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前言

加缪曾经说过,“故事”是读者永恒的需要。读者的阅读习惯,从根本上说,就是对“故事”的渴望。莎士比亚说:“故事可以治好耳聋。”沈从文说:“我怎么创造故事,故事怎么创造我。”本书撷取 80 篇英语小品故事,融哲理、智慧、情感、生活、学习、幽默为一体,以轻松简易的笔触勾勒英语表达的大厦。

全国各省中学考试都从这 80 篇故事中出过无数阅读试题。本次结集出版,是献给广大中学生朋友的一份珍馐。本书特色如下:

❏ 选文“真”。物有真假,文章亦然。假文章虽然也有文字,但却没有思想,更不是真理。只有真情方能感人,只有真话才能服人,本书选文充分反映学生在西方文化和社会背景下的真实生活。

❏ 选文“新”。王羲之诗云:“群籁虽参差,适我无非新。”没有新意的文章,不是克隆就是垃圾。本书所选文章思想新、内容新、语言新、手法新。它是汨汨淙淙的泉溪,喝一口沁人心脾;它是顶花带刺儿的黄瓜,咬一口颊齿留芳;它是敷满白霜的葡萄,吃一颗“余音绕梁”!

❏ 选文“深”。狄德罗说:“深刻的思想就像铁钉,一旦钉在脑子里,什么东西也无法把它拔出来。”本书所选文章力透纸背,入木三分,一针见血,掷地有声!而不是走马观花,蜻蜓点水,隔靴搔痒,轻描淡写!且在语言、内容、形式、技巧等方面都要有相当的深度,知识点密集,而不是人云亦云、人人能云的老生常谈,入口即化的语言棉花糖。道理很简单,取法乎上,仅得其中。譬如练毛书法,须以二王及欧柳颜赵等大家法帖为楷范,倘以学生的习作为模本,势必力巴(外行)学力巴,越学越力巴。

❏ 选文“精”。孔子云:“言之无文,行而不远。”塞缪尔·约翰逊说:“最优秀的书籍是由美好的语言和闪光的思想所构成的财富。”沃夫纳格说:“深奥的思想是用凝练的语言来表达的。”本书所选文章内容精准、精辟、精洽、精微,语言精练、精美、精彩、精妙,篇幅短小精悍。

《大赢家英语初中故事王》绝对是英语故事中的奇葩,英语学习的精品。

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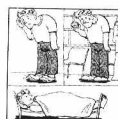
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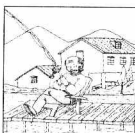
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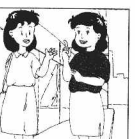
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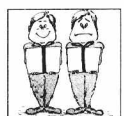
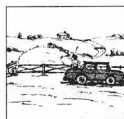
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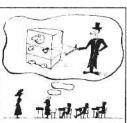
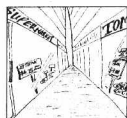
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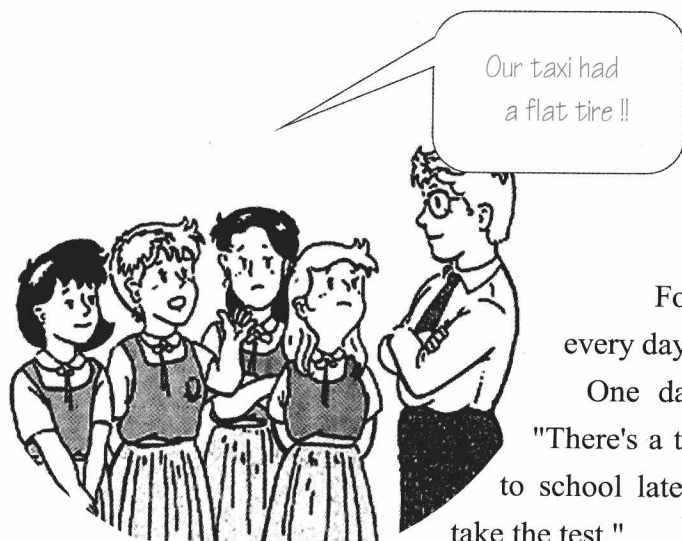
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Four girls went to school every day by taxi.

One day one of the girls said, "There's a test this morning. Let's get to school late. Then we won't have to take the test."

"What can we tell the teacher?" one of the girls said. "He'll be **angry**. We'll need a good **excuse**."

The girls thought for several moments, then one of them said, "Let's tell him that our taxi had a **flat tire**."

