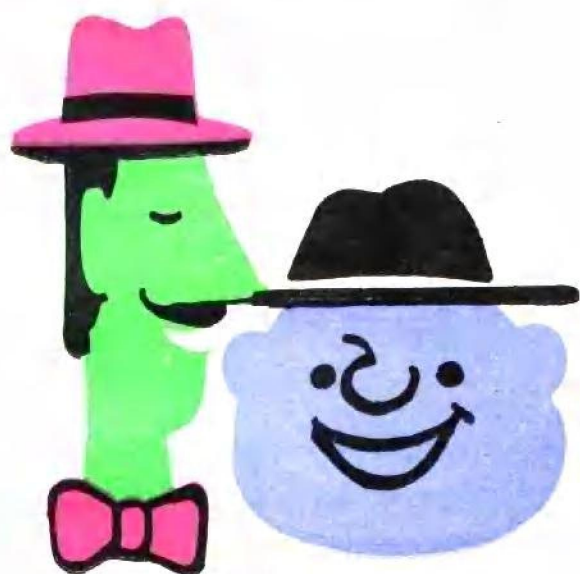


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内 容 提 要

本书由 30 个小故事组成，内容遍及日常生活的各个方面。每个故事有叙有议，有对话，文后还附有实用的练习及答案。每文不超过 200 词，英语浅显、简洁、地道，实为一本有趣的中学生课外读物，也会受到广大英语爱好者的欢迎。

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No Smoking

Mrs Green was the manager of a large company¹, and she frequently had to have meetings with other business people in a room in her building. She did not smoke at all, but many of the other people at the meetings did, so she often found the air during the meetings terrible. One day, after an hour, her throat and eyes were sore² and she was coughing a lot, so she called a big air-conditioning³ company and asked them to work out how much it would cost to keep the air of the meeting room in her building really clean.

After a few days the air-conditioning company sent in two estimates⁴ for Mrs Green to choose from. One estimate was for \$5,000 to put in new air-conditioning, and the other was for \$5.00 for a sign which said, NO SMOKING.

Notes :

1. company ['kʌmpəni] — n. 公司

2. sore [so:] — a. 痛的
3. air-conditioning — n. 空调
4. estimate [ˈestimeɪt] — n. 预计, 估计

Exercises:

A. 从故事中找到与下列词意义相近的词:

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1. very bad | 2. phoned |
| 3. painful | 4. often |

B. 根据故事内容, 判断下列各句是否真实, 真实的写T, 不真实的写F:

1. Mrs Green was in charge of a large company. ()
2. She often held meetings in her office. ()
3. Mrs Green never smoked. ()
4. Mr Green was coughing because many of the other people in the meeting room smoked. ()
5. The air-conditioning company sent a sign to Mrs Green which said "No Smoking". ()

I Really Had to Pull Him Out

Johnny was nine years old, and he was a very bad boy, but his mother always hoped that he would behave¹ better. Then one day, after he had come home from school, Johnny's teacher called his mother on the phone and said, "Did you know, Mrs. Perkins, that Johnny saved another boy when he fell into the river while we were out for a walk this morning?"

Mrs Perkins was very happy when she heard this. She thought, "Johnny's becoming a good boy." Then she turned to him and said, "That was your teacher. Why didn't you tell me when you had been such a brave boy and saved one of your friends when he fell into the river this morning?"

But Johnny did not look very happy when he heard this. His face became very red, and he said, "Well, I really had to pull him out, because I pushed him in."

Note:

1. behave [bi'hæv] — v. 举止行为

Exercises :

A. 选用how, what, when, where或which填入下列各句空格

1. Mrs Perkins wanted Johnny to learn ___ to behave well.
2. She tried to teach him ___ to do when he wanted something.
3. She also tried to teach him ___ to be quiet because other people wanted to rest.
4. She taught him to buy things for her, and showed him ___ of the stores to go to for each thing.
5. He soon knew ___ to go to find everything he wanted.
6. His mother also taught him ___ to do if he needed help, and ___ to go while she was away.

B. 从II栏中选出适合于填入I栏各句的答案

I

II

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Another student ____. | a) all went for a walk by the river |
| 2. Johnny ____. | b) called his mother on the phone |
| 3. Johnny's class ____. | c) pulled a boy out of the river |
| 4. Johnny's mother ____. | d) wanted him to become a good boy |

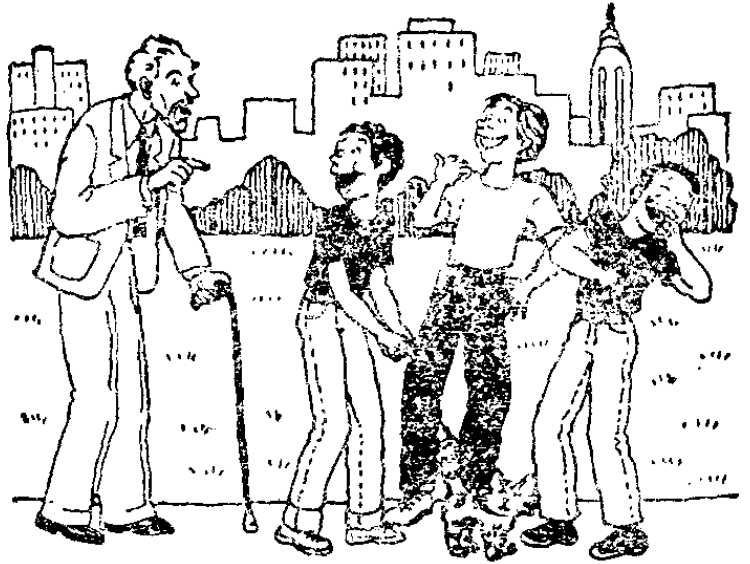
5. Johnny's teacher _____. e) was pushed into the
river

C. 判断下列各句是否与故事内容相符，相符的写T，
不相符的写F:

1. Johnny did not do well at school. ()
2. Johnny's teacher thought that Johnny had saved
a boy. ()
3. Johnny's mother was very happy when she he-
ard what the teacher said on the phone. ()
4. Johnny's friend fell into the river because he
was careless. ()
5. Johnny didn't tell his mother that he had sav-
ed his friend. ()
6. Johnny became red because he didn't pull his
friend out. ()

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You've Won!



