College English

Grade 3

Unit 1 – Text 1

Child prodigy 神童

Bookworm 书呆子

Sharpener 卷笔器

Campfire 篝火

Encyclopedia 百科全书

Asteroid 小行星

Erudition 博学

Sturdy 强壮的

Seal 海豹

Stump 把…难住

Joyous 充满欢乐的

Shellfish 贝壳

Asthma 哮喘

The apple of sb’s eye 掌上明珠

Sweep sb off his feet 使某人倾心

Get sth in 设法说完

Play into sb’s hands 干对某人有利的事

Hand on sb’s words 倾听

Go steady with 与…经常约会

Grade 2

Unit 1 – Text 1

The Admiralty 海军部

Retreat 隐居处；撤退

Contemplate 注视；考虑

Beloved 深爱的

**Entry 参赛者；参赛作品**；进入

Revive 复苏，重振活力

He **was knocked** unconscious by a stone. After I **revived him**, he didn’t recognize me.

Retire: go away; leave a group of people, so as to be one’s own

The guests retired to the living room after dinner.

**A glow of satisfaction 喜悦**

Plunge into 投身于，一头扎入

Awaken to 使意识到

**Come to my rescue 救了我**

The muse of painting came to my rescue

I was embarrassed as I couldn’t remember his name; fortunately Mary **came to my rescue**.

Chance upon 偶然碰见

One day when he was **wandering** in the garden, he **chanced upon** his sister-in-law sketching with watercolours.

I chanced upon an old schoolmate in the street yesterday

Try one’s hand at sth 尝试

He first tried his hand at oil painting

He **tried his hand at repairing the bicycle**; but without much success.

Rush off 着急

Clementine **rushed off** to buy whatever paints and materials she could find

**Company 陪伴**

Keep me company 陪伴某人

I enjoy the company of animals more than people

The old couple was grateful for Jean’s company on their long journey up to Edinburgh

I will keep you company until you fully recover

Fall upon 猛扑

The robbers fell upon him from behind the trees

Fall from office 下台

Painting was like a friend who never betrayed or abandoned him. This seems to suggest that..

I have always envied painters and poets, I have no **artistic ability** at all.

He is struggling to overcome his fear of flying, but he still **panics** sometimes when he has to board a plane.

The city is planning a public campaign to **awaken people to** the problem of noise pollution.

When you feel overwhelmed by the complication of life in the big city, it is good to retreat to the countryside for a few days.

In times of war, people usually buy and store more food as a precaution against shortages.

He struggled for many years before his effort bore fruit

If you drink any more of that wine, you will suffer in the morning

The construction workers chanced upon some ancient coins that dated from the 13th century

It is often said that **travel broadens the mind**

Exercises like this one strengthen my knowledge of English

Discussion with your classmates will deepen your understanding of the course material

She was born into a wealthy family

The heavy meal and the dull speeches made everybody sleepy

Tired to our own cooking, we have decided to go to a restaurant for a change.

“I hear you had quarrel with your parents yesterday.” “so I did, but we have already made up”

Unit 1 - Text 2

Summon 召唤，传唤

Toll 鸣钟

Transcend: go or be above or beyond the limits of … 超越…的范围

Adopt 采取，选…为移居地

Stun 使震惊；把…打昏

**Calling: vocation, career** 职业；使命感，天职

Slum 贫民窟

Order 宗教团体

Hostel 招待所

Pilgrim 朝圣者

Domestic 家庭的；家用的；国内的

Lavish 浪费 的

Prizewinner 获奖人

**Uneasy： worried, anxiou**s心神不安的，忧虑的

Range over 论及，涉及

Minister to 照料；援助

Be identified with 与…合成一体

Close my mind to sth: be unwilling to think about sth. Seriously

He **complained of** a headache

If the service was so bad why didn’t you complain to the manager?

The soccer star was hospitalized with a broken leg

There was a large crowd in the square protesting the war in Iraq

He is a graduate of the Fudan University

Unit 1 – text 3

An army of servants

**Music meant nothing to me**; I am virtually tone-deaf. So **I did what I always do when trapped**: I sat down and closed my ears

After a while, becoming aware that the people around me were applauding I concluded it was safe to unplug my ears.

**It isn’t that** I don’t want to like Bach, **it is just that** I am tone-deaf

I protested that it didn’t really prove anything. Suppose, at your very first contact with numbers, your teacher had ordered you to work out a problem in fractions.

Unit 2 – Text 1

Costly 昂贵的

Sage 圣贤

Teachings 教义，学说

Spring from = originate from

Misplace 落在某个地方了

I have **misplaced** my umbrella

Grind 书呆子, 碾碎，折磨

In the old society, the peasants **were ground by poverty**

The little boy **resents being** called a fool by his friends.

He **resented being** excluded from discussions that directly concerned his future

Mother gave the cake to my sister **in the hope that** she’d stop crying

Despite the heavy rain, she **made it to** the airport just in time to catch her plane.

**As time was running out**, we drove even faster **in the hope that we could** **make it to** the airport in time

The cracks (裂缝) in the wall **show up** in the sunlight

Today we know that each immigrant’s worth is best judged by his or her personal qualities and skills.

The library has been rearranged, and I can’t find any of the books I need.

You have **misunderstood** me, let me **rephrase** what I said.

**As I recal**l, it was you who suggested this idea in the first place.

Eventually **reach** the United States = finally **made it to** the US

On **a battery of** math tests

Through hard work we can **get ahead** in life 获得成功

A good education will make it easier for you to **get ahead**

I don’t think Rebecca **has what it takes** to be a ballet dancer.

**Through effort we can perfect ourselves**

Work for **the honor of** the family, not just for themselves. One can never **repay one’s parents**, …

During the 15 years I lived in China, I noticed that Asian parents **establish a closer physical tie to** their infants than most parents in the United States. When I left my baby **crawl on the floor**, for example, my Chinese friends were horrified and rushed to pick her up.

Please label all the boxes clearly so that we will know which ones are ours and which belongs to you

The sight of the animals’ suffering so horrified him that he vowed never to visit the zoo again.

Thousands of striking workers **surged into** the city square

Research carried out at Berkely shows that Asian children are motivated by a sense of guilt.

Ted finally **showed up a little** after eleven, he said he had overslept.

When I first saw my test results I was shocked, but they motivated me to study harder.

The position of manager involves training and supervising all the clerks in the office.

During springtime, many people go hiking in the forests and mountains.

Unit 2 – Text 2

An elementary school

In exactly the same way

Find answers on their own and **come up with** individual solutions

I didn’t care much for his speech: for one thing, the subject was not particularly interesting, for another, his **delivery** was awful.

I think I would like to stay at home rather than go out

Why don’t you take the initiative and ask her out to dinner?

Unit 2 – Text 3

Buckle up 系好安全带 buckle down 全力以赴

**Get so uptight紧张不安的**

Resort to tricks and deceptions 采取欺骗

Let’s turn from you and translate it into someone else.

This letter may ramble a bit 漫谈闲聊

They wind up/end up trying to relive their own youth

This is not my intention or desire.

After she turned herself in (自首) for smoothing , Reagan wrote to her about, among other things, the virtues of truth telling.

