

step 3- Lesson 9

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There was an assassination 暗杀，行刺 attempt /against Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today.

A man fired several shots at Gandhi and other Indian leaders /后定 participating (v.)参加；参与 in an open-air 户外的；露天的 prayer meeting.

Gandhi was not injured.

Six people **received minor wounds** /when the gunman burst (v.)猛冲；突然出现 from the bushes 后定 where he had apparently hidden **prior** 先前的；较早的；在前的 **to** the ceremony /to avoid security checks.

He surrendered /when guards surrounded him.

主 Those **in charge of** Gandhi' s security 谓 have been suspended 使暂时停职（或停学等），and an investigation is under way 进行中的。

负责甘地安全的人员已被停职，目前调查正在进行。

1. 从太空中心离职

主 Jess Moore, NASA' s top official **in charge of** the shuttle 航天飞机 program /when Challenger exploded, 谓 announced today 宾 he' s leaving his new post **as** Director of the Johnson Space Center.

Moore will **take a leave** 假期；休假 **of absence** 请假 /and then **be reassigned** 重新委派，再次指派（任务、职位、责任等） **to** NASA headquarters in Washington.

NPR' s Daniel Zwerdling reports.

"The obvious question, of course, is this: Is Jess Moore leaving his job /and **taking a year off work** 不工作，即不在工作状态 /because of the Challenger accident? Moore came (v.) **under quite a bit of pressure** /before a congressional committee early this summer /when his former assistant **testified (v.) that** /he **told** Moore in detail almost a year ago **that** there were serious problems with **the shuttle rocket' s** O-rings, the same O-rings that eventually caused the Challenger accident.

“当然，一个显而易见的问题是：杰斯·摩尔辞职并休假一年，是因为挑战者号事故吗？”今年夏初，摩尔在国会委员会面前承受了相当大的压力，因为他的前助理作证说，他在大约一年前就详细地告诉摩尔，航天飞机火箭的o形圈存在严重问题，也就是最终导致挑战者号事故的o形圈。

That testimony 证词；证言；口供 **flatly** 断然；斩钉截铁地 **contradicted** 反驳；驳斥；批驳；相抵触；相矛盾；相反 what Moore' s been saying **all along** 自始至终，一直：that he **did not know** the O-ring problems were serious /until after the Challenger exploded.

主 Congressional sources 来源；出处;信息来源；原始资料 who' ve interviewed Moore 谓 **told me that they have no way 没有办法 of** knowing just Who' s telling the truth, Moore, or Moore' s former assistant.

国会人士已经采访过穆尔，并告诉我，他们无法获知谁说的是真话，穆尔，还是穆尔以前的助手。

But 主 one **top congressional aide** （尤指从政者的）助手 who **met with** Morre recently /谓 says the NASA veteran' s **been depressed** since the Challenger **blew up**.

但是最近与穆尔会面的一位国会高级助手 说自从挑战者号爆炸以来，NASA的老员工们一直很沮丧。

He says, 'Moore doesn' t have the edge （微弱的）优势 he used to. He' s hollow 中空的；空心的 inside, just like a lot of guys at NASA who worked on the shuttle.' 'Jess Moore,' the aide says, 'is not the man **he was before the accident**, and he needs a rest.'

I' m Daniel Zwerdling in Washington."

2. 刺杀印度首相

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi /谓 survived an assassination attempt /in New Delhi today.

The assailant **fired** a succession 一连串；一系列；连续的人（或事物） of shots **at** Gandhi, who was attending a Hindu prayer service **with his wife** and Indian President Zail Singh.

Official sources have called the incident 宾补 a major 主要的；重要的；大的 security lapse 小错；（尤指）记错，过失，疏忽;行为失检；（平时表现不错的人一时的）失足.

Witnesses say /Gandhi told security guards two times /he had heard gun shots; the security forces reportedly 据说；据报道；据传闻 **dismissed** 不予考虑；摒弃；对...不屑一提 the noise **as** motorcycle backfire 逆火；回火.

