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前言

什么是新闻英语？

新闻英语包括报纸报道、广播报道和电视报道。作为报道语言，它必须使广大读者或听众易于了解，易于接受；不同于文学英语，它必须通俗易懂，不宜在词藻以及各种修辞手段上下功夫，但必须讲究实用，所以从文体角度来说，它是一种实用英语，因此，新闻英语除符合一般英语的要求以外，还必须讲究正确与明晰，简洁与生动，重点和独创。

怎样才能提高新闻英语听力？

要提高新闻英语听力，除了要熟悉新闻英语的语言特点外，还必须熟悉一些常用的口语、俚语、语调和多余字的省略（包括标题中的冠词、连接词、联系动词以及倾向性很强的形容词、副词）等；此外，还应当了解新闻报道的种类。新闻报道按内容可分为政治新闻、经济新闻、社会新闻、科学新闻与体育新闻，按目的可分为一般报道、趣味报道、专访报道等等。

本书特点：

本套书为了能使读者在最短的时间内成为新闻英语听力顶尖高手，专门针对新闻英语的特点，从美国各大英文广播电台及电视新闻节目中精选出涉及面广、实用性强的新闻报道；每一篇新闻报道都具有真实性、知识性和趣味性，并配有原声语音磁带，发音标准，是纯正地道的美语语音。本套书遵循从易到难、循序渐进的原则，分为《慢速新闻英语听力》和《快速新闻英语听力》上、下两册。初学者可由《慢速新闻英语听力》入手，在能听懂慢速新闻英语的基础上，再学习《快速新闻英语听力》，最终达到吃透新闻英语的境界！中、高级学者也可直接从《快速新闻英语听力》入手，在短期内变为一名新闻英语听力高手！

使用指南：

《快速新闻英语听力》囊括了六十四则新闻，共分为文艺、社会、政治、科技、战争等十个章节。每则新闻报道都附有英文原文及其译文，译文后附有生词（词组）的注释、重要句式解析及补充词汇。

学习步骤：

一、不看教材，仔细地听一遍录音（不求完全能听懂），听完后对不明白的地方作好标记。新闻的开头与结尾部分是应该大大地集中注意力的地方，因为在这里，前者是新闻的主要事件，后者是评价。

二、第二次听录音，注意标记的部分。

三、再次回顾一遍，如果还不能明白，分析原因。如果是词汇的原因，通过看讲解中的词汇解释解决，如果是语音语速上的原因，则尽量不看教材，通过多听几遍来解决。

四、反复几次以后，对听力材料已经（至少在字面上）烂熟于心后，可以对照原文，看一下是否有自己理解错误的地方。译文是用来参考的，在能够独立理解的前提下尽量不要求助于译文。

五、再听录音，完全理解新闻的内容。寻找在听新闻时应该舍去和必须注意的部分。这一步是十分重要的，它是今后听“真正”的新闻的演练。

六、通过讲解中的词汇用法与句型部分记住相应的表达，并尽量在日常生活中不失时机地

运用。而扩充的词汇也可以花工夫记一下，它们是对许多常见事物的精确表达，往往是反映一个人英语能力的一面镜子。

通过这六步，才能充分地发挥本书的优势，也是我们采用这种编排体例的初衷。

作为一种新方法的尝试，我们衷心地希望本书对您的英语学习有所帮助！

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1 千古绝技

Ancient Beauty

Listen to the first part report

Drue Kataoka's passion is a **demanding** two-thousand-year-old Japanese art form called sumi-e. when you take the ink-loaded brush to paper, and you're waiting to release the brush stroke, you know that it is final. Er, when The ink is **indelible**, you can't remove or take back anything."

Kataoka saw her first sumi-e **landscapes** in a Tokyo museum when she was five years old and earned her master's signature stamp at the age of 17.

The rowers are abstracted into their most essential forms, and are completely synchronized in their movements."

You're not likely to find a traditional landscape in Kataoka's **portfolio**. She'd rather paint sports. what I was thinking about in this painting is the **explosion** of women in sports and what a **positive** thing that has been, for all of us."

Every time I'm painting a subject, I search for the underlying **kinships**, the swish of the brush, the swish of the hoop, the crack of the bats, the wailing gesture of the jazzman's horn."

