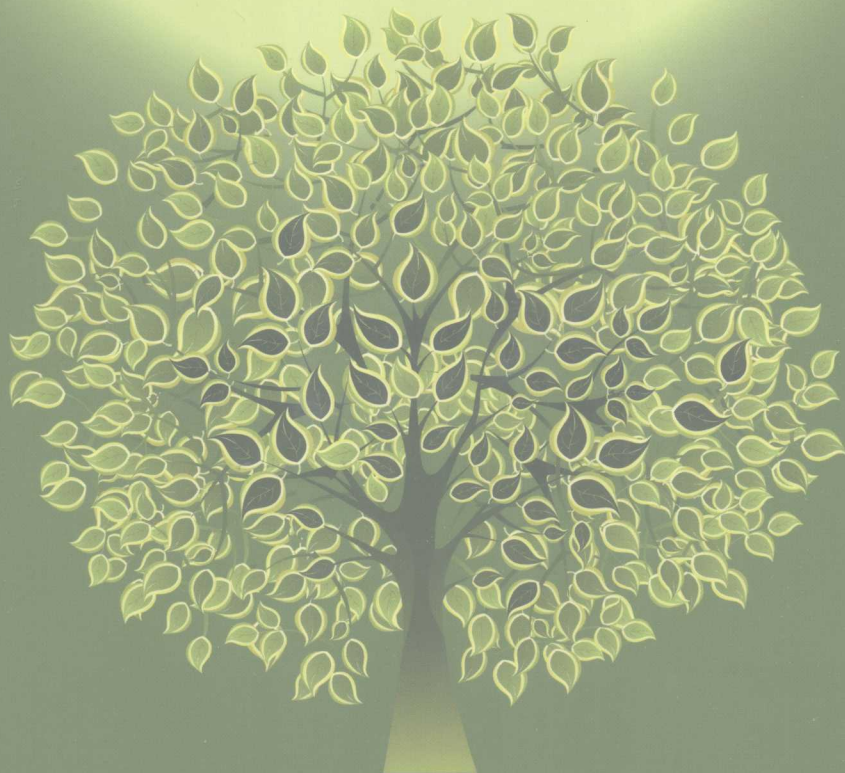


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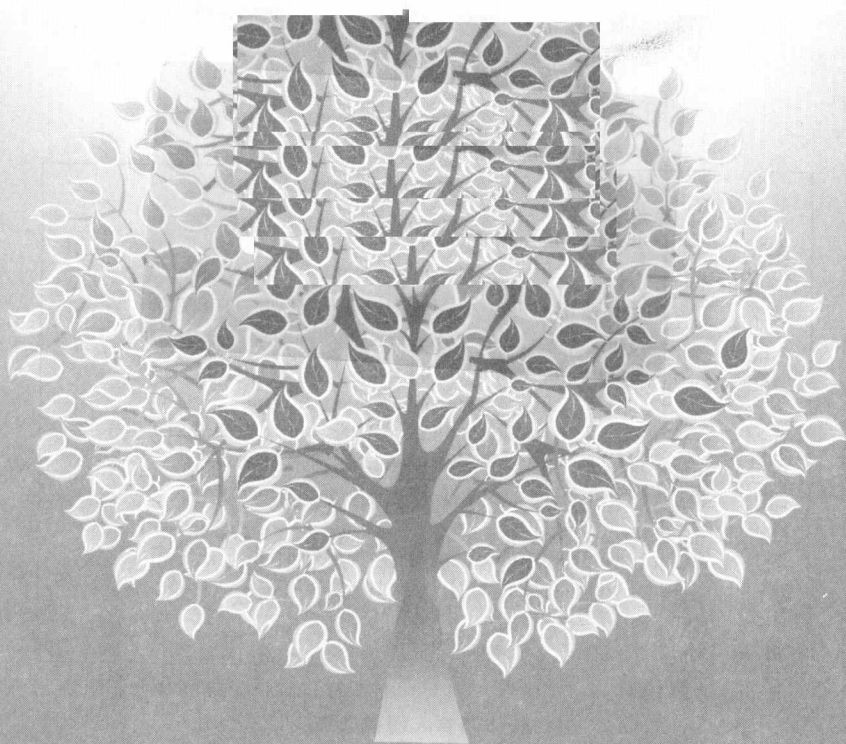
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### 小故事，大人生