Unit 3 – Text 1

**Nonassertive 谦虚的**

Mat 席子，垫子

Personnel 人事部门

By name 名叫

At times = sometimes, once in a while 有时

Somehow or other = in one way or another 以某种方式

The other way around = in the opposite way 相反地

Leave in sb’s hands 交给某人管理

Escalate into

The directors’ disagreement rapidly **escalated into** a flight

If we surrendered on this small issue, they will undoubtedly **escalate their demands**

Get into the habit of 养成…的习惯

I **got into the habit** of studying in the library when I was in college.

Come to an end = stop, finish结束

And here the story **comes to an end**.

Pick up = acquire without effort 学会

Rosemary **picked up** the basics of Chinese very quickly because she used the language at every opportunity

At all hours = at any time, all the time

The restaurant serves meals **at all hours**

Go along with = accept 同意，接受

You don’t have to **go along with** his plan if you think it’s crazy

We will go along with your suggestion, although they are not exactly what we want.

Smooth over 缓和

Seeing that he had nothing to say after a brief greeting, I tried my best to **smooth over** the awkwardness of the first meeting

Bill tried to smooth over his argument with Mary.

Storm = move or walk quickly and noisily in anger

After the argument she stormed off.

Multitudes of football fans crowed round the entrance to the hotel in an effort to see the world-famous star in person.

I don’t understand how you can justify spending money on space exploration when there are hungry children in the world.

David **was fed up with his job** in London so he asked for a transfer to the Paris Office.

Raise the questions listed below

Offer some suggestions aimed at solving the problem

Sum up the students’ solutions

She wanted to be an excellent student, she would study at the library until it closed. But she had a problem, they would simple walk into her room, sit down on her bed, sometimes they would stay up very late. She attempted many times to get them to leave

All of these factors play a part

Joint ventures involving Western and Japanese companies often run into conflicts – a multitude of little things that escalate into big emotional battles

George’s solid understanding of the equipment, its installation and use made him the best-qualified employee for the job. George was so naturally nonassertive that no one could see him as a threat to their careers. So they felt comfortable asking his advices on a wide range of matters. Engineers throughout the company appreciated George’s expertise and his friendly and capable help.

they got into the habit of turning into him whenever they had a problem

sooner than anyone expected, the Japanese engineers has surpassed George in their knowledge of the rapidly-changing technology.

Unit 3 – text 2

Salespeople = salesperson 销售人员

Pan-European 泛欧的

Seek out

It took me several weeks to seek out the reference material that I needed for my paper

Not for a moment = not at all

Similarly, don’t think for a moment that …

I didn’t believe for a moment that he was an actor

Fall for = be attracted to, be tricked by

Don’t fall for that old trick, he is trying to persuade you to buy this goods.

At that = besides, in addition

It is a new idea, and a good one at that.

Right and left = everywhere, in every way

Make the call = make the decision

Forge these relations = create and strength these relations

Wind up doing = end up doing, do in the end

In nine cases out of ten, it is careless driving that causes an accident

I need to see you, right away if possible

I made a mistake, and a very serious mistake at that

And don’t fall for the myth that

I knew it was just a trick, and I just wasn’t going to fall for it

Are you still in touch with your school friends?

No, But I am going to get in touch with them soon

Responsibility and reliability are necessary qualifications, as well as a friendly and outgoing personality.

The management decided that Hendry was the ideal person to take over the job

You cannot motivate anyone, especially someone of another culture, until that person has accepted you.

No one likes foreigners who are arrogant about their own culture.

Foreigners sense monocultural arrogance at once

For 20-odd years, I’ve run an executive-search firm

I start by asking them to specify the qualifications their ideal candidate would have. Most often they list the same qualities

Of course it is far more difficult to determine candidates’ multiculturalism than it is to check their language skills.

Unit 3 – text 3

Lie in what = hide and wait for sb

The gunmen were lying in wait when Mr. Smith came out of the hotel.

The key to good management **lay in** raw brainpower. I graded students on how smart they were, expecting the ones with the highest marks to be the biggest successes in the business world.

My thinking **gradually changed**, over years of living and working outside the United States.

As I **gained real-life, first-hand experience** with the multitudes of difficulties

Good oral and written communication skills are absolutely essential to effective management.

To be a good leader you must be sensitive to people and be able to inspire them toward the achievement of common goals.

Recognize what is right and wrong and then **stick to** what is right

If you have to decide whether or not to close the AI lab, whose interests should prevail? Those of the owners? Of the employees? **It is a tough nut to crack**.

You must **possess the ability** to make positive things happen.

Unit 4 – text 1

Shield from 保护，庇护

Preclude from

Be bound for /to ：一定的，注定的

In the long run

A world of = a lot of

Count on 依靠

Turn down 拒绝

**Tumble down: collapse , fall suddenly. 突然摔下，倒塌**

Loaf 游荡，闲逛

Haste -> hastily 急忙，匆忙

Consolation prize 安慰奖

Ill-chosen 选择不恰当的

Whither : where 无论去哪里

Foster (培养) very extensive listening

A flop: a failure 失败者

He is a failure as a teacher

Be prone to: be likely to

He is prone to lose temper when others disagree with him

Prompt: inspire, cause

What prompted you to do such a silly thing?

**Branch out into 扩大范围**

The bookstore has decided to branch out into selling records and tapes

Stock 库存物，储备物

**Take stock 作出判断，进行评估**

At the age of 25, I began to take stock of my career so far.

Be best at sth: be brilliant at sth 在某一方面极为出色

Obviously no one can be brilliant at everything. In fact success in one area often precludes success in another.

The young need to learn that no one can be best at everything no one can win all the time.

Our society **places so much emphasis on** “making it” 强调

The article puts a lot of emphasis on the value of failure as a learning experience

Is your son university material?

They looked as if the world had come to an end

The children ran away as if they had seen a ghost

She suffered a complete nervous breakdown 精神崩溃

She was simple not suited for a job dealing with people all the time.

Success that comes too easily is also damaging.

Success is also bad when it is achieved at the cost of the total quality of an experience.

Failure is never pleasant, it hurts adults and children alike.

Success in one area is frequently accompanied by failure in another

Success encourages repetition of old behavior, whereas failure can motivate us to try something different.

After Hendry lost his job, he couldn’t even afford the necessities of life

Prolonged exposure to the sun can cause skin cancer

Ninety percent of all plane accidents occur within five minutes of takeoff or landing.

He got into a panic about his upcoming final examinations

Unit 4 – text 2

Setback 挫折

Stroller 折叠式小推车

Stroll 散步，溜达

The bottom falls out 出现垮台或暴跌的局面

**Come off: take place发生，举行**

He only pulled the knob lightly and it immediately came off in his hand

Follow sb’s lead 以某人为榜样

Suddenly a man stood up, and soon others followed his lead

He turned up his nose at the idea of doing manual labor

Work on sb: 试着影响某人

Can you work on the manager?

I smiled my best smile

I smiled a bitter smile

Then the clock struck three, I grabbed my advertising samples and flew out of the door to drive to my appointments （约会）.

Every time I had tried to approach him in the past, he had refused to see me.

