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# 致用英语

LISTENING COURSE

## 听力教程

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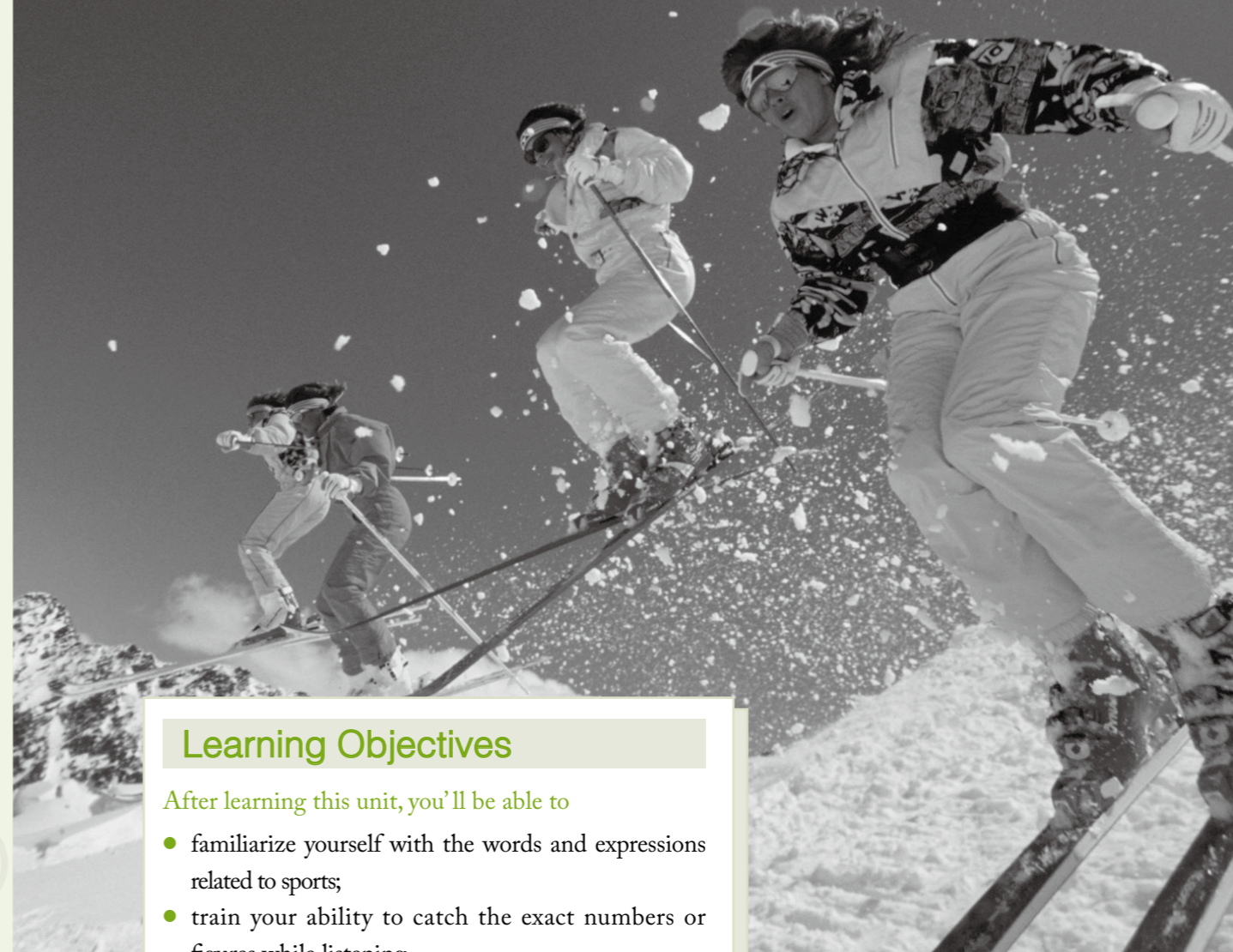


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## Sports



### Learning Objectives

After learning this unit, you'll be able to

- familiarize yourself with the words and expressions related to sports;
- train your ability to catch the exact numbers or figures while listening.



# A Listening Skills

## Task 1

You will hear ten statements. Listen carefully and complete the following charts with the numbers you hear.