故事是这个世界上让人们喜爱乃至着迷的事物。智者说：“一花一天国，一树一菩提，一沙一世界。”真正的智者往往从细节之处观看和体味整个世界。

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### 听觉阅读法

所谓“听觉阅读法”指的是用耳朵直接听文章的录音，而非用眼睛直接看。美国口语专家罗斯的一份研究报告表明，在语言交际活动中，听的方面占的比重最大（听、说、读、写所占的比重分别为 42%、32%、15%、11%）。听是一个人获得信息、摄取知识和发展智力的重要途径，也是一个人社交技能高低的重要标志。从广义上说，阅读也是一个“用耳听”的过程——眼睛识别到图像信息之后首先会传导到大脑，大脑将图像信息默读给耳朵听，转变成听觉信息，然后耳朵再将这些听觉信息传递给语言中枢，形成理解和判断。与其通过这样一个“绕弯子”的过程，我们还不如直接把阅读的文章拿来听。通过外籍专家充满情感、抑扬顿挫的朗读，我们就可以很容易地形成语感，并提高对句中意群的把握能力，突破长难句识别和理解上的瓶颈。

随着科技的快速发展，可以预见的是，不远的将来，我们将会迎来新一波的阅读文化的洗礼，从“文字阅读”，到“图像阅读”，现在轮到“听觉阅读”。我们的生活和学习，将渐变成一种流动的听觉体验。与文字及图像阅读相比，现在更多人通过聆听来接受经典文学或知识的洗礼，像名著、外文学习资料等，都可方便地通过声音去阅读。

在网络时代，高容量随身器材带来新的潮流，已经改变了我们阅读文字的习惯，开拓了我们另一种接受知识的感官：耳朵。“随身听”除了娱乐之外，还成为我们学习和生活的新途径。要知道，有声读物在美国已经是普遍流行的事物，其销量直逼

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## 1 跑得飞快的男人

星期一

### *A Man Who Run very Fast*

Once there was a man who could run very fast indeed. He was very proud of this and was always ready to show people how fast he could run.

One day a thief broke into his house, took some of his things and ran off as fast as he could. The man ran after him shouting, "Hey, stop! Don't you know you can't get away from me?" but the thief only ran faster. The man got so angry that he ran at his top speed. He was soon several miles away from his house.

He was still rushing along when he ran into a friend. "Why are you in such a hurry?" asked the friend. "I am trying to catch a thief," said the man, who was very much out of breath. "But where is the thief?" asked the friend. "Miles and miles behind!" said the runner, smiling with pride. "He thought he could run faster than I can, but you see, he is quite wrong."

a. 骄傲的, 傲慢的, 自豪的, 得意的

n. 速度, 迅速, 快 vi. 迅速前进; 超速

行驶

v. 冲; 仓促从事; 突袭 n. 冲; 匆忙;

繁忙时刻

n. 自豪; 自尊; 骄傲

vt. 使自豪, 使得意



## 2 两个错误

星期二

### *Two Mistakes*

For a long time, Dr. Smith had wanted to get a better job in a certain big modern hospital, and at last he was successful. He was appointed to a particular position which he wanted, and his wife moved to the house which they were now to live in. The next day some beautiful flowers were sent to them, with a note which said, "Deepest sympathy".

vt. 任命, 委派; 约定, 确定, 指定

n. 同情 (心)

Naturally, Dr. Smith was angry to receive such an unusual note, and telephoned the shop which had sent the flowers to find what the note meant.

vi. 道歉, 认错, 谢罪  
offer/ make/ accept an apology

When the owner of the shop heard what had happened, he apologized to Dr. Smith for having made the mistake.

道歉/致歉/接受道歉

“But what really worried me much more.” He added, “is that flowers which ought to have gone to you were sent to a person who had just died, with a card which said, “Congratulations on your new position.”



3 史密斯夫妇

星期三

### *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

Mr. and Mrs. Smith married thirty years ago, and they have lived in the same house since then. Mr. Smith goes to work at eight o'clock every morning, and he gets home at half past seven every evening, from Monday to Friday. There are quite a lot of houses in their street, and most of the neighbours are nice. But the old lady in the house opposite Mr. and Mrs. Smith died, and after a few weeks a young man and woman came to live in it.

