20190703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。适应在一些单词不懂的情况下解题。

可以用查个别词。但不要全文翻译。

课前要完成练习,直播课上讲解。

On board the Central America, a ship on her way from Havana to New York, were no fewer than 491 passengers. Most of them were miners(矿工) returning with their gold to their homeland. At the start of the voyage, the sky had been cloudless and the wind fair. Three days later, however, the ship was rolling in a storm.

Soon water poured in the engine-room and put out the fires. This left the ship helpless, with her engines stopped. In spite of all efforts, the depth of water down below slowly increased. It became clear to all that nothing could save the ship, and that she would soon go to the sea bottom.

Just at that moment, a strange sight was seen on board. Some of the miners collected their gold and stored it in their belts. They hoped to take it with them wherever they were going. But others knew that the ship would sink and didn’t want to weigh themselves down with the heavy metal. So they threw it onto the floor.

Unusual courage was shown by nearly all on board. The captain moved about the ship encouraging all. He sometimes gave orders in attempts to save his ship, and sometimes kept silent, always determined. But all his efforts failed.

Fortunately, when all hope had gone, another ship, the Marie of Boston, appeared(出现) on the scene. The Marie had also suffered heavily in the storm, but her captain immediately arranged to move the people in boats from the Central America to his own ship. The huge waves made the work painfully slow, but there was no disorder: Everyone waited patiently. Finally, all passengers were saved.

11. The word “fair” (Line 4, Para. 1) most probably means \_\_\_\_.

A. mild B. wet C. warm D. high

12. Some miners threw their gold onto the floor because they \_\_\_\_.

A. didn’t know what to do with it.

B. didn’t want to weigh them down

C. wanted so store it together

D. wanted to give it away to other passengers

13. When faced with danger, the captain of the Central America \_\_\_\_.

A. got angry and wild

B. remained silent all the time

C. appeared calm and brave

D. decided to give up the ship

14. The rescue work was made painfully slow mainly because\_\_\_\_.

A. the Marie also suffered heavily

B. where were too many passengers

C. the passengers rushed onto the boats

D. the waves of the sea were too high

15. The text is mainly about \_\_\_\_.

A. the hardship of traveling at sea

B. the history of gold mining in the US

C. the long journey of the two American ships

D. the effort of saving the passengers in a storm