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前 言

《大学英语基础教程》一、二册(College Reading Book 1, Book 2) 是为我国大学英语专业一年级学生编写的阅读课教材, 其目的在于(1)训练阅读技能, 提高学生用英语阅读的能力; (2) 强化语言学习过程, 提高学生运用英语的能力; (3) 提高学生的分析问题和解决问题的能力。

编写本书时, 我们首先考虑的是大学英语专业一年级的课程设置和阅读课在整个课程设置中的位置。目前, 学生入学时已具备一定的英语水平, 但听、说、读、写各种能力发展不平衡, 总的情况为阅读能力遥遥领先, 而且听、说、读、写各项技能的训练特点不尽相同, 口头语言和书面语言之间又存在差异, 因此, 我们认为有必要分别开设听力、口语、阅读、笔语等课程, 在进行分课教学时, 贯彻“分工不分家”的原则, 即各课在着重训练一种技能的同时, 尽量兼顾其他三种技能的训练, 使语言规则的掌握和语言的运用成为各课共同承担的训练项目。阅读课的主旨是帮助学生提高阅读能力, 除此之外, 必须兼顾听、说、和写等各项技能的发展及运用语言能力的提高。

在大学一年级开设阅读课的另一种考虑是如何帮助学生尽早养成良好的阅读习惯和运用有效的阅读方法。我们认为阅读是基于某种目的, 不断运用头脑中已有的相关知识, 对读物提供的文字信息进行选择, 对读物的含意进行推测, 理解的过程。熟练的阅读者能够根据自己的目的和读物的文体、内容特征变换阅读方法, 调整阅读速度。在阅读过程中, 他们善于利用自己头脑中固有的知识, 借助于尽可能少的文字信息进行推测和推理。必要时, 他们能够跳出读物, 客观地判断作者的意图, 审慎地评价作者的观点和写作风格。基于以上认识, 我们在编写过程中, 努力使选编的课文和练习有助于培养学生上述各种能力, 有助于解决中国学生在阅读中所存在的一些问题。

本书每册由十五个单元组成, 每个单元分课文 A, B, C。课文选自当代英、美报纸和书刊。我们力求使课文题材、体裁多样, 内容具有知识性和趣味性, 语言地道, 形式新颖。课文 A 是一些日

常生活中常见的不同体裁的原文,着重强化训练各种阅读技能。课文 B 在选材和练习设计中继承了传统精读课本中的一些好作法,更着重于语言在交际过程中的使用和提高学生分析问题和解决问题的能力,以及利用上下文和头脑中固有的知识对词意和读物的含意进行推断的能力。语言练习包括对课文中出现的构成中国学生英语学习难点的项目进行强化训练。课文 C 在选材上难度较大。我们希望课文 C 有助于解决由于学生水平不齐给教学带来的一些问题,有助于充分调动不同类型学生的积极性。在阅读技能训练方面,课文 C 着重培养学生抓大意及对读物整体的理解能力。

本书的阅读量较之传统的精读课本大,其目的在于创造更好的语言习得条件和发挥学生的潜力。课文和练习的形式与内容规定了教法。课文 A 适于在课堂上处理,突出阅读所涉及的个人独立工作特征。课文 B 强调学生课前的预习工作和有指导的独立工作,课上则益于采用启发式,讨论式教学,着重解决学生在预习中经过认真思考仍不能解决的问题。课文 C 可根据学生的水平灵活处理。

在编写本书的过程中,院、系领导,英语系教师及八六级学生曾给予我们热情支持并提出了不少中肯的意见;美国专家 Ruth Gamberg 担任了第一册的主要审校工作;美国专家 Helen Young 审校了部分课文,我们在此一并表示感谢。由于我们水平有限,书中必有不少欠妥之处和错误,希望得到同志们的指正。

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Unit 1 Text A

Invitations

Task I Read the invitation below and put the appointment on the calendar.

July 27, 1987

Dear Jim,

You are invited to attend my birthday dinner on August 16. It will be held at the Sundance Room of the Hotel Towers at 7:30 p.m.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Mary Barnes

R.S.V.P.

Note: R.S.V.P. is an abbreviation from a French phrase meaning "please respond".

August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FRIDAY
16
AUGUST

September						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

8⁰⁰ a.m.

9⁰⁰

10⁰⁰

11⁰⁰

Task II *Write a brief note in the name of Jim stating the intention to attend or not. Then refer to the two replies for the correct form of a reply.*

August 1, 1987

Dear Mary,

*Thank you so much for the
invitation to your birthday dinner.
I'd be delighted to attend.*

*Sincerely,
Jim Harris*

August 1, 1987

Dear Mary,

I would love to attend your birthday dinner, but will be unable to as we are planning a vacation and will be out of town on August 16.

Have a very happy birthday!

Sincerely,
Jim Harris

Task III *Read the invitation and replies below and then complete the statements and the table that follow.*

3011 Hartzell Street
Columbus, Ohio 43203
September 25, 19—

Dear Jeanne,

Although you have been away from Columbus for only a month, it seems like a year. Could you spend the first weekend in October with me? Plan to come on Friday night. Dad and I will meet your train at the Union Station whenever you say. On Saturday afternoon we can see Ohio State play Michigan. You will have a chance to see many of your old friends. Saturday night we'll have dinner downtown and go to a movie. We'll put you on the train whenever you have to leave on Sunday.

