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序言

This book is different from many other oral English books on the market today because the speaking and language exercises are based on the lexical approach. The lexical approach was developed by Michael Lewis in the 1990s where there is an emphasis on collocations, phrases and expressions. This is because two, three, four and even five-word collocations, phrases and expressions make up a huge percentage of all naturally-occurring text, spoken or written. Estimates vary, but it is possible that up to 70% of everything we say, hear, read or write is to be found in some form of fixed expression. Therefore, it is vital to realize that this is the way we store vocabulary in our lexical minds. We are more likely to memorize and use phrases rather than single words. In this book there is no emphasis on word lists or grammar. After studying English for several years what you need now is the ability to combine words, many of which you already know, into the phrases and expressions which are the basis of this book.

Some of the unique features of this book are as follows:

1. The dialogues all have a main character called Amanda who is a Chinese senior student majoring in finance;
2. Words which should be stressed are highlighted in every sentence which is a feature of the English language;
3. Phrases are given much emphasis and are divided into idioms, semi-fixed expressions and word partnerships;
4. Phrases not only have a Chinese definition but also an English one to further your understanding;
5. Language exercises are included to help reinforce the most important new vocabulary that is introduced in the dialogues;
6. Dialogue 2 reintroduces Dialogue 1 but changes some phrases and words for others with a similar meaning. This emphasizes the fact that there are several different ways of saying the same thing.

本书和市面上众多英语口语书籍的不同之处在于，本书中的对话和语言练习都是以词汇教学法为核心的。词汇教学法是由 Michael Lewis 在 20 世纪 90 年代提出的，它突出强调词语搭配、短语和习惯用法在语言中的作用。因为在任何自然文本中，无论是口语还是书面语，由两到四个、甚至五个单词构成的词语搭配、短语和习惯用法都占据了主要部分。尽管存在不同的统计数字，但固定表达法在我们日常的听说读写中所占的比例可能会高达70%。因此，与单个单词相比，我们更倾向于记忆和使用短语。我们大脑储存词汇的方式就是如此，认识到这一点十分重要。在本书中，我们并不把重点放在生词表或语法上。经过数年的英语学习，你现在需要的是将已知的单词组合在一起构成短语和惯用表达法的能力，而这也正是本书的出发点。

本书之所以与众不同，主要表现在以下几个方面：

1. 所有对话都围绕一个主要角色 Amanda 展开，Amanda 是一名读金融专业的大四女生；
2. 每句话中的粗体部分为建议重读的词，重读是英语语言的一个特色；
3. 本书强调了短语在对话中的运用，并把短语分为习语、半固定表达和词语搭配三个类别；
4. 除中文释义外，短语还配有英语解释，帮助学生加深理解；
5. 语言练习帮助学习者巩固对话中出现的重要词汇；
6. Dialogue 2 是在 Dialogue 1 的基础之上，将一些短语和词语用同义短语或词语替换，突出了相同含义的不同表达方式。

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致读者

These notes for students will help you to not only get the best out of this book but also make you think and become a better speaker of English.

认真阅读“致读者”不仅会帮你最大限度受益于本书，而且还会促使你思考，从而使你的英语口语获得提升。

Book format 本书形式

This book has several unique characteristics that distinguish it from other books of this type. Each of the topics has the following format:

本书有许多区别于其他同类书的独特之处。书中的每一个话题都包含下列板块：

Useful phrases and words 词汇短语加油站

Idioms 习语

The most important point about idioms is to understand that their meaning is always different to the dictionary meaning of each individual word. **They cannot be literally translated and understood.** This is what must be emphasized when dealing with idioms, and many sayings. It is impossible to speak, read, or listen to English without meeting idiomatic language. This is not something you can leave until you reach an advanced level. All native speakers' English is idiomatic. Every newspaper is full of metaphorical language. You cannot avoid it or leave it till later.

