

B3U1 Key & Transcript

Part I Pre-Reading Task

- The sentence “CLOTHES MAKETH THE MAN” most probably means “A person is judged by the clothes he/she wears,” and a similar saying in Chinese is “人靠衣装”.
- Henry is looking for a ready-made suit at the tailor’s shop, something he can walk out in.
- Henry is told to find what he needs downstairs. There, Tod gives him a jacket and a pair of trousers to try on, which he claims are all the fashion. But on seeing the one million pound banknote, Mr. Reid admits that such a suit is only fit for the dustbin.
- Henry says he wants to open an account and then make the payment because he doesn’t want to embarrass them with a large note.

Transcript:

The Million Pound Note

Henry: Hi, I’d like to have a suit. I thought you might have something ready-made.

Shop assistant 1: He will attend to you.

Henry: I want a suit, please. Something I can walk out in.

Shop assistant 2: Ready-made suits? Downstairs.

Henry: Thank you... I hate to interrupt, but would you like to show me some ready-made suits?

Tod: As I dare say you do want some. This way, please.

Henry: I thought you might have something that is made up for some other customer not collected.

Tod: We don’t go into that sort of thing here, sir. Ah, here we are, the very thing.

Jonathan Reid: Tell Tod to serve him quickly and get him out the side door.

Shop assistant 1: Yes sir.

Henry: Sort of thing that’s worn in England nowadays?

Tod: Oh, yes, it’s all the fashion. Try the trousers.

Shop assistant 1: Mr. Reid says you’ve got to get him out of the side entrance and quick.

Tod: I know what I’m doing. I’ve got eyes, haven’t I? ... Sir...

Henry: It’s ... er ... a little noisy, isn’t it?

Tod: Would you want a better suit? All things considered, you’re a little difficult for size, you know.

Henry: Yes, so I am. Well, it’ll do for the time being. I’ll take it.

Tod: Good. Shall I wrap it?

Henry: No. I’ll wear it. Oh, I’d rather not pay you now if you don’t mind. I’d like to open an account and settle with you in a month. You see I don’t happen to have any small change.

Tod: Here we go. I suppose a gentleman like you can only be expected to carry large change.

Henry: Now look here, sonny. If I were you I wouldn’t judge strangers by the clothes they wear. I just don’t want to embarrass you with a large note.

Tod: I meant no offense, but while rebukes are in the air, what makes you think we can’t change a large note? As a matter of fact, we can.

Henry: In that case, there’s no problem.

Jonathan Reid: Well, what’s up? What’s the trouble? What’s wanting?

Henry: I'm just waiting for my change.

Jonathan Reid: Come, come, get him the change, Tod. Get going.

Tod: Change, sir.

Jonathan Reid: Change. Em... Could it? Is it? Would it be the one I saw in the papers on Wednesday? Or was it Thursday? I remember thinking that never would I be blessed with a feel of such a note as this. You're the fool, Tod, born fool, bringing the gentleman into this part of the shop. You would think we never had dealings with millionaires. And take off this jacket, sir. It's only fit for the dustbin. Get Jack, Arthur and William. Allow me, sir. Er...this way, sir.

Part II Text A

Comprehension

1. Text Analysis

"My" story:	↔	Edward Burton's story:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I met Edward Burton in Kobe. He appeared as if he 1) <u>could not bear to hurt a fly</u>.● Edward Burton told me how he had sent a friend to his death.● This experience taught me our first impressions 2) <u>might turn out to be wrong</u>.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● There used to be a 3) <u>remittance man</u> in Kobe whose name was Lenny Burton.● Lenny Burton asked me for a job when 4) <u>he went broke</u>.● I 5) <u>offered him a job</u> on one condition which eventually cost him his life.

2. Structured Rewriting

(What follows is one of many possible versions.)

In appearance Edward Burton was a harmless little old man. 1) He was about 60, small and frail, with white hair, a red face and mild blue eyes. He was always dressed neatly and quietly in accordance with his age and station.

Edward led a comfortable life. 2) Having been a merchant in Japan for many years, he was rich. He had his favorite clubs to drink, dine, and play cards in. He could lose money at bridge with good grace.

Apparently Edward had an admirably affectionate family.

Edward was kind and friendly. 3) His dry sense of humor and ability to tell with point a good story made him popular with his friends.

Judging from appearance, Edward and Lenny were good friends. So when Lenny went broke, he came to Edward for help.

What Lenny didn't realize was that Edward had been hiding his true feelings. 4) In fact, Edward thought Lenny was good for nothing.

Moreover, Edward could be very unkind. 5) Not only did he mock Lenny, but he also lied in Lenny's face. He tricked Lenny into agreeing to swim in the sea despite the latter's poor health. He didn't mention the difficult currents, either.

Even worse, Lenny's death became another story of Edward's when he felt like entertaining people around him.