Everyone respects your opinion

I poured out my story to her,

That conversation was the turning point

The plumber is coming this afternoon to install the new washing machine

The front row was occupied by some rather noisy school children

I respect her judgement and I will follow any advice she gives me

Recession is a downward trend

I would always earn enough money to cover our house payments

Unit 4 – text 3

Revelation 天启

Life is not about finding yourself, it is about creating yourself.

take a moment right now and write out some of the goals

vision will ignite the fire of passion

it evoked deep emotion

Unit 5 – text 1

Eligible 合格的

Prospective: potential, 预期的，可能的

Dependent 依赖他人生活者

Employment: paid work 职业， 工作 -> unemployment 失业

**Diversion: amusement 消遣，娱乐**

Rent-free (副词或形容词) 不收租金

Gallery 美术馆 gallery exhibit 美术展览

Hold onto 坚持，抓住

We should **hold onto** the house and sell it later when prices are higher

Come up with: find or produce; suggest a plan or a way

You have no choice but to **come up with the $2,000** you owe me.

If you can not **come up with an answer** to the question in ten seconds, you are out of the game.

Get by : manage to survive勉强对付; reach a standard that is acceptable but not very good过得去

When I was a student I used to be able to **get by on 200 yuan** a month.

Make enough money to **get by**, but not enough to pay

You work gets by, but only barely

Families with both husband and wife laid off are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Restaurant job just didn’t pay enough for her to **make ends meet** 勉强维持生计

Take time off from sth 休假

Take a semester off from school

I explained to my boss that I had to **take two days off** the next week.

Sign up for 签约从事

What made you decide to **sign up for** the art course?

As of : from … 自…起

**As of** next week, I will be working at home.

The new timetable will come into effect **as of tomorrow**.

I was staying up late studying 熬夜

I will be home late, but you don’t have to stay up for me.

Move into 迁入

Work one’s way through school 靠做工挣钱完成学业

Can not take sth = can not bear or deal with 不能经受

**Test out** her interest in the subject

He conducted experiments to **test out his ideas**

Threw herself into the work 积极从事，投身于

Looks back on her years of struggle to **make her dream come true**

If you get **put down** once, just get back up there and keep fighting 被击败

To attend college

Pursue a BME major

She pursued the study of music for four years.

He finished his working day at 6:30 = **he got off at 6:30**

She was so small, she almost had to run in order to stay **next to** me (**alongside** me)

Hearing this, I was totally stunned

It was a hard lifestyle to adjust to

A long commute to school

Not having to work so many hours allowed her to make school her priority

Run into barriers and distractions and delays

I don’t claim to be an expert on modern art, but I do know this painting is ugly

Overseas students are **eligible** to enroll in all the regular courses, provided they have the necessary qualifications.

Having been **on his own** for so long, he found it difficult to **adjust to** married life

I am **tired of** sitting around the house, let’s go out somewhere

Unit 5 – text 2

Get even : get revenge 打击报复

Get back at

He certainly made me look like a fool, **I will get even with him one day**

The only way you can **get back at him**…

Knock everyone dead

Suspect sb of = double, distrust 怀疑

Let pass放过

Bob may have **overheard** what was said about him, but he decided to let it pass 无意中听到

Jack and Jane have **patched up their differences** and become friends again.

Spending money in anger is a very expensive form of hostility. My advice to you is to think it over for a few days. Try to **patch up** your differences. Buying a new suit won’t save your marriage.

How did you talk your daughter out of quitting school?

But in a week she will be grateful I **talked her out of** it. 说服某人放弃…

Many students coming out of college are more interested in a customer’s motivation than they are in closing a sale, they also have a tendency to be too honest, which can **play havoc** in the retail business. 大破坏

The essence of his argument was that education should continue throughout life.

There is a growing tendency to regard money more highly than quality of life.

I try not to step in and sort out (解决) the children’s arguments, but sometimes I just have to

Unit 5 – text 3

- Can you lend me some money, Robert?

- Sorry, **I am broke**, I haven’t a penny to spare.

Entry-level jobs: Jobs suitable for one who is not experienced

**Shine a positive light on** your application

Make it tough to find work

But don’t stop there

Keep their ears open for opportunities

Make you **stand out**

Include any awards you have won and special activities **you have been involved in**

Computer **know-how**

Make a list of references –people who can vouch for your abilities experience and good character.

If you **turn up** looking sloppy 邋遢的

Provided detailed answers

Unit 6 – text 1

Dub 给…起绰号

Hawking has been dubbed Einstein’s heir

His ground-breaking theories on black holes

For the remainder of his life he would be forced to depend upon a wheelchair in order to retain his mobility.

Receive awards

Make several significant contributions to modern scientific thought

Laid the foundation of physical optics

The doctors are trying every possible means to keep him alive.

We went to a restaurant that specialized in Indian food.

She inherits her blue eyes from her father

Elite 精英

Relate 讲述故事 ，联系

Briefly retell the life of Stephen Hawking and his personality

Peer at/through 仔细看

Lisp 口齿不清

Gap 峡谷

Grim 无情的，阴森的

Cosmology 宇宙学

Peel off 剥皮

Peel some potatoes for salad

Far and wide 广泛 地

Oxford Univ. was well known far and wide for its academic excellence.

Since he retired, he has traveled far and wide

Dream of 梦想

In a sense = to a certain extent

You are right, in a sense, but you don’t know all the facts

Hang around with 和某人厮混

Away = all the time, continuously

Struggle **away** with 努力做某事

She worked away at her job

The young people chatted away like old friends

Bother to do sth 费心去做某事

Have one’s share of sth 享有自己应得的一份

Virtually unheard-of success for a science book

Overcome these incredible obstacles and achieved far more than most people ever dream of?

The brightest of the bright students.

While I would be struggling away with a complicated problem

Pose the question

While the rest of the class struggled over how to even begin approaching the problem, Hawking almost instantly announced the correct answer

An American computer programmer came to Hawking’s rescue by designing a vocalizing computer specially for him. with its help, …

Hawking jokes about the computer: the only trouble is that it gives me an American accent.

Fear of making mistakes is one of the main obstacles to mastering spoken English.

The storms are predicted to reach the North of the country tomorrow morning

The government must take some measures to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor

Each of us has to work out the problems posed by life in our own way

This year is the one 100th aniversity of the founding of our university.

Asked what kind of student Stephen was at college. Prof. White, the chair of Physics department, recalls: he impressed me was a very bright student with an instinctive insight into physics.

Many of their questions concern the origin of the universe.

The students await the reply in concentrated silence.

Unit 6 – text 2

Invent and perfect many of the technologies

Edison’s best-known saying is “ Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration”

He arrived in city with nothing

Edison found himself out on the street. He ended up sleeping in the **cellar** of a company 地下室

Edison offered to fix the problem and within minutes had the equipment working again.

Plenty of time

Edison improved the range and clarity of the instrument so that it could be put to practical use by ordinary people.

Edison never restricted himself

Our table-tennis team will again be going for all the four gold medals at the Olympic Games

Cut down on environmental pollution

The 74-year-old mayor is given the credit for helping make Los Angeles the financial capital of the West coast

Gordon started the discussion off by telling us about his experience in India

You should now be able to put your experience in electronics to use in your new job.

