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## 总 序

新世纪之初,我国的大学英语教学正面临着一个新的起点:提升英语听说能力,走向英语实际运用。这是一个立足于社会现实,尊重语言社会功能的学习视界。知识经济的到来,信息社会的产生,全球化的趋势,多元文化的共存,这些人类现象共同构筑了我们今天的社会现实,而英语作为国际通用语言,正是一个国家或个人有效地参与国际竞争和文化交往的重要工具。而最能表现语言的工具性质的,莫过于在语言的实际运用过程中了。

英语教材的不断更新和建设历来都是促进大学英语教学改革,提高教学质量的先行任务。目前,国家教育部和全国高校外语教学指导委员会坚定推行大学英语教学改革,制定颁布了新时期的《大学英语课程教学要求》,为新的大学英语教材的编写提供了指导依据,同时也显示了编写新的大学英语教材的必要性和紧迫性。正是在此情势下,北京大学教材建设委员会重点立项“大学英语”教材建设,北京大学出版社具体组织、策划了本套《大学英语立体化网络化系列教材》的编写和出版工作。

本套教材被评为普通高等教育“十一五”国家级规划教材,根据《大学英语课程教学要求》,我们又在原书基础上进行了修订。

北京大学教材建设委员会将本套教材列为重点教材建设项目,重点支持。我国英语教学研究权威李赋宁教授、胡壮麟教授担任本套教材总顾问,北京大学英语系黄必康教授任总主编,中国农业大学外语系李建华教授任网络版主编。

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中国大学英语改革任重道远,大学英语教材建设未有止境。本套大学英语系列教材循改革步伐,探索教学新路,缺点与不足乃至谬误之处在所难免。衷心希望得到专家学者的批评指正,听到广大师生的改进意见。

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# Unit 1

## PART I PREPARATORY

### WORDS IN CONTEXT

*Read aloud the following sentences, paying attention to the meanings of the words or phrases in italics.*

1. He spoke English so well that I *took it for granted* that he was an Englishman.
2. That young man *inherited* one million dollars from his grandfather.
3. She *stirred* her coffee with a spoon.
4. This watch is *guaranteed* for two years.
5. He remained *emphatic* on the point.
6. A smile often *denotes* pleasure.
7. Modern girls seldom *confide* in their mothers.
8. Then we *launched into* a full discussion of all the issues raised.
9. People have begun to *turn off* because they have had enough of Korean soap operas.
10. The actress wanted a hat to *go with* her dress.



## WORDS LEARNED IN DISPLAY

*Write the meaning of each of the following words or phrases in the correspondent blank.*

*You can write either in English or in Chinese.*

guarantee \_\_\_\_\_

confide \_\_\_\_\_

take... for granted \_\_\_\_\_

denote \_\_\_\_\_

stir \_\_\_\_\_

emphatic \_\_\_\_\_

turn off \_\_\_\_\_

launch into \_\_\_\_\_

inherit \_\_\_\_\_

go with \_\_\_\_\_

## EXPRESSIONS IN CONTEXT

*Study the following expressions and see how they are used in sentences.*

at one time 曾经, 一度

◇ He was so devoted to piano playing at one time.

take sth. for granted 想当然

◇ I took it for granted that he would be coming to the meeting.

point out 指出

◇ I didn't realize the significance of the event until he pointed it out to me.

in a state of 处于某个状态

◇ It is noon; I'm in a state of hunger.

turn off 使失去兴趣、爱好或热情

◆ This music really turns me off.

bring out 取出, 拿出

◆ The wine really brings out the spicy flavor of the meat.

go with 与……相配

◆ The curtain doesn't go with the bedroom.

be faced with (把事实等)摆在……面前

◆ He will be faced with the evidence of his crime.

## EXPRESSIONS LEARNED IN DISPLAY

*Complete each of the following sentences with the expressions you have just learned.*

1. No matter who \_\_\_\_\_ our shortcoming, we will correct them.
2. At the news, he was \_\_\_\_\_ anger.
3. I don't think we can \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_, for some problems still remain.
4. Her singing may turn on you, but it \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ a pile of newspapers from his living room.
6. The old man standing over there was \_\_\_\_\_ a professor in that university.
7. The small legacy was as welcome as flowers in spring, coming just when they \_\_\_\_\_ an enormous bill.
8. The tie doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ your suit.

