U1 1 Catching crabs

In the fall of our final year the relaxed atmosphere disappeared, and the pressure to work was strong. Meanwhile, we must consider what we would do after graduation. As for me, I wanted to travel and be a writer but my father wanted me to go to law school. He supported me but he called me to catch the crabs. By watching crabs my father told me to know himself better.

在我们最后一年的秋天，轻松的气氛消失了，工作的压力很大.。同时，我们必须考虑毕业后要做什么.。至于我，我想旅行，成为一名作家，但我的父亲想让我去法学院。他支持我，但他叫我去抓螃蟹。通过看螃蟹我父亲告诉我要更好地了解自己。

U1 2 We are all dying

Life is short and we don't know whether we will be in coffin dwellers or become ash. So we shouldn't putt our dreams on the back burner. We should make the best of our short life and enrich our life. Therefore, when the reaper arrives, we’ve achieved so much that we wouldn't regret.

生命是短暂的，我们不知道我们是否会在棺材或成为灰烬。所以我们不应该把我们的梦想放一边。我们应该充分利用我们短暂的生命，丰富我们的生活。因此，当死神来临时，我们得到了很多，不会后悔。

U2 1 Superman

The Bible of Dreams are about a girl's childhood. She lived by an airport and the pilot looked like a superman. Because of her flying dreams, superman fulfilled her mind at the moment.

A boy also adored superman, during the school he played Superman games with the author. Compared with the ordinary games, they found a sense of superiority.

梦的圣经是关于女孩的童年。她住在机场，飞行员看起来像个超人。因为她的梦想，超人此刻实现了她的梦想。

男孩也崇拜超人，在学校里他和作者一起玩超人游戏。与普通游戏相比，他们找到了优越感。

U3 1 How we listen

We divided the process of listening to music into three planes. The first is the sensuous plane, a kind of feel created by the sound of music. The second is the expressive plane, which reflects a different world of feeling, such as happiness, sadness. The third is the musical plane, an ability to experience different musical elements. We usually listen to music on all three planes.

我们把听音乐的过程划分为三个平面.。首先是感官层面，一种感受到音乐的声音了。二是表现层面，它反映了一个不同的世界的感觉，如幸福，悲伤。第三是音乐层面，体验不同音乐元素的能力。我们通常在三个平面上听音乐。

U3 2 The mystery of Girl with a Pearl Earring

The painting is one of a Dutch painter’s masterworks. It shows a woman wearing a pearl earring. It is called the Mona Lisa of the north. It contains many meanings and questions. It generates a good novel and a good film.

这幅画是荷兰画家的杰作。它显示了一个戴着珍珠耳环的女人。它被称为北方的蒙娜丽莎。它包含了许多意义和问题。它产生了一个很好的小说和一部好电影。

U4 1 Work in corporate America

Today’s American jobs are different. Not long ago, a children can understand parents’ job. Nowadays, they couldn’t. What’s more, even adult couldn’t understand other people’s jobs. Therefore, a poor child may answer ’I don’t know’ when his friends asks him of his father’s job.

今天的美国工作是不同的。不久前，一个孩子能理解父母的工作。现在，他们不能。更重要的是，即使是成年人也不能理解别人的工作。因此，一个可怜的孩子可能会回答“不知道”当他的朋友问他父亲的工作。

U4 2 Our supposedly exciting times are really rather dull

Living in a world of change we don’t know deeper patterns. For example, globalization is almost meaningless. We do not live in an age of great technology. 90 percent of web is local but we are told the Internet open the world. As the Chinese curse “May you live in interesting times”.

生活在一个变化的世界里，我们不知道更深的模式。例如，全球化几乎毫无意义。我们不生活在一个伟大的技术时代。90%的网络是本地的，但我们被告诉互联网打开世界。作为中国的诅咒“愿你生活在有趣的时代”。

U5 1 Dinner at Joanne’s

When a young black man arrives in a restaurant, the waiter makes him sit in the uncomfortable place. Then a well-known senator arrives and the waiter realizes. The senator realizes that her friend has been treated badly because of his black skin. The waiter realizes his mistake too, and tries to make up, but it’s too late.

当一个年轻的黑人到达餐馆时，服务员让他坐在不舒服的地方。然后一个著名的参议员到达，侍者意识到。这位参议员意识到她的朋友因为他的黑皮肤受到了严重的虐待。服务员也意识到了他的错误，并试图弥补，但为时已晚。

U5 2 I We they

The writer uses stories to illustrate the differences between the ways to business. They have different concepts in business. The writer compares the characteristics of the collectivist and the individualist. The collectivist society’s people consider themselves as part of a group. But the individualist think more of personal identity. However, few people depend on a group in the individualist societies.

作者用故事来说明商业方式的不同.。他们在商业中有不同的概念。作者比较了集体主义与个人主义的特点。在集体主义社会的人们认为他们自己是团队的一部分。但个人认为更多的个人身份。然而，很少有人依赖于个人主义的社会团体。

U6 1 Last man down

The text tells a historical event of 9/11 attack. A firefighter is a hero inspiring the nation. His story isn’t one of death and destruction. It is a celebration of life and an unpredictable nature.

文中讲述了一个历史事件9 / 11攻击。一个消防队员是英雄振奋民族。他的故事不是一个死亡和毁灭。这是对生命的庆祝和不可预知的自然。

U6 2 Eleanor Roosevelt

The passage tells a woman of power. She wanted to devote herself to the success. In a male-dominated world, she concentrated for women’s issues. She also concentrated on labor issues, youth issues and civil rights issues. A First Lady’s introduction said the first lady always set the place to man.

这篇文章讲述了一个权力的女人。她想献身于成功。在男性主导的世界里，她专注于女性问题。她还专注于劳动问题，青年问题和公民权利问题。第一夫人介绍说，第一夫人总是把位置给男人。

U7 1 Can bad luck be explained

The author explains whether bad luck can be explained. Firstly, he tells the connection between people’s feel of bad luck and coincidences. Secondly, the badness is a question of degree. Thirdly, if your first bad event sticks in your mind, you may experience more bad events. Finally, the author take the traffic lights for example to explain why the bad luck is more impressive.

作者解释了是否可以解释坏运气。首先，他告诉人们的感觉坏运气与巧合之间的连接。其次，不良是一个度的问题。第三，如果你的第一个坏事件印在你的脑海中，你可能会遇到更多的坏事件。最后，笔者以交通灯为例来解释为什么运气不好会更深刻。