3. Translating Difficult Sentences

- 1) 每当有人跟我说他对一个人的第一印象向来正确的时候，我就耸耸肩。我想这种人不是洞察力差，就是虚荣心强。
- 2) 要不是听他亲口讲述这个故事，我根本不会相信他能做出这种事来。
- 3) 他喜欢玩牌，喜欢喝鸡尾酒，同时还很能讲些带点粗俗却很精彩的故事，他年轻时还是个相当厉害的运动员呢。
- 4) 你知道，他没有什么害人之处，就是放荡了点儿。
- 5) 他连酒店的账单都付不起，人家也不肯再赊账给他。

4. Discussion Questions

- 1) Lenny had had an easy life. After graduation from college he came to live in Japan as a remittance man. Thanks to money from home every quarter, he was able not to work but drank, gambled and made himself popular with ladies. When the money stopped coming, he had no choice but to find a job.
- 2) Answers up to students.

Language Sense Enhancement

1. I think the chief thing that 1) struck me about Burton was his kindliness. There was something very pleasing in his 2) mild blue eyes. His voice was 3) gentle; you could not imagine that he could possibly 4) raise it in anger; his smile was 5) benign. Here was a man who attracted you because you felt in him a real love for his fellows. At the same time he liked his game of cards and his cocktail, he could tell with point a good and 6) spicy story, and in his youth he had been 7) something of an athlete. He was a rich man and he had 8) made every penny himself. I suppose one thing that made you like him was that he was so 9) small and frail; he aroused your instincts of protection. You felt that he could 10) not bear to hurt a fly.

Language Focus

Vocabulary

I. Basic Practice

- 1.
- 1) Galileo believed that all nature is designed in accordance with mechanical laws.
- 2) A vacancy has occurred for a sales manager at our Paris office. If you're interested, please send us an application letter and your resume at once.
- 3) The nurse put a hand on mine and assured me with a benign smile, "Don't cry. Your mother is going to be fine."
- 4) Boy, I really need to get in condition. Ten years working behind a desk have given me quite a belly!
- 5) Plastics can be made hard as stone, strong as steel, transparent as glass, and light as wood.
- 6) Coat the shoes with polish, then rub hard with a soft cloth to give them a shine.
- 7) It was probably a spicy joke to them, but it wasn't funny to me at all.
- 8) Michael's praise for my wife opened my eyes and taught me to show gratitude for her day-to-day effort in oiling this machine which was our family, which I had hitherto neglected.
- 9) It's easy for you to love me now, but would you still love me if I were down and out?
- 10) Some scientists believe that human beings are born with an instinct for using their arms and

legs to stay afloat, which, however, disappears within a few months after birth.

- 11) To get a visa, you're required to present proof that you've never committed any crime in your home country.
- 12) My heart cries out for you but you are just playing with me. You don't know how I have gone/fallen all to pieces (or: I'm all to pieces).
- 13) Upon reflection I realize Maria was the best person in charge of office management I have ever had because she was a great organizer of things.
- 14) Please turn right here. The road ahead is blocked on account of a serious traffic accident.
- 15) His research has helped gain insight into the disease and how it can be treated.

2.

- 1) Allan and his girlfriend were set to meet at the park at 1:30, but somehow she never turned up.
- 2) The speaker addressed the audience for about an hour, but I just didn't understand what he was driving at.
- 3) The statement took him aback so much so that for a moment he was lost for words.
- 4) Unless something urgent demands her attention, Mary sticks to her study schedule that includes a break every two hours.
- 5) Robert woke up with a sharp pain in the chest. It had not occurred to him until then that he had missed two annual physical examinations.
- 6) If you want to stand out from the crowd, wear an orange coat.

3.

- 1) Regina is used to watching TV on her computer, but when staying at her parents' house she watches TV with them on the living room sofa. For her own part she doesn't think the change a big deal, because it is what the elderly prefer. Besides, it's not bad sipping tea and stroking the back of the family cat as it meows and purrs.
- 2) I see now that it was my vanity that got me into trouble. Never had I met online a woman who visited my blogs so often and left such affectionate messages. When we met in person she seemed all of a piece with what she had said she was like. It never occurred to me not to key in my password in her presence. Then one day she took all the money out of my bank account and disappeared into thin air. Overnight I went broke.
- 3) It is something of a surprise to learn that Michael has become a good mountain climber, because when we were little his mother worried constantly about his weak constitution. I guess he is in (much) better condition than before and those slender legs of his have grown strong and muscular.

II. Usage

- 1) Except for her lack of experience, I have nothing to complain about concerning this applicant.
- 2) Fred would tell me nothing about what he was writing except that it was to be a Christmas play.
- 3) Tom does everything around the house except cook.
- 4) The house on Hainan Island stayed empty except when we came during the winter vacation.
- 5) She would not speak to me except to answer my questions.
- 6) I knew nothing about Judith except what I'd heard at second hand.
- 7) I have every confidence in your wisdom except where this sort of thing is concerned.

- 8) The room was just as I left it except that everything was covered with dust.
- 9) I wouldn't have accepted anything except a job in Europe.
- 10) All money transfers, except (for) those between members of the same branch, will now be charged a transaction fee.

III. Collocation

- 1) He has even been known to go shopping himself on occasion(s).
- 2) On this/that occasion, as it happened, the engine started immediately.
- 3) He could see her window-shopping across the street.
- 4) We shall fight in the fields and in the streets.
- 5) At that very moment the telephone rang.
- 6) She paused for a moment to see how the audience reacted.
- 7) I had been to Paris on business on several occasions, but never had a chance to see the city.
- 8) The supermarkets are putting small grocers out of business.