## PART II LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT

### GET YOURSELF INTERESTED

*Read the following summary in Chinese and think what you are going to read in this text.*



这篇课文内容朴实,读来感人。作为一个移民家庭,妈妈做的蔬菜通心粉汤每次都让作者有一种安全感,让他回味无穷,时时刻刻让他有回家的感觉。课文围绕着朋友索尔到家里来吃饭的前前后后和多年后在母亲去世后去索尔家里做客展开,我们要深刻理解文化的渗透性。

### PREVIEW QUESTIONS

*Work in pairs or groups and discuss the following questions.*

1. Where do you think is the safest place in the world?
2. Who can give you the feeling of security?
3. How can you understand "love"?

## READING SELECTION

## Text A

## Mama's Soup Pot

There are too many treasures in life we take for granted, the worth of which we don't fully realize until they're pointed out to us in some unexpected way. So it was with Mama's soup pot.

I can still see it sitting on the stove in all its chipped white-and-blue-enameled glory, its contents bubbling, steam rising as if from an active volcano. When I entered the back porch, the aroma was not only mouthwatering but reassuring. Whether Mama was standing over the pot stirring with a long wooden spoon or not, I knew I was home.

There was no recipe for her minestrone soup. It had been so since her girlhood in the mountains of northern Italy, where she learned its secret from her grandma, who had inherited it from generations.

For our large immigrant family, Mama's soup guaranteed we would never go hungry. It was a symbol of security. And we could judge the state of our family economy by its contents. A thick brew with tomatoes, pasta, beans, carrots, celery, onion, corn and meat indicated things were going well with the family. A watery soup denoted meager times.

treasure /'treʒə/ *n.* 宝物, 财富  
take sth. for granted 视……为理所当然  
worth /wɜːθ/ *n.* 价值  
point out 指出  
unexpected /ˌʌnɪks'pektɪd/ *adj.* 想不到的, 意外的  
stove /stəʊv/ *n.* 炉子  
enamel /'næməl/ *v.* 涂瓷釉于, 给……上瓷漆  
glory /'glɔːri/ *n.* 光环, 光彩  
porch /pɔːtʃ/ *n.* 门廊  
aroma /ə'raʊmə/ *n.* 芳香, 香味  
reassuring /ˌriːə'sʊərɪŋ/ *adj.* 安心的  
stir /stɜː/ *v.* 搅动, 搅拌  
wooden /'wʊdn/ *adj.* 木制的  
minestrone /ˌmɪːner'strəʊneɪ/ *n.* (加蔬菜、大麦、通心粉等煮成的) 蔬菜通心粉汤  
girlhood /'gɜːlhʊd/ *n.* 少女时期  
inherit /ɪn'hert/ *v.* 继承  
immigrant /'ɪmɪgrənt/ *n.* 移民  
guarantee /ˌgærən'tiː/ *v.* 保证  
symbol /'sɪmbəl/ *n.* 象征, 标志  
security /sɪ'kjʊənti/ *n.* 安全  
brew /bruː/ *n.* 调制  
pasta /'pæstə/ *n.* 生面团  
bean /biːn/ *n.* 豆  
carrot /'kærət/ *n.* 胡萝卜  
celery /'seləri/ *n.* 芹菜  
go with 与……相配  
watery /'wɔːtəri/ *adj.* 水的, 淡的  
denote /dɪ'neɪt/ *v.* 表示

At one time, however, Mama's soup pot became a source of embarrassment to me, for I  
 25 feared it would cost me a new friend I had made at school. Sol was an unusual pal for me because  
 his father was a doctor and they lived in the best part of town. Often Sol invited me to his home  
 for dinner. The family had a cook in a white uniform who worked in a kitchen of gleaming  
 chrome and shining utensils. The food was good, but I found it bland, lacking the heartiness of my  
 home fare served from flame-blackened pots. Moreover, the atmosphere matched the food.  
 30 Everything was so formal. Sol's mother and father were polite, but conversation around the table  
 was stilted and subdued. And no one hugged!