Unit 6 – text 3

Go forward and reverse, turn right and left, there are a lot of options

As the driver took his place on the stage, everybody clapped.

Unit 7 – text 1

Spine 脊椎 spineless 无脊椎的，没有骨气的

Regulate 调节 -> regulator 调节器 -> regulation 规章

Charitable 慈善的 humane 仁慈的

Shun 回避 = keep away from, avoid

PTA: Parent-Teacher Association 家长教师联谊会

Mow the lawn 割草

Sneak off to 偷偷溜往

Prop up 支撑，支持

Vaguely: slightly, not precisely

I vaguely remembered having met him before.

Prop up 架起，支起

He is responsible for all the stage props and lighting 舞台道具和灯光

In deep trouble

Observe the traffic laws, or you will get in trouble.

Believe in : have faith in, trust in

Do you believe in ghosts?

He is going to move the sofa out to make room for this new desk.

Will you clear out the bookshelf to make room for these new books?

To oneself: alone

With my parents away I have got the house to myself.

What if I got stuck in traffic and miss the plane?

You seem to be quite certain that I will accept your offer. What if I say no?

The deadline for this job is the end of the month. What if we can’t get it done on time?

When asked why they helped the flood victims so generously, they just answered: what if this were to happen on us someday?

He turned round just in time to catch Mary sneaking off in the middle of the party

How did he sneak off in the middle of the lecture without the professor’s knowledge?

A brilliant idea flashed into his mind

Her mind flashed back to her childhood days

Anyone can enter for the competition regardless of age, race, or profession

The manager gave every appearance of being a very dedicated employee, so no one felt distrust when money started disappearing from the company account.

Regardless of what you may think of him, there is no reason to suspect him of bringing out this horrible accident deliberately

His sharp words reminded me of the strong resentment he feels toward his soccer coach.

A professor in the field of education

Run out of money

But possibly the problem lies not so much in our institutions as in our attitudes

We place no value on intellectual activity

Certainly we make room for though

More recently I heard a professor remark that when his friends catch him in the act of reading a book

I find myself feeling vaguely guilty whenever I sneak to the library to read

Through our words and our actions

Prejudice against thinking

Those of us who are less intelligent find it a struggle to conceive even a moderately good idea, let alone a brilliant one.

Consequently, we worry about people who like to think

Our concern is misplaced.

It is commonly believed that exercising is beneficial to one’s health

It is expected that **the monitor(班长)** will take the lead

Unit 7 – text 2

Pun 双关语: amusing use of a word or phrase that has two meaning.

Reflective: thinking seriously and quietly

Thought-provoking: 令人深思的，发人深省的

Bubble with: express a lot of good feeling 激动，变得兴致勃勃

Plus and minus: advantage and disadvantage

Appropriate for/to: 适当的

Dumb: unwilling to speak

Look at all sides: view things from different perspectives; observe from every angle

By the minute 每时每刻

For that matter 而且

Ben is not interested in basketball, or in any other ball game for that matter

Throw out 提出

I threw out a hint, but he failed to catch it.

Give and take 有来有往的交流

During the meeting there were a lot of give and take about plans for the company’s future.

Bring out 引出

A crisis can bring out the best and the worst in people

Note down: write down

The police officer noted down every word I said

Nothing could be more untrue. -- this is completely contrary to fact

You would be surprised at the thoughts that bubble up.

But how many of us devote any time to nurturing habits of serious, critical thought in our children

Placing too much value on quick thinking just promotes intellectual laziness

By ignoring them, we are overlooking our greatest intellectual resources.

Throw out questions

Dinner talk about the events of the day can provide excellent opportunities for instruction.

Could you clarify last point please? I don’t understand it completely

There are various pluses for us in going to this school – it is near our house, for one

His family immigrated to the United States

Unit 7 – text 3

To all appearance: judging from what can be seen; outwardly

To all appearance she is not only thinking, but …

I can’t wait to get home to : I am very eager to get home to …

The evidence is absolutely convincing.

So you are bound to have acquired some bad habits and attitudes.

Unit 8 – text 1

Hum 连接低沉的声音 Hang over 笼罩

A steady **hum** of conversation **hung over** the room, people spoke with each other and worked on their meals.

Wander away from 离开，从旁边走开

Please don’t **wander away from** your seats during the performance 演出期间请未随意走动

Not to wander away from me in public places

It would be remarkably easy to wander away from a meal without paying at the end.

Make good on one’s debt 偿付，支付（债务）

Walk out on sth/sb 不管，不支付

People automatically **make good on their debts**. They would be no sooner **walk out on a bill** than start screaming.

Raise/lower one’s voice == speak more loudly/quietly

At the top of one’s voice/lungs == as loudly as possible

The boys are **yelling at the top of their lungs**, I know their team must have scored a goal

Disintegrate == fall apart 解体

The box was so old it just disintegrated when I picked it up

Custom （个人）习惯

Headlight 车前灯

Extend -> extension extend the time remaining

Precise -> precision this is precisely why I want to see you

Explode -> explosion

Diner ： person eating dinner 就餐者

Live by 遵循

In itself 本身，实质上

More often than not 往往，多半= quite frequently

People suffer stresses of life and work

Nobody wants to miss the opening ceremony

The novel **made** the young writer

In such difficult economic circumstances, it is a certainty that **prices will go up** again soon

I recommend the duck at this restaurant – it is one of their **specialties**.

After three days on the boat, I am quite bored and restless and eager for any sort of fun.

The police were suspicious at first, but finally declared the young man’s death accidental.

Translating is like any other art: **the more you practice it, the more skillful you become**

With the pressures of our modern world you would almost expect to **run into such things on a regular basis.**

At major athletic events, it is not uncommon to find a lot of people **sitting in the stands**

Unit 8 – text 2

Brainless 没有头脑的

Conversationalist 健谈者

**Veteran** 经验丰富的人

In spirit 在精神上 in form 在形式上

Run a red light 闯红灯

Quiet frankly, I think that suggestion is utterly ridiculous

An accident involving eight vehicles occurred early this morning on the highway

I thought you handled that problem uniquely

I have been subjected to unjust treatment for too long.

You are sixty-six, it is time you slowed down a bit

Unit 8 – text 3

I came to a crossroads with a traffic light. As I **approached the light**, it turned red and I **came to a halt**.

Go through the light

You have no other evidences to go upon?

Grade 1

Unit 1 - Text 1

Knowing how to **make the most of** one’s abilities **counts for much** more

Hard work isn’t the whole story.

Some of these high-achieving students actually **put in/spend** (花费) fewer hours than their lower-scoring classmates.

I kept everything just where I could **get my hands on** it. （把…弄到手）

Paul keeps two-folders for each subject –one for the day’s assignments, the other for homework completed and ready to **hand in**（提交）.

“Next Monday is the deadline for **handing in** this essay, be sure to meet it.”

A drawer keeps essentials together and **cuts down on** (减少) time-wasting searches.

Taking his doctor’s advice, my uncle has **cut down on** smoking as the first step to quitting.

Amanda **stuck to** (坚持) a study schedule that included breaks every two hours

Alex bought a map of the world and **stuck** it on his bedroom wall

In spite of the new difficulties, we’ve decided to **stuck to** our plan.

