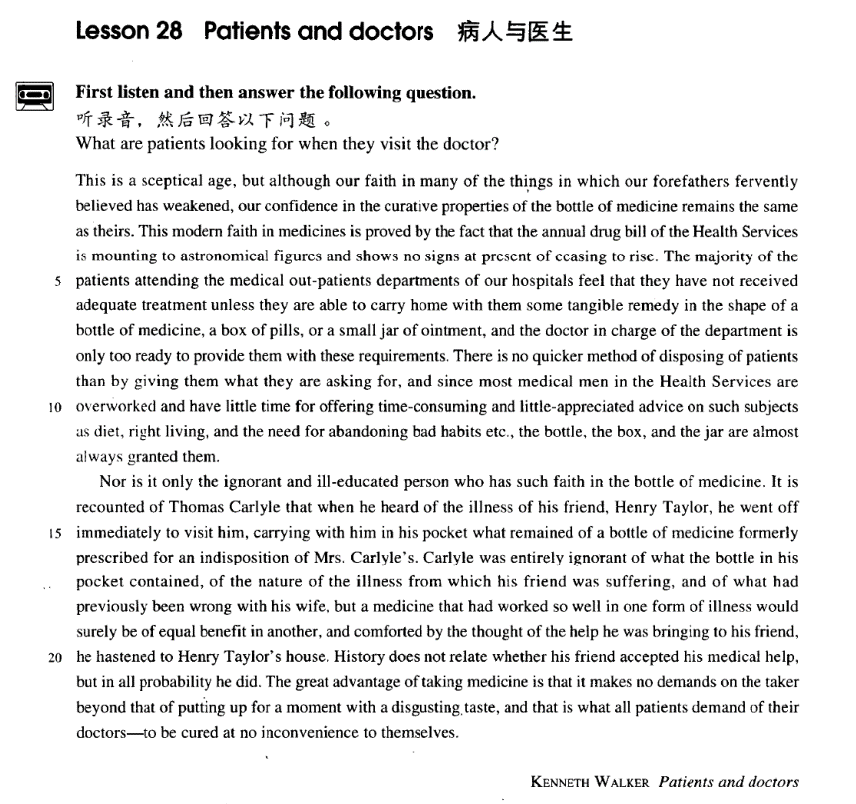
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课文

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这是一个怀疑一切的时代，

but although our faith in many of the things in which our forefathers fervently believed has weakened,

可是虽然我们对我们祖先笃信的许多事物已不太相信，

our confidence in the curative properties of the bottle of medicine remains the same as theirs.

我们对瓶装药品疗效的信心仍与祖辈一样坚定。

This modern faith in medicines is proved by the fact that the annual drug bill of the Health Services is mounting to astronomical figures and shows no signs at present of ceasing to rise.

卫生部门的处度药费上升到了天文数字，并且目前尚无停止上升的迹象，这个事实证实了现代人对药物的依赖。

The majority of the patients attending the medical out-patients departments of our hospitals feel

在医院门诊部看病的大多数人觉得，

that they have not received adequate treatment unless they are able to carry home with them some tangible remedy in the shape of a bottle of medicine,

如果不能带回一些看得见、摸得着的药物，如一瓶药水，一盒药丸、一小瓶药膏回家的话，就没算得到了充分的治疗。

a box of pills, or a small jar of ointment, and the doctor in charge of the department is only too ready to provide them with these requirements.

负责门诊的医生也非常乐意为前来看病的人提供他们想要得到的药物，

There is no quicker method of disposing of patients than by giving them what they are asking for,

病人要什么就给什么，没有比这样处理病人更快的方法了。

and since most medical men in the Health Services are overworked and have little time for offering time-consuming and little-appreciated advice on such subjects as diet, right living, and the need for abandoning bad habits etc. , the bottle, the box, and the jar are almost always granted them.

因为卫生部门的大多数医生超负荷工作，所以没有多少时间提出一些既费时而又不受人欢迎的忠告，比如注意饮食、生活有规律，需要克服坏习惯等等，结果就是把瓶药、盒药、罐药开给看病的人而完事大吉。

Nor is it only the ignorant and ill-educated person who has such faith in the bottle of medicine.