习语最重要的特点是：习语的含义绝不是其中每个单词意义的简单叠加。习语是不能按照字面意思翻译和理解的。在学习习语和很多谚语时都要特别注意这一点。在英语的听、说、读中习语表达是无法避免的。你需要现在就开始学习习语，而不是等到你的英语达到高级水平后才开始。所有英语为母语的人都会使用大量的习语表达；所有英文报纸都充满了比喻性的语言。因而对习语的学习刻不容缓。

Semi-fixed expressions 半固定表达

Semi-fixed expressions are phrases where the verb form and also the pronoun vary in expressions such as “drop someone a line”, “drag someone into something” or “boil down to something”. So it's these expressions which are not completely variable that are considered semi-fixed expressions in this book.

在一些短语中，动词的形式和所用的代词需根据语境的不同而变化，如：drop someone

a line (给某人写短信或便条), drag someone into something (硬把某人扯进某事之中), boil down to something (归结为某事物)。在本书中,我们就把这类部分固定、部分可变的短语称为半固定表达。

Word partnerships 词语搭配

Many English words commonly go with another word. For example, if I say what word usually follows "generally" then you would reply "speaking". Knowing word partnerships will help you to become more fluent because you will not be speaking word by word but using groups of words. Knowing word partnerships is much more useful than knowing single new words.

许多英语单词都有与之惯常搭配使用的词。比如说,当问起什么词经常跟在 generally 后面,大部分人会回答 speaking。了解词语搭配会使你的英文更流利,因为你学会了使用词组而不再仅仅是单个的单词。掌握词语搭配比记忆单个的生词更为有用。

Dialogue 1 对话 1

This is a dialogue between two Chinese speakers or one Chinese and one foreigner. They are full of up-to-date natural expressions used by native English speakers, which means that you will be using the same language that they speak.

对话 1 通常在两个中国人或一个中国人和一个外国人之间展开。对话中使用的表达方式都是地道鲜活的,也就是说,你将学会英语母语者所使用的纯正的英语。

Vocabulary notepad 迷你生词本

There will be some new words that you will come across in the dialogues.

对话中会出现一些你不知道的生词。

Sentence stress 句子重读

In English sentences, not all words are given equal emphasis. Key words (usually the words that contain new or important information) are stressed and pronounced more slowly and clearly than other words. Take, for example, the question "Are you going to take the train?" If the focus of the question is *what* the listener will take, the sentence will sound something like "Are you going to take the train?"; the word "train" would be pronounced clearly and with more emphasis. If, in contrast, the emphasis is on *who* is going, the sentence would sound like "Are you going to take the train?" **Students need to learn to stress key words in sentences.** Of course, these sentences are the same, but we are asking for different information in each one. Sentence stress is the music of spoken English. Sentence stress is what gives English its rhythm or "beat". Therefore, all words in

the dialogues that need to be stressed are in **bold**.

在英文句子中，并不是所有的词都重读。关键的词语（一般为表达新信息或重要信息的词）要加重读出，并比其他词读得更慢、更清晰。比如这个问句“Are you going to take the train?” 如果问题的重点在于所用的交通工具，那么句子重音就落在 train 上，train 这个词要清晰并加重读出。但是，如果你想知道的是谁要坐火车，那句子重音就在 you 上。学生要学会重读每句话中的关键词。显然，这两个句子是一模一样的，但是它们询问的信息不同，因而侧重点也有所不同。句子的重音就像英语口语的旋律，它为句子带来了韵律和节拍。本书所有对话中需要重读的词都由粗体标出。

Test your knowledge 词汇短语操练场

These language exercises are designed to reinforce the most important new vocabulary that is introduced in the dialogues.

通过语言练习，学生得以巩固对话里出现的重点词汇。

Dialogue 2 对话大变身

This dialogue repeats the same message as Dialogue 1 but uses different words. This is because in English there are many different ways to say the same thing. These new words and phrases are placed in *italics* so that you will notice them.

对话 2 所表达的意思与对话 1 相同，但是使用的词汇有所不同。这是因为英语当中同一个意思会有许多不同的表达方式。这些新的词汇和短语会用斜体标出，方便学生识别。

Vocabulary extension 词汇大礼包

This is additional vocabulary which includes phrases and words identified with the topic.