目击者称甘地曾两次告诉警卫他听到了枪声；据说安保部队称噪音是摩托车回火引起的。

It was over half an hour later /that police finally surrounded and captured the gunman. Six people were injured /during the arrest.

The BBC' s Humphrey Hoxley reports.

An official statement from the **Home Ministry** 内政部 said that /主 those police officials who were directly responsible for the security arrangements for Mr. Gandhi /谓 have been suspended from duty 停职.

Senior officials in the Ministry say that /a top-level investigation **is under way** /to determine ① **why 主 the security** around the Prime Minister, who's **meant (v.)**被普遍认为是 **to be** one of the most closely 仔细地，严密地 protected government leaders in the world, 谓 **collapsed** /② and how 主 a gunman armed with an illegally manufactured revolver 左轮手枪/谓 **broke through** the security cordon （由警察、士兵等组成的）警戒线，封锁线 undetected 未被发现的；未检测到的; 未被注意的 /to get within a few feet of the Prime Minister.

be meant to be sth

to be generally considered to be sth 被普遍认为是
- This restaurant **is meant to be** excellent. 都说这家饭店很棒。

cordon

a line or ring of police officers, soldiers, etc. guarding sth or stopping people from entering or leaving a place (由警察、士兵等组成的)警戒线, 封锁线

Police say /主 the gunman who' s in his twenties 谓 may even have fired at Mr. Gandhi and his party /as they were approaching (在距离或时间上)靠近, 接近 the area /to **commemorate** (用...)纪念; 作为...的纪念 **the birthday of** the independence leader Mohandas Gandhi, who is cremated (v.)焚烧, 火化(尸体); (尤指)火葬 there.

警方称, 这名二十多岁的持枪歹徒甚至可能向甘地及其政党开火 在他们去往纪念独立运动领袖莫汉达斯·甘地诞辰地点的途中, 莫汉达斯·甘地曾在这里火化。

The area **was searched immediately**; but security men **failed to spot** the gunman, who was hiding **on top of** a concrete shelter (尤指用以躲避风雨或攻击的)遮蔽物, 庇护处, 避难处 /后定 **hidden among** thick green vines 葡萄属植物.

该区域立即受到搜查; 但是保安人员并没有发现持枪歹徒, 持枪歹徒当时藏匿在混凝土掩体顶部, 躲在厚厚的绿色藤蔓之中。

The man **opened fire again** /when Mr. Gandhi was leaving **half an hour later**.

But when he was spotted, eyewitnesses 目击者 say, he **threw up** 使显眼; 使引起注意 his arms /and shouted in Hindi, "I surrender." Police say /he' s **not connected with** any terrorist organization; **nor is** he **part of** the Sikh movement /which murdered Mr. Gandhi' s mother, Indira, two years ago.

但目击者说, 当他被发现时, 他举起双臂用印地语喊着: “我投降。” 警方说他与恐怖组织没有任何瓜葛; 也不是锡克教运动成员, 而后者在两年前杀害了甘地的母亲, 英迪拉。

Humphrey Hoxley, BBC, Delhi.

3. 城市人的农场体验

It is not just the weather with which farmers contend (v.)竞争; 争夺; (不得不)处理问题, 对付困境; there are **higher costs** for growing food and **lower prices** /when selling it.

农民们要面临的不仅仅是天气问题

And these **combined to** make farming **an increasingly difficult life**, especially for small family farms.

些因素综合起来, 促使农业经营越发困难

In New York, a new organization called "Farm Hands" /is trying to help struggling farms in the region /by **linking** (v.) city dwellers 居民; 居住者; 栖身者 **with** farmers.

在纽约, 一个名为 Farm Hands 的新组织, 正努力通过把城市居民与农民联系起来的方式, 帮助该地区陷入困境的农场改善状况。

As John Kailish reports (v.), the scheme seems to benefit both.