片冈小姐对日本碳素画情有独钟，这是一种具有二千多年悠久历史而且对艺术形式要求十分严格的画技。“当你提起饱蘸墨汁的画笔，准备往纸上画出第一笔时，你应该明白这是丝毫不能怠慢的，因为墨迹是不能被擦去的，所以你不可能消除或撤回留在纸上的任何一点墨迹。”

片冈五岁时，第一次在东京美术馆见到碳素风景画。而17岁时，她已拥有了自己签名的名家署名邮票。

“划桨手能够全神贯注地进入他们的最佳姿势，而且在动作上也是完全保持一致。”

在片冈小姐的作品集中，你不太可能发现传统的风景画，她喜欢将体育运动作为她的绘画主题。“当时促使我画这幅画的原因是我们女同胞空前广泛地参与体育运动，这对于我们所有人一直都是件积极的事。”

“每次我在确定一个绘画主题后，都要寻找事物之间潜在的联系，像画笔的刷刷声，铁环的嗖嗖声，球拍的断裂声和爵士音乐家吹奏忧伤乐曲时的表情动作。”

New words and Expressions

demanding: [dɪ'mændɪŋ] adj.过分要求的, 苛求的

indelible: [ɪn'delɪbl] adj.去不掉的, 持久的

comment on: 评论……

landscape: ['lændskeɪp] n.风景画, 山水画

portfolio: [pɔːtˈfəʊljəʊ] n. (艺术家等的)代表作选辑

kinship: [ˈkɪnʃɪp] n. (性质等的)类似;亲密关系

explosion: [ɪksˈpləʊʒən] n. 爆发, 扩张, 剧增, 剧变

positive: [ˈpɒzɪtɪv] adj. 肯定的, 实际的, 积极的

Listen to the second part report

Kataoka loves music and loves to paint anything with music in it. But it was the sounds of history that **inspired** her painting of Stanford's **commemorative** poster of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I tried to **distill** sounds just beneath the black ink, and think about the rhythm of the tired feet marching towards freedom, the layered voice of call and response."

Long before the brush meets the paper, Kataoka studies her subjects, Stanford basketball star Kate Starbird. I just tried to watch her, the reverse lay-up over and over again, and then tried to create the brush strokes that had that same kind of motion, and release, and dynamism, to them.

People look at, like a the Kate Starbird, and that was the move she made, and they remember it.

Kataoka's commemorative posters have raised money for athletic scholarships and charities. At 21, this master sumi-e artist has her eyes on history, and leaving her artistic footprint in brushed black ink.

片冈小姐热爱音乐，并喜爱将音乐运用到绘画中。正是历史的声音激发了她创作的灵感来绘制斯坦福纪念性的海报——马丁·路德·金。

“我尝试着从笔墨下提炼声音，思考将古老的韵脚自由化的韵律，以及声音与其回音相互层叠的声音。”

在动笔画画之前，片冈小姐花很长时间来仔细研究她的绘画主题，即斯坦福篮球明星凯特·斯特波德。“我只是设法观察她，反复地进行反手带球上篮。然后试着创作与原型的行为举止和气质相同的作品。”

人们关注并喜爱凯特·斯特波德的画报，这是她参与营造出的效应，人们记得这一点。

片冈小姐创作的纪念性海报为体育性的奖学金和慈善机构筹集了一些资金。从21岁起，这位技艺高超的日本碳素画家就开始关注历史，并在绒墨画的道路上坚实地走着。

New words and Expressions

inspire: [ɪnˈspaɪə] vt. 鼓舞, 感动, 激发, 启示, 使生灵感

commemorative: [kəˈmemərətɪv] adj. 纪念的

distill: [dɪˈstɪl] vt. 蒸馏, 提取

Useful Sentence

Every time I'm painting a subject, I search for **the underlying kinships, the swish of the brush, the swish of the hoop, the crack of the bats, the wailing gesture of the jazzman's horn.**

每次我在确定一个绘画主题后，都要寻找事物之间潜在的联系，比如画笔的刷刷声，铁环的嗖嗖声，球拍的断裂声和爵士音乐家吹奏

忧伤乐曲时的表情动作。

这是个由五个名词短语组成的排比句式，排比句式的应用在听力中经常出现。

Supplementary Words and Expressions

demandeur: [dəməŋ'dɜ:r] <法> n.请求者,请愿人

demand: n.要求者, 请求者

demandant: [di'mɑ:ndənt] n.[律]原告

demandable: [di'mɑ:ndəbl] adj.可要求的, 可请求的

demand of: 向...要求; 向...索取

demand possession: v.要求引渡

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Peanuts Creator Schulz Dies on Eve of Last Strip (Peanuts Creator Schulz Died)

花生漫画的创作者 Schulz 在其最后一幅作品完成前逝世

Listen to the first part report

Just hours before Sunday papers with the last drawings of the Peanuts characters began hitting newsstands, the man who created the world's most popular **comic** strip died in his sleep at his Santa Rosa, California home.