这里补充介绍了很多紧贴话题的词汇和短语。

使用指南

Read the dialogue silently first looking for the general meaning
第一遍默读文章，掌握大意

Many students often read a dialogue or passage out loud without having read it first. There is a need to get the general meaning, or gist, first.

许多学生经常在没默读之前就大声朗读。其实首先有必要掌握大意或要旨。

Read it again silently looking for how to say it properly
第二遍默读文章，琢磨如何将文章正确地读出

I find that many students read word by word. That is, they say a word, pause slightly, then say another word, and so on. Not only is this unnatural but it is boring to listen to! You need to speak in chunks, that is, to say phrases and expressions in a single breath. Also, note the words in bold because these are the words that you need to stress.

我发现很多学生在朗读时是一个词一个词地读，每读一个词，就要停顿一下，然后再读下一个词。这种方法不仅使英语听起来很生硬而且极为乏味！朗读应该以语块为单位，也就是说，要一口气说完一个短语或固定表达。同时应注意那些粗体词是需要重读的。

Look at the punctuation for clues on how to say it properly
从标点符号中寻找线索，了解如何正确地说出句子

The punctuation is there to help you sound natural. There will always be a short pause after a full stop (.) and an even shorter pause after a comma (,). A question mark (?) at the end of a sentence tells you it is a question and the last word will often end with a rising intonation. An exclamation mark (!) tells you to say the last word using surprise or anger in your voice.

标点符号的作用是帮助你你说得更自然。句号（.）后面总要有短暂的停顿，而逗号（,）后面的停顿更短。句子结尾的问号（?）告诉你这是一个问句，句尾的词往往要用升调。感叹号（!）表明你要在句尾表达出惊讶或气愤等语气。

Remember that contracted forms are pronounced in that contracted form
记住缩略形式要以缩略形式读出

I often find students saying contracted forms such as "you're" in full like "you are". This is wrong. "I'm" should be pronounced "I'm" and not "I am".

我经常发现学生将 you're 读成 you are, 这是错误的。I'm 要读成 I'm 而不是 I am。

Read the dialogue out loud 大声朗读对话

Now you are ready to read it out loud for the first time.

现在你可以将对话大声朗读出来了。

Role-play the dialogue 角色扮演

Role-play provides an excellent opportunity for learners of English to practise English because it gives students the chance to act out a role that is not their own. The key word here is act. They can be anyone they want. It does not matter if you make a mistake because it is not you who makes it. It is your character who does! You can totally assume the character and personality of your part and play it to the hilt and beyond! Your voice and actions can be completely over the top and yet it does not matter because it is only acting. Role-playing is a safe and enjoyable way to learn English but only if you become an actor. Furthermore, role-playing will give you confidence in public speaking. It is not only a good idea to find a partner to practise the following dialogues with but absolutely essential.

对于英语学习者来说, 在英语会话中进行角色扮演是练习英语的一个绝好的机会, 因为这让学生有机会去表演一个完全不同于自己本人的角色。这里的关键词是“扮演”, 学生可以扮演自己喜欢的任何角色。即使犯了错误也无所谓, 因为那并不是你犯的, 而是你扮演的角色犯下的! 你完全可以自由地表现自己所扮演角色的性格特征, 并将其发挥到极致。你的声音、动作都可以很夸张, 因为这是在表演。如果你勇于表演, 角色扮演可以成为一种有效又有趣的英语学习方法; 角色扮演还可以增添你在公共演说中的自信。找个搭档与你一起练习本书中的对话, 这个方法不仅有效, 而且是必要的。

Tips on role-plays

1. Don't be afraid to act the part;
2. Try to get into the character;
3. Explore different voices;

4. Use appropriate movements and gestures;
5. Change parts so that you can play a different character;
6. Don't be afraid to play a character of the opposite sex;
7. Remember to stress key words in every sentence.