Mrs. Smith watched them for a few days from her window and then she said to her husband, “Bill, the man in that house opposite always kisses his wife when he leaves in the morning and he kisses her again when he comes home in the evening. Why don't you do that too?” “Well,” Mr. Smith answered, “I don't know her very well yet.”

prep. & ad. 在对面 a. 对面的  
n. 对立面





#### 4 愚蠢的盗匪

星期四

### *A Stupid Robber*

An old lady went out shopping last Tuesday. She came to a bank and saw a car near the door. A man got out of it and went into the bank. She looked into the car. The keys were in the lock. The old lady took the keys and followed the man into the bank.

v. 锁上; 卡住 n. 锁; (头发的) 一缕;  
船闸

The man took a gun out of his pocket and said to the clerk, "Give me all the money!"

But the old lady did not see this. She went to the man, put the keys in his hand and said, "Young man, you're stupid! Never leave your keys in your car for someone's going to steal it!"

a. 愚蠢的, 笨的

The man looked at the old woman for a few seconds. Then he looked at the clerk and then he took his keys, ran out of the bank, got into his car and drove away quickly, without any money.



#### 5 弗莱德聪明吗?

星期五

### *Is Fred Clever*

Bill and Fred were students at a university and they were friends. They didn't have much money, so when it was time for their summer vacation, Bill said, "Let's take our vacation in a trailer, Fred. It's cheaper than a hotel. I can borrow my father's trailer." Fred was very happy, so they got into the trailer and began their vacation.

n. 休假, 假期 vi. 度假

n. 拖车; 跟踪者

They wanted to get up early the next day to go fishing, but they didn't have an alarm clock.

"That's all right, Bill," Fred said. "I'll put these small



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pieces of bread on the roof of the trailer tonight and they'll wake us up in the morning."

Bill was very surprised, but he didn't say anything.

Fred was right. As soon as it began to get light, small birds came down to eat the bread, and their noise on the roof of the trailer woke Bill and Fred up very early.



6 不包括那个女孩

星期一

### *A Girl Not Included*

n. 广告, 公告, 启事; 广告活动

Tom saw an advertisement in a newspaper for a beautiful, modern bicycle which cost £54.99, so he went to the shop which had put the advertisement in and asked to see one of their wonderful bicycles.

The shopkeeper was very happy to show one to Tom, who examined carefully and turned into the shop, saying,

vt. 包括, 包含 "There isn't a lamp on this bicycle, but there was one on the bicycle in your advertisement."

The tour included a visit to the Science Museum. 旅游项目中包括参观科学博物馆。

"Yes, sir." Answered the shopkeeper, "But the lamp isn't included in the price of the bicycle. It's an extra."

"Not included in the price of the bicycle?" Tom said angrily. "But that's not honest. If the lamp is in the advertisement, it should have been included in the price you gave there."

"Well, sir," answered the shopkeeper calmly, "there is a girl on the bicycle in our advertisement, but we don't supply one of them with the bicycle either."



7 醉酒的男人

星期二

*A Drunken Men*

A man and his wife had a small bar near a station. The bar often stayed open until after midnight, because people came to drink there while they were waiting for trains.

a.睡着的

At two o'clock one morning, one man was still sitting at a table in the small bar. He was asleep. The barman's wife wanted to go to bed. She looked into the bar several times, and each time the man was still there. Then at last she went to her husband and said to him, "You've woken that man six times now, George, but he isn't drinking anything. Why haven't you sent him away? It's very late."

Don't wake her up she's sound asleep.

别吵醒她——她睡得很香。

"Oh, no, I don't want to send him away," answered her husband with a smile. "You see, whenever I wake him up, he asks for his bill, and when I bring it to him he pays it. Then he goes to sleep again."



8 傻乎乎的老公

星期三

*A Silly Husband*

One morning Mrs. Perry said to her husband, "Jack, there's a meeting of our ladies' club at Mrs. Young's house at lunch time today, and I want to go to it. I'll leave you some food for your lunch. Is that all right?"

"Oh, yes," her husband answered, "that's quite all right. What are you going to leave for my lunch?"

vi. 沸腾, 开, 滚 vt. 煮沸, 烹煮

"This tin of fish," Mrs. Perry said, "and there are some cold boiled potatoes and some beans here, too."