Charles Schulz, **sparky** to those who knew him, was diagnosed with colon cancer in November. And ever since, get-well wishes and **accolades** have been pouring in. Mail reached 500 pieces a day at his Santa Rosa studio. And other **cartoonists** expressed their feelings through their own comic characters.

He's a fan of editorial cartooning, although one time he asked me, like, why do you do those mean cartoons? because his strip was always so gentle and so sweet."

The mini-plots of the Peanuts gang were as **profound** as they were funny.

就在他的最后一幅花生漫画即将出现在周末杂志上的前几个小时，这位创作了世界上最受欢迎漫画的 Charles Schulz 在加州 Santa Rosa 的家中与世长辞了。当时他正在睡梦中。

认识他的人都认为他精力充沛，可他却于十一月被诊断出患有结肠癌。之后，盼其康复的祝愿及对他的赞美之词纷至沓来。每天发往 Santa Rosa 创作室的信达500封之多，其它的卡通创作者也纷纷通过他们的作品来表达他们此刻的心情。

“他是一位社论卡通画的爱好者，虽然有一次他问我：‘麦克，为什么你要画那些讽刺漫画呢，’因为他的漫画总是那么的温和亲切。”

花生漫画系列的每一处细微的构思不仅给读者带来幽默同时也折射出人生哲理。

New words and Expressions

comic: ['kɒmɪk] n.滑稽演员, adj.滑稽的, 喜剧的, 连环漫画的

accolade: [ækə'leɪd] n.赞美, 骑士爵位的授予, (音)连谱号

cartoonist: [kɑ:'tu:nɪst] n.漫画家

profound: [prə'faund]adj.深刻的, 意义深远的, 渊博的

Listen to the second part report

The Peanuts kids had a universal appeal. The strip appeared in 2500 papers in 76 countries.

Daryl King read the last strip early Sunday in a Washington DC coffee shop. It's like the end of an era. You grow up with Peanuts.

For San Francisco school **psychologist** Wes Cedros, the Peanuts kids became more interesting with time. As I grew older, I found I could identify with all the themes that were running through.

It was the **animated** characters of the Peanuts television specials that Los Angeles **e-commerce** fashion worker, Pat remembers. there was this sort of **melancholic undertone** to it, that just really hit; it hit that soft spot.

Schulz was an International Cartoonist of the Year 1978 and twice won cartooning's highest honor, the Rueben Award. Last week he spoke with radio station, KSRO in Santa Rosa I'm just pleased that **somehow** I've been able to **kind of** point out to some people that comic strip art, it is an art."

There will be **reruns**. But Schulz and his family decided long ago that after he stopped, no one else would ever draw the strip he drew for nearly 50 years.

“Peanuts (花生)”在世界各地受到欢迎, 76个国家的 2500份报纸都曾经转载过 Peanuts (花生) 的连环漫画。

星期天早上, 达利·金在华盛顿特区的一个咖啡屋里看完最后一期连载之后说, “这就像是一个时代的结束。我们是伴随着 Peanuts (花生) 一起长大的。”

在旧金山学院的心理学者韦斯·瑟则斯看来, Peanuts (花生) 随着时间的推移会变得越来越有趣, “随着年龄的增长, 我发现我能够认同它们所演绎的每一个主题。”

对于 Peanuts (花生) 电视专栏中生动的动画人物, 洛杉矶从事电子商务的工人帕特是这样回忆的: “这其中包含几分讽刺寓意, 它击中要害。”

Schulz' 1978年的年度“国际漫画家”, 曾经两次赢得漫画界的最高荣誉“Rueben奖”。上周他在接受加州 Santa Rosa KSRO 电台采访时说: “我很高兴我能够以某种方式告诉人们, 连环漫画也是一门艺术。”