I write my notes in the wider part, and **put down/write down** (写下) the main ideas on the left.

Just before the end of lesson bell rings, most students close their books, **put away** (把..收拾在合适的地方)papers, talk to friends and get ready to leave.

Alex has the habit of reading a newspaper while taking breakfast.

The most important key to getting good grades at college is …

Unit 1 – text 2

Subtly 微妙地，巧妙地

Underclass 低年级的 -> senior 高年级的

Abhor 憎恶

Being out of high school meant I was finally **coming of age**. (成年). Soon I would be **on my own**(独自一人), making my own decision, doing what I wanted without someone **looking over my shoulder**(监视某)

Their concern **shifted from** whether I was going away **to** how far.

But which college I would attend was just one of what seemed like a never ending list of unkowns.

Would I miss my family so much that I wouldn’t be able to stand it?

Being an A student in high school seemed to offer little assurance I would be able to survive college.

Then panic **set in**(开始). Tears **welled up**(涌上) uncontrollably in my eyes, and I was **consumed by a rush of sadness**.

On the actual graduation day, she was overcome by a sudden rush of sorrow.

I **rose from my seat** when I heard my name called.

As I **reached out**(伸出) my hand, I knew that I was reaching not just for a piece of paper but for a brand-new life.

My years there **turned out to be** some of the best years of my life.

In spite of the passage of time, …

With graduation day drawing near/approaching, …

**If I am not back by the time you arrive**, get a key from the people next door

Unit 1 – text 3

Hard work is also the basic building block of every kind of achievement, without it, everything else is **pointless** (无意义的)

This may **sound old-fashioned in this age of instant gratification** (及时行乐)

There is no mystery as to how these things of wonder were created. They were created by people who worked incredibly **hard over a long period of time**

If you look closely at all great organizations, all great teams, all great people, the one common characteristic that **runs through** them is a **second-to-none** (首屈一指的) work ethic (职业操守).

When it comes to (当提到…) the work ethic there can be no compromises.

We try to **live up to** it every day

That is our **edge**(优势). We believe that all our hard work, all the long hours and all the perspiration will enable us to **come out on top** (获得胜利).

**Outwork** (比…工作勤快) everybody in sight. Go the extra mile (付出超出常人的努力). But whatever it takes, put your heart and soul into everything you do. **Leave it all out** (全力以赴)

Success is not **a lucky break** (幸运的机缘), it is not **a** **divine right**(神赐的权利), it is not **an accident of birt**h (天生的运气).

All you have to do is follow some simple directions and your problems will disappear

Unit 2 – text 1

Mastering **a great range of words** will help you understand and express complex ideas.

Words are the primary building blocks of language

After I was married and had lived in Japan for a while, my Japanese gradually improved to the point where I could take part in simple conversations with my husband, his friends and family. And I began to notice that often, when I joined in, the others would look startled and the conversion would **come to a halt** (停止)

After everyone is sure that you are done, …

Everyone just stands back and watches it fall. No one hits it back, everyone waits until I call on someone to take a turn.

This person does not **refer to** (提及) what the previous speaker has said.

I have no objection to your becoming a teacher if that’s what you want to be.

The Foreign Language School has now expanded to three times its original size.

He could not **endure the pain** in his stomach

I was quite startled to see two old men tossing a baseball **back and forth** in the park

Christmas is very important in Western countries, just as Spring Festival is very special to the Chinese people.

Their marriage **fell apart** when she **found out** that her husband was having an affair with another woman.

What did you said in reply/response to his suggestion?

The hospital is asking/calling upon volunteers to help us with nursing care.

Excellence in sports requires both talent and hard training.

Unit 2 – text 2

Why learn fancy words that you won’t use?

The main reasons for developing a better vocabulary is to receive and **send out** (表达) thoughts better.

**Get across** (讲清楚) and understand complex thoughts

Those thoughts **come out** (讲出) **garbled** (混乱不堪) and too simple because of a small vocabulary

A good vocabulary is the only trait common to successful people.

Have a direct impact upon our daily lives

Well-spoken 很会说话的

Unit 2 – text 3

Whether you are still in school or you **head up** a corporation

Imagine what we are missing

Imagine you run across the world “manacle”

Let’s find out exactly what the word means

The root gives the basic clue to the meaning of a word.

Here are five pieces of advice

Under you belt (掌握) = in one’s possession

It depends on the situation

You are one up on (略胜一筹) him

Elate 得意的

Unit 3 – text 1

Brilliant scientists, powerful politicians, …

Stop us from leading rich lives

No matter what job you take in the future, success is up to you. Success is determined largely by your self-image, success depends on finding yourself and trying to become the best, most genuine version of yourself.

Harmonica 口琴 rock and roll music 摇滚乐 audition 试唱

Porch 门廊 charts 排行榜 fame 名望

Shook their heads

Broke into tears

In her widest dreams, Mrs. Morris **could never have imagined that** …

At the time, **all she could do was pray** and worry

When Stevie’s mother **got tired of** her tables being used for drums, she bought him a toy set. He played so hard that he had actually **worn the toy out** within a few weeks.

They performed on the front porch of Stevie’s apartment building, **drawing crowds of neighbors to watch and listen**.

Promptly took him down to his recording company

They watched little Stevie **dart** (飞奔) from one instrument to the next, playing each one with ease.

Over the following years, …

Stevie began to get tired of the way the company controlled **all aspects of his career**.

We must consider all aspects of the plan before deciding.

When he **turn** 21, Stevie finally got his freedom

Just after his success, however, tragedy struck. In August of 1973, Stevie **was involved in** a serious car accident.

He recorded song urging racial harmony and raised money to end world hunger.

He has not only conquered his own darkness, but through his music and his social activities he has been able to bring sunshine to the shadows of many other lives.

made a great deal of money

make up his mind to …

the job turned out to be harder than we had thought

you have to conquer your nervousness if you want to become a good speaker

Susan said that she would not get married until she had made a name for herself (成名) in Hollywood.

When young Stevie discovered music, he amazed his family with his talent.

As far as I know, all they want to do is come and see the child they want to adopt and fill out the form

As he learned more and more about the world, he got tired of going after fame and wealth.

People came one after another to …

All the people present (在场的所有人) were amazed that …

His goals in life 人生目标

The students broke into loud cheers when they heard that their teacher had fought back from the shadow of death.

It is often more effective to show …

Instead, the text makes this important point by giving specific examples of how Stevie’s musical talent was expressed.

It looked as though …

His music and songs reflect his ability to …

Its popularity can be traced to the mid-1950s

Rock and roll has gained worldwide popularity among teens

Jazz is a kid of music

One of the key elements of jazz is improvisation (即兴创作)

These musicians drew on (凭借) a strong musical culture

The girl **broke into** (开始) run at the sight of the school bus.

Stevie was content with his disadvantaged condition

I faintly remember that I have read this article somewhere

Mary resembles her mother in many ways.

The child actress had a winning smile that drew everyone to her.

Cheating involved the student in a lot of trouble.

Heated argument

Unit 3 – text 2

It can take a lifetime to figure it out

**Break out of** (摆脱) your comfort zone and **take some chances** (冒险) that will scare the crap out of you.

At a Fudan University commencement speech (毕业演讲)

Don’t let the noise of other’s opinion **drown out** (淹没) your own inner voice.

