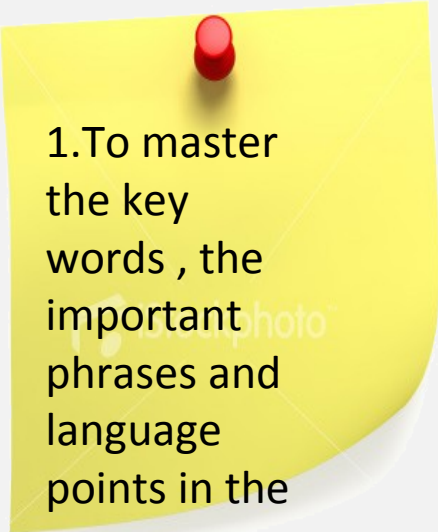




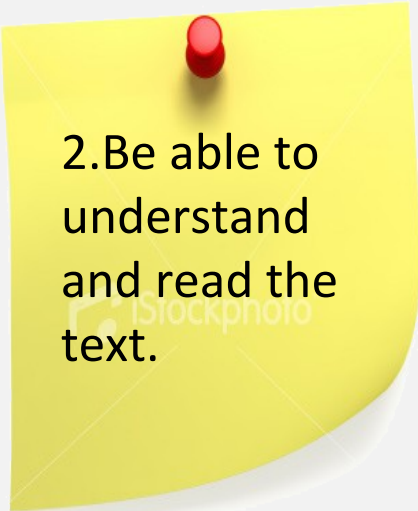
*New Concept English 3*

## **Lesson 1 A Puma at Large**


# Learning Objectives



1.To master the key words , the important phrases and language points in the text.



2.Be able to understand and read the text.



3.Be able to speak English and express your own opinions.

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## Lead-in



**What are they ?**

# New words and expressions

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- ◆ spot v. 看出
- ◆ evidence n. 证据
- ◆ accumulate v. 积累积聚
- ◆ oblige v. 使...感到必须
- ◆ hunt n. 追猎; 寻找
- ◆ blackberry n. 黑莓
- ◆ human being 人类
- ◆ corner v. 使走投无路,

使陷入困境

- ◆ trail n. 一串, 一系列
- ◆ print n. 印痕
- ◆ cling (clung, clung) v. 粘
- ◆ convince v. 使...信服
- ◆ somehow adv. 不知怎么搞地, 不知什么原因
- ◆ disturb v. 令人不安

# New words and expressions

## 1. spot v. 看出，发现

pick out / see / recognize / catch sight of  
eg: He has good eye for spotting mistakes.  
他有敏锐的识别错误的能力。

高个子的人在人群中很容易被认出。

A tall man is easy to spot in the crowd.



# New words and expressions

## 2. evidence n. 证据

eg: When the police arrived, he had already destroyed the evidence.

警察到的时候，他们已经毁掉了证据。

evidence=proof

in evidence: 显而易见的.

evidently adv.

evident adj.



# New words and expressions

## 3. accumulate vt, vi. 积累, 积聚

eg: As the evidence accumulates, experts from the zoo felt obliged to investigate.

随着证据越来越多，动物园的专家们感到有必要进行一番调查。

accumulate 强调积累的过程

gather vt. 聚集，把某人召集在某处

eg: The teacher gathered his students in the class.

老师把同学们召集到教室里。



# New words and expressions

## 4. oblige v. 使...感到必须

*feel obliged to do sth* 感觉有必要做某事

I feel obliged to say no to his demand .

我感觉有必要对他的要求说不。

*be obliged to do sth* 被迫做某事

They were obliged to sell their car to pay their debts off.