虽然 Peanuts (花生) 将来可能被再度连载, 但 Schulz 和他的家族很久以前就已经决定, 在他封笔之后, 家族中不会有人再从事 Schulz 这部画了近 50 年的连环漫画。

New words and Expressions

psychologist: [saɪ'kɒlədʒɪst] n. 心理学者

animated: [ˈæniˌmeɪtɪd] adj. 生气勃勃的

e-commerce: [ɪ'kɒmə:s] 电子商务

melancholic: [ˌmelən'kɒlɪk] n. [医]忧郁症患者; adj. 忧郁的

undertone: [ˈʌndə'təʊn] n. 含意, 暗流

somehow: [səm'hau] adv. 不知何故

kind of: 相当, 有一些

rerun: ['ri:'rʌn] n.v.再运行,再开动

Useful Sentence

Schulz was an International Cartoonist of the Year 1978 and twice won **cartooning's highest honor, the Rueben Award.**

Schulz是1978年的年度国际漫画家, 并且两次获得动画片最高奖**Rueben**奖。

这里 cartooning's highest honor 和 the Rueben Award 互为同位语, the Rueben Award 是对 cartooning's highest honor 进一步的解释和说明。

Supplementary Words and Expressions

comic strip: 连环漫画, 连环图画

comic relief: 喜剧性穿插, 喜剧性调剂

spark: [spɑ:k] n.火花, 闪光; vi.闪烁, 发火花; vt.发动, 鼓舞

sparkle: ['spɑ:kl] v.发火花, (使)闪耀, (香槟酒等)发泡 n. 闪光, 光彩, 活力, 发泡

3 The Pickup 《偶然结识的人》

Listen to the following report

Reading Nadine Gordimer's new novel, *The Pickup*, you might think she wrote it after September 11th. In fact, the veteran South African novelist was simply tapping into a theme that, on that **fateful** day, moved closer to the center of our collective consciousness. The book follows a love affair between people of two very different cultures with very different ways of looking at the world — an Arab **illegal immigrant** and a white South African woman. Here's the author, Nadine Gordimer, reading from the opening of *The Pickup*.

如果阅读纳丁·戈迪默的新小说《偶然结识的人》, 你可能会认为她是在9.11事件之后写的。事实上, 这位老牌的南美小说家只是简单地道出了一个主题, 即在那个重要的日子, 接近了我们共同意识核心的一些东西。这本书记叙了两个具有不同文化背景 and 不同世界观的人——一个阿拉伯非法移民和一个南美白种女人之间的爱情故事。今天我们请到了作者纳丁·戈迪默, 让我们从头阅读这本《偶然结识的人》。

New words and Expressions

fateful: ['feɪtʃəl] adj.宿命的, 重大的, 决定性的, 致命性的, 预言性的

illegal: ['ɪli:gəl] adj.违法的, 不合规定的

immigrant: ['ɪmɪgrənt] adj.(从外国)移来的, 移民的, 移居的 n.移民, 侨民

Useful Sentence

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Supplementary Words and Expressions

fate: [feit] n. 天数, 命运, 运气 vt. 注定, 送命
fated: [ˈfeɪtɪd] adj. 宿命的, 受命运支配的, 命中注定的
illegality: [ˌɪliːˈɡælɪti] n. 非法行为, 犯规
illegalization: [ˌɪliːˈɡəlaɪz] n. 使成为非法化
immigrate: [ˈɪmɪɡreɪt] vt. 使移居入境 vi. 移来
immigration: [ˌɪmɪˈɡreɪʃən] n. 外来的移民, 移居入境

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Global Hit 全球热点

Listen to the following report

San Francisco-based **guitarist** Henry Kaiser counts among his **sources** music from East Asia, Northern India, and Africa. In the early 90s, he recorded six CDs in Madagascar. Later, Kaiser made a couple in Norway. Now, he's getting ready to take part in an Artists-and-Writers Program in even colder **climes**. The World's Stephen Snyder explains.