Comprehensive Exercises

I. Cloze

When we vote for a political candidate, we like to think we are examining whether the person's beliefs are 1) all of a piece with our own and not judging by their looks. But are we? The results of recent research might be 2) something of a surprise to you: a candidate could attract a significantly higher percentage of votes 3) on account of her appearance—not beauty, but a look of competence.

Researchers first asked 210 volunteers to rate head-and-shoulder photos of hundreds of women 4) in accordance with how “able” they thought those women were. From these ratings certain features were identified as capable of conveying a sense of competence: eyes that are 5) a trifle curved on the top; hair that is short and parted on the side or combed back; a broad or round face; and a smile that 6) wrinkles the eyes. Researchers then created two images of each candidate, one more able-looking and one less, for another group of volunteers to vote on. On average, the candidates shown in a less competent photo were 12% more likely to 7) be trimmed by the more able-looking opponents.

We might 8) be taken aback by the outcome. But why do we 9) commit such errors in judging a person? What 10) insight can we gain from the research? These questions certainly call for 11) reflection. Most probably, in making a judgment on a candidate, our 12) instinct is to start from whatever objective data is available to us, such as body language, voice, clothing, and appearance in general, and then we fill in the gaps with guesses shaped by our own value system.

II. Translation

College junior Xiao Jiang, who is usually a mild-tempered girl, had a big fight with her parents recently. She had asked them to pay for her cosmetic surgery in the coming summer vacation, for she believed with better looks came better chances of finding a desirable job upon graduation. She had heard of stories of how a vacancy was quickly filled when a beautiful candidate turned up. However, Xiao Jiang's parents were taken aback. They thought it insane for her to come up with such an idea. Hadn't it occurred to her that a company that hires people on account of good looks cannot be competitive in the long run? Affectionate as they were, Xiao Jiang's parents refused her

request. At first Xiao Jiang felt herself almost gone to pieces. However, after a long talk with a school counsellor, she has come to know better: What counts/matters in the job market is knowledge and skill, not beautiful looks. Besides, she does not want to see her parents go broke because of her vanity. She has come to realize how silly she had been.

Part III Text B

Comprehension Check

1. C 2. B 3. B 4. D 5. D 6. A

Language Practice

1. At the birth of his grandchild, Old Charlie was overwhelmed with joy.
2. Tom is by far the tallest player on our basketball team.
3. When we think of adventurers, many of us conjure up images of larger-than-life characters trekking to the North Pole.
4. The assumption that housing prices will keep increasing is both mistaken and misleading.
5. It was obvious from the experiment that in driving into cyclones we were quite literally playing with fire.
6. Migratory birds that congregate near airports pose a threat to airplane safety.
7. It seems the two parties have different notions of right and wrong.
8. Please accept our sincere apology for the long wait you endured during your last visit to our office.
9. Repeated campus shootings forced Americans to come to grips with the issue of gun control.
10. In his novels Charles Dickens was sympathetic to the working poor.
11. She likes the job because the company shows concern for the health and safety of workers.
12. Hurry up! Only a handful of tickets are left.
13. It was sheer madness to drive up in the hills on such a stormy night.
14. Last year, my grandmother suffered a bad fall at her home and fractured her arm in three places.
15. When you are finished, I wish to speak to you on a private matter if you could spare me a minute.

Part IV Comprehensive Language Practice

Viewing & Comprehension Practice

1.

- 1) F 2) T 3) F 4) T 5) T

2.

Columbia University issued a statement, saying they 1) deeply value the diversity of their students, their cultures and the 2) perspectives they bring to the school, and that they take incidents like this 3) very seriously, and are continuing to investigate and support 4) affected students.

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don't know, violent 8) protest or whatever. We want to really sit down and 9) have a conversation with these people."

Transcript:

Say My Name

"My name is Hai Ge."

"My name is Liu Zewen."

"Feng Jiachen."

"Zheng Juzhi."

"Liu Xinran."

"Yan Huhe."

"Xu Guohao."

"Jin Jiwen."

"Pu Ai."

What's behind a Chinese name?

"My name means joy and happiness in Chinese."

"In Chinese it means to continue the cultural legacy of my family."

"To cultivate knowledge."

19-year-old Columbia University student Yan Huhe, from Hohhot, China, created the video titled "Say My Name" in response to fears of growing xenophobia, after several cases of vandalism in which Chinese name tags were removed from dormitory doors.

"The first instance, later on as we learned, happened at the start of the semester, but it was only until, like, ah, around Chinese New Year that we started to realize these are targeting us, that they are happening specifically to Chinese international students."

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But these Chinese students want to make their voices heard as well.

"...get from the story of *Mulan*."

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The video has generated positive responses not just from Asian students here at Columbia University, but also from the school itself, which has shared the video on its Facebook page.

"My name is Hai Ge."

The video has also been widely shared by users from as far away as Canada, the UK, Germany, Pakistan, New Zealand, Australia, and, of course, at home in China.