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编 者 的 话

这是一本供大学低年级、中学高年级学生及英语自学者使用的英语阅读和操练材料。

本书旨在通过短文形式向读者介绍英语主要的常用句型。这些短文均选自英美出版的读物。根据需要，我们对有些短文作了少量删节。每篇短文都包含一定的常用句型。读者可以通过阅读与操练，从故事情节和上下文中较自然地理解、掌握并运用这些句型，提高句型学习的兴趣和效果。

本书共分五个单元。每一单元由若干短文或会话材料组成，分别介绍一定的句型。每篇短文后配有两种练习题：练习Ⅰ是针对文章内容的阅读理解题；练习Ⅱ是句型操练题，主要操练文内介绍的句型，有时也就相关内容稍加补充，便于读者归纳整理。除第五单元因内容涉及面广未配综合练习外，其他各单元均配有综合性的复习练习，以巩固该单元的句型学习。各种练习的答案（有的并非唯一的答案）和短文的中译文均附于书末，供读者参考。

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SECTION 1 TENSE

Structural Items: Of course life *keeps* changing
组织, 变化, 项目. 项目.
for everyone, including farmers.
They *learned* to try new
methods,...

1. Farm Life in the United States

All big cities *are* quite similar. Living in a modern Asian city *is* not very different from living in an American city. The same *cannot be said* about living on farms, however.

In many parts of the world, farmers and their families *live* in villages or towns. In the United States, however, each farm family *lives* on its own fields, often beyond the sight of any neighbours. Instead of traveling from a village to the fields every morning, American farmers *stay* on their land throughout the week. They *travel* to the nearest town on Saturdays for shopping or on Sundays for church. The children *ride* on buses to large schools which *serve* all of the farm families living in the area. In some areas, there *are* small schools serving a few farm families, and the children *walk* to school.

Of course life *keeps* changing for everyone, including farmers. Today there *are* cars, good roads, radios, and

television sets. And of course there *are* modern machines for farming. All of these have changed farm life.

For many years, however, farming in America *was* often a lonely way of living. Farmers *had to deal with* their own problems, instead of getting help from others. They *learned* to try new methods, and to trust their own ideas instead of following older ways.

NEW WORDS

beyond [bi'jɒnd] *prep.* 超出, 为……所不能及
deal with 对待, 对付, 处理

EXERCISES

I. Answer the following questions.

1. Is city life much the same in many parts of the world?
2. Do farm families live on their own farms in the United States?
3. Do the farmers go a long way on Saturdays for shopping or on Sundays for church?
4. How do their children go to school?
5. What has changed farm life?
6. Do farmers always follow old ways?

II. A. Fill in the blanks with the missing verbs, using the simple present form or the simple past form.

Farm life in the United States has changed. In

the past, farmers (1) _____ a lonely life. They (2) _____ to solve their problems by themselves, they seldom (3) _____ help from others. But they (4) _____ new methods instead of following older ways.

Today they (5) _____ cars, radios and television sets. American farmers (6) _____ not (7) _____ in lonely villages, they (8) _____ on their own land throughout the week. On Saturdays they (9) _____ to the nearest town for shopping or on Sundays for church. There (10) _____ large schools serving all of the farm families in the area, and the children (11) _____ there by bus.

B. Fill in the blanks with the given verbs either in the simple present form or in the simple past form.

1. Each of the schools _____ (have) at least a lab nowadays.
2. We have made the water clean again. It _____ (be) polluted before.
3. Oh, so many visitors ! But there _____ (be) only a few the other day.
4. You'd better go to the nursery at once. Your daughter _____ (be) ill.
5. Chinese farmers _____ (go) to their fields every morning, but American farmers don't.
6. What _____ (be) farming like in America before ? _____ farmers _____ (use) machines ? _____ they often _____ (visit) each other ?
7. He has been in the country for quite a few

months. He _____ (think) he _____ (not like) country life, but he _____ (enjoy) it very much now.

8. _____ (be) this the school where he once _____ (study) ?

9. _____ your father _____ (help) you with your lessons ?

Yes, but not very often. He is too busy. He _____ (have) to deal with a lot of things.

10. When my grandpa _____ (be) alive, he often _____ (tell) us fairy tales.