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前 言

学习英语的四种基本技能中,听是非常重要的一个环节,是其他几种技能的基础。在国人都在讨论如何才能学好英语的今天,听力能力的培养无疑已成为公认的最重要方式之一。

新闻英语以其明晰的叙事和表达、地道而恰当的用词、精练的语言而一直为国内广大英语学习者爱好,VOA 和 BBC 的新闻英语节目一直是国内广大英语学习者的首选。但由于受时间、环境等种种限制,再由于没有一定量的辅助练习,英语学习者们无法进行精听,从而无法在短时间内掌握新闻英语的特点,达不到迅速提高听力的目的。鉴于此,在广泛征求广大英语学习者意见的基础上,我们从 VOA 新闻报道中选编部分材料,编写了《美国之音标准英语听力·新闻英语Ⅳ》,选材时主要考虑了如下因素:

1. 尽可能选编较新的资料,但首要
是选编能体现新闻英语特色的资料;

2. 尽可能拓宽报道内容,以使知识
面更加丰富;

3. 练习的编排以考查、训练功能性
材料为主,资料性为辅。

本书由练习、答案、听力原文和参考
译文四部分构成。

由于语速较快,每课录音播放两遍。

本书适用于英语专业本科生或非英
语专业的研究生作为听力教材或辅助教
材使用,也可供具有一定英语基础的学
习者训练听力、拓宽知识使用。

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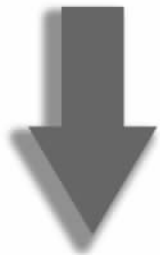
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*Part I*



**Exercises**

# Lesson 1

## One Month after Tsunami, Some Signs of Normalcy Start to Appear

### Key words

1. tsunami 海啸
2. normalcy 正常
3. devastated 严重破坏的
4. distribution 分配; 分发
5. assistance 帮助; 援助
6. dependency 依赖; 依靠; 附属
7. massive 大量的
8. debris 碎片; 残骸
9. rehabilitation 恢复
10. capsized 翻船

### Exercises :

**I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the news.**

1. The biggest relief operation ever mounted \_\_\_\_\_ to feed and shelter the survivors, and major outbreaks of \_\_\_\_\_ have been \_\_\_\_\_, but relief \_\_\_\_\_ say there is still much to be done.

2. Tony Banbury, Asian regioned director for the

World Food Program, says relief workers are still \_\_\_\_\_ basic necessities to devastated communities, but \_\_\_\_\_ and organizations are \_\_\_\_\_ to think of \_\_\_\_\_ of homes and livelihoods.

3. During the recovery phase we \_\_\_\_\_ to target our assistance in a more refined \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ that we do not \_\_\_\_\_ a dependency culture.

4. Thailand, which lost more than \_\_\_\_\_ people to the tsunami, saw at least \_\_\_\_\_ seven killed Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_ four foreign tourists, when an overloaded boat heading to the \_\_\_\_\_ island of Koh Samui capsized.

**II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the news.**

1. Officials say people are moving from the \_\_\_\_\_, or back to what is left of their villages along the devastated West Coast of Sumatra.

2. The focus is still on the emergency assistance, general distribution to anyone who has been affected \_\_\_\_\_ attached.

3. We have to continue this as if we were still \_\_\_\_\_, because this is going to be a long rehabilitation process.

# Lesson 2

## US Senate Debates Rice Nomination

### Key words

1. debate 辩论, 争论
2. nomination 任命; 提名
3. endorsement 支持; 赞成
4. justification 正当化; 辩护
5. rationale 理由; 基本原理
6. catastrophic 灾难性的
7. quagmire 困境; 泥沼
8. hold accountable for 对……负有责任
9. opposition 反对

### Exercises :

**I. Answer the following questions with the information you have heard from the news.**

1. What are the opposition Democrats using the nomination of Condoleezza Rice to do?
2. What will senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts will do about Ms. Rice's nomination?
3. What will senator Joe Lieberman of Connecticut will do about Ms. Rice's nomination?

**II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the news.**

1. American credibility in the world, progress in the war on terrorism, and our relationships with our allies \_\_\_\_\_ the Secretary of State's actions.

2. Dr. Rice was a key member of the National Security team that developed and justified the rationale for war, and it \_\_\_\_\_, a continuing quagmire.

3. We must learn from them, correct them \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq. President, if the President of the United States will not do this, then those in the Senate must.

4. Despite opposition from some Democrats, the Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Rice to succeed Secretary of State Colin Powell in a vote scheduled for Wednesday.

