when they wanted to read.

4. Tom wanted to buy himself glasses for people who couldn't read.
5. Tom thought a person who couldn't read would be able to do so if he wore glasses.

### Passage 11

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打×。

Can you think of a sentence in which "and" appears (出现) five times, without any words in between? There is one at the end of this story.

There was once an inn (小旅馆) which was called "The Horse and Cart (大车)". It had a sign outside it, which had a picture of a horse and a cart on it, but the sign was getting very old, so the owner of the inn decided to have a new one made. He went to a painter (画家) and asked him to paint one, and to write "The Horse and Cart" on it in large letters.

A few days later, he went to see how the painter was getting on. He liked the picture of the horse and cart very much, but he didn't like the writing at all. He said to the painter, "No, no! There's too much space between HORSE and AND and AND and CART!"

1. This is an important story.
2. "The Horse and Cart" was the name of the inn.
3. The painter wrote two "and" on the sign.
4. The owner of the inn didn't like the new picture of the horse and cart.

5. There is nothing wrong with the sentence "There's too much space between HORSE and AND and AND and CART!"

### Passage 12

阅读判断 根据短文内容判断所给句子的正误,与短文意思相符的打✓,不相符的打×。

A man was travelling on his way to another town when he saw a road sign which read: "NO THROUGH WAY. Please Go Another Way." He looked ahead (向前) and saw nothing wrong at all. He decided to go on, thinking the sign was a kind of joke. After a while he saw a broken bridge and had to turn back. When he came to the sign on the road, he saw words on its back side: "Welcome to come back, YOU FOOL!"

1. The road sign told people that they had to go another way.
2. The man thought the words on the road sign was not true.
3. The man stopped going ahead because he was too tired.
4. There was something wrong with the bridge.
5. Someone had the man as fool and laughed at him.

### Passage 13

选词填空 用下列所给单词填入短文的空白处,使短文意思完整,正确。



know, read, take, wait, phone, have, showed,  
thought, gave, put

One day a middle-aged (中年的) woman wrote to a doctor to invite (邀请) him to 1 dinner at her house. The doctor wrote a reply (回答), but he wrote so carelessly (粗心地) that the woman couldn't 2 it.

"What shall I do?" she asked her husband. "I don't 3 if he's going to come or not. I don't want to 4 him and say I can't read his writing."

Her husband 5 for a while and said, "Take it to the chemist (药剂师). He will be able to read it."

The woman went to the chemist's shop and 6 the doctor's note to the chemist. The chemist looked at it very carefully. Then he 7 on his glasses and looked at the note more closely.

"Could you 8 a moment, Madam?" he said.

He went to the back of his shop. After a few minutes he returned, carrying a bottle. He 9 the bottle to the woman. "10 this medicine three times a day," he said!

#### Passage 14

选词填空 用下列所给单词填入短文的空白处,使短文的意思完整,正确。

watching, passed, had, hard, neither, to, as,  
of, on, with

Giotto and his father lived 1 a small farm in Italy. Every day Giotto was sent 2 watch their sheep in the hills. But Giotto loved to draw. He had 3 pencil nor pa-