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There are stories about two U.S . presidents，Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren，which attempt to explain the American English term OK.We don't know if either story is true，but they are both interesting. The first explanation is based on the fact that President Jackson had very little education.In fact，he had difficulty reading and writing.When important papers came to Jackson，he tried to read them and then had his assistants explain what they said.If he approved of a paper.he would write"all correct"on it.The problem was that he didn't know how to spell.So what he really wrote was"ol korekt".After a while，he shortened that term to "OK". The second explanation is based on the place where President Van Buren was born，Kinderhook，New York.Van Bnren's friends organized a club to help him become President They caned the club the Old Kinderhook Club，and anyone who supported Van Buren was called "OK". ### 1.The author\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \* A.believes both of the stories \* B.doesn't believe a word of the stories \* C.is not sure whether the stories are true \* D.is telling the stories just for fun ### 2.According to the passage，President Jackson \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \* A.couldn't draw up any documents at all \* B.didn't like to read important papers by himself \* C.often had his assistants sign documents for him \* D.wasn't good at reading，writing or spelling ### 3.According to the first story, the term "OK" \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \* A.was approved of by President Jackson \* B.was the title of some Official documents \* C.was first used by President Jackson \* D.was an old way to spell"all correct’’ ### 4.According to the second story，the term "OK" \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \* A.was the short way to say "old Kinderhook Club" \* B.meant the place where President Van Buren was born \* C.was the name of Van Buren's club \* D.was used to call Van Buren's supporters in the election ### 5.According to the second story.the term"OK"was first used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \* A.by Van Buren \* B.in a presidential election \* C.to organize the Old Kinderhook Club \* D.by the members of the "Old Kinderhook Club" ## 阅读答案 ### 1.C ### 2.D ### 3.C ### 4.D ### 5.B 参考译文 这里要讲述Andrew Jackson 和Martin Van Buren这2届美国总统的小故事。这2个小故事也许可以解释美语中OK一词的来历。故事的真实性我们不得而知，不过内容却很有意思。 第一个解释来源于总统Andrew Jackson的故事。Andrew Jackson几乎没有受到过什么教育，事实上，他对于日常的读写都有困难。当收到重要文件的时候，在尝试阅读之后，还是让他的助手帮忙解释文件的内容。如果批准一份文件，Andrew Jackson就在上面写“all correct”。麻烦的是，他不知道怎么这2个单词怎么拼写，因此，实际上他在文件上写的是“ol korekt”。过了不久，他又把这2个单词缩写为“OK”。 第二个解释来源于总统Martin Van Buren的家乡的名字——纽约的Kinderhook。为了帮助Van Buren成为总统，他的朋友为此组织了一个社团。他们把这个社团叫做Old Kinderhook Club，社团中支持Van Buren的人都被称为“OK”