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## 前 言

随着全国范围内职业教育改革的日益深入，高职高专院校对公共英语教学的反思不断深化，贯彻“实用为主、够用为度”这一教学指导原则，早已深入人心，一线教材编写人员坚持创新、不懈努力，推出了众多富有特色的公共英语教材。然而，或许是囿于相对传统的编写理念和对语言发展的理解差异，成功的编写范式还有待摸索，普遍有效、符合时代发展需求的教学体系还有待建立，真正能够切实提高学生英语语言运用技能，“实用”、“够用”，又尤能寓教于乐、让人喜闻乐见的探索还需要大力开展。

本教材依据《高职高专英语课程教学基本要求》（以下简称《基本要求》）中所提出的教学原则，严格遵照《基本要求》中规定的《交际范围表》、《语法功能表》及《词汇表》，立足“当代”，坚持“应用”。考虑到目前大部分学校的教学实际，本教材暂未寻求体例上的大胆突破，仍基本按照语言技能训练的要求，在一个单元内整合五项语言技能。尽管如此，这种整合却充分考虑到“教——学——考”三个环节的实际要求，努力实现范文学习、技能演练和高效应试三方面的有效统合。

在范文选材上，我们一改多数教材的严肃面孔，所选文章除了语言精美、规范，力求充分反映当代英语的鲜活面貌外，更尽力贴近当前学生的审美情趣和求知偏好，立意行文往往趣味横生，让学习者在获得充分的阅读愉悦之余，愿意反复咀嚼，从而实现一种语言学习上愉快的模仿。在此基础上，教材精心编写形式多样的练习，适度而充分，实用而有效，足以满足一般教学课堂所需，更能真正夯实学习者对语言基本知识的掌握。

由于编者水平有限，错误和疏漏难免，恳请各位同仁不吝赐教，不胜感谢。

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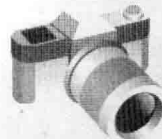
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# Unit 1

# HAPPINESS





## Topics for discussion

1. What is the most important characteristic of a happy person?

optimistic	easy-going
confident	tolerant
aspirant	sincere
generous	passionate
enthusiastic	carefree

2. How can you achieve happiness?

appreciate beauty	create a life lie
connect with nature	avoid being around negative people
be kind to everyone	do something meaningful to you
say something positive	be together with family members
connect with people	enjoy what you are doing

3. How do you define happiness?

be a wealthy man	act of kindness
with family members	long-lived life
get true love	have a healthy body
have some real friends	do what one likes
romantic life	in a good mood

## Text A

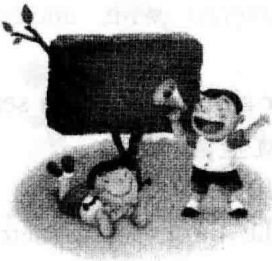
## My Road to Happiness

- ① When I bought this house, I was concerned about how close it was to the road. But after moving in and getting settled, my concerns were pushed aside. For the first few months, planting vegetables, acquiring a dog, building a chicken house, and getting wood—all these projects kept me outside from dawn until dusk, along with my little portable radio. It wasn't until winter arrived and confined me to the house that I became more conscious of “the road”.
- ② It's just a Maine country back road, lined with beautiful old trees and homes, but it's very busy. To the north is the city, to the west the bus terminal and the highway, and to the south, a shopping mall. All the traffic passing by my house is on its way somewhere else.
- ③ The road rose to meet me, whether I wanted it to or not. Lorries, cars, bikes, and fire engines came at all hours, annoying me to no end. Most nights, I'd watch as their retreating lights passed right on by, screw up my face at it all, and then pull the shades down so I could get some sleep.
- ④ Little did I know it then, but the road was actually growing on me.
- ⑤ When this house was built, 107 years ago, it was quite a big deal. The road was the color of copper, as it was still made of dirt in those days, and the surrounding countryside was all farmland.
- ⑥ I have one photograph of the builder-owner of the house, James True Woodbury. He is seated outdoors in a straight-backed chair in front of the house, his hands quietly in his lap. There was a white fence in front of the house, and you can see some of the dusty dirt road off to the side.
- ⑦ The dirt road has long since been paved, and fence is now gone. But the house is just as close to the road now as it was in the old photograph.
- ⑧ Complaining about the road modified not one thing, except perhaps my spirit. It gradually occurred to me that perhaps I ought to regard the road in a different light. For example, the road has brought me friends, like the kind woman who makes the best butter I've ever tasted. She started out selling it to me, and now stops by every week for lunch. Or the little boy who collects my refundable bottles; once, he helped me chase a rabbit out of my garden with my broom. He

loves to visit my dog, too.

