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前　　言

目的与读者

在当前经济全球化的背景下,如何提高大学生的职业应用能力并使他们在竞争激烈的职业场所中脱颖而出已成为我国高等教育面临的重大问题。在国际经贸领域,现在绝大部分的商务交易都是通过书面交流完成的,所以书面英语成了最常用的交流手段之一。《实用商务英语写作》(Business Writing for the Global Market)就是在这一构想的基础上编写的,适合于大学本科“商务英语”或“商务英语写作”等课程使用。

除写作基本功训练外,《实用商务英语写作》主要涉及“职场写作”和“外贸写作”两大部分,这类带有一定专业性的写作对大学英语教学改革有重要的意义。进入大学的学生通常已学了近九年的普通英语,大学英语教学应该从普通英语转向专门用途英语,即培养学生在特定的语境下运用英语来“做事”的能力。本教程涉及的“职场写作”和“外贸写作”就带有明确的交际目的;运用英语来完成具有真实意义的交际任务使教学增强了关联性,从而大大提高了学生学习的积极性。

英语写作对提高英语水平本身也具有重要的意义。我们常讲英语的听、说、读、写技能,这是教学上的分类;有效的学习在于技能的综合和运用,写作促使我们理清思路,训练我们综合运用英语的能力。语言之美,多体现在书面语上;一个人的英语好坏,很大程度上要看其书面英语的水平。作为一名当代的大学生,学会用英语写作,运用书面语这一媒介参与国际交流与竞争无疑是个人成才的一大优势。

谈到写作,使人想到翻译。需要英语文本时,我们通常的做法是把中文翻译成英文。中文和英文文本的读者对象是不一样的,如果我们能用英文写作,何不直接用英文来写呢?用英文写作避免了由两种语言、文化以及读者对象等因素所带来的障碍,避免了生搬硬套、削足适履。本书的英文前言,就是用英文撰写的,在这里无翻译之必要。

《实用商务英语写作》以“做中学”的现代教育思想为指导,突出“实用”的特

色,根据二语习得和语类写作的理论,选取商务实践的最新案例和文本,引导学生分析、思考、判断、行动,培养学生“以言行事”的能力,提高学生在各种商务语境中书面表达的准确性和有效性。

教材特点

《实用商务英语写作》有以下特点:

- 注重学生批判性思维能力的培养。教程提供的学习任务要求学生通过师生之间的交流来分析、批评样例,引导学生重视篇章的宏观结构和在特定的语境下语言形式选择、运用的理据;学生不但要弄懂怎么写,而且还要弄懂为什么这么写。

- 注重写作基本功的训练和自主学习能力的培养。教程提供的各类学习任务注重写作基本功训练。附带光盘上的练习为学生的自主学习创造了条件,学生完全可以按照自己的实际情况来组织自己的学习。

- 注重特定语境下的意义表达。用中文讲解各主题语言运用的特点,以使学生容易理解;样例讲解注重在特定的语境下语言运用的理据和意义的表达。书中的练习任务以及单元后的“语汇支持”有意识地强调与总结各单元涉及主题常用的词组与句型,以方便学生查阅、运用、模仿。

- 同时具备教程和手册的特点。作为一本教程,有讲解、样例和练习;而书中的单元内容提要、要点中文讲解、语汇支持以及附录提供的常用商务词汇与语块、英语书信格式、大小写和数字格式、常用外贸表格样本等内容又同时可作手册使用。

教学单元结构

《实用商务英语写作》分为四个部分:第一部分的一个单元具有导论性质,讲述商务英语写作的原则和写作的过程。第二部分从语法能力、语篇能力和计策能力三个角度来讲解商务英语写作的技能和策略。接下去的两个部分有关职场写作和外贸写作,这两大部分是本教程的主体,每个单元由以下六个部分组成:

1. 案例讨论 提供一个与单元主题相关的经贸领域的案例,激发学生的学习欲望和兴趣,为接下去的学习做好语言上和心理上的准备。

2. 样例阅读 提供多种以英语为母语人士撰写的真实写作样例。针对这些阅读材料的练习任务以启发为主,促使学生思考、领悟在真实的商务情景下语言运用的特点以及作者采用相关语言形式的因由。

3. 语言探索 用中文讲解写作的基本技能和与单元主题有关的书面语言的特点,并进行相关的写作练习。

4. 写作任务 提供商务情景下交际写作任务。

5. 语言拓展 总结与单元主题写作有关的词汇和句型支持,供学生在写作中参考。
6. 单元要点一览 总结单元的教学要点,供学生在写作或复习中查阅。

致学生

高效的学习总是需要积极、主动。无论在课堂上还是在课外,同学们一定要积极参与各项学习活动。与教程配套的光盘上有基础语法练习和语法与写作技巧练习,供同学们自主学习。

写作是一种思维活动,同时也是一种必须动手的“体力”活动。写作需要不断练习、不断修改、逐步提高,同学们要多读英文原文、多读相应的范文,善观察,勤思考,做“有心人”,才会不断有所长进。