In our family, warm hugs were a constant, and if you didn't kiss your mother, she  
 demanded, "What's the matter, you sick?"

But at that time in my life, all this was an embarrassment.

35 I had known Sol would like to eat dinner at our house, but that was the last thing I wanted.  
 My family was so different.

"People in America don't do things like  
 that," I tried to convince Mama.

"Well, I'm not people," was her proud retort.

40 "I'm Rosina. Only crazy people don't want my  
 minestrone."

Finally Sol pointedly asked if he could come  
 to our house. I had to say yes. I knew nothing  
 would make Mama happier. But I was in a state of  
 45 anxiety. Eating with my family would turn Sol off  
 completely, I believed.

"Mama, why can't we have some American  
 food like hamburgers or fried chicken?"

She fixed me with a stony glare and I knew  
 50 better than to ask again.

The day Sol came over I was a nervous wreck.

at one time 曾经, 一度

embarrassment /ɪm'bærəsmənt/ *n.* 困窘, 难堪

pal /pæl/ *n.* 朋友, 伙伴

uniform /'ju:nɪfɔ:m/ *n.* 制服

chrome /krəʊm/ *n.* 铬, 铬合金

shining /'ʃaɪnɪŋ/ *adj.* 光亮的

utensil /ju:'tensəl/ *n.* 器具, 用具

bland /blænd/ *adj.* (食物) 淡而无味的

flame /fleɪm/ *n.* 火焰

blacken /'blækən/ *v.* 使……变黑

stilted /'stɪltɪd/ *adj.* (动作或言语) 生硬的, 不自然的

subdued /səb'du:ɪd/ *adj.* 不大兴奋, 不甚感兴趣的

at that time 在当时

retort /rɪ'tɔ:t/ *n.* 反驳

in a state of 处于……状态, 有点

turn sb. off 使失去兴趣、爱好或热情

stony /'stəʊni/ *adj.* 无情的

know better than (to do) 明智或有经验而不去做

wreck /rek/ *n.* 健康受损的人

Mama and the other nine family members welcomed him with embraces and slaps on the back.

Soon we were sitting at the heavy, deeply stained  
55 and ornately carved table that was Papa's pride. After  
Papa asked the blessing, we were instantly faced with  
bowls of soup.

"Eh, Sol," Mama asked, "you know what this is?"

"Soup?" Sol responded.

60 "No soup," Mama said emphatically. "It's  
minestrone!" She then launched into a long, animated  
explanation of the power of minestrone: how it cured  
headaches, colds, heartaches, indigestion, gout and liver  
ailments.

65 I was convinced that this would be the last time I  
would ever see my friend Sol. He would certainly never  
return to a home with such eccentric people, odd accents  
and strange food.

But to my amazement, Sol politely finished his  
70 bowl and then asked for two more.

When we were saying our good-byes, Sol confided,  
"You sure have a great family. I wish my mom could  
cook that good." Then he added, "Boy, are you lucky!"

Lucky? I wondered, as he walked down the street waving and smiling.

75 Today I know how lucky I was. I know that the glow Sol experienced at our table was much  
more than the physical and spiritual warmth of Mama's minestrone. It was the unalloyed joy of a  
family table where the real feast was love.

Mama died a long time ago. Someone turned off the gas under the minestrone pot the day  
after Mama was buried, and a glorious era passed with the flame. But the godly love and assurance

embrace /ɪmˈbreɪs/ *n.* 拥抱

slap /slæp/ *n.* 拍击

stain /steɪn/ *v.* 沾染, 染污

ornately /ɔːˈneɪtli/ *adv.* 华丽地

carve /kɑːv/ *v.* 雕刻

be faced with 面对

respond /rɪˈspɒnd/ *v.* 回答

emphatically /ɪmˈfætɪkli/ *adv.* 强调地, 用力地

launch into 开始(进入、从事)