来自旧金山的吉他演奏家亨利·凯瑟正整理他从东亚、北印度和非洲得到的音乐素材。90年代早期,凯瑟在马达加斯加录制了六张CD。随后,他在挪威出的唱片数量是以前的两倍。现在,他正准备去个更寒冷的地方参加一个以艺术家和作家为主题的节目。来自斯蒂芬·斯奈德的国际报道。

New words and Expressions

guitarist: [ɡɪˈtɑːrɪst] n. 吉他弹奏者
source: [sɔːs] n. 来源, 水源, 消息来源, 原始资料
clime: [klaɪm] n. 气候, 地方, 地域

Useful Sentence

Later, Kaiser **made a couple** in Norway.
make a couple 是固定短语, 意思是以前的两倍。
后来Kaiser在挪威出的唱片是以前的两倍。

Supplementary Words and Expressions

source book: [计]源卷
source directory: [计]源目录
source field: [计]源字段
climate: [ˈklaɪmɪt] n. 气候, 风土, 思潮

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The Financial Report Sony Released Last Week

索尼公司上周的财务报告

Listen to the following report

There weren't many bright-spots in the financial report that Sony released last week. The Japanese electronics giant lost more than 100-million dollars during the third quarter. But, of

all things, Sony's video-game operations showed improved results. That's right, video-games, those celebrations of **annihilation**, **destructure**, and **extermination**. He might think that, given the events of September 11th, having fun with **violence** might be out of favor with consumers. Or you'd be wrong, as we hearing this report from **correspondent** Lucy Craft in Tokyo.

索尼公司在上周发布的财报报告中并没有多少亮点。这个日本的电子业巨头在第三季度损失了一亿多美元。但是尽管如此，索尼的视频游戏仍显示出良好的发展势头，不错，正是那些以消灭、破坏等为主题的暴力性游戏系列。考虑到9·11事件，你可能会认为人们对以暴力为主题的游戏已经没有了热情。但是当我们听到记者露西·科拉弗特在东京的报道后，你会发现你错了。

New words and Expressions

annihilation: [ə'naɪə'leɪʃən] n. 歼灭, 灭绝

destruction: [dɪ'strʌkʃən] n. 破坏, 毁灭

extermination: [ek'stə:mi'neiʃən] n. 消灭, 根绝

violence: ['vaɪələns] n. 猛烈, 强烈, 暴力, 暴虐, 暴行, 强暴

correspondent: [kə'ri'spɒndənt] n. 通讯记者, 通信者

Useful Sentence

That's right, video-games, those celebrations of annihilation, destruction, and extermination.

不错，正是那些以消灭、破坏等为主题的暴力性游戏系列。省略句，完整的句子表达为 That's right, video-games are those celebrations of annihilation, destruction, and extermination that improved results.

Supplementary Words and Expressions

annihilate: [ə'naɪə'leɪt] vt. 消灭, 歼灭

annihilative: [ə'naɪə'leɪtɪv] adj. 有消灭能力的

exterminate: [eks'tə:mineɪt] v. 消除

corresponding: [kə'ri'spɒndɪŋ] adj. 相应的, 通讯的

corresponsive: [kə'ri'spɒnsɪv] adj. 反应的, 相当的

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Rising Oil Price Prompts Call for Alaska Drilling

石油价格上涨将促进

阿拉斯加的石油开采

Listen to the first part report

When the numbers start going up here, you can bet the pressure **gauge** rises here. Pressure to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The **refuge**, known as ANWR, has been off limits since 1980 to any oil exploration without Congressional approval. Alaska's Sen. Frank Murkowski says it's time for Congress to reconsider.

ANWR becomes one of the reasonable alternatives and as consequently we think it is advisable to, time to pursue it.

Environmentalists call it the **biological heart** of Alaska, and compare it to the Serengeti plains of Africa for the **diversity of its wildlife**. They say, put an oil field here and you will destroy it forever.

so we're going to sacrifice something that we should be **passing on** to our grandchildren as a **national heritage**, in order to have a quick fix of oil for six months and if you really want to have some additional oil there's a better way to do it through conservation.