Last week, 主 two actors, a housewife, a **tour** 旅行; 旅游 **guide** 导游, a **dog walker** 遛狗的人 and an unemployed social worker, all from the New York metropolitan 大城市的; 大都会的 area, 谓 **spent a day** /working on Hall Gibson' s fruit and vegetable farm /**located in** the Upstate 在 (或向)州的乡野地区 (尤指北部) New York town of Brewster.

The contingent (志趣相投、尤指来自同一地方的)一组与会者, 代表团 also included two four-year-olds.

这一行人中还包括两名4岁儿童。

The group **listened (v.) attentively** 注意地；聚精会神地 /as Gibson gave the lengthy 很长的；漫长的；冗长的 orientation （个人的）基本信仰，态度，观点 talk **complete with** 包括，含有（额外部分或特征） **aerial** 从飞机上的;空中的；空气中的；地表以上的 **photographs** of his 125-acre farm.

吉普森进行了冗长的定向演讲，还配上了他125英亩农场的照片，大家聚精会神地听着。

complete

~ **with sth** : [not before noun] including sth as an extra part or feature 包括，含有（额外部分或特征）

- The furniture comes **complete with** tools and instructions for assembly. 这件家具备有组装工具和说明书。

- The book, **complete with** CD, costs £ 35. 此书包括光盘，售价35英镑。

"This area was called **part of** the New York **milk shed**.


这个地区被称为纽约牛奶棚的一部分。

主 One of **the big incentives** (n.)激励；刺激；鼓励 to producing (v.) milk in this area 系 was the founding of the Borden plant." After the orientation talk /the group walked to a five-acre field /that **was lined with** rows of tomatoes and turnips 蔓菁；芜菁, eggplants 茄子和 cabbage.

在这里生产牛奶的一大原因是博登厂的成立。” 定向演讲结束后，这一行人走到一块五英亩的土地上，那里西红柿、萝卜、茄子和白菜整齐地排成行。


turnip

-> 一种类似萝卜的根茎植物，来自中古英语 turnape,蔓菁，芜菁，可能来自 turn,旋转，neep, 萝卜。



eggplant


-> egg蛋 + plant植物



Gibson **gave** some brief picking instructions **to** two women /who were going to harvest **cherry tomatoes** 樱桃番茄. "If they are split like this, **throw (v.) them away** or **eat (v.) them**." "OK."

吉普森给两个准备采摘樱桃番茄的妇女, 做了简短的采摘说明。 “如果它们像这样裂开，就把它们扔掉或者吃掉。” “好的。”

cherry tomatoes



The transplanted 移植的 urbanites 城市居民 **picked** six bushels 蒲式耳（谷物和水果的容量单位，相当于8加仑） of tomatoes and **sixty pints** 品脱 of raspberries 树莓 over the course of several hours.

短短几个小时，这些来到这里的都市人, 摘了六蒲式耳西红柿, 和六十品脱覆盆子。

raspberry



The farmhands 农场工人 were perfect strangers /when they left Manhattan, but out in the field in Putnam County, they had no trouble **striking up** 开始 (谈话); 建立 (友谊) **conversations** /后定 that included (v.) **such** 诸如 heady 强烈作用于感官的; 使兴奋的; 使有信心的 topics **as** romance in television.

这些农场工人，当他们离开曼哈顿时还完全是陌生人，但在帕特南县，他们彼此畅谈，甚至还谈到了浪漫偶像剧这样令人兴奋的话题。

Laura Moore, a housewife and part-time 部分时间的; 兼职的 teacher from Brooklyn, has made four trips to area farms /with her daughter Jessie.

She was picking yellow low-acid tomatoes /as she explained /why she enjoys the Farm Hands 农场工人 program.

她一边采摘黄色低酸西红柿，一边解释为什么她喜欢Farm Hands这个项目。

"It' s therapeutic 治疗的; 医疗的; 治病的;有助于放松精神的, mentally, physically, and it' s exhilarating 使人兴奋的; 令人激动的; 令人高兴的. This is my way of getting out 离开;外出 (参加社交活动等), escaping the city life for a while. I love the city. But in the fresh air, you get a feeling that you are really living."