"That's a good idea," the other girls said. "We'll tell him that."

They arrived at school an hour later. The test was **finished**.

"Why are you late?" the teacher asked. "You missed the test."

"Our taxi had a flat tire," one of the girls said.

The teacher thought for a moment, then he said, "Sit down, one of you in each corner of the room."

The four girls did this.

Then the teacher said, "Write the answer to this question on a piece of paper: Which tire was flat?"



Comprehension Quiz



从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

- How did the girls go to school every day?
 - by bus
 - by taxi
 - by train
 - they walked
- Why did the girls want to be late for school?
 - They did not like school.
 - They wanted to go shopping.
 - They had not done their homework.
 - They did not want to take a test.
- What was the girls' excuse for being late?
 - They got up late.
 - They could not get a taxi.
 - Their taxi had a flat tire.
 - They forgot the time.
- Why couldn't the girls correctly answer the teacher's question?
 - They couldn't remember which tire was flat.
 - There wasn't a flat tire.
 - They each gave a different answer.
 - All four tires were flat.

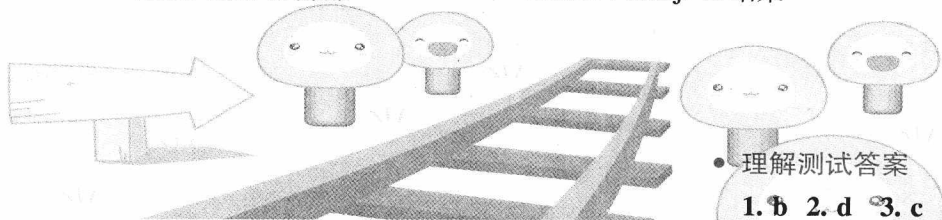
Word

angry /'æŋɡrɪ/ *adj.* 生气的;愤怒的

excuse /ɪks'kjuːs/ *n.* 借口;理由

flat tire /flæt-taɪə/ *n.* 爆胎

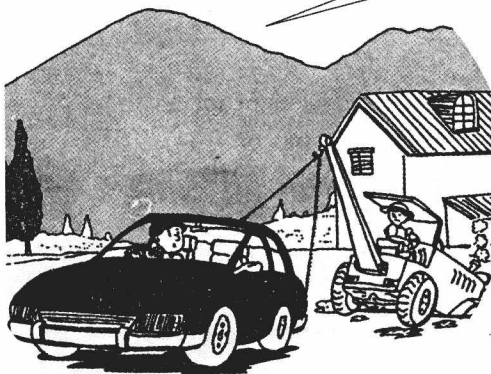
finish /'fɪnɪʃ/ *v.* 结束



• 理解测试答案

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. b

The Hole in the Ground



At night I fill the hole
with water!!

There was once a farmer who lived near a road.

It was not a busy road, but from time to time, cars passed the farm.

Near the farm gate, there was a large hole in the road.

This hole was always full of water, and the drivers of the cars could not see how **deep** the hole was. They thought it was probably **shallow**.

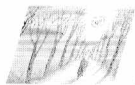
Then when they drove into the hole, they could not drive out because it was so deep.

The farmer did not spend much time working on his farm. He spent most of it watching the hole.

When a car drove into it, he pulled the car out with his **tractor** and **charged** the driver a lot of money for doing this.

One day, the driver of a car said to him, "You must make a lot of money pulling cars out of this hole night and day."

"Oh, no," the farmer said. "I don't pull cars out of the hole at night. At night I **fill** the hole with water."



Comprehension Quiz



从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

1. Where did the farmer live?
 - a. near a road
 - b. in a hole in the road
 - c. in a large car
 - d. under a tractor
2. Many cars went into the hole because the drivers
 - a. were going too fast to stop.
 - b. did not see the hole.
 - c. did not know the hole was very deep.
 - d. liked driving through water.
3. What did the farmer do all day?
 - a. pulled cars out of the hole in the road
 - b. filled the hole with water
 - c. laughed at the drivers of the cars
 - d. worked on his farm
4. How did the farmer make money?
 - a. from growing things
 - b. from selling water
 - c. from pulling cars out of the hole
 - d. from filling the hole with water