I have a long list of bits of news that I must not forget to tell you. I do hope that you can come.

Hopefully yours,

Anne

214 Lazy Lane
Spring Grove, Indiana 47374
September 28, 19 -

Dear Anne,

Your letter asking me to spend the first week end in October with you was a really welcome piece of mail. I have certainly been homesick to see you.

My train will arrive at the Union Station at 8:32 on Friday evening. The last train that stops in Spring Grove will leave the Union Station on Sunday morning at 11:26.

I'm looking forward to all the activities that you have planned, and, of course, I can hardly wait to hear those choice bits of news.

Thank you for inviting me.

Lovingly,
Jeanne

214 Lazy Lane
Spring Grove, Indiana 47374
September 28, 19 -

Dear Anne,

I can't tell you how sorry I am that I cannot spend the first week end in October with you. On Sunday, October 5, our church is having a centennial pageant. I have a part in it, and the dress rehearsal is to be held on Saturday afternoon.

The week end that you had planned sounds wonderful. May I take a rain check on your invitation?

Regretfully yours,
Jeanne

1. Jeanne has been invited to _____
_____.
2. The planned schedule for Jeanne is as follows:

Date	Activities
Friday night	
Saturday afternoon	
Saturday night	
Sunday	

3. Jeanne will probably arrive _____
and leave _____.
4. Jeanne can't come because _____
_____.

Task IV *Read the following informal invitations and the tick the statements that follow which you think can serve as guides for informal invitations, acceptances, and regrets.*

Tudor Cottage,
High Street,
Bumpton,
Oxon,
21 July 1987

Dear Jan,

We're having a house-warming party from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, 27 July, in our new house. We do hope you'll come.

It's very easy to find. When you come into the village, look

for the main street and we are the third house on the left as you go towards the church. It's a black and white house with an old, white gate, a thatched roof and a very untidy hedge. You can park outside.

Best wishes,
David

827 North Field Street
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701
April 14, 1987

Dear Ruth,

I know you will be pleased to hear that Cheryll Bright is coming to Newton for the weekend of April 26 and 27. She will be my house guest. I am planning a buffet supper and pajama party for her on Friday evening, April 26, at six o'clock. Will you come? I am depending on you and your ideas to make the party a success. Cheryll is very eager to see all her old friends again.

Sincerely yours,
Martha

1. Be friendly.
2. Use the family name.
3. Include all needed information about time, date, place, and event.
4. Be specific about any other details that might embarrass the guest if he did not know about them.
5. Type your invitation.
6. Make the receiver of an invitation feel that he or she is really wanted.

7. If the receiver will need directions for reaching the place, give them clearly.
8. Informal invitations have a set form: It begins with DATE and sometimes ADDRESS, which is followed by SALUTATION. The third part is the body followed by CLOSING. It ends with SIGNATURE.
9. Reply to an invitation promptly.
10. Express appreciation for an invitation given you. Assure your host or hostess that you will be pleased to accept, or express your regret at being unable to attend, giving your reason.

Task V *Read the formal invitations below and discuss their features with your partner by referring to the questions that follow.*

1

Mr and Mrs Smythe
request the company of
Mr and Mrs Mead
on the occasion of their
25th Wedding Anniversary
on Saturday 28 May at 8 p.m.
THE MANOR HOUSE, BURFORD ON
AVON, HAMPSHIRE

R.S.V.P.

2

Mrs. Winston Lord
requests the pleasure of the company of
Fang Ning
at a reading of Donald Hall's poetry & tea on Monday, March 10
at 3 – 5 p.m.

Regrets only
523831 ext 655

17 Guang Hua Lu

3

In honor of Departing Cultural Affairs Officer and Mrs. Karl
Olsson and New Cultural affairs Officer and Mrs. Patrick
Corcoran

*The Counselor for Press and Cultural Affairs
Embassy of the United States of America
and Mrs. Lynn H Noah
request the pleasure of the company of*

Zhong Wei

at

a reception

on

Thursday, May 14

at

4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P.

Guanghua Lu 17

521161-714

4

*On the Occasion of the Thirty-Ninth anniversary of the
Independence Day of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma
the Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma
and Mrs. Tin Maung Myint*

request the pleasure of your company

at a Reception

on Saturday, the 3rd January, 1987 at 11:00 to 12:00 noon

Embassy of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma

No. 6, Dong Zhi Men Wai Street

Beijing

R.S.V.P. (regrets only)

Tel. 521425

1. How many parts does a formal invitation consist of? What are they?
2. In what way are forms of address used in a formal invitation different from those in an informal invitation?
3. What is the key sentence pattern used in all these formal invitations?
4. In what sequence are the details of event, time, and place given in a formal invitation?

Task VI *Below is a formal invitation used in business. Read it and then discuss with your partner in what way it is different from the formal invitations you've just read.*

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
welcome you to
The Foreign Language Teaching and Learning Book Exhibition
organized by
CHINA INTERNATIONAL BOOK TRADING CORPORATION
and cordially invite you
to a reception
on 11 September 1987 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
at Windows of the World, Beijing

Unit 2 Text A

Table of Contents and Index

Task I *Read the Title Page of the book Language in the U.S.A. below and then fill in the blanks with information from the page.*

Language in the USA

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