If you can’t tell people exactly what to do and how to do it, it **falls on deaf ears** (不被理睬).

Two things, focus and discipline, that are very hard to **come by** (获得)

To put it bluntly, 直率地说

That is why engaging yourself in mindless distraction is not worth your time.

We **revel in** (陶醉于) the natural beauty of …, we **marvel at** the great works of others

Persona 表面形象 crap 屎 commencement 毕业典礼

Gut 直觉 resonate 共鸣 quick-fix 草率应付的

enthrall 迷住

Embark on开始进行

engage in 从事 = take part in

at colleage she engaged in various sports

take on / accept a job 接受一份工作

firemen face dangerous situation each and every day.

when you choose one course of action, you **miss out on** (错失) all the other opportunities

it won’t be easy, but we will get across the river **somehow**.

The film was an **instant suceess** (一炮走红) though some of the actors were not well-known.

People who like to stay in their comfort zone are less likely to **take chances**.

You studied computer science in college and we are depending on you to **take on** (承担) this import task

She scared the crap out of me

My sister warmed me not to trust him.

Don’t trust everything you read

A good job is hard to come by these days.

I asked him how he came by the money, but he wouldn’t tell me.

Scholarship means different thing in different contexts. It can refer to a grant of financial aid awarded to a student. It can also stand for ...

unit 3 – text 3

one day after she retired, she went to the bank and discovered, **to her great surprise**, that her **meager** (少量的) monthly savings had grown to over $150, 000.

Recipient 接收者 be eligible for有资格的

I had my heart set on going to USM

One Sunday I **came across** the story in the paper

I was ecstatic about it

I and he talk on the phone regularly and do **errands (办事；买东西) together**, and he joins us for family functions (重大聚会)

Once we **got around to** (抽时间) talking about ice cream,

I used to **drive right by** (开车经过) her house every day on my way to school

Unit 4 – text 1

Laundry 付洗衣物 penniless 身无分文的 fingernail 指甲 fingertip指尖

Running water自来水 drying晾干 hang on **clotheslines** 晾在绳上

At the steps 在台阶上 **A small puff of** steam 一阵水汽

Competent manager 合格的经理 a spirited discussion 热烈的讨论

A home for the aged 养老院

Tooth paste 牙膏 market place 市场 moonlight 月光

Count me out 不要算上我 count me in算我一个

**Silly** father, silly George

She flushed as soon as/the moment she realized that she had asked a **silly** question

Unflagging 不减弱的，持续不断的

He **was sustained by the unflagging support** of his family

eye sight 视力

reading in the sunlight does harm to your eyesight

Lean on/against

All the old women in our street had **bent backs** (驼背) and **leaned on sticks** when they walked

I saw a young man **lean** his bicycle **against** a tree and **rushed off** (仓促离开) without locking it

Collapse 昏倒，倒塌

Nearly **collapsing** (晕倒) under the pain, the wounded soldier staggered across the road.

Many banks **collapsed** during the financial crisis.

Speak of 表明

These hands **spoke of** the stubbornness of mankind.

Everything at the party spoke of the hostess’s thoughtfulness.

She bears the burden

She **had a premonition that** ..

She was already **past** (超过) 70, she was **over** 70 years of age, You will **live to be** a hundred

Be able to stand on her feet

He was possessed of a large fortune.

Come to the meeting if you feel you have something to contribute.

There is no way to **reason with** (讲道理) such as shameless fellow

I **was somewhat disappointed with** the meal. It was not bad, but not as good as I have expected it to be.

Have you **informed** your parents **of** your plan for the winter vacation?

Mother **reacted that way** because she had never thought of seeing the old woman again.

Prices are **going up** so fast that the elderly can’t afford the food, clothing and housing they need.

What good would be such a long life? The work becomes harder and harder, and **my strength is leaving me**…

She would then **lift the bundle**, put it on her narrow shoulders and carry it the long way home.

The old woman sat on a kitchen chair trembling and shaking, and warmed her hands against the teapot.

They took a long time to **mend the roof**.

I ran toward the old woman and helped her **unload her bundle**.

She could not **utter a clear word**, but **mumbled something with** ..

Someone had called a doctor, and the doctor had **sent for** a priest. Someone had informed the son.

With a history of over 100 years, the little town possesses a unique glamour. (魅力)

Judging by their cheerful look, I can say for sure that …

Cheerful people as well as colorful banners lined both sides of streets…

**The delightful scenery of the area** attracts thousands upon thousands of visitors all the year around.

Slow as it was, the boat **offered** its passengers **very good service**.

Sickly and weak as Grandma is, she **has taken on** all the housework in the family

Unit 4 – text 2

Stand behind the **register** 收银机

**Weathered** man 饱经风霜的

Give me a **cynical** look

Nod in a **neighborly** way neighborhood 街坊，四邻

Compromise 损害，危及

Wedlock 已婚状态 unwed 未婚的

Portray 描述

The writer portrays life in a working-class community at the turn of the century.

The painting portrays a beautiful young woman in a blue dress.

Open the door to

Learning English will open the door to a better job.

These discussions may well **open the door to** a peaceful solution

Everyone is entitled to a decent standard of living.

I **think of him as** a decent person who always keeps his word.

Profanity 使用亵渎语言

Uphold 维护

The law upholds everybody’s right to be fairly treated

When you **come across** a word or expression you are unfamiliar with, don’t immediately reach for your dictionary.

The teacher has managed to **sustain** the children’s interest in English by telling them a humorous story **every now and then** (时而)

A good education in Beijing University **paved the way for** his success as a …

Mary’s mother advised her to **think twice** before deciding to marry a police officer

One summer day my father **sent me to** buy …

Get behind the …

We have a **stake** (利害关系) in one another

We became good **out of habit**

The desire to keep the respect of a good name **propelled** me to become the first in our family to go to college. Eventually it gave me the motivation to start …

They decided to buy the car on credit.

John is good for the rent, I am sure.

The farmer showed respect for and trust in me

Phone home, otherwise your parents will start to worry.

What was the motivation for the attack?

Unit 5 – text 1

Hiker 徒步旅行者

Hiking is the sport of walking for pleasures or exercise.

Ted could take hikers in the mountains.

A recent quarrel settle an argument

The most respected and influential figure

Different opinions about

**Go off/set off** (离开,出发) for long walks in the mountains

They compromised over everything

An actor **with a high opinion of** himself

Take the middle course 采取折中办法

Call at: make a short visit

**Sort out** (整理) these papers

Take that advice

Lie in the sun

Skim the first paragraph to find out …

Can you think of any situations in which …

You can program a computer to paint, play games and so on.

Tom is the captain of our football team

I could see he was not telling me all he had in mind

Business occupies his mind most of his time

The way you talked to her was most improper, considering you didn’t know her

Look at the bread left over on the table, what a pity to waste food

What a pity we can only die once for our country

Some people waste a lot of food while others haven’t got enough to eat

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing while others judge us by what we have already done.

If you need John’s help, just ask for it, that is how friends are for

The most important thing in a relationship is the ability to compromise.