Word

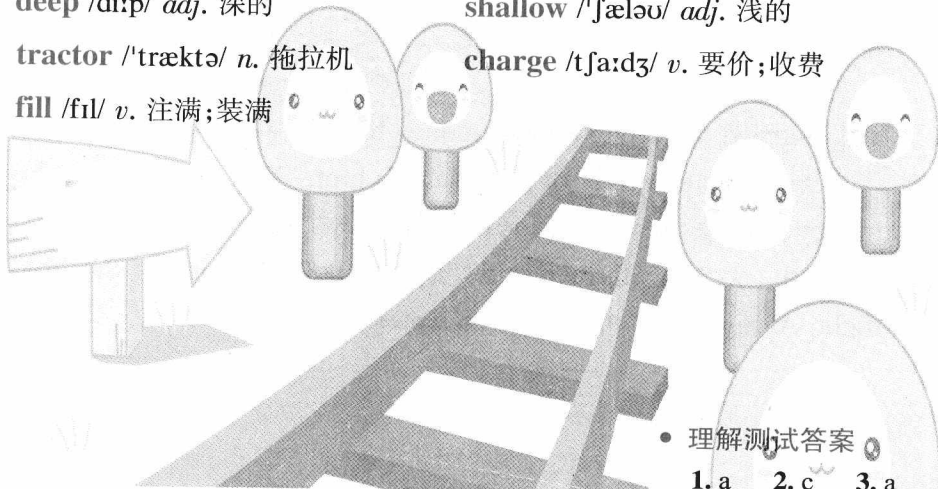
deep /di:p/ *adj.* 深的

tractor /'træktə/ *n.* 拖拉机

fill /fɪl/ *v.* 注满; 装满

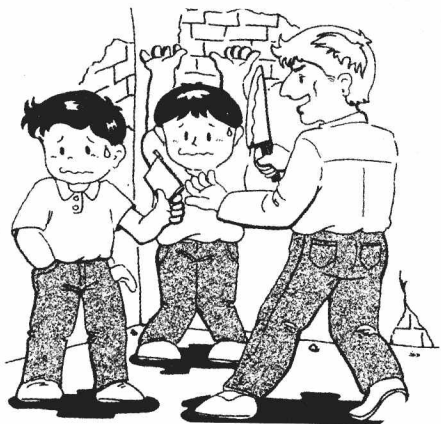
shallow /'ʃæləʊ/ *adj.* 浅的

charge /tʃɑ:dʒ/ *v.* 要价; 收费



• 理解测试答案

1. a 2. c 3. a 4. c



One day, Tony met his friend, Alan, in the street. Tony was quite rich, but Alan was poor. The two boys walked along the street together.

They talked about many things. Tony liked to listen to music and he told Alan about some new songs. Alan liked reading, and he told Tony about some new books.

They had the same friends, and they talked about these, too.

Then Tony remembered something. "I **lent** you ten dollars last week," he said. "Can you give it back to me?"

"I'm very sorry, Tony," Alan said. "I forgot about it."

Alan thought about this money for a minute. Then he said, "I haven't got any money with me today. I'll pay you back tomorrow."

"All right," Tony said, "I can wait another day."

At that moment a man ran up. He had a knife in his hand. Alan and Tony were afraid. He was a **dangerous** man.

"Give me your money," he said to Tony.

Tony took out his **wallet** and gave it to the **thief**.

The thief took out the money and threw the wallet on to the ground.

"Now you give me your money," he said to Alan.

Alan thought quickly. He took out his wallet, but he did not give it to the thief. He gave it to Tony and said, "I **owe** you some money, Tony. Here it is."



Comprehension Quiz



从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

- Tony and Alan were
 - brothers.
 - friends
 - father and son.
 - schoolmates.
- Tony had lent Alan
 - five dollars.
 - ten dollars.
 - fifty dollars.
 - a hundred dollars.
- The man who ran up to them was carrying
 - a pistol.
 - a machine gun.
 - a knife.
 - a piece of broken glass.
- Whom did Alan give his wallet to?
 - the police
 - Tony
 - the thief
 - nobody