为了还债，他们被迫卖掉了车子。

# New words and expressions

## 5. hunt n. 追猎; 寻找

eg: The hunt (n.) for the puma began in a small village.  
搜寻美洲狮的工作是从一座小村庄开始的。

eg: The experts from London zoo began to hunt (v.) for the puma.  
伦敦动物园的专家开始寻找那头美洲狮。

# New words and expressions

6. **corner** v. 使走投无路，使陷入困境； n. 角落

The thief was cornered at last. 小偷被逼得走投无路了。

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The problem cornered me. 这个问题把我难倒了。

at the corner of the street

in the corner of the room

on the corner of the desk

# New words and expressions

## 7. cling (clung, clung ) v. 粘

eg: She is always clinging to her mother.

她总是粘着她妈妈。

He clung to the hope that he would succeed.( 抱有, 怀有 )  
他抱有成功的希望。

stick 粘住 stick to 坚持 sticky adj. 粘的

# New words and expressions

## 8. convince vt. 使...信服

*convince sb. of sth* 使 *sb* 相信 *sth*

I convince him of my honesty. 我使他相信我的诚实。

*sb be convinced* *sb* 相信

I am convinced that she is honest girl.

我相信她是诚实的。

# New words and expressions

9. somehow adv. 不知怎么搞地，不知什么原因

somewhat == a little

I got lost somehow 不知怎么搞地，我迷路了。

=by some means,  
in some way,  
for some reason unknown

# New words and expressions

## 10. disturb v. 令人不安

disturbing  
surprising  
exciting

令人不安的  
令人吃惊的  
令人激动的

disturbed  
surprised  
excited

感到不安的  
感到吃惊的  
感到激动的



## Listening

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The puma must have escaped from a private collection.

# Text Structure

Para1: Pumas are found in America.



1)reports came into London zoo that  
a wild puma had been spotted

2)experts from the Zoo felt \_\_\_\_\_  
to investigate obliged

# Text Structure

Para 2: The animal was a puma but it is still at large.



- 1) The hunt for the puma began in a small village
- 2) it left behind it a trail of dead deer
- 3) Paw prints were seen
- 4) 'cat-like noises' at night
- 5) the puma was not caught

# Language Points

## Lesson 1 A Puma at Large



Pumas are large, cat-like animals which are found in America. When reports came into London Zoo that a wild puma had been spotted forty-five miles south of London, they were not taken seriously. However, as the evidence began to accumulate, experts from the Zoo felt obliged to investigate, for the descriptions given by people who claimed to have seen the puma were extraordinarily similar.



# Language Points



The hunt for the puma began in a small village where a woman picking blackberries saw 'a large cat' only five yards away from her. It immediately ran away when she saw it, and experts confirmed that a puma will not attack a human being unless it is cornered. The search proved difficult, for the puma was often observed at one place in the morning and at another place twenty miles away in the evening. Wherever it went, it left behind it a trail of dead deer and small animals like rabbits.

Paw prints were seen in a number of places and puma fur was found clinging to bushes.

# Language Points

Several people complained of "cat-like noises" at night and a businessman on a fishing trip saw the puma up a tree. The experts were now fully convinced that the animal was a puma, but where had it come from? As no pumas had been reported missing from any zoo in the country, this one must have been in the possession of a private collector and somehow managed to escape. The hunt went on for several weeks, but the puma was not caught. It is disturbing to think that a dangerous wild animal is still at large in the quiet countryside.



# Language Points



1. **at large** 逃遁的，没有被控制的  
详细的 (in detail);  
总体来讲 ( as a whole )
2. **cat-like** 猫一样的，偷偷摸摸的  
**dog-like** 狗一样的  
**life-like** 栩栩如生的



# Language Points



3. take sth seriously 认真对待

eg. Everyone ought to take life seriously.  
每一个人都应当认真对待生活。



# Language Points

4. However, as the evidence began to accumulate...

(1) However adv. 然而 ( 起转折作用 )

(2) As 连词: 随着, 当 ... 之时

(3) 过去分词做定语:

-- the descriptions given by people

-- the story told by the sailor (n. 海员, 水手, 船员)

-- a book written by Lu Xun

# Language Points




## 5. claimed to have done

动词不定时的完成时，体现它所表示的动作发生在谓语动作之前。

eg. Till now, no organization claimed to have been responsible for this bombing.