当油价开始上涨，这里的压力计指数就肯定上升了。这里的压力指的是在北极国家野生生物保护区开采石油的压力。这个保护区简称ANWR，自1980年以来它已解除了无国会允许不能开采石油的禁令。阿拉斯加参议员弗兰克·穆克斯基说现在是国会需要重新考虑这项议案的时候了。

“ANWR是一种合理的选择，因此我们认为该把它放到议事日程上来了。”

环境学家们称ANWR为阿拉斯加的生物学中心，而且在生物多样性方面还把它和非洲的Serengeti平原相媲美。他们说，一旦在ANWR建油田，它将遭受永久的毁灭性打击。

“所以我们决定牺牲一些本应作为国家财产传给子孙后代的東西，以便在6个月的时间内快速进行石油的安装定位。如果确实希望增加石油产量的话，最好通过保护资源来寻找出路。”

New words and Expressions

gauge: [geɪdʒ] n.标准尺, 规格, 量规, 量表 v.测量

refuge: [ˈrefju:dʒ] n.安全地带, 隐藏处

biological heart: 生物学中心

diversity of its wildlife:(它的)生物多样性

pass on: v.传递

a national heritage: 民族遗产

Listen to the second part report

Alaska ships 10 percent of its oil to Asia, but **petroleum producers** say the percentage is too small to affect U.S. supplies or prices. When gas prices soar there's a rally cry by the oil industry is open the refuge and drill and U.S. would no longer be over a barrel.

It has been estimated based upon United States **Geological Survey** estimates that we could replace the same amount of oil we are currently importing through Saudi Arabia for the next 30 years.

As the oil industry dreams of vast pools of crude beneath the **Arctic tundra**, environmentalists say their dream is to get President Clinton to declare a national monument. ...the only surefire way, they say, 搵o keep the refuge wild and free.

阿拉斯加有10%的石油运往亚洲，但石油生产商们说这个比例还太小而不能影响美国的石油供应和油价。随着天然气价格的剧增，石油工业大呼“打开保护区开采石油，美国不再是一个难以填满的油桶。”

“据美国的地理学调查报告预测，在未来的30年里，我们自己将能够等量替换本国从沙特阿拉伯国家进口的石油。”

当石油工业者梦想着在北极的冻土地带有一个巨大的原油池的时候，环境学家们称这种想法无异于促使克林顿总统宣布一项国家政策。他们说这也是维持保护区的天然与自由的唯一

可靠的途径。

New words and Expressions

petroleum producer: 石油生产商

geological Survey: 地质勘测

Arctic tundra: 北极冻原

Useful Sentence

Alaska's Sen. Frank Murkowski says **it's time for** Congress **to** reconsider.

阿拉斯加州参议员 Frank Murkowski说国会该重新考虑这件事了。

it's time for sb to do sth, 固定短语, 该到某人做某事的时候了。例如: It is time to get up. 该起床了。也可以表达为It is time for XiaoMing to get up. 小明该起床了

Supplementary Words and Expressions

storage tank 储油罐

pipeline['paɪpˌlaɪn] n. 油管

oil tanker 油轮

oil field 油田

wildcat ['waɪldkæt] 盲目开掘的油井

well[wel] n. 井, 油井

drill bit 钻头

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The World Trade Organization in Seattle: a week of protest

世界贸易组织在西雅图:

公众示威抗议的一周

Listen to the first part report

On the very first day, a tense moment and a hint of things to come. Blocked at every turn, a World Trade Organization (WTO) delegate couldn't get through the human chain of **protesters**.

They promised to stall the World Trade Organization. They succeeded at least temporarily. Few could have **anticipated** so much anger towards such an obscure organization. A lot of people didn't know what that was about; they had no concept, no idea of what the WTO is."

Labor groups, environmentalists and farmers formed unlikely **coalitions**, fearing the WTO could upset their world.

It affects our environment, it affects our workers, it affects our trade policy, it affects our habitat."

While tens of thousands rallied peacefully, those with more violent agendas stole the headlines.

就在第一天, 局势开始紧张而且出现了一系列事件。由于在每一个转弯处都要受阻, 世界贸易组织(WTO)的一位代表无法通过抗议者所筑成的人墙。

游行示威者扬言要停止世界贸易组织。而且他们至少获得了暂时的胜利。很少有人能够预料到人们对于这样一个抽象的组织会如此的愤怒。“很多人都不知道它是关于什么的, 他们对此没有概念, 而且

不知道 WTO 是什么。”

工人组织，环境保护论者以及农场主形成了并不牢固的联盟，他们害怕世界贸易组织会对他们的生活产生影响。

“它影响了我们的环境，影响了我们的工人，影响了我们的贸易政策，影响了我们的居住地。”

尽管成千上万的人举行和平游行，那些更加暴力的计划却成了各媒介的大标题。

New words and Expressions

protester: [prəʊˈtestə] n. 抗议者, 反对者

convention center: 会议中心

blockade: [blɒˈkeɪd] n. 阻塞

anticipate: [ænˈtɪsɪpeɪt] v. 预期, 预料

coalition: [kəʊəˈlɪʃən] n. 合并, 接合, 联合

Listen to the second part report

When the police took back the streets, the images were just as ugly.

