20190701阅读训练

不必试图弄懂每个单词。锻炼找关键句来答题的能力。

我们的目的不是要看懂每句话,而是要答题:找出正确选项。

可以用查个别词。但不要全文翻译。可以使用词典的屏幕取词功能。

课前要完成练习,直播课上讲解。

**Losing the Race to Keep up with Technology**

I consider myself very good at using technology such as computers. At least I used to! However, shopping with my wife the other day clearly showed that this was not true.

My wife and I walked around the store and I picked out a case of beer. As we walked toward the check-out counter, I noticed there were few people standing there.

The check-out counter was brand new and there was a keyboard in the front that looked like an ATM(自动取款机) machine. When I placed my shopping cart（购物车） near the machine, it detected my presence and spoke to me in the voice of very nice woman. “Please slide your card on the front glass”, it said.

Ok, I thought, I can do this. I am sure I can figure out an automatic（自动的） cashier machine. My wife thought we should find somebody to help us through this new process. “Relax”, I said. “I’ll have us out of here in a couple of seconds”. Then I took out my card and slid it down the card-slider on the side of the machine. A couple of seconds later the machine asked me to slide my card on the front glass again. I tried again, but failed.

After a couple of seconds wait, the cashier machine told me I needed help. I was annoyed. By this time a store assistant had noticed that I was having trouble and came over to help. She took the card from my hand and placed it on the glass beside the slider that I had been using. The machine then thanked me even though it knew it was not me who had slid the card over the glass. I knew then that I was beaten.

11. The writer’s shopping experience showed that he was \_B\_\_\_.

A. good at using computers

B. behind modern technology

C. tired of shopping with his wife

D. a better shopper than his wife

12. When the writer and his wife reached the check-out counter, \_\_\_\_.

A. a lot of people were waiting there

B. a very nice saleswoman greeted them

C. the cashier machine spoke to them politely

D. they took out some money from an ATM machine

13. The word “detected” (Line 3, Para. 3) is close to \_\_\_\_.

A. noticed B. indicated C. required D. permitted

14. Why did the writer become annoyed？

A. Because his wife didn’t trust his ability.

B. Because no one guided him through the process.

C. Because he was not able to use the cashier machine.

D. Because he waited too long at the check-out counter.

15. A store assistant came up to the writer to\_\_\_\_.

A. encourage him

B. thank him

C. comfort him

D. help him