### Chart 1

How far is it?	
1. From Detroit to New York	
2. From Houston to Miami	
3. From Detroit to Houston	
4. From Chicago to Houston	
5. From Los Angeles to Chicago	



### Vocabulary

**Detroit** 底特律 (美国密歇根州东南部的大城市)

**Miami** 迈阿密 (美国佛罗里达州东南部港口城市)

### Chart 2

What's the population?				
1. London	2. Tokyo	3. Moscow	4. New York	5. Beijing

## Task 2

You will hear two short dialogues. Listen carefully and choose the best answer to each question.

### Dialogue 1

- A. There were exactly 998 people at the party.
- B. There were exactly 988 people at the party.
- C. He had never been to the party.
- D. He didn't know the accurate number of the people at the party.

## Dialogue 2

- A. 10,043,226,643.
- B. 14,322,660,043.
- C. 1,432,266,043.
- D. 1,413,256,043.



### Listening Skills

When you read large numbers in English, you read them in multiples of 3 digits, i.e. x million, x thousand, x hundred.

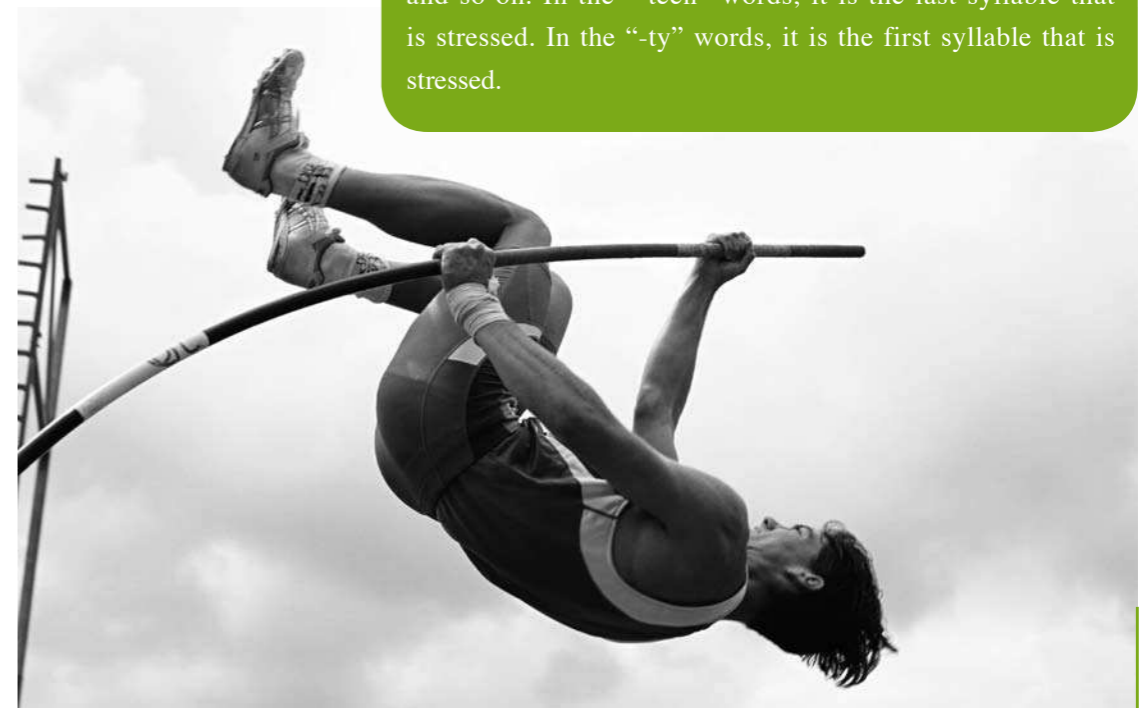
## Task 3

Listen and underline the words you hear in each of the following pairs.

- |          |        |        |        |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. /i:/  | /ɪ/    | 2. /e/ | /ɪ/    |
| sheep    | ship   | fell   | fill   |
| thirteen | thirty | better | bitter |
| fifteen  | fifty  | peck   | pick   |
| seat     | sit    | pen    | pin    |
| weep     | whip   | letter | litter |


### Listening Skills

Distinguish the pronunciation of the numbers 13 & 30 and so on. In the “-teen” words, it is the last syllable that is stressed. In the “-ty” words, it is the first syllable that is stressed.