A certain old gentleman was very unhappy about modern education, and thought that young people nowadays¹ were not being taught the importance of knowing the difference between right and wrong.

One day he was taking a walk in the park near his home when he saw some young boys standing around a small cat. The old gentleman went up to the boys and asked them what was happening. One of the boys said to him, "We're having a contest. We're telling lies, and the one who tells the biggest one gets to keep the cat."

The old gentleman thought that this was a good opportunity² to teach the boys a useful lesson, so he said to them, "I've never told a lie in my life." All at once there was a great shout from all the boys, and they said, "You've won! You can take the cat!"

Notes :

1. nowadays [' nauədeɪz] — ad. 现今

2. opportunity [' ɒpə' tju: niti] — n. 机会

Exercises :

A. 为下列各图配一句说明词:



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1. He often got angry about what he read.
2. He said, "I've never told a lie."
3. He saw a group of boys there.
4. One day he went for a walk in the park.

5. One of the boys said, "Whoever tells the biggest lie gets to keep the cat."
6. The boys shouted, "You've won!"
7. The old gentleman read a lot about education in the newspapers.
8. When he got closer, he saw that they were standing around a small cat.

B. 判断下列各句是否与短文内容相符, 相符的写T, 不相符的写F:

1. The old gentleman was not satisfied with what students were being taught. ()
2. He wanted more attention to be paid to morals. ()
3. Some boys were trying to sell a small cat in the park. ()
4. The biggest boy was going to get the cat. ()
5. The old gentleman decided to teach the boys a lesson on morals. ()
6. The boys let him have the cat because he had told the biggest lie. ()

Two Theater Tickets

Mr Smith left his car outside his apartment¹ one night, as usual, but when he came down the next morning to go to his office, he discovered that the car wasn't there. He called the police and told them what had happened, and they said that they would try to find the car.

When Mr Smith came home from his office that evening, the car was back again in its usual place in front of his house. He examined it carefully to see whether it had been damaged², and found two theater tickets on one of the seats and a letter which said, "We're very sorry. We took your car because of an emergency³."

Mr and Mrs Smith went to the theater with the two tickets the next night and enjoyed themselves very much.

When they got home, they found that thieves had taken almost everything they had had in their apartment.

Notes :

1. apartment [ə'pɑ:tment] — n. 公寓
2. damage ['dæmɪdʒ] — v. 毁坏
3. emergency [i'mə:dʒənsi] — n. 急事

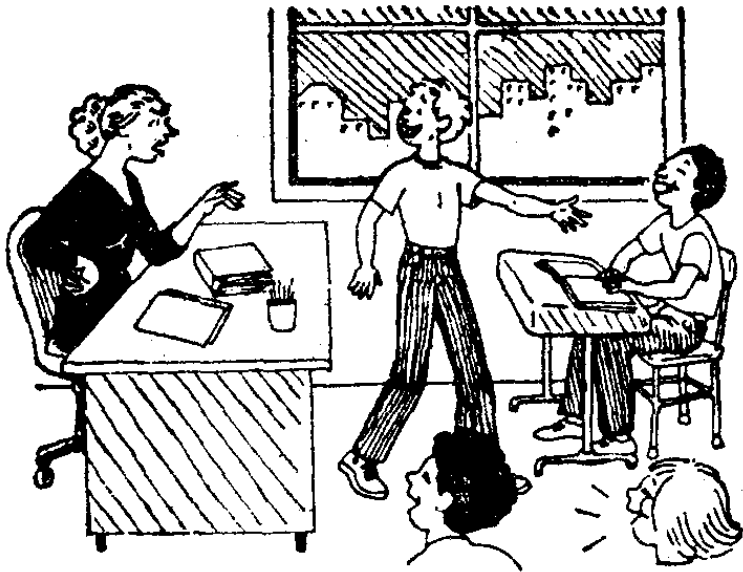
Exercises :

A. 从故事中找出与下列词相对的词。

inside	behind
nothing	unusual
last	lose

B. 判断下列叙述是否与故事内容相符，相符的写T，不相符的写F：

1. Mr Smith usually put his car outside his apartment at night. ()
2. One morning Mr Smith found that his car was gone. ()
3. The police managed to find him his lost car. ()
4. Mr Smith found there was something wrong with his car when it was returned. ()
5. The thieves left two theater tickets and a letter on one of the seats of Mr Smith's car. ()
6. The next night Mr and Mrs Smith had a good time at the theater. ()
7. It was because the thieves wanted to break into the Smiths' house that they left the tickets to them. ()



I Thought You Called the Next Student

A teacher was asking a student a lot of questions, but the student couldn't answer any of them. The teacher then decided to ask him some very easy questions so that he could get a few right.

"What was Bunker Hill?"

The student thought for some time and then answered, "An airport?"

"No, it was a battle," the teacher said. She was getting a little angry now, but she was trying not to show it. Then she asked, "Who was the first President of the United States?"

The student thought for a long time, but didn't say anything. Then the teacher got very angry and shouted, "George Washington!" The student got up and began to walk towards his seat.

"Come back!" the teacher said. "I didn't tell you to go."

"Oh, I'm sorry," the student said. "I thought you called the next student."