

美文阅读



Bluebird

The great racing driver, Sir Malcolm Campbell, was the first man to drive at over 300 miles per hour. He set up a new world record in September 1935 at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. Bluebird, the car he was driving, had been specially built for him. It was over 30 feet in length and had a 2,500-horsepower engine.

Although Campbell reached a speed of over 304 miles per hour, he had great difficulty in controlling the car because a tyre burst during the first run. After his attempt, Campbell was disappointed to learn that his average speed had been 299 miles per hour. However, a few days later, he was told that a mistake had

been made. His average speed had been 301 miles per hour. Since that time, racing drivers have reached speeds over 600 miles an hour. Following in his father's footsteps many years later, Sir Malcolm's son, Donald, also set up a world record. Like his father, he was driving a car called Bluebird.

英语笑话

你说话了

A young couple was becoming anxious about their four-year-old son, who had not yet talked. They took him to specialists, but the doctors found nothing wrong with him.

Then one morning at breakfast the boy suddenly blurted, "Mom, the toast is burned."

"You talked! You talked!" shouted his mother, "I'm so happy! But why has it taken this long."

"Well, up till now," said the boy, "things have been okay."

一对年轻的夫妇对于他们四岁的儿子仍然不会说话这件事非常着急。他们带他去看专家,但是医生们找不出任何不正常的地方。

之后有一天早上,这个男孩突然说道:“妈妈,面包烤糊了。”

“你说话了!你说话了!”他的妈妈嚷道,“我真高兴!但是为什么要我们等这么长的时间呢?”

“嗯,直到现在,”男孩说,“每件事都很正常啊。”

词汇学习:

couple 夫妻

specialists 专家

知识播报

基数词的构成及读法

(1) 1-20

one,two,three,four,five,six,seven,eight,nine,ten,eleven,twelve,thirteen,fourteen,fifteen,sixteen,seventeen,eighteen,nineteen,twenty

(2) 21-99 先说“几十”,再说“几”,中间加连字符。

23→twenty-three,34→thirty-four,45→forty-five,56→fifty-six,67→sixty-seven,78→seventy-eight,89→eighty-nine,91→ninety-one

(3) 101—999先说“几百”,再加and,再加末两位数或末位数。

586→five hundred and eighty-six,803→eight hundred and three

(4) 1,000以上,先从右往左数,每三位数加一个“,”。第一个“,”前为thousand。第二个“,”前为million。第三个“,”前为billion(美式)或thousand million(英式),然后一节一节地表示。

1,001→one thousand and one

9,785→nine thousand, seven hundred and eighty-five

18,423→eighteen thousand,four hundred and twenty-three

6,260,309→six million two hundred and sixty thousand three hundred and nine

750,000,000,000→seven hundred and fifty, billion(美式) seven hundred and fifty thousand million(英式)

学会最常用的习语, 让老外眼前一亮

1.one in a million 万里挑一

举例: You are one in a million.你是万里挑一的。

2.He is lifeless that is faultless.人无完人。

举例:

A:Andy is so rude. I don't like his manner.

安迪太粗鲁了,我可不喜欢他的举止。

B:But many girls like him.You know he is lifeless that is faultless.

但许多女孩都喜欢他,人无完人嘛。

3.More haste,less speed.欲速则不达。

举例:

A: I've tired to learn English well,but I'm afraid I'll give up.

我想学好英语但总学不好,恐怕要放弃了。

B:Please don't.You know more haste, less speed.

千万别。你知道欲速则不达的。

4.It rains cats and dogs! 大雨滂沱!

举例:

A: Oh, it rains cats and dogs!

噢,大雨了!

B:Well, when it rains, it pours!

唉,真是祸不单行!

5.Where there is a will,there is a way.有志者,事竟成。

类似的句型还有:

Where there's smoke,there's fire.

无风不起浪。

While there is life,there is hope.

留得青山在,不愁没柴烧。