并不只是那些无知和没受过良好教育的人才迷信药瓶子。

It is recounted of Thomas Carlyle that when he heard of the illness of his friend, Henry Taylor, he went off immediately to visit him, carrying with him in his pocket what remained a bottle of medicine formerly prescribed for an indisposition of Mrs. Carlyle's. Carlyle was entirely ignorant of what the bottle in his pocket contained,

据说托马斯.卡莱尔有过这么一件事：他听说朋友亨利.泰勒病了，就立刻跑去看他，衣袋里装上了他妻子不舒服时吃剩下的一瓶药。卡莱尔不知道药瓶子里装的是什么药，不知道他的朋友得的是什么病，

of the nature of the illness from which his friend was suffering, and of what had previously been wrong with his wife, but a medicine that had worked so well in one form of illness would surely be of equal benefit in another,

也不知道妻子以前得的是什么病，只知道一种药对一种病有好处，肯定对另一种病也会有好处。

and comforted by the thought of the help he was bringing to his friend, he hastened to Henry Taylor's house.

想到能对朋友有所帮助，他感到很欣慰，于是急急忙忙来到了亨利.泰勒的家里，

History does not relate whether his friend accepted his medical help, but in all probability he did.

他的朋友是否接受了他的药物治疗，历史没有记载，但很可能接受了。

The great advantage of taking medicine is that it makes no demands on the taker beyond that of putting up for a moment with a disgusting taste,

服药的最大优点是：除了暂时忍受一下令人作呕的味道外，对服药人别无其他要求。

and that is what all patients demand of their doctors -- to be cured at no inconvenience to themselves.

这也正是病人对医生的要求 -- 病要治好，但不要太麻烦。

词汇讲解

Lesson 28 Patients and doctors

fervently ['fɜ:vəntlɪ]

adv. 热情地

fervent

a fervent supporter / admirer

fervour / fervor

religious / nationalistic / revolutionary fervor fervor for …

damp / dampen one’s fervor

fervent fervor / fervour

passionate passion

enthusiastic enthusiasm

zealous zeal

ardent ardor / ardour

curative ['kjuərətɪv]

adj. 治疗的，有疗效的

curative effects

the curative properties of herbs cure for …

AIDS is incurable.

There is no cure for AIDS.

It is the only possible cure for our chronic trade deficit. remed for …

a good remedy for a cold

The best remedy for grief is hard work. panacea for …

Western aid wi not e a panacea for the countr ’s economic i s. antidote to …

There is no antidote to a bite from this snake. Regular exercise is the best antidote to depression. answer / solution to …

reso ution of …

the resolution of a problem / commercial disputes

astronomical

[7æstrə'nɒmɪkl]

adj. 天文学的；极大的

astronomical figures

an astronomical rent / price / fee

astronomy

astr / aster star

astrology astronautics

astronaut disaster

asterisk asteroid

ste star

stellar stellar light stellar bodies interstellar interstellar travel interstellar communications

constellation

a constellation of artists and writers tangible ['tændʒəbl]

adj. 可以触摸到的；真实而具体的

tangible evidence / benefits / assets

intangible

She has that intangible quality which you might call charisma. the compan ’s intan i e assets

visible / in sight

invisible / out of sight

audible / within earshot

inaudible / out of earshot

John is too far away to hear.

John is out of money.

John hasn't left yet.

John doesn't hear well.

M: Hey, John! John!

W: Save your breath. He's out of earshot. Q: What does the woman mean?

Answer: (A) John is too far away to hear. prescribe [prɪ'skraɪb]

v. 开药方

prescribe sb. sth.

The doctor prescribed him a course of antibiotics. prescribe sth. for sth.

This drug is commonly prescribed for arthritis.

prescription for …

Chinese premier’s prescription for economic i s

scri e write

prescribe proscribe

describe inscribe

ascribe circumscribe

subscribe transcribe

inconvenience [7ɪnkən'vi:niəns]

n. 不便，不方便

We apologize for the inconvenience caused to passengers. inconvenient convenient

Living in the center of the city is very convenient.