迄今为止，没有任何一起组织声称对该起爆炸事件负责。



# Language Points

6 . Where a woman picking... 定语从句

-- I still remember the school where I studied English.

pick blackberries 采摘莓

pick mushrooms 采蘑菇


pick ears 掏耳朵

pick apples 摘苹果


pick noses 挖鼻孔

pick teeth 剔牙

## Language Points



7. **confirm** = be sure = be certain (confirm vt. 确定 )  
Unless it is cornered = if it is not cornered  
(unless conj. 如果不 , 除非 )



## Language Points



8. Wherever it went, it left behind it a trail of dead deer and small animals like rabbits.

把某物留在后面: leave behind

-- Wherever he went, the wound left behind him a trail of blood.

伤员所到之处，都留下道道血迹。





## Language Points

9. Paw prints were seen in a number of places and puma fur was found clinging to bushes.

英文表达方式习惯用被动语态，突出客观事实。而中文则善于运用动作的执行者。

puma fur was found clinging to bushes. （被动）

We found the puma fur clinging to bushes. （主动）

-- clinging to bushes 是现在分词短语做宾补。

## Language Points

10. Several people complained of ...on a fishing trip

complain of / about : 抱怨

on + 名词: 强调动作正在进行

on the rise: 在上升

on the increase: 在增加

on the watch: 在观看

on the match: 在比赛中

on the fishing trip: 在钓鱼的途中

on holiday: 在度假

## Language Points

11. The experts were now fully convinced that the animal was a puma, but where had it come from?

Fully (adv. 充分地, 完全地) = completely = entirely



# Language Points



12. Be in the possession of sb = belong to sb

My father owns the house.


= The house is my father's possession.

= The house is in the possession of my father.

= The house belongs to my father.



## Language Points



13. The hunt went on for several weeks, but the puma was not caught.

went on = lasted (last vi. 继续, 持续)



## Language Points

14. It is disturbing to think that a dangerous wild animal is still at large in the quiet countryside.

- ※It is disturbing to think that... 一想到...就心理不安
  - It is disturbing to think that I fail my examination.  
一想到考试失利，我心里就很不安。
- ※in the quiet countryside 在宁静的山村



## Check and Reflection

1. Experts eventually decided to investigate   d   .

(a). because they did not believe that pumas existed in England

(b). because they wanted a puma for the London Zoo

(c). when a woman saw a puma in a small village

(d). because people's descriptions of the puma had a lot in common



## Check and Reflection

2. What particular piece of evidence persuaded the experts that a puma had been seen in the village? \_\_\_\_\_

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- (a). The puma had not attacked the woman.
- (b). The woman had described the animal she had seen as 'large cat'.
- (c). A puma had come very close to a human being.
- (d). The puma had behaved like a cat.



## Check and Reflection

3. What was the problem the experts were unable to solve?     c    

- (a). How the puma had managed to cover such great distances within a day.
- (b). How the puma had escaped from a zoo.
- (c). Whom the puma had belonged to.
- (d). How the puma had climbed a tree.

# Check and Reflection

## Translation

4. 一想到考试失利，我心里就很不安。
5. 小偷被逼得走投无路了。
6. 我相信她是诚实的。
7. 迄今为止，没有任何一起组织声称对该起爆炸事件负责。
8. 伤员所到之处，都留下道道血迹。
9. 每一个人都应当认真对待生活。
10. However, as the evidence began to accumulate, experts from the Zoo felt obliged to investigate, for the descriptions given by people who claimed to have seen the puma were extraordinarily similar.

# Homework

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Review the language points in the text.

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Write a summary to describe how experts came to the conclusion that the animal seen by many people really was a puma.

..... 3

Do the exercises on P15-17.

THANK  
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