# Lesson 3

## Bush Prepares to Push Ambitious Second-Term Agenda

### Key words

1. ambitious 有雄心壮志的;野心勃勃的
2. agenda 议事日程
3. inaugural 就职的
4. overhaul 彻底检查;细密检查
5. U. S. Capitol 美国国会大厦
6. genuine 真正的
7. compromise 妥协;让步
8. bipartisanship 两党的;两党合作
9. leverage 手段;影响力
10. mandate 命令

### Exercises :

**I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the news.**

1. In fact, in the case of President Nixon, he was \_\_\_\_\_ to resign with more than \_\_\_\_\_ years left in his \_\_\_\_\_ term \_\_\_\_\_ of the Watergate scandal in 1974.

2. There is important work to be done and I look

forward to \_\_\_\_\_ with members of both \_\_\_\_\_ and both \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ that job.

3. He is already warning the president that any \_\_\_\_\_ on Social Security or tax \_\_\_\_\_ depends on genuine \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bush administration.

4. Republicans say they are \_\_\_\_\_ about the president's second term because he has a \_\_\_\_\_ track \_\_\_\_\_ of winning public \_\_\_\_\_ for his policies.

**II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the news.**

1. He has set out an ambitious domestic agenda that \_\_\_\_\_ system and an overhaul of the government pension program known as Social Security.

2. If the White House idea of bipartisanship is that we have to buy whatever partisan ideas they send us, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Other experts note that some of the president's Republican supporters \_\_\_\_\_ as a mandate for conservative change.

4. But he is very well rooted in a view of what ought to be done that really prevents him from \_\_\_\_\_ and compromises with Democrats.

# Lesson 4

## Bush Prepares for State of the Union Address

### Key words

1. constitution 宪法
2. indication 迹象;表明
3. intense 激烈的;强烈的
4. social security 社会保障;社会安全
5. viability (计划等的)可行性
6. re-vamp 改革;改制;翻新
7. boost 提高;提升
8. skeptical 怀疑的
9. vigorous 充满活力的
10. animate 鼓舞;激励

### Exercises :

**I. Fill in the blanks with the words you have heard from the news.**

1. University of Virginia political expert Larry Sabato says the State of the Union Address \_\_\_\_\_ offers a better \_\_\_\_\_ of where the president \_\_\_\_\_ to take the country \_\_\_\_\_ the next few years.

2. And the world is going to be \_\_\_\_\_ very

\_\_\_\_\_ to exactly how he \_\_\_\_\_ his visions of democracy into a \_\_\_\_\_ foreign policy.

3. They oppose the president's plan to revamp Social Security, \_\_\_\_\_ his proposal to \_\_\_\_\_ younger workers to set up \_\_\_\_\_ investment accounts to boost their \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Social Security is still going to be there to \_\_\_\_\_ care of people who either \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes or cannot earn \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for their retirement.

**II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the news.**

1. Unlike the president's inaugural address, which focused on the broad theme of expanding democracy around the world, the State of the Union Address is usually a much more detailed set of policy proposals \_\_\_\_\_.

2. University of Virginia expert Larry Sabato says the president will \_\_\_\_\_ Democrats to pass his reform plan in the Congress.

3. This is the America that we live in today, a country whose founding promise is slipping further and \_\_\_\_\_ too many American families.

4. After two years, his power begins to fade away quite quickly and quite considerably and \_\_\_\_\_.

# Lesson 5

## Iraqis Brave Violence to Vote

### Key words

1. block off 隔离
2. barbed wires 铁丝网
3. undeterred 未被吓倒的
4. insurgent 反叛者
5. mortar 迫击炮
6. bulk 大量
7. marginalize 使边缘化
8. skew 曲解; 歪曲
9. enthusiastically 热情地, 狂热地

### Exercises :

#### I. Decide whether the following statements are True or False.

- ( ) 1. Hekmat al-Rubaie feels very happy because this is the second time for them to elect a government, which they like.
- ( ) 2. Suicide bombers struck at least 17 voting centers within the first six hours of the polls opening.

( ) 3. Some Sunni leaders have called for a boycott of the elections.

**II. Complete the statements with the information you have heard from the news.**

1. Many of the streets were blocked off \_\_\_\_\_ barriers and barbed wires.

2. Hekmat al-Rubaie says he and his wife never considered \_\_\_\_\_.

3. As people lined up to enter, others emerged from the polling station, smiling and showing their ink-stained index fingers, \_\_\_\_\_.

4. An official for the Iraqi Electoral Commission says polling centers in several towns in the Sunni-dominated area south of Baghdad did not \_\_\_\_\_.