# B Listening Practice

## Pre-listening

 You will hear a passage about dancing. After listening, decide whether the statements are true or false. Write **T** (true) or **F** (false) in the brackets.


- ( ) 1. Most people think that dancing is both an art and a sport.
- ( ) 2. Sport is often something competitive.
- ( ) 3. Freestyle skiing first appeared in the Olympics as a demonstration sport.

Is dancing a sport? Can it be a type of sport? There could be a discussion.



## Core Listening

### Task 1

 You will hear four short dialogues. Listen carefully and choose the best answer to each question.


1. A. More than 18,000.  
B. About 20,000.  
C. More than 2,000.  
D. Fewer than 2,000.
2. A. 5 kilometers.  
B. 10 kilometers.  
C. 15 kilometers.  
D. 20 kilometers.

 **Vocabulary**

- sit *vt.* 容纳
- semester *n.* 学期
- crisp *n.* 油炸薯片
- in shape 处于良好的健康状况
- sign up for 签约从事, 报名

3. A. 14.  
B. 9.  
C. 5.  
D. 4.
4. A. More than 20.  
B. 15 to 20.  
C. 6.  
D. 6 groups.

### Task 2

 Listen to the dialogue carefully and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. A. She thinks football is an exciting game.  
B. She likes playing football.  
C. She likes playing football, but is afraid of getting injured.  
D. She thinks it dangerous to play football.
2. A. Because Susan's roommate is a football fan.  
B. Because he heard that Susan is a football fan.  
C. Because he saw Susan watching a football match on TV.  
D. Because Susan once went to a football match with one of her friends.
3. A. Because she wanted to find out why people play football.  
B. Because there were no other programs on TV at that time.  
C. Because her roommate asked her to do so.  
D. Because she didn't want to listen to the radio.
4. A. Allen.  
B. Susan.  
C. Susan's roommate.  
D. Both Allen and Susan's roommate.



**Task 3**

Listen to the passage and fill in the missing words.

If you want to teach yourself to (1) \_\_\_\_\_, first determine how deep the water is. Never (2) \_\_\_\_\_ into water in which you are uncertain of the depth or you might hurt while (3) \_\_\_\_\_. While you are learning to swim, first practice (4) \_\_\_\_\_ water. Treading water involves (5) \_\_\_\_\_ your feet downward, as if you are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a bicycle while “dog-paddling” in water with your hands. Next, practice floating. You can (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on your back (back float) or stomach (jellyfish or deadman’s float). Either of these involves taking in a breath of air and holding it. Only your shoulders

and head will remain above the surface of water. Finally, when you are feeling pretty confident in the water, begin learning the different (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoy your new-found freedom in the water!



**Vocabulary**

- determine *v.* 确定; 查明; 测定
- tread *v.* 踩, 踏
- dog-paddle *v.* 用狗爬式游泳
- jellyfish *n.* 水母, 海蜇
- stroke *n.* 游泳姿势

**Practical Listening**

Listen to a piece of news “One World, One Dream”. After listening, complete the following blanks.

**One World, One Dream**

(同一个世界, 同一个梦想)



**Vocabulary**

- slogan *n.* 口号, 标语
- embodiment *n.* 具体表现, 体现

1. “\_\_\_\_\_” is the slogan of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.
2. The slogan is an embodiment of the wisdom of \_\_\_\_\_ of people.

3. It expresses the belief of a great nation with a long history of \_\_\_\_\_ years.
4. It is committed to peaceful development, a harmonious society and \_\_\_\_\_.



**Fun Listening**

**Task 1**

Read and practise the following tongue twisters.



The bleak breeze blights the bright blue blossom.  
寒风摧毁了美丽的兰花。

I slit a sheet. A sheet I slit. Upon the slitted sheet, I sit!  
我撕了一张纸。一张纸被我撕了。我坐在被撕掉的纸上。

How many sheets could a sheet slitter slit if a sheet slitter could slit sheets?  
如果裁纸机能裁纸的话, 一个裁纸机能裁多少张纸呢?

**Task 2**

Listen to the song and fill in the missing words.

**My Heart Will Go On**

Every night in my dreams I \_\_\_\_\_ you , I feel you.

That is how I \_\_\_\_\_ you go on.

Far across the \_\_\_\_\_ and spaces between us.

You have come to \_\_\_\_\_ you go on.

