

# Take Part 身临其境

一出国人员培训中级英语口语教材



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#### 内容提要

本书共分16个单元,内容涉及加拿大及整个北美日常生活的许多方面。如:工作、娱乐、饮食、健身、习俗、恋爱与婚姻、家庭、进修、旅游、购物、打电话等。

在每个单元中,有1-3篇情景会话、口语表达法讲解、 文化背景介绍,以及测验你在北美待人接物能力的选择题,针 对情景会话或中西文化对比的讨论题、课上活动等。

本书最大的特点是社会背景知识丰富、口语时代感强、实践机会多。讨论题极富启发性,对于开拓思路、使出国人员尽快适应国外教学中的课堂讨论形式帮助极大。

本书可供出国人员、文专学生及社会读者使用。本书还配有磁带。

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#### 前言

随着我国社会主义现代化建设的日益发展,我国与其它国家的交往日趋频繁,科学技术和文化交流也日渐增多。多年以来,为了适应形势的发展,我国已出版了为数众多的口语会话教材。但作为高等院校或出国培训班使用的实用口语教材却寥寥无几。许多口语教材都是从最基础的口语开始,面且往往是以听为主,缺少实践活动。这已满足不了高等院校和高层次英语口语培训的需要。

口语使用于某个国家特定的社会环境, 熟练地掌握口语不仅仅表现在具体的说法上, 更重要的是掌握在不同场合的特定使用。因此, 进行口语实践活动是掌握口语的重要环节。

为此,笔者根据自己多年教授英语口语的经验,以Prentice-Hall Canada Inc. 1986年出版的Take Part - Speaking Canadian English 为蓝本,并参考其它国外英语口语教材编译成此书,以满足我国青年学生和出国人员的实际需要。本书对那些深知正规语法,但在非正规口语表达上仍有困难的人更为适用。本书的最大特点是社会背景知识丰富,口语时代感强,实践机会多。每一单元所附的专题讨论对于掌握活的口语,开拓思路帮助极大,亦能使出国人员尽快适应国外教学中的课堂讨论形式。此外,文化背景资料有助于出国人员对国外生活和习俗的了解。

本书既可以份土口语课程的教材。又可以作为多种技巧训练和泛读教材。是一个专、本科、研究生班、出国培训班等不同层次的教学实践,我们认为这是一部集知识性、趣味性、实

践性于一身的好教材。

在日常英语会话中,有许多在特殊场合中使用的专用语。 专用语是语言使用的一个重要组成部分,然而在教学中往往被 忽略了。尽管在一些教材中的确指明了一些正规或非正规的表 达法,但并没有进一步地研究专用语的实际区别。学生们常常 会在讲话或写作中发生使用专用语的错误。本书的目的是要说 明在实际运用中,专用语与为数众多的正规英语之间的差异, 引导学生在实践中掌握口语的正确形式及使用场合。

本书共分16个单元,其内容涉及到日常口语的许多话题。 它们侧重在面试谈话、请客、找房子、健身、乘车、成人教 育、业余活动、管理、旅游等内容。根据学生的兴趣和需要, 每个单元可用2-3个小时。

每个单元都有其独立性, 教师可以根据班级的特点和需要进行选择和安排。

学生通过讨论,可以开拓思路,涉及更广泛的内容,全面地掌握英语口语的表达方式。

每个单元的格式基本相同。1-3篇对话式的课文引入话题。 对话中有大量的习惯用语,非正规的表达法和丰富的词汇。每 单元后面的讨论题可以作为会话的引子,从而引出话题,促使 学生进行文化对比,更积极地发表自己的看法。每个单元都附 有测验你在北美实际生活及英语表达能力的测试题。语言注释 共分四个方面:语法结构、语音、习惯用法和功能词。它们是 对对话中出现的语法结构和表达法做进一步的解释。文化注释 有助于学生对北美人民的行为方式,习俗和生活方式及社会背 景有所了解,增加有关国外生活的文化背景知识。补充词汇扩 大了词汇量,可以帮助学生解决会话中的词汇困难。学生们可 以扮演各种角色进行会话练习,也可以就话题进行讨论或辩 论。

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#### THE NEW CO-WORKER

Terry: Mrs. Simmons, do you have a minute?

Janet: Certainly, Terry.

Terry: I just want you to meet Susan Peterson. She'll be

taking over Jeffrey's old job. Susan, this is Janet Simmons, the head of our accounting division.

Susan: Pleased to meet you.

Janet: How do you do. Did you start today?

Susan: Yes, I did. Terry has been kind enough to show me

around the office.

Janet: I'm sure you'll like it here...

Terry: And your desk is over here. You'll be using this

terminal. Eric, meet your new co-worker, Susan

Peterson. Susan, this is Eric Mckee.

Eric: Hi.

Susan: Hi.

- Terry: Eric can give you a hand with the computer until

you get used to it. It's different from the one you

were using at Gowans', isn't it?

Susan: A bit. But I'm sure it won't take long to get the

hang of it.

Eric: No problem. It doesn't take long to learn the

ropes around here. It seems like just yesterday

that I was a trainee myself...

Terry: Oh, no, if Eric is going to start reminiscing, I

think I'll just move along.

Susan: (laughs) Thanks for all your help, Terry.

Terry: Don't mention it.

#### Notes

take over a job — fill a position after someone has left it

terminal — ['termin] computer terminal

co-worker — colleague, fellow worker

give you a hand — (colloquial) help you

get the hang of it — (colloquial) get used to it

learn the ropes— (colloquial) learn how things work

trainee — [trei ni:] one who is being trained for a job

reminisce — [remi nis] to indulge in reminiscence; recall to mind

of a long-forgotten experience or fact

#### Discussion

- 1. Are these introductions formal or informal? Why are Janet and Eric introduced differently?
- 2. Do you think Susan and Mrs. Simmons shook hands? Did Susan and Eric shake hands? Why or why not?
- 3. What do you find different about the way foreigners greet people and introduce each other from the way people do so in your culture?

- 4. Are you good at remembering names and faces? What is a good way to remember someone's name after an introduction?
- 5. In small groups, practice making various introductions in different situations. Discuss levels of formality required. For example:
  - (a) introduce fellow students to each other
  - (b) introduce a boss (or teacher) to your spouse
  - (c) introduce your family to a co-worker

#### TENANT TALK

- Tenant 1: (looking into his mailbox) Hmmph! Empty again!
- Tenant 2: Better than what I have—bills, bills, bills.
- Tenant 1: Depressing, eh?
- Tenant 2: Hey, did you hear the talk about rent increases?
- Tenant 1: What, again?
- Tenant 2: That's how it goes. The landlords have the upper hand right now because of the low vacancy rate.
- Tenant 1: Even if you can find another place—with the cost of moving and all—it's better to stay put.
- Tenant 2: Trapped like rats in a cage...Maybe a couple of laps around the track'll make me feel better.
- Tenant 1: You jog?
- Tenant 2: Yeah. I'm off to the field house now.
- Tenant 1: Where's that? I've been looking for an indoor track for weather like this.
- Tenant 2: It's at the sports centre on Main. You don't need a membership. You wanna come along and try