If you are convenient, call me tomorrow before noon. X

If it’s convenient for ou, ca me tomorrow efore noon. √ convenience

at one’s convenience

We can meet to discuss this further at your convenience. at one’s ear iest convenience

Please call me back at your earliest convenience.

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*which our forefathers fervently believed* has weakened, our confidence in

the curative properties of the bottle of medicine remains the same as theirs.

This is a critical age. That was a traumatic age.

Maybe we put too much faith in doctors and medicine. All her life she had implicit faith in socialism.

trust in …

Despite her many misfortunes, her trust in God was never shaken.

e ief in …

The fai ure won’t shake his e ief in himse f. confidence in …

Opinion polls show that the voters have lost confidence in the administration.

re iance on …

You place too much reliance on his expertise.

It’s a theor *to* which many economists subscribe, but in practice it often leaves railroads in position of determining which companies will flourish and which will fail.

Many species can communicate an amazing(A) amount of information

via(B) sound, information which(C) both the life of an individual and the continued(D) existence of the species may depend.

abate

The storm / wind has started to abate. ebb

Our enthusiasm soon began to ebb. subside

The storm began to subside.

The applause / pain gradually subsided.

I wanna hold you till I die, till we both break down and cry. I wanna hold you till the fear in me subsides.

wane

My enthusiasm for the project was waning. damp / dampen

damp / dampen one’s spirits / enthusiasm

faith in … / confidence in …

e ieve in …

property n. quality or feature

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annual

annual income / meeting / ring

biannual

biennial triennial

centennial millennial

perennial

perennial happiness / youth

the Health / Civil / Diplomatic Service mount v. go up; ascend

He mounted the steps to receive his award. mount to …

The death toll mounted to 100.

come to … / rise to … / increase to … / reach …

amount to … / add up to …

His monthly earnings amount to / add up to about $4,000. si ns of … / indication of …

I cou dn’t see an si ns of improvement.

Our monthly telephone bill is mounting to astronomical figures and shows no signs at present of ceasing to rise.

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departments of our hospitals feel that they have not received adequate

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*of ointment*, and the doctor in charge of the department is only too ready to provide them with these requirements.

attend the meeting

attend college / church / hospital

outpatient

the outpatient department (OPD) inpatient

the inpatient department (IPD) emergency room (ER)

receive + noun 受到……，得到……，遭到……

receive praise / abuse / support / insults

receive a warm welcome receive adequate treatment receive good education receive a serious injury

receive a great deal of attention

These young people, who love the peace of mountains, always receive a warm welcome at St. Bernard's monastery.

No creature has received more praise and abuse than the common garden

snail.

This exhibition received a great deal of attention in the press, for though the pictures were supposed to be the work of famous artists, they had in fact been painted by Dickie.

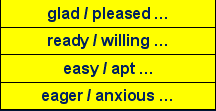
in the shape / form of …

Help came in the shape of a $10,000 loan from his parents. We haven’t received proposa s from him in an shape / form.

There is no superior 'they' in the shape of managements and hotel hierarchies to darken his holiday days.

too … to …

He was too excited to say a word.



Beginners are too apt to make mistakes. She is too willing to marry him.

(only / all / but too … to … I’m on too p eased to he p ou. They're but too glad to do so.

It’s a too eas to ame the rai wa authorities when somethin does o wrong.

can not / never … too …

A woman can’t have too man hats. A man can never have too many ties.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that mathematics is the basis of science.

Let it deceive them, then, a little longer; it cannot deceive them too much. As for the time of attack, Hit er to d his re uctant enera s, ‘the start cannot take place too early. It is to take place in all circumstances this autumn.’

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*need for abandoning bad habits etc.*, the bottle, the box, and the jar are almost always granted them.

method of doing sth. dispose of … et rid of …

It took me over half an hour to get rid of him.

There is no quicker method of disposing of patients than the method of disposin of patients ivin them what the are askin for, ….

造句：再也没有比频频地看表更快的打发一个不受欢迎的客人的方法

了。

There is no quicker method of disposing of an unwelcome guest than by repeatedly looking at the watch.

a medical student

medical staff / expenses / ethics

overworked overloaded overcrowded overestimated time-consuming energy-consuming water-consuming space-consuming

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ill-educated ill-bred

ill-advised

Spiders are not insects, as many people think, nor even nearly related to them.