角色扮演小贴士

1. 表演时不必有任何顾虑;
2. 努力融入角色;
3. 尝试模仿不同的声音;
4. 使用恰当的肢体动作和手势;
5. 与搭档交换角色, 以便尝试不同的角色;
6. 不要羞于扮演异性角色;
7. 记得每一句话中的关键词要重读。

Find a partner 寻找搭档

You can read alone, write alone and listen alone but you can't really speak alone. At the university where I work I see many students, early in the morning, reading out loud alone. I admire their determination but their English is never going to improve. Just imagine that I am learning Chinese and I take my textbook with me. I read from it and say "Wo bu tai mang." I repeat this phrase several times. However, my pronunciation is bad and I get the tones all wrong. No matter how many times I say it my Chinese will never improve simply because there is no one there to correct me! This is why you need an English partner so that you can work together and correct each other. Only in that way will your spoken English improve.

你可以一个人听、读、写, 但你不能一个人说话。在我任教的大学, 每天早晨都能见到许多学生独自晨读。我敬佩他们的毅力, 但这样做他们的英语是不会提高多少的。假设我在学习中文, 我天天捧着中文课本, 反复地说“我不太忙”, 但是我的发音和声调都是错的。不管我读多少遍, 我的中文是不会提高的, 因为没有人来纠正我。这就是为什么你需要一个英语搭档来共同学习, 互相纠错。只有这样你的口语才能得到提高。

Test your knowledge 词汇短语操练场

Many students make the mistake of looking up single words in the dictionary to find their meanings. However, many English words have multiple meanings. For example, the

word “mandarin” can mean a small orange or a high civil servant. If it has a capital “M” then it means the official Chinese language. A single word on its own can therefore have many meanings. These language exercises are designed so that you look at chunks first. Idioms are usually several words long. Semi-fixed expressions may be three to four words long. Word partnerships consist of two or three words. Finally, having looked at chunks and understood most of the dialogue, you can look at individual words.

许多学生常犯的错误是从词典中查找单个词的意思。然而许多英语单词都有多重意思。比如，mandarin 一词既可以指“橘子”，也可以指“政府高官”。如果是 Mandarin，首字母大写，它就指中国的通用语言“普通话”。由此可见，英语中一词多义极为常见。本书的语言练习意在训练学生识别语块的能力：习语一般由好几个词组成；半固定表达可能有三四个词；词语搭配通常由两三个词构成。当掌握了对话中的语块，并理解对话的大意之后，再查找单个单词的含义。

Dialogue 2 对话大变身

Now that you have finished reading Dialogue 1 and done all the language exercises, it is time to do Dialogue 2. You will notice that several words or phrases have been changed but the meaning is still the same as Dialogue 1. This is because in English there are several ways to say the same thing.

当完成对话 1 及相应的语言练习后，便可以开始学习对话 2 了。在对话 2 中，你会注意到有些词语被替换掉了，但对话意思不变，仍与对话 1 相同。这是因为英语中同一个意思有多种不同的表达方式。

Studying spoken English really can be easy, even in a fast-paced and demanding world. All you need is a partner who you can meet up with on a regular basis. Together, you will be amazed at how quickly your English will improve. When you are alone, make sure you pick this book up. As each dialogue is independent of the others, you can study them piece by piece. Take the 20 minutes between classes to read a topic. Read it at meal times. Carry it with you everywhere. Squeeze in a few minutes here and there. If you practise one dialogue a day then, at the end of 50 days, you'll be amazed at how your English has grown. Your confidence in speaking will be sky-high and when a foreigner appears you will have plenty to talk about!

即使在快节奏、竞争激烈的环境中，学习英语口语也可以很简单。你需要的只是一个可以定期见面、一起练习的搭档。与搭档结伴学习本书，你会取得意想不到的进步。你可以随身携带本书，以便随时阅读。书中的对话都是相互独立的，因而你可以从任何一篇对

话入手，逐个学习。你可以利用课间 20 分钟来学习一个话题，也可以在就餐时间翻阅本书。总之，随时随地带着它，利用点滴的时间来学习。如果每天练习一篇对话，50 天后你就会惊讶于自己英语的进步。讲英语时你的自信心会大大提升，遇到老外时也可以天南地北地聊侃了！

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