A problem arose when the time came for the couple to name their first son.

All I want to say is that as individual we enjoy many different rights, but we have not right to do anything harmful to society.

Ted wants to celebrate the occasion eating out at Mary’s favorite restaurant.

People sometimes decide something by throwing a coin into the air and guessing which side of it. Heads I win, tails you lose.

I am afraid I am a bit of a snob where wine is concerned

Other women quit their jobs and become housewives soon after getting married

Unit 5 – text 2

Taxpayer 纳税人

At last she called our number, …

I was **tempted**/inclined to **let loose** (释放) /say with “well, excuse me, …”

**Hold my tongue** : remain silent 保持沉默

**On the brink** (边缘) of an argument

The two countries are on the brink of war

Her hostility melted. It’s been **nonstop** (不断的) since this morning. I’m all alone and I was supposed to **get off** (下班) at one o’clock, but…” she continued to **unburdened** (倾诉) herself…

**Take offense**: be made angry 生气

What a jerk! But **blurting out** (脱口说出) how you feel will only make matters worse.

Poke/make fun at 取笑

It is typical of Jack to poke fun at people’s shortcoming

**Come across as** : appear to be 看上去似乎是

He comes across as being rather nervous.

Launch into: start doing or saying in a very enthusiastic way

The caller **launches into** a complaint.

The high way construction was **stalled/put off** again

I spend over an hour each way commuting to work.

Stand up and walk away

Direct the conversation to something else

You and your wife **disagree about how to discipline your teenager** and your discussion is **turning into** an argument. Just because you are not **seeing eye to eye** (意见完全一致) doesn’t mean you are enemies. Saying “hey, we both want the same thing” can get you out of the **quarrelsome** (喜欢争吵的) mode.

This sort of hot and spicy food is very typical of the food in the south of the country.

Unit 5 – text 3

When I get on No. 151 bus, …

Papers rattle (悉悉作响), necks crane (伸长)

Repeat after me

Our voices are weak, timid (胆怯的)

Pull off : succeed in doing or achieving sth difficult

It’s a clever plan and if he pulls it off he’ll earn a lot of money.

Four other buses have **pulled up** at the same stop.

They keep each other at a cautious distance

A busload of innocent school children

The bus gradually comes alive with friendly conversation

Unit 6 – text 1

Freak 怪人 outcast 被遗弃者

Professorship 教授职位 afloat （在经济上）应付裕如的

Import 进口商品 impoverished 穷困的

Be held up as 被推举为 Do away with 废除

Ballplayers get popularity and earn huge salaries

Insights **derived from** his experience

What is your favorite **leisure pursuit**?

**The answers to** the chemistry or math homework

**Keep up** their grades

Bite off咬掉

The word “geek” refers to a street performer who shocks the public by biting off the heads of live chickens

Idle away their time浪费时间

Children who prefer to read books rather than play football, prefer to build model airplane rather than **idle away their time** at parties with their classmates, become social outcasts.

When questioned, the children admitted that their homework remained untouched, as they had **idled away their time** doing nothing.

Not least of all = particularly 尤其 least of all = especially not 尤其不

To ease the tension, I told a joke but nobody seemed amused, **least of all** my father

Put …over… = value…rather than

How long can America remain a world-class power if we constantly **put** social skills and physical strength **over** academic achievement and intellectual ability?

How long can America remain a world-class power if we **value** social skills and physical abilities **rather than** intelligence and hard work?

Many people seem to value money over anything else.

Our government has decided to **put a lot more money into education** than before.

Stand a chance = have a chance 有希望

Our team still stands a chance of winning the game

Lie with 应由…承担责任 lie in 在于

Many people believed that the responsibility for the team’s loss **lay with** the coach rather than with the players

The problem **lies in** how people look at those students dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge

Look down on/upon

Nerds are looked down upon while athletes are made heroes of.

They look down upon us because we live **in a poor area** of the city

Be dedicated/devoted to

Someone **dedicated to** the pursuit of knowledge is compared to such a freak

That famous professor **has devoted/dedicated her entire life to** the improvement of our educational system

In the U.S. today, not enough respect is given to people who **are truly dedicated to** the pursuit of knowledge

Webster’s New World Dictionary, is a well-known dictionary of the American language **intended for** college students.

More and more college students **prefer to** work part-time **rather than** depend entirely on their parents

He **conformed to his parents’ wishes** and became a lawyer.

America’s culture has not adapted to our demands of our times.

A good life depends on exercising one’s mind and pursuing knowledge **to the full extent of one’s abilities**.

What comparison does the author make between the U.S. and other industrialized countries **in terms of** how professors and serious students are treated?

He has **made up his mind** to pursue his studies abroad

If you need further qualification for the job, check out how and where you can acquire them

As they were unable to make the rent payments, their landlord took back the house, leaving the couple and their 7-year-old son homeless.

He **forecasts** that it will lead to a downtown in the US economy

If you are to make your child **a person of knowledge**, you must encourage him to spend more time studying

Do you really expect to improve your English without spending more time studying it?

Unit 6 – text 2

Celebrity 名人，名流

Pasta 意大利面

Cockroach 蟑螂

Groovy 顶刮刮的 = wonderful

In-group 小团体

Aerobic dancing 有氧操

Lisbon 里斯本（葡萄牙首都） Stockholm 斯德哥尔摩(瑞典首都) Athens 雅典（希腊首都）

An **additional reason** for …

Go mountain climbing

Situated in

Spectacular growth

Urban renewal

Fifteen people were killed yesterday **in a car accident**

When the right opportunity **comes along**, be sure to seize it

Clothing and hairstyle are in style one year and out of date the next

They **jog** several miles a day.

Almost noting in modern life **escapes** the influence of fashion

It is almost impossible to **write about** specific fads because these interests that people follow can change very quickly.

Americans enjoy following the lives of **celebrities**: movie stars, sports heroes, and the like.

An unknown elderly woman **appeared** in a TV commercial

They simply want to be part of something new and creative, and they feel good when they are part of an in-group.

The cultural **borders** between countries began to break down

They were **worried about** the environment, **concerned more about** the rain forests

Paul is so similar to his brother **in appearance** that it is very difficult to **tell them apart**.

If your TV set has **any basic defect** (毛病), you should complain to the manufacturer

Athens is generally considered the birthplace of western civilization

You don’t expect to make much profit within the first couple of years of setting up a company.

I have never noticed that about her till you pointed it out to me

Unit 6 – text 3

Concentrate on details

Boil down to a single word (归结为)

a little fiddle 小提琴

ordinary music lovers

What they could do, however, was monitor my commitment to the instrument by listening for the sound of music coming from my room.

Over the years, I have passed on this little but crucial world of advice to my own students.

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Come on stage

Get on stage

Walk across the stage

Undo the clasps 解开扣子

Bend down and pick up弯腰捡起

Proceed to play

We figured that …

Close his eyes

He played from where he had left off

People rose and cheered

We were all on our feet, screaming and cheering, doing everything we could to show how much we appreciated what he had done.