Haier is China's leading electric appliances manufacturer; nor is this an

accident.

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*prescribed for an indisposition of Mrs. Carlyle's)*.

Thomas Carlyle

British historian and essa ist whose major works inc ude ‘The French Revo ution’.

it is recounted / related of s . that …

It is recounted of Confucius that he at one time desired a governmental position.

It is related of Caesar that when speaking of the ease with which he su dued E pt, he made use of the aconic sa in , ‘I came, I saw, I conquered.’

e end has it that …

Legend has it that Qu Yuan, a great poet of the Warring States period, threw himself into the Mi Luo River when he heard his homeland had been invaded.

rumor has it that …

Rumor has it that she only married him for his money. word has it that …

Word has it that John is going to keep a dog as a pet. go off / out

set off / out

start off / out

Four days after setting out, while the Titanic was sailing across the icy waters of the North Atlantic, a huge iceberg was suddenly spotted by a look-out.

… what remained of …

… what was eft of …

Only two stray dogs benefited from all this confusion, for they greedily devoured what was left of the cake.

prescribe sth. for sth.

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what had previously been wrong with his wife, but a medicine that had worked so well in one form of illness would surely be of equal benefit in another, and comforted by the thought of the help *he was bringing to his*

*friend*, he hastened to Henry Taylor's house. be ignorant of / about …

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It has been said that everyone lives by selling something. In the light of this statement, teachers live *by* selling knowledge, philosophers (live) *by*

selling wisdom and priests (live) *by* selling spiritual comfort.

We would lay less stress *on* 'facts and figures' and (lay) more (stress) *on* a good memory, (lay more stress) *on* applied psychology, and (lay more stress) *on* the capacity of a man to get along with his fellow-citizens.

For in a university, science majors look down *on* humanities majors, foreign language majors (look down) *on* Chinese majors, Chinese majors (look down) *on* philosophy majors, philosophy majors (look down) *on*

sociology majors, and sociology majors (look down) *on* education majors. Since education majors have no one to look down on, they can only despise the professors in their own department.

work v. to have a particular effect or result 有某种效果

The strategy seems to be working.

Criticizing your former employers works against you in the interview. be equally beneficial

The ma or’s inference that the new municipa o f course and resort hote which worked so well to Ocean View’s econom in the past will surely be

of equal benefit in the future rests on the poor assumption that during the

past two years all the conditions upon which their effectiveness depends have remained unchanged.

History does not relate whether his friend accepted his medical help, but

*in all probability* he did.

in all probability = very probably in all likelihood = very likely

in all honesty = very honestly in all frankness = very frankly

in all seriousness = very seriously in all sincerity = very sincerely

in all eagerness = very eagerly

John Dewey has said in all seriousness that the part played by custom in shaping the behavior of the individual, as against any way in which he can affect traditional custom, is as the proportion of the total vocabulary of his mother tongue against those words of his own baby talk that are taken up into the vernacular of his family.

Dear Edward: I’ve one ack and forth the ast few da s tr in to decide whether or not I should even write this. In the end, I realized I would re ret it if I didn’t. So, here goes. I know, the last time we saw each other, we weren’t exact hittin the sweetest notes.

It certain wasn’t the wa I wanted our trip to end. I suppose I’m

responsi e, and for that I’m sorr . But in a honest , if I had the chance, I'd do it again.

Good afternoon. My name is Edward Cole. I do not know what most people say on these occasions, because in all honesty I've tried to avoid them.

The great advantage of taking medicine is that it makes no demands on the taker beyond that of putting up *for a moment* with a disgusting taste, and that is what all patients demand of their doctors—*to be cured at no*

*inconvenience to themselves*.

make no demands on sb. beyond that of doing sth.

I make no demands on you beyond that of studying hard.

I make no demands on you beyond that of quitting smoking. I make no demands on you beyond that of not nagging at me. demand sth. of sb.

He demands little of others but a lot of himself.

Perhaps, some scientists thought, migrants determine their geographic position on Earth by celestial navigation, almost as human navigators use stars and planets, but this would demand *of the animals* a fantastic map sense.

at one’s convenience

at one’s earliest convenience