When water boils it turns into steam.

水沸腾而变成蒸汽。

"Well, I'll have a good lunch." Mr. Perry said.

Then Mrs. Perry went to her meeting. All the ladies





每天听个英文好故事

had lunch at Mrs. Young's house, and at three o'clock Mrs. Perry came home.

"Was your fish nice, Jack?" she asked.

"Yes, but my feet are hurting." He answered.

"Why are they hurting?" Mrs. Perry asked.

vi. 站; 坐落; 处于; 忍受

"Well, on the tin it was written—OPEN THE TIN

n. 台; 摊; 立场 AND STAND IN HOT WATER FOR FIVE MINUTES."



9 为了便于区别

星期四

### *For the Sake of Distinction*

One day Mr. Robinson saw a lady in the street with ten children. He was very surprised because all the children were wearing the same clothes—white caps, dark blue coats and grey trousers.

"Are all those children yours?" he asked the mother. "Yes, they are," she trousers.

"Do you always dress them in the same clothes?" asked Mr. Robinson.

"Yes," answered the mother. She told him, "When we had only four children, we dressed them in the same clothes because we did not want to lose any of them. It was easy to see our children when they were among other children, because they were all wearing the same clothes. And now, when we have ten, we dress them like this because we do not want to take other children home too by mistake. When there are other children among ours, it is easy to see them, because their clothes are different."



10 不值得表扬

星期五

*Not Deserve it*

The leader of a band was finding it extremely difficult to prepare for an important performance, because the members of the band were never all present at any one of the rehearsals. Then the last rehearsal before the show came, and again some of the members were not there. At the end of the rehearsal, the leader said to all the members of the band who were present, "I have been making a note of those who have been absent from our various rehearsals. Here it is." He took a piece of paper out of his pocket and looked at it. "I see that the only man who has been hard-working and faithful enough to be present every time is the drummer."

n.演出; 履行; 表现, 工作性能

n.排练, 排演

n.鼓手

The drummer went very red, stood up and answered, "Well, I thought it was the only right thing to do, as I won't be able to come to the show tomorrow."



11 单身和孤独

星期一

*Along and Lonely*

William Henry is a young American professor who has been teaching in a Chinese college for three years. He is popular among his students for his intelligence and patience. He also has several favorite students. Among them is a beautiful girl, the monitor of the class, who has left a deep impression on him with her active class performance. After the last class before graduation, the girl asked the young professor a question as she had done before.

n.智力, 智慧, 理解力; 情报, 消息

n.印象, 感觉; 印记, 压痕

"Mr. Henry, would you tell me the difference



between 'alone' and 'lonely'?"

"Well... let me explain this with my own example."

The young teacher started. "I live alone. That means that I live by myself, without the company of others. But I don't feel lonely because I have so many students around me, especially you. You're special to me. So after your graduation please don't leave me alone, or I'll feel lonely. Catch the meaning now?"

vt. 抓住; 发觉; 感染; 赶上  
引起; 领会



12 生意场上第一课

星期二

### First Lesson

The son of a businessman had agreed to join the family business, and on his very first day at the factory his father took him on to the roof and said, "Now, my son, I am about to give you your first lesson in business. Stand on the edge of the roof."

n. 边(缘); 刃; 优势  
v. 侧着移动, 徐徐移动

"On the edge, dad?" said the puzzled youth.

"On the very edge."

a. 服从的, 顺从的

"Very well, dad," and the obedient son did as he was told.

"Now, when I say 'Jump!'" said his father, "I want you to jump."

"But it's twenty-foot drop!"

"My boy," said the father, "you want to learn the business, don't you?" "Yes, dad."

vi. 碰撞; 垮台 vt. 撞击; 冲  
n. 坠毁; 破裂声

"And you trust me?"

"Yes, dad."

The great financial crash in 1929  
ruined international trade. 1929 年的  
经济大萧条摧毁了国际贸易。

"Right, then do as I say—Jump!"

And the boy jumped, only to crash painfully to the ground twenty feet below. His father ran down the stairs to where the youth was lying, bruised, battered and winded.

"Now, my son," said the father, "you have just learned your first lesson in business—NEVER TRUST