By the week's end there was an uneasy truce.

Ninety-nine percent of what happened was beautiful protests, for people had their say, and was done peacefully and it will have consequence.

On the inside, some delegates say the cries from the outside were tough to ignore. Maybe, they have done something **sensitized** a little bit more, the structures of the WTO.”

Seemingly out of nowhere came an issue that inspired massive **passionate** protests right through the final day.

With the presidential race in **preliminary** heats, you can bet that from now on when voters want to talk trade, the politicians will listen.

当警察对街道实行戒严时，所见到的都是很丑恶的画面。

在周末的时候，终于出现一次难得的休战。

“百分之九十九的游行示威活动都源于美好的愿望，每个人都有发言的权利，而且大部分游行活动都和平进行，这终将会有好结果的。”

一些知情的代表们说外面的叫喊声非常坚决，以至于无法不理睬。“大概世界贸易组织的一些所作所为使得一些问题敏感化。”

似乎还没有令人振奋的迹象显示抗议者们在会议的最后一天获胜。

随着总统竞选活动的逐步升温，必定从现在开始，只要投票者谈到贸易问题，这些政治家们都会洗耳恭听。

New words and Expressions

truce: [tru:s] n. 休战, 休战协定, 休止

sensitize: [ˈsensɪtaɪz] vi. 变得敏感, 敏化

passionate: [ˈpæʃənɪt] adj. 充满热情的

preliminary: [priˈlɪmɪnəri] adj. 预备的, 初步的

Useful Sentence

Blocked at every turn, a World Trade Organization (WTO) delegate couldn't get through the human chain of protesters.

由于在每一个转弯处都要受阻，世贸组织的一位代表无法通过抗议者所筑成的人墙。相对应的表达：It was blocked at every turn so that a WTO delegate couldn't get through the human chain of protesters.

Supplementary Words and Expressions

Community: [kə'mju:niti] n. 共同体

European Common Market 欧洲共同市场

European Economic Community, EEC 欧洲经济共同体

Conference: [kən'fərəns] n. 会议

Council: ['kaunsil] n. 理事会

World Peace Council 世界和平理事会

Confederation: [kən'fedə'reiʃən] n. 联合会

Association: [ə'səʊsi'eɪʃən] n. 联盟

League of Red Cross Societies, LRCS 红十字会协会

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California Power Surplus City

加州的电力过剩城

Listen to the first part report

Edward and Nina Goehring use electricity to heat their home their water their spa and in summer to run their air conditioning.

Now, in the midst of California's electric energy crisis, they're glad they're all electric, and they live in Redding.

It's given us ease of mind in that we know that we're not going to be hit with these tremendous rate increases that the rest of California is having."

The city of 80-thousand generates most of its own power with three gas turbines, a steam plant, and a small generator at a dam. Redding also buys electricity **at below market prices** under longterm contracts from other power generators.

That totals more electricity than Redding needs. It sells the rest on the **wholesale market**.

the revenues that we get from that kind of sale out on the open market, we bring home to **pay off the infrastructure** of this **power facility** here, as well as other investments we made, and ultimately provide rate relief for our rate payers here at home.

爱德华·格赫林和夫人尼娜在家取暖、烧水、淋浴都用电，夏天还会开空调。

尽管加州现在正处于电力危机之中，但是住在 Redding 城的他们仍然可以享受电带来的舒适生活。

“我们可以放心地用电，因为我们不用担心电费会像在加州其他地方那样不断蹿高。”三组汽轮机，一台蒸汽机和一个小型的水电站为 Redding 这个拥有 8 万市民的小城提供了大部分的电力。此外，该城还通过与其他一些电站的长期合同，以低于市价的价格购入电力。

这几部分加起来其实已经超出了全市市民对电力的需求量，于是剩余的电力又可以出售。“我们在市场上售电的收入，可以用于电力基础设施的建设或者其他方面的投资，从而也就降