Word

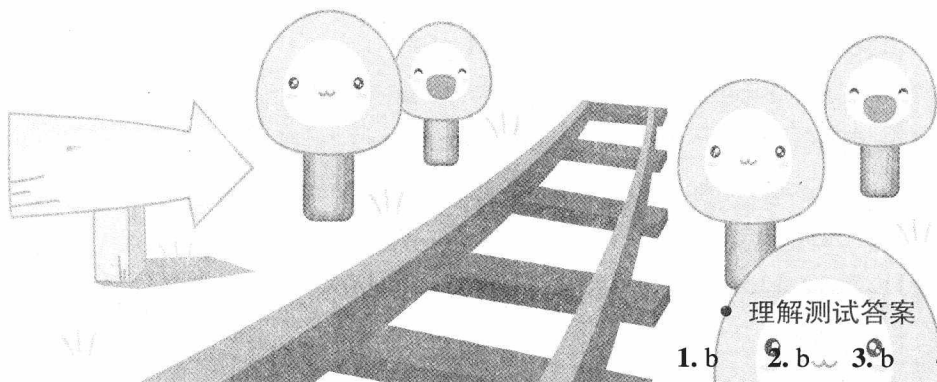
lend /lend/ *v.* 借给;借出

wallet /'wɒlɪt/ *n.* 钱包;皮夹

owe /əʊ/ *v.* 欠款

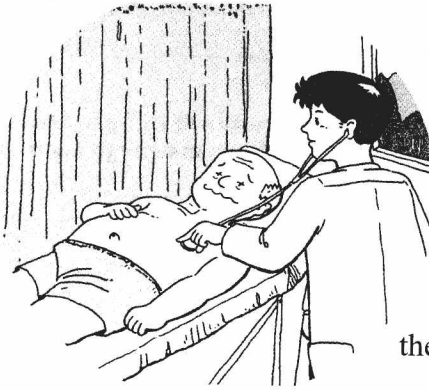
dangerous /'deɪndʒərəs/ *adj.* 危险的

thief /θi:f/ *n.* 窃贼;小偷



理解测试答案

1. b 2. b 3. b 4. b



An old man visited a new doctor, who was very young.

"I don't feel well, doctor," he said. "Please find out what's wrong with me."

"Take off your clothes and lie on the bed," the young doctor said, "I'll **examine** you."

The old man took off his clothes and lay down on the bed, and the young doctor examined him. However, he couldn't find anything wrong with the old man.

He listened to his heart. He looked into his **throat**. He examined every part of him.

At last he said, "I'm sorry, but I can't find anything wrong with you. You're as **healthy** as I am."

"That's very strange," the old man said, "because I feel really bad."

"Come back tomorrow and see me again if you don't feel better," the young doctor said. "I'll examine you again."

"All right, doctor," the old man said.

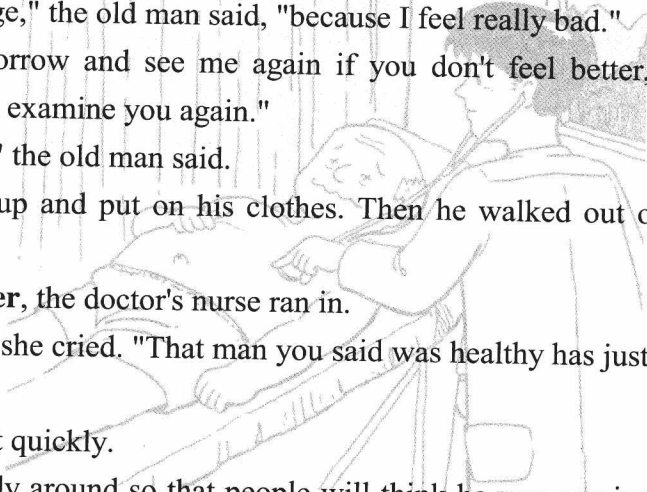
Slowly, he stood up and put on his clothes. Then he walked out of the hospital.

A few seconds **later**, the doctor's nurse ran in.

"Doctor! Doctor!" she cried. "That man you said was healthy has just died outside the door."

The doctor thought quickly.

"Then turn the body around so that people will think he was coming in," he said.





Comprehension Quiz



从 a, b, c, d 中选出最恰当的答案。

1. The doctor was very
 - a. young.
 - b. clever.
 - c. strange
 - d. healthy.
2. The doctor
 - a. thought the old man was healthy.
 - b. took the old man to the hospital.
 - c. took off the old man's clothes.
 - d. found a lot wrong with the old man.
3. The doctor told the man
 - a. not to come again.
 - b. to come again if he did not feel better.
 - c. to stay in the hospital for a few days.
 - d. to turn his body around.
4. The doctor did not want anyone to know that
 - a. he was in the hospital.
 - b. he had examined the old man.
 - c. he was very young.
 - d. he didn't feel well.

Word

examine /ɪg'zæmɪn/ *v.* 检查

healthy /'helθɪ/ *adj.* 健康的

throat /θrəʊt/ *n.* 喉咙

later /'leɪtə/ *adv.* 随后;稍后地

• 理解测试答案

1. a 2. a 3. b 4. b