- ⑨ The road also brings me stories. The mailman, for instance, who calls me “Madam”, tells me about the funny things he sees around town, and has given me more information than I’ll ever need about the price of postage to countries around the world. And the man who connected the cable for my TV—well, he spent an hour filling me in on all the shows he watches with his new satellite, and even invited me over to watch with his family sometime.
- ⑩ If it weren’t for the road, I wouldn’t have neighbors—in the “neighborly” sense. Now, I wave automatically when people pass by, and gratefully accept their glass of wine when I visit, even though I don’t really like the taste.
- ⑪ James True Woodbury knew what he was doing when he built this house so close to the road. His reasons, just as true as his middle name, had to do with farm life in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. And though life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is really quite different, the need for community has never been greater.
- ⑫ I just celebrated my third anniversary of moving here. After three years, I have long since come to accept the trucks and all the lights; they aren’t the whole story. The rest is what happens when you make up your mind to truly become a part of a neighborhood that’s shaped like a road.
- ⑬ It’s quite a gift, actually.

(678 words)



## New Words

1. dusk/'dʌsk/ n. the darker stage of twilight, especially in the evening 黄昏, 傍晚
2. portable /'pɔ:təbl/ adj. easily or conveniently transported 手提式的, 便携式的
3. confine /kʌn 'faɪn/ vt. to keep within bounds; restrict 限制, 使局限于
4. terminal /'tɜ:mɪn/ n. & a. station where transport vehicles load or unload passengers or goods; of or relating to or situated at the ends of a delivery route 末端, 终点站, 末期的, 晚期的
5. highway /'haɪweɪ/ n. a major road for any form of motor transport 公路, 大路
6. lorry /'lɔ:ri/ n. a large truck designed to carry heavy loads 运货汽车, 卡车
7. retreat /ri 'tri:t/ vi. pull back, move away or backward 撤退, 放弃, 向后倾
8. screw /skru:z/ vt. tighten or fasten by means of screwing motions 拧紧, 旋紧
9. deal /di:l/ n. & v. a particular instance of buying or selling; do business 交易, 买卖, 做买卖, 经营
10. copper /'kɒpə/ n. A kind of metal that occurs abundantly in large masses, used as an electrical and thermal conductor 铜
11. dirt /dɜ:t/ n. the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock; the

12. seat /si:t/ n. & vt. state of being covered with unclean things 泥土,污物  
a space reserved for sitting; assign a seat for 座位,席位,使就坐,设座于
13. outdoors /aut 'dɔ:z/ n. & ad. outside a building 户外,在野外
14. lap /læp/ n. the upper side of the thighs of a seated person 大腿前部,膝盖  
covered with a layer of dust 灰尘多的
15. dusty /dʌsti/ a. cover with a material such as stone or concrete to make suitable for vehicle traffic 铺设,为……铺路
16. pave /peiv/ vt. cause to change; cause a transformation; make less severe or harsh or extreme 修正,变更,修饰
17. modify /'mɒdɪfaɪ/ v. an edible emulsion of fat globules made by churning milk or cream; for cooking and table use 黄油
18. butter /'bʌtə/ n. sth. could be given back, especially money 可偿还的,可退款的
19. refundable /ri 'fʌndəbl/ a. a cleaning implement for sweeping 扫帚
20. broom /bru:m/ n. the charge for mailing something 邮费,邮资
21. postage /'pəʊstɪdʒ/ n. a telegram sent abroad 电缆,缆,索
22. cable /'keɪbl/ n. man-made equipment that orbits around the earth or the moon 人造卫星
23. satellite /'sætələɪt/ n. one of a series of ridges that moves across the surface of a liquid; move or swing back and forth 波浪,起伏,飘动,挥手示意
24. wave /weɪv/ n. & vi. the date on which an event occurred in some previous year (or the celebration of it) 每年的,周年的,周年纪念日
25. anniversary /æni 'vɜ:səri/ n. & a.