致教师

对写作课教师而言,除讲解课本外,应重视学生习作的讲评,有针对性才有关联性,有关联性才能有效地促进学生的学习兴趣和积极性,从而提高教学的效率和质量。

本教程可用于一学期的英语写作课程(通常每周2学时,约15—16周)。根据教学实际,教师或学生完全可以对书中的内容有所取舍或补充相关材料。

致谢

《实用商务英语写作》为浙江大学宁波理工学院教材建设2010年度项目。该教程的编写是多人愉快而紧张合作的成果。浙江大学宁波理工学院陆莺副教授编写了第1、第8单元、第四部分中的3个单元,以及附录1;张静燕老师编写了第5、第6、第7单元,以及附录4;欧琛老师编写了第二部分中的3个单元,以及附录1和2。这些参编教师语言基本功扎实,从事英语写作教学多年;更可贵的是,她们都有从事国际贸易的实际工作经历,编入本教程的大部分内容在课堂上也经过多次试用,这就切切实实保证了本教程的质量。我负责全书章节内容的设计、全部书稿的修改和最后审定。宁波诺丁汉大学的金燕老师、浙江大学宁波理工学院的虞杰同学为本书作了卡通画;浙江大学宁波理工学院的张炜老师为本教程制作了教学光盘,他们出色的工作成果成为了本书的亮点之一。

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Foreword

Purpose and Audience

In the present climate of economic globalization, improving college students' professional ability to excel in today's world of keen competition has become one of the most important issues in higher education. Effective writing skills are crucial for successful communication in the global market since so much of today's business is transacted through a wide variety of written forms. ***Business Writing for the Global Market*** is designed for students who wish to improve their writing skills for working in the international market.

Generally speaking, the book centers upon Writing in the Workplace and Writing for International Trade. It certainly has this utilitarian purpose; however, pedagogically it also has important applications for English learning in general.

In my opinion, Chinese university students have to experience a shift from learning English as a school subject to using English for everyday, practical purposes. Having studied English academically for nearly nine years beginning in primary school, Chinese students need to prepare themselves to use English in real-life situations when they leave college. This shift from English as a school subject to using English in professional life will clearly inspire student motivation to learn English, improving their language proficiency and learning efficiency as a result. I believe that this is THE way of teaching and learning English in Chinese tertiary education.

Features

Business Writing for the Global Market has the following features:

- **Guidance in critical thinking:** Exercises in the book are designed to promote student comprehension through an interactive process of contextualization and discussion of texts. Students are guided to criticize sample texts in the "Learning by Reading" sections first, and then are required not only to understand how a text is organized but

also why a text is written in a certain style and tone.

- **Emphasis on basic writing skills and autonomous learning:** Due emphasis is placed on helping students lay a solid foundation in basic writing skills. Apart from classroom instructions, students can improve their writing skills by doing exercises on the CD-ROM in their own time and at their own pace.
- **Advice on using language to create meaning in context:** For the explanation of writing conventions, Chinese is used to facilitate understanding. Useful words and structures are summarized in the “Further Support” section of each unit for easy reference.
- **Resources for classroom use and individual references:** Abundant materials for self-directed learning and reference are included in the Appendixes.

The Structure of the Book

The book consists of four parts. “Part One: Orientation,” which has only one unit, is introductory in nature. It aims to familiarize students with the preliminaries for becoming a good writer in the changing world of work by examining and discussing the principles of business writing and the elements of the writing process.

“Part Two: Building Communicative Competence” is concerned with basic writing skills and strategies, and serves as a stepping stone to the following two parts concerned with functional writing. This foundational part is approached from three types of competencies: Grammatical, Discursive and Strategic.

The last two parts form the central theme of the book, Writing in the Workplace and Writing for International Trade. Each unit of these two parts is constructed upon a clear learning format.

1. Case Study: Provides a case study in the real world of work in an international trading company and serves as a warming-up exercise for learning the unit.

2. Learning by Reading: Provides real-life samples of writing for communicative purposes in the business context.

3. Language Exploration: Describes and discusses the use of English on a given topic.

4. Real-world Tasks: Provides communicative tasks for after-class writing practice.

5. Further Support: Summarizes useful chunks of language for writing a given type of text for student reference.

6. Checklist: Summarizes the key learning points covered in each unit.

To the Student

Effective learning requires high motivation and an active attitude. So you are strongly advised to participate actively in all classroom activities and to perform after-class assignments in earnest. A CD-ROM that comes with the book contains Basic Grammar Exercises and Advanced Grammar/Mechanics Exercises. You are advised to do these exercises on your own and at your own pace, and you will certainly benefit from this practice.

To the Teacher

Apart from using this book for explanation and discussion for the given topics, an analysis of the learner's own work makes a writing course more relevant, thereby increasing the learner's motivation and making learning more efficient and fun.

Business Writing for the Global Market can be used for a one-semester writing course for undergraduate students. (A semester-long course is assumed to be a 2-credit course, which meets two hours per week and lasts about 15—16 weeks.) You should be flexible, though, in choosing what to cover in the course according to the learner's needs as well as your own preferences.

The CD-ROM contains PowerPoint lecture slides in addition to Basic Grammar Exercises and Advanced Grammar/Mechanics Exercises for student self-directed learning.

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For suggestions and questions, please drop me a note at <pxjxnt@sina.com>. Happy writing!

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