Near, far, \_\_\_\_\_ you are,

I \_\_\_\_\_ that the heart does go on.

Once more, you \_\_\_\_\_ the door.

And you're \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart.

And my \_\_\_\_\_ will go on and on.

Love can \_\_\_\_\_ us one time and last for a lifetime.

And never \_\_\_\_\_ go till we're gone.

Love was when I \_\_\_\_\_ you, one true time I hold to.

In my \_\_\_\_\_ we'll always go on.

Near, \_\_\_\_\_, wherever you are,

I believe that the heart \_\_\_\_\_ go on.

Once \_\_\_\_\_, you open the door.

And you're \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart.

And my heart will \_\_\_\_\_ on and on.

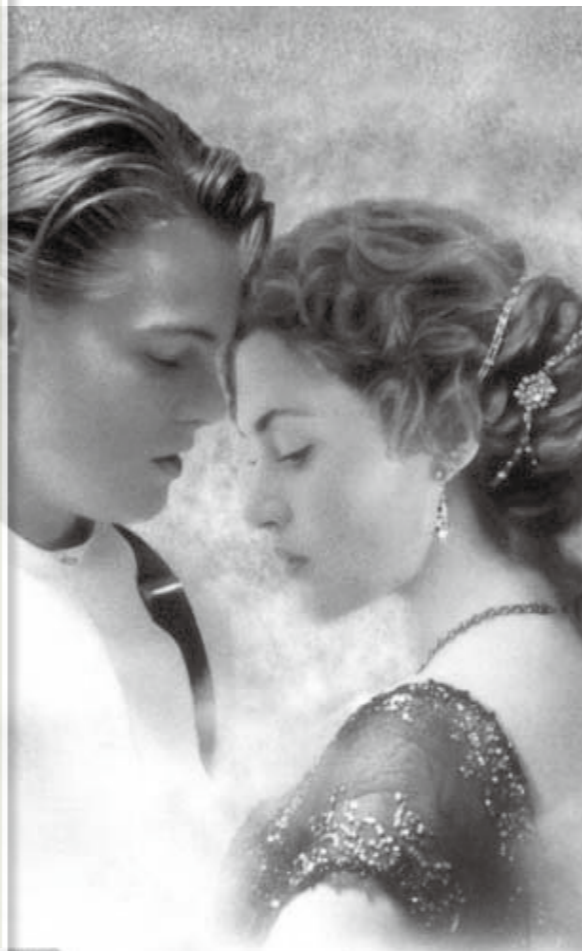
You're here, there's nothing I \_\_\_\_\_.

And I know that my heart \_\_\_\_\_ go on.

We'll \_\_\_\_\_ for ever this way.

You are \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart.

And my heart will go \_\_\_\_\_.



**D Extensive Listening**

**Task 1 Famous Quote**

Listen and repeat after the recording.

“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle.”

**Task 2 Spot Dictation**

Listen to the passage and fill in the missing words.

**What Is the Goal of the Olympic Movement?**

According to the Olympic Charter, established by Pierre de Coubertin, the 1 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and better world by educating youth through 3 \_\_\_\_\_ practice without discrimination (歧视) of any kind and in the Olympic 4 \_\_\_\_\_, which requires mutual (相互的) understanding with a spirit of 5 \_\_\_\_\_, solidarity (团结) and fair 6 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 3 Dialogue**

Listen to the dialogue and answer the following questions.

1. Does George prefer to play or to watch football?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How does David like the football game?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What will they do on Saturday afternoon?

\_\_\_\_\_





## Task 4 News

Listen to the news and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. How many survivors are there in the tsunami?  
A. 500.      B. 5,000.      C. 5,000,000.      D. 5,000,000,000.
2. How many people were killed in the disaster?  
A. At least 120,100.      B. At least 121,000.  
C. Hundreds of people.      D. Thousands of people.



## Task 5 Passage

Listen and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write **T** (true) or **F** (false) in the brackets.

- ( ) 1. Michael Jordan is also famous by helping to sell products.
- ( ) 2. Michael Jordan attended the University of Harvard.
- ( ) 3. Michael Jordan first retired from the Bulls in 1993.
- ( ) 4. He played football for a short time, but returned to the Bulls in 1994.
- ( ) 5. He plans to continue as president of basketball operations for the Bulls.