Unit 7 – text 1

Spoil 损坏， 宠坏

**Nasty** 凶恶的： unkind and unpleasant towards other people

Deplore 谴责

Gulp 喘不过气

**Bungle** 把…搞遭

Back up 支持，证明

**Hunk** 一大片，一厚块

Roar大笑，狂笑

Battle one’s way 一路奋战

Move in/into 搬进

Venture an answer 大胆说

Whenever I take on a difficult task, I say to myself, “Nothing venture, nothing gain”

**Come of** : 产生，是…的结果 = result from

Do you think any good will come out of talking with him again?

His success comes from his hard training.

Nothing came of his suggestion

**Ease in** 使逐步适应

Part of his work in the company is to ease in new employees

Go at : rush at 向…冲来

Skim the second paragraph to find out, how do you think you’d have felt in his position?

Our high school English teacher was a bit **strict** with us.

Mr. Smith was viewed as a very **liberal** (开明的) person

As I was a newcomer to that school, I felt lonely and friendless for a time

I later came to know that …

Many of our new neighbors weren’t very welcoming. The children sometimes threw stones at me or chased me home from school.

The window panes are gone, but otherwise the house is in good condition

I **am quite ignorant about** politics

The minister voiced the prevailing wisdom about the need to conserve energy

After years of chasing her dreams, she finally got a part in a film

The reporters **shot question after question** at the mayor

The same problems keep coming up day after day

Unit 7 – text 2

**Wintry** 冬天的，寒冷的 **Melancholy** 忧郁的 **Berate** 痛斥

**Relate** 讲述，叙述 Audible 听得见的, perceptible 可感知的

Muffle 裹住

Ale 麦芽啤酒 Windowpane 窗玻璃

Woeful 悲惨的，悲伤的 Rueful 悲哀的，悔恨的

Sly 狡诈的 Grim 令人不快的，沮丧的 Sip 小口喝 Marital 婚姻的

Toss 扔，抛

Chew the cud 反复思考

Let … go by 错过，错失

In trouble 处于困境中

**Get somewhere**: make progress **In a way**: to some extent

Strike out 划掉，删去

Work miracles: achieve very good results 创造奇迹

Because of several miscalculations **on my part** (我做的), a project of considerable importance had **fallen through**. I sat there **frowning** (皱眉) at the **tablecloth** (桌布), chewing the bitter cud of **hindsight** (事后知道).

There is a **perverse** (有意作对的) **streak** (性格特征) in all of us that makes us like to **hash over** (详细讨论, 回顾) old mistakes. 不好的倾向

Class dismissed. 下课

The trouble with if only is that it doesn’t change anything. It keeps the person facing the wrong way – backward instead of forward. In the end, if you let it become a habit, it can become a real roadblock, and excuse for not trying anymore. Now take your own case: your plans didn’t work out. Why? Because you made certain mistakes. Well, that is all right: everyone makes mistakes. Mistakes are what we learn from. But when you were telling me about them, lamenting this, regretting that, you weren’t really learning from them.

We will have a **get-together** next Saturday, I do hope our plan won’t fall through.

I am sure we’d certainly get somewhere as long as we could all work **with redoubled efforts**

The woman went into her bedroom, lay down on the bed, and fell asleep promptly

My attitude has changed for the better, I am more positive now

If you are locked into a situation, you can not **get out of** it.

They picked up their friendship without the slightest difficulty

A chill rain was beginning to fall outside

Unit 7 – text 3

Be expelled 开除

Parole 假释

Why do we have to learn all this dumb stuff? (没用的东西)

They were given a menial (卑下的) task that made no sense to them at all

I lost touch with him for five years

Unit 8 – text 1

Foreword 序言

Gimmick (骗人的)玩意儿

Treatise 专著，专题论文

Upcoming 即将来临的 = forthcoming

Look to 展望

Run into 遭遇（困难等）， 偶然碰见

Pore over 钻研

To prepare his term paper, Jack spent many hours in the library **poring over** old documents

Go beyond = exceed, surpass

The level of inflation has **gone beyond** 10%

Get around to 抽出时间去做

Perhaps when I have retired I will **get around to** writing that book, this book looks primarily to the future.

Tall order 难以完成的任务，过高要求

It is a bit of a **tall order** to expect the students to practice oral English in their dormitories

Misgiving 疑虑，担忧

Many teachers expressed serious **misgivings about** the new exams

Turn out

“how did the party turn out?” “it turned out very well, thanks”

Take advantage of

The tennis player knows how to take advantage of his opponent’s weaknesses.

The computer has brought about many changes in our lives.

There is a children’s party going on next door.

During my second year as a student, …

The PC revolution has changed the way millions and millions of people around the world live and work.

This new communications revolution will **take place** over many years

The information revolution is already underway and it is up to all of us to make the most of it.

Help you to **take in** information more efficiently

I **stood in** …

Touch even more lives

The benefits and problems **arising from** …

The amount of misunderstanding about technology and its possible dangers surprises me.

A broad set of people participate in the debate about how this technology should be shaped.

It will gain broad acceptance

It is freezing cold. My hands have gone numb (僵) and I can barely feel my toes.

Whether the eggs comes before the chicken or **the other way round** will turn out to be an endless debate with no answer ever to be found.

It is painful to memorize large numbers of words without knowing exactly how to use them. And what is more, I can’t see what purpose this could serve

Dr. Wilson wrote the book **in the hope of** stimulating discussion of the problem of global warming

The student felt bad about being late so he tried **to slip (溜) into the classroom unnoticed**.

Over the last 20 years, there have been **incredible changes** in the computer industry. When the personal computer was first introduced, the only people interested in it were technologists. But over time, the PC has **become an essential part of** our modern society. Today, reliable computer applications are crucial to international business. And everyday people use the PC to go on-line and communicate with millions of other Internet users around the world.

Now a new resolution is beginning. Once again we are **heading into unexplored territory**. We can only speculate about all the changes which new technology will bring about in the coming years. The purpose of The Road Ahead is to make sure that common people are able to take part in debates about these new technologies. This book is intended to stimulate discussion about what the new technologies should do and how they should operate. Making the right decisions now –or at least asking the right questions – is necessary in order to ensure that electronic needs are met in the future.

Unit 8 – text 2

Twentysomething 二十几岁的人

Darn 极其，非常 extremely, very

Personify 象征，体现

Boomer 生育高峰期出生的人

Well-meaning 本意良好的，出于善意的

Be referred to as 被称为

At times 有时候

Settle into 适应

This was my favorite bit of advice. There is plenty of time to **settle into** middle age and that in the meantime, one should travel as much as possible.

I asked colleagues what advice they would give their peers just entering the professional workforce. What I heard **applies to** all of us.

Having graduated from a **prestigious college**, she managed to **break into middle management** before the age of 30.

After listening to the “kids” in the office, I spoke with our “seniors”.

Too many people accept restrictions **placed upon them** by others

Young career starters tend to have fewer restrictions on their job search than those who have family responsibilities.

As teenagers break away from their parents, the opinions of their peers count much in their decision-making.

Do not isolate yourself when depressed and let things go from bad to worse; seek professional help immediately.

The current economy **puts a lot of pressure on** twentysomethings and thirtysomethings who hope to start their own families.

Unit 8 – text 3

She began suffering from **stomach pains and vomiting**. Her hair began to fall out.

They **turned to** the Internet.