In addition to the one-day farm outings (n.) (集体) 出外游玩 (或学习等) ; 远足, Farm Hands also **places individuals on farms** for periods /**ranging from** a week **to** several months.

除了为期一天的农场郊游外，Farm Hands还可让城市人住在农场，居住时间从一个星期到几个月不等。

In exchange for their labor, Participants get a minimum wage, room and board (旅馆、招待所等提供的) 伙食，膳食；膳食费用, or produce 产品；(尤指) 农产品 to take back with them to the city.

作为劳动回报，参与者可得到等于政府规定最低工资的收入、获得住宿，或将农作物带回到城里。

In its first year of operation, Farm Hands **has placed twenty people on farms** for a period of two months or longer.

在第一年的运作中，Farm Hands项目共将20人带到农场，劳动时间至少为期两个月。

More than two hundred people have gone on the one-day work intensives (a.)短时间内集中紧张进行的; 密集的; 集约的 or the **field trips** 实地考察; (学生)外出活动 that are often **more play than** work.

二百多人进行了为期一天的集约劳作或田间考察，而这经常是种玩耍，而非工作。

Hall Gibson has had four **long term farm-hands** this summer.

霍尔·吉普森今年夏天雇了四个农场长工。

At the moment, he' s benefiting (v.)得益于; 得利于 from the hard work of a twenty-eight-year-old New York City painter named Debby Fisher.

Because Gibson' s farm is organic, weeds are a major problem.

由于吉普森的农场是有机农场，清除杂草是个大问题。

Farmer Gibson says that /when Debby Fisher clears weeds from the fields, she works like a demon 恶魔; 魔鬼.

"She' s been just driven 受...影响的; 由...造成的 to rescue crops /and she' s rescued a number of crops.

她只是为了拯救庄稼，而她的确已经做到了。

My **bok choy** 白菜 crop — the best I’ ve ever had — was rescued by her. Debby is a gem (经切割打磨的) 宝石;难能可贵的人；风景优美的地方；美妙绝伦的事物."

bok choy

-> 白菜, 来自广东话。



The Farm Hands program was founded by twenty-seven-year-old Wendy Dubid, an enthusiastic 热情的；热心的；热烈的；满腔热忱的 advocate 拥护者；支持者；提倡者 of linking farms and cities.

In an interview at a farmers' market in New York city, Dubid said /Farm Hands may mean **cheap labors** for farmers, but she maintains **the program has a broader impact**.

在纽约市农贸市场的一次采访中，杜比说，对于农民而言，Farm Hands可能意味着廉价劳动力，但她认为这项计划有着更广泛的影响。

"**It's** not just the labor **that** helps those farmers; it’ s the appreciative 感激的；感谢的;欣赏的；赏识的 consumers.

对农民有所帮助的不仅仅是劳动力，还有心存感激的消费者。

They suddenly realize /after an hour of **picking raspberries** 树莓 and **scratching their own arms on the bramble** 黑莓灌木, they understand **the farm reality** and **the value of food**, and may become **valuable consumers and customers** for those farmers."

他们花了一个小时采摘树莓，在荆棘上划破自己的手臂，他们会突然意识到了这一点，他们了解了农场的真实情况，以及懂得了食物的价值，他们可能成为那些农民的极富价值的消费者及顾客。

bramble

(especially BrE) a wild bush with thorns on which blackberries grow 黑莓灌木



Dubid says /there was only one Farm Hand placement (对人的) 安置，安排 that **did not work out** this year, a fifteen-year-old football player /who **antagonized** (v.) 使 (某人) 对自己产生敌意;使对立；使生气 his **host 主人 family** 寄宿家庭 in Upstate New York.

今年只有一处Farm Hand的部署工作没有落实，一名纽约州北部的15岁足球运动员，他对寄宿家庭心存敌意。

Farmhands are currently working in New York, Connecticut 美国州名 and New Jersey.

Plans are already **under way** /to **expand** the Farm Hands program **to** Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Vermont.