## Useful Expressions

1. pass by 经过  
eg. We will pass by many small towns on our way to London.
2. on one's way 在路上, 顺路  
eg. I came across an old friend on my way to school.
3. grow on 使越来越喜欢, 对某人产生更大吸引力  
eg. The habit of doing jogging grew on me.
4. occur to 浮现于脑中; 被想到  
eg. His name just did not occur to my memory.
5. start out 开始时打算, 本来想要, 着手  
eg. Because it was a sunny day, I started to go outside.
6. stop by 顺便访问; 顺便探望  
eg. It is good of you to stop by.
7. fill sb. in 向某人提供最新情况  
eg. He spent an hour filling me in the news.
8. have to do with 与……有关  
eg. The accident has sth. to do with the weather.



## Proper Names

Maine /mein/

缅因州(美国州名)

James True Woodbury

詹姆斯·特鲁·伍德伯里(人名)



## Exercises

### I. Answer the following questions according to Text A.

1. What does the author feel the first few months when she moves to the house?
2. When does the author really become conscious of the road?
3. What is the environment like of the house?
4. How does the house modify her owner?
5. What is the attitude of the author toward the house after 3 years?

### II. Make your choice according to Text A.

1. What was the author's concern when she bought the house?
  - A. The house was too close to the road.
  - B. The business of moving and settling was too troublesome for her to do alone.
  - C. She had to do a lot of things such as planting vegetables and getting a dog so that she had no time to rest indoors.
  - D. The winter was so cold that she was forced to stay at home all day.
2. Which of the following statements is true according to the text?
  - A. It's just a country back road so it's not very busy.
  - B. You can shop to the south of the road.
  - C. If you go along the road eastwards, you can get to the city.
  - D. The bus terminal and highway are to the north of the road.
3. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the text?
  - A. At first she didn't like the road because it was too noisy.
  - B. She was annoyed to no end by the traffic passing by her house all day.
  - C. Although the road was very busy in the day, it was quiet at night.
  - D. The author couldn't get a sound sleep at night.
4. What is the meaning of the word "shades" in the last sentence of the third paragraph?

- A. Darkness under the trees.
- B. Shadow of the trees.
- C. Shelter from the sunlight.
- D. Curtains

5. How many years has the author been living here?

- A. Three years.
- B. Five years.
- C. Six years.
- D. The author doesn't mention that.

III. Find the appropriate meanings in Column B to the words in Column A.

- | A              | B   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. dusk        | A. do business  |
| 2. lorry       | B. cause to change  |
| 3. modify      | C. the state of being covered with unclean things                                       |
| 4. retreat     | D. twilight, evening  |
| 5. deal        | E. a space reserved for sitting   |
| 6. dirt        | F. a large truck  |
| 7. refund      | G. the celebration of an event  |
| 8. anniversary | H. pull back, move away or backward   |
| 9. pave        | I. give back, especially money  |
| 10. seat       | J. cover with a material such as stone or concrete to make suitable for vehicle traffic |

IV. Fill in the blanks with the expressions given below, making any necessary changes.

pass by    on one's way    grow on    occur to    stop by    have to do  
with    fill sb. in    start out    long since    be conscious of

1. It is good of you to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ on what was happening?
3. The Barricades were given way for the President to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. After further study, he \_\_\_\_\_ on a new career.
5. This name has \_\_\_\_\_ been forgotten.
6. My mother asked me to buy some bread \_\_\_\_\_ to the bookshop.
7. The loss \_\_\_\_\_ the earthquake.
8. His name just did not \_\_\_\_\_ my memory
9. I have read the book that grows on you for many times.