animated /ˈænɪmeɪtɪd/ *adj.* 生气勃勃的, 活跃的

heartache /ˈhɑːteɪk/ *n.* 心痛, 悲叹

indigestion /ˌɪndɪˈdʒestʃən/ *n.* 消化不良

gout /ɡaʊt/ *n.* 痛风

ailment /ˈeɪlmənt/ *n.* 小病

eccentric /ɪkˈsentrɪk/ *adj.* 古怪的, 偏执的

amazement /əˈmeɪzmənt/ *n.* 惊愕, 惊异

confide /kənˈfaɪd/ *v.* 讲真心话, 吐露秘密

physical /ˈfɪzɪkəl/ *adj.* 身体的

unalloyed /ˈʌnəˈlɔɪd/ *adj.* 纯粹的, 完全的

turn off 关掉

bury /ˈberi/ *v.* 埋葬

glorious /ˈɡlɔːriəs/ *adj.* 光荣的, 辉煌的

era /ˈɪərə/ *n.* 时代

assurance /əˈʃʊərəns/ *n.* 保证, 确信

80 that bubbled amidst its savory ingredients still warms my heart today.

Sol and I continued our friendship through the years. I was the best man at his wedding. Not long ago I visited his house for dinner. He hugged all his children and they hugged me. Then his wife brought out steaming bowls of soup. It was chicken soup, thick with vegetables and chunks of meat.

“Hey, Leo,” Sol asked, “do you know what this is?”

“Soup?” I responded smiling.

“Soup!” he huffed. “This is chicken soup! Good for your liver!” Sol winked.

90 I felt I was home again.

amidst /ə'mɪdst/ *prep.* 在……

当中

savory /'servəri/ *adj.* 味道可

口的

ingredient /ɪn'ɡri:diənt/ *n.* 成

分

chunk /tʃʌŋk/ *n.* 大块

huff /hʌf/ *v.* 吹气

wink /wɪŋk/ *v.* 眨眼,使眼色

## COMPREHENSION CHECK

### Understand the General Ideas

Discuss the following questions in pairs or groups. The key words given in the brackets may help you in your discussion.

1. Did the narrator like his family?

(reassuring, security, be home)

2. What do you think about Sol's parents?

(formal, polite, hug, uneasy)

3. What made the author feel embarrassed?

(strange food, family background, kitchen)

4. Can you describe the difference between the narrator's family kitchen and Sol's?

(simple, deeply stained, luxurious, cook, shining utensils)



5. What can you learn from this story?

(treasure, love, mother)

### Understand the Specifics

*Read the following sentences and tell if they are true or false according to the text. In the brackets leading each statement, put "T" for true or "F" for false.*

1. (     ) The narrator came from a very wealth family.
2. (     ) The narrator lost his friend after Sol visited his home.
3. (     ) Sol was the narrator's ordinary friend.
4. (     ) The narrator had a harmonious family.
5. (     ) All the members in narrator's family hugged each other every time when they came back.
6. (     ) After the narrator's mama passed away, he never ate soup again.
7. (     ) After the narrator's mama passed away, the narrator's family became dangerous.
8. (     ) Sol did not like to eat the narrator's mama's soup.

### STUDY AND PRACTICE

#### Vocabulary

*Fill in the blanks with the words below. Change the forms where necessary.*

inherit	guarantee	stir	carve	invite
indicate	confide	hug	eccentric	stain

1. He bent down and \_\_\_\_\_ the fire with a poker.
2. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ this ring from her mother.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ what I said is true.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ each other for victory.
5. Her heart was breaking, and she had no one to \_\_\_\_\_ in.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ his willingness with a nod of his head.
7. The statue was \_\_\_\_\_ out of marble.
8. The little boy \_\_\_\_\_ his fingers with ink.
9. He held the child in fond \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The old lady has some \_\_\_\_\_ habits.

## Expressions

*Rewrite the following sentences with the help of the phrases and expressions provided. The italicized part in each sentence may serve as the hint for your task. The first sentence is done for you.*

take... for granted	point out	in a state of	be faced with
turn... off	bring out	go well with	at one time

1. Please *tell me about* my errors.

Please point out my errors.

2. She often told me not to *expect that things are true without making sure*.

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3